



What does it take to become a Firefighter/EMT?



Training at the Warren County Fire Academy

Firefighters - Skills and Abilities

Communication - Firefighters must be able to share information effectively regarding the situations and conditions at an emergency scene.

Compassion - Firefighters, like EMTs and paramedics, need to provide emotional support to those in

emergency situations.

Courage - Firefighters' daily job duties involve dangerous situations, such as entering a burning building.

Physical Stamina - Firefighters may have to stay at disaster scenes for long periods of time to rescue and treat victims. Fighting fires requires prolonged use of strength.

Physical Strength - Firefighters must be strong enough to carry heavy equipment and move debris at an emergency site. They also carry victims who are injured or cannot walk.

Reasoning, Problem Solving and Decision-making - Firefighters must be able to quickly assess situations and make quick and difficult decisions in an emergency. The ability to make good decisions under pressure could potentially save someone's life.

Managing Oneself, People, Time, and Things - Self-discipline and self-awareness are required to enable firefighters to manage well.

Working with People - Firefighters never act in isolation. There is always someone else involved every hour on duty, i.e., a partner, other responders, victims, witnesses and other professionals.

Working with Things - Firefighters encounter mechanical and electronic equipment daily, so developing proficiency in using technology and mechanical systems is necessary.

Perception and Visualization - Firefighters have to collect information quickly to assess threats to responders and victims and deduce from available clues what has happened or will likely happen.

Lifelong Learning - Modern firefighting requires constant training in order to competently assess the types of fire and the risks and methods associated with responding to them. Many rescue operations are highly specialized and certifications are necessary in order to provide the highest level of professional response.



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EMTs - Skills and Abilities

Communication - EMTs and paramedics need to listen to patients to determine the extent of their injuries or illnesses. EMTs and paramedics need to clearly explain procedures to patients, give orders, and be able to coordinate care with other responders and hospital personnel.

Compassion - EMTs and paramedics must be able to provide emotional support to patients in an emergency, especially patients who are in life-threatening situations or extreme mental distress.

Physical Strength - EMTs and paramedics need to be physically fit. The job requires a lot of bending, lifting, and kneeling.

Reasoning, Problem-solving and Decision-making - EMTs and paramedics must evaluate patients' symptoms and be able to administer appropriate treatments.

Use of Math and Science - Due to the complex nature of modern medical response, EMTs and paramedics must be able to accurately understand mathematical and scientific protocols.

Managing Oneself, People, Time, and Things - Self-discipline and self-awareness are required to enable EMTs and paramedics to manage well.

Working with People - EMTs and paramedics usually work on teams and must be able to coordinate their activities closely with others in stressful situations.

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Working with Things – EMTs and paramedics encounter mechanical and electronic equipment daily, so developing proficiency in using technology such as AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) and other specialized medical devices is necessary.

Perception and Visualization -- EMTs and paramedics have to collect information quickly to assess threats to responders and victims and deduce from available clues what has happened or will likely happen.

Lifelong Learning - Today's rapidly changing medical technology requires constant updating of skills in order to competently assess the types of injuries and emergency medical response that is needed.



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Compassion - Firefighters, like EMTs and paramedics, need to provide emotional support to those in emergency situations.

Courage - Daily job duties of firefighters involve dangerous situations, such as entering a burning building.

Physical Stamina - Firefighters may have to stay at disaster scenes for long periods of time to rescue and treat victims. Fighting fires requires a level of physical fitness.

Physical Strength - Firefighters must be strong enough to carry heavy equipment and move debris at an emergency site. They also carry victims who are injured or cannot walk.

Reasoning, Problem-Solving and Decision-making - Firefighters must be able to look at situations and make quick decisions in an emergency. The ability to make good decisions under pressure could save someone's life.

Managing Oneself, People, Time, and Things - Self-discipline and self-awareness are required for firefighters to manage well.

Working with People - Firefighters never act alone. There is always someone else around every hour of duty (i.e., a partner, other responders, victims, witnesses and other professionals).

Working with Things - Firefighters work with mechanical and electronic equipment daily. Developing good skills in using technology and mechanical systems is needed.

Perception and Visualization - Firefighters have to collect information quickly to see threats. They must use clues to guess what has happened, or will likely happen.

Lifelong Learning - Today's firefighting requires a lot of training in order to recognize the types of fire (and the risks) it brings. Many rescue operations are highly specialized. Certifications are necessary in order to provide the highest level of professional service.



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EMTs - Skills and

Abilities

Communication - EMTs and paramedics need to be able to listen to patients. Listening helps the EMT to know what kind of injuries or illnesses they face. EMTs and paramedics need to be able to clearly explain procedures to patients. They need to give orders, and be able to coordinate care with other responders and hospital personnel.

Compassion - EMTs and paramedics must be able to provide emotional support to patients in an emergency. This is especially true for patients who are in life-threatening situations.

Physical Strength - EMTs and paramedics need to be physically fit. The job requires a lot of bending, lifting and kneeling.

Reasoning, Problem-solving and Decision-making - EMTs and paramedics must recognize patients' symptoms, and be able to provide the proper treatments.

Use of Math and Science - Medical response is ever changing. EMTs and paramedics must be able to understand basic math and science to give the proper doses.

Managing Oneself, People, Time, and Things - Self-discipline and self-awareness are required for EMTs and paramedics to manage well.

Working with People - EMTs and paramedics usually work in teams. Teams must be able to work together in stressful situations.

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Working with Things – EMTs and paramedics routinely work with mechanical and electronic equipment such as AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). Developing skills in using technology and specialized medical devices is important.

Perception and Visualization -- EMTs and paramedics have to collect information quickly. They have to assess threats to themselves and responders, as well as for victims. They have to detect clues about what has happened, or will likely happen.

Lifelong Learning - Today's rapidly changing medical technology requires constant updating of skills. Ongoing training is needed to determine the types of injuries and emergency medical response that is needed.



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