BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
400 PARK AVENUE
RIVER FOREST, ILLLINOIS 60305

Dear Applicant:

WELCOME!

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, The Fire Department, and the Village of River Forest are pleased you are interested in becoming a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Village.

You will find the River Forest Fire Department offers an excellent career opportunity and provides an exciting and challenging environment in which to work. More details on the Department can be found in this packet.

The Village of River Forest, The Fire Department, along with the Fire and Police Commissioners desire to hire highly motivated and qualified individuals who represent a wide range of cultural and ethnic diversity.

Please review all of the enclosed material carefully and follow the instructions exactly and completely to avoid delays or possible disqualification.

Return your Preliminary Application and other designated documents to the River Forest Municipal Complex no later than 4:30 PM, Friday, March 19, 2010.

The Commission urges you to do your best in the upcoming examinations and wishes you success.

The Fire and Police Commissioners

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

COMMUNITY AND DEPARTMENT
INFORMATIONAL PACKET

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
400 PARK AVENUE
RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS 60305
708/366-8500

RIVER FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT
400 PARK AVENUE
RIVER FOREST, ILLINOIS 60305
708/366-7629

APPLICANT INFORMATION

The purpose of the following information is to provide you with sufficient knowledge about the River Forest Fire Department, so that you can make a decision as to whether or not you wish to test competitively for a position on the firefighter/paramedic applicant eligibility list. The testing is demanding and will take a period of time to complete. This test is being conducted to maintain an eligibility roster as required by law.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

The Village of River Forest was incorporated in 1880. According to the 2000 census, the population of the community is 11,635, with 4,092 housing units. The median family income in 2000 was $122,155. The village consists mainly of residential single-family homes, with some multi-family housing. There are commercial areas, primarily bordering North Avenue, Madison Street and the Lake Street area. The village has recently developed new commercial areas in the community by the use of Tax Increment Financing districts.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The River Forest Fire Department employs 15 full-time firefighter/paramedics, 5 Lieutenants, 1 Deputy Chief and the Fire Chief.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Personnel that are appointed to the department will be required to attend 8 to 10 weeks of basic training at one of the authorized training academies and pass a Firefighter II examination authorized through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Each recruit must:

1. Successfully complete the training program to become certified as a Firefighter II, Haz Mat Awareness.
2. Pass the required examination administered at the Academy to be certified in the above areas in the State of Illinois.
3. After graduation from the academy, the employee will be assigned to a three-week orientation program working with all three shifts to acclimate the employee to the department and his or her role as a firefighter/paramedic for the Village of River Forest.
4. Failure to accomplish these goals will result in dismissal of the recruit from the River Forest Fire Department.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT

The River Forest Fire Department works on a 24-hour on-duty and 48 hours off duty shift basis. Recruits are rotated annually so they will have the opportunity to work on all three shifts. Shift adjustments are made as necessary to maintain appropriate staffing. Currently, the shift hours are:

7:45 AM - 7:45 AM

At the discretion of the Fire Chief, personnel can be assigned to shift schedules to meet the demand of the department.

SALARY

Starting salary for probationary Firefighter/Paramedics	$47,163 + $4,628 Paramedic Pay (5/1/09)
After 4 year (Top Pay)	$75,876 + $4,628 Paramedic Pay (5/1/09)

The salary schedule is a five-year matrix.
Paramedic Pay = 6.1% of top FF Salary

EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE

The River Forest Fire Department has an annual incentive pay program for those officers who have obtained college credits as follows:

Fire Science Certificate	$ 500.00
Associate Degree Education/Business	$ 800.00
Associate Degree Fire Science	$ 1,000.00
Bachelors Degree Education/Business	$ 1,200.00
Bachelors Degree Fire Science	$ 1,500.00
Masters Degree in Fire Science & Administration	$ 1,750.00

KELLY DAYS & PERSONAL DAY

All shift personnel are given eleven (11) Kelly Days off per year to reduce the workweek hours. These days are scheduled by the Fire Chief in accordance with past practice. Each shift personnel are given one Personal Day off per year.

VACATION SCHEDULE

After Completion of One Year	5 – 24 Hour Shifts
After Completion of Five Years	6 – 24 Hour Shifts
After Completion of Seven Years	7 – 24 Hour Shifts
After Completion of Nine Years	8 – 24 Hours Shifts
After Completion of Eleven Years	10 – 24 Hour Shifts
After Completion of Eighteen Years	12 – 24 Hours Shifts

HOLIDAYS

New Years Day	July 4th
Lincoln's Birthday	Labor Day
Washington's Birthday	Columbus Day
Easter	Veterans Day
Memorial Day	Thanksgiving Day
Flag Day	Christmas Day

Firefighters receive 8 hours Holiday Pay for 12 holidays, based upon a 40 hr. week salary. Firefighters work holidays unless it is a regularly scheduled day off. Holiday payments are made twice each year.

SICK LEAVE POLICY

Employees earn twelve hours of sick leave per month (6 days per year) and can accrue up to 2880 hours (120, 24 hours shifts days) of sick time over the period of employment.

UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

All personnel receive all their uniforms and turnout gear from the Fire Department. Clothing is replaced on a Quartermaster Plan.

INSURANCE PROGRAM

Hospitalization is provided with a shared cost between employee and employer. The employee pays 15% of the respective cost of his/her chosen plan. Dental care is provided for the employee only. Family coverage can be provided through group policy at full cost to employee. Life insurance is provided at no cost, in the amount of $50,000.

PENSION PLAN

A separate application must be made to the River Forest Firefighters Pension Board for acceptance into the Down State Firemen's Pension Plan. Personnel qualify for pension after 20 years of service and after 50 years of age. The basic fire pension is 50% of the salary attached to their rank on their last paycheck. Pensions escalate to 75% of salary based on length of service.

FIREFIGHTER'S FACT SHEET - 2010

The position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the River Forest Fire Department will provide you with a rewarding and challenging career. Some of the items you need to know are these:

The River Forest Fire Department operates out of one (1) station. The Department has the following personnel: a Fire Chief, one (1) Deputy Chief, five (5) Lieutenants and fifteen (15) Firefighters.

Each shift is assigned one (1) Lieutenant, five (5) Firefighters.

We have two (2) Engines (one front line, one reserve) one (1) Aerial Ladder Truck and two (2) Ambulances (one front line, one reserve.)

Personnel are assigned as follows: With a FULL shift, One (1) Lieutenant and two (2) Firefighters are assigned to an engine and (2) Firefighters are assigned to the Aerial Ladder Truck. (2) Firefighter/Paramedics are assigned to the ambulance. FF/PM's assigned to the ambulance "Jump" to the engine on fire calls.

The position of Firefighter/Paramedic involves knowledge in the physics and chemistry of fire and its relation to the nature of combustion and hazardous chemicals. The position also involves knowledge of fire prevention methods, fire hazards, fire suppression devices and equipment; knowledge in building construction methods, materials and blueprint reading; knowledge and skills in emergency medicine.

The position of Firefighter/Paramedic also requires you to learn and apply a variety of fire fighting duties, evolutions and methods, including the operation of advanced fire fighting apparatus within reasonable working test periods. You must demonstrate the ability to climb ladders and to work at considerable heights. You must also demonstrate the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others, co-workers, Village employees and the general public.

You must have the ability to meet standards of physical conditioning, which assures that each Firefighter can safely perform the life saving responsibilities inherent in fire fighting work.

You must have a Paramedic License from the Illinois Department of Public Health and be certified to operate in the Loyola Medical Center EMS System.

Upon employment, you must take, pass and become certified as a Firefighter I & II through a program approved by the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office Division of Education and Training.

As a condition of employment, you must maintain your Paramedic License with the Illinois Department of Public Health and your certification with the Emergency Medical System under which the Village of River Forest Fire Department operates.

During your first four (4) years of employment, you must become certified as a Firefighter III.

This Fact Sheet is intended merely to identify the kinds of tests and duties that may be required and assigned to Firefighters. It should not be interpreted as describing all of the duties whose performance may be required of a Firefighter or be used to limit the nature and extent of assignments a Firefighter may be given.

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ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

INSTRUCTIONS

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THEM EXACTLY AND COMPLETELY

(Failure to so may result in your disqualification from the selection process)

The completed Preliminary Application and other designated documentation are to be returned to the River Forest Municipal Complex, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois **in the same envelope containing this material** not later than 4:30 PM Friday, March 19, 2010. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY MAIL OR PERSONAL DELIVERY AFTER THAT TIME.

1. The applicant is to **print or type** the required information on the front upper right of the envelope.
2. The enclosed Preliminary Application and the various releases are to be filled out and signed only by the Applicant.
3. The following enclosed forms are to be completed and included with the Preliminary Application. Each of the forms is notated at the bottom if they are to be returned with the Application. Insure that you execute all of the required signatures.
   - **This sheet** signed and dated.
   - **Orientation Notice** signed and dated.
   - **Certification of Physical Fitness** – A licensed Physician must certify you are physically capable of participating in the Physical Aptitude Test. Failure to provide this Certification will prohibit you from participating in the Test.
   - **Releases** – The Applicant must sign and date each release stated. Insure you PRINT your full name at the top of the front side of the sheet as indicated. Several releases require witnesses. Any adult may sign as a witness.
4. **Copies** of the following documents must also be returned in the large white envelope with the Preliminary Application:
   - **Drivers License or valid state identification card**
   - **Birth Certificate**
   - **High School Diploma or Equivalent**
   - **Copy of current Paramedic License or documentation showing you are in the process of obtaining a License**

I have read and understand the above instructions.

_____ _____

Applicants signature Date

_____

Applicants printed name

RETURN THESE INSTRUCTIONS, SIGNED AND DATED, ALONG WITH YOUR PRELIMARY APPLICATION

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SELECTION PROCEDURE

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

INITIAL STAGE

An applicant will be disqualified for further consideration if he/she does not return their application and requested documentation by the deadline or does not attend the scheduled orientation, tests, and examinations at the appointed times.

1. Applicants return completed Preliminary Application along with documentation (see the Instruction Sheet) to the River Forest Municipal Complex not later than 4:30 PM Friday, March 19, 2010.
2. Orientation for all Applicants: Thursday, March 25, 2010.
3. Written Examination Test for Applicants: Saturday, March 27, 2010.
4. Physical Agility Test for all Applicants who pass the Written Examination Test: Saturday, March 27, 2010.
5. **NOTE**: THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST ARE ON THE SAME DAY.

SECOND STAGE

For those Applicants who successfully pass both the Physical Aptitude Test and Written Examination:

6. Prepare the in-depth application form (distributed after the Written Test) along with documentation (see Rules and Regulations included in this Packet). Submit this documentation at the Oral Interview.
7. Participate in an Oral Interview. Participants will be notified of the exact date and time of their interview after the Physical Aptitude test.

THIRD STAGE

The Initial Eligibility Register, listing the applicants who have passed the Written Examination, the Physical Aptitude Test and Oral Interview in order of their score, will be published and mailed to those applicants on the Register.

8. Those Applicants placed on the Initial Eligibility Register and have had Military Service, educational level, Fire Fighter and/or Paramedic points which qualifies them for Preference Points must submit a request in writing, along with proof thereof for application of such points within 10 days of the posted date of the Initial Eligibility Register.
9. Posting of the Final Eligibility Register reflecting Preference points for qualifying applicants. This register is effective for two years from the date of posting.

FINAL STAGE

As a vacancy for Fire Fighter/Paramedic occurs, the candidates will be selected from the Final Eligibility Register in rank order and the following will be conducted in the order listed:

- A Polygraph Evaluation.

If the Candidate passes the Polygraph Evaluation, then the following will be conducted:

- A thorough Background Investigation.
- A Criminal Background check
- A Credit Check
- The Candidate visits the Fire Department for familiarization purposes.
- Participate in a final Oral Interview with the Commission.

If the Candidate completes the Oral Interview satisfactorily, then the Commission will extend a Conditional Offer of Employment as a Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic and request the Candidate take the following examinations.

- An in-depth Psychological Examination.
- An in-depth Medical Examination including drug screening.

The Applicant must successfully pass all the above items and become a qualified Paramedic in the Loyola University Medical Center EMS Program, the program under which River Forest presently operates, to qualify for Probationary Appointment as Fire Fighter/Paramedic and to start work with the Department.

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NOTICE OF
ORIENTATION AND EXAMINATIONS
FOR ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC
February – March – April 2010

Applications can be obtained at the River Forest Municipal Complex, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois during normal working hours. **Applicants must pay a fifteen-dollar processing fee at return of Application Packet.**

Orientation:

Thursday, March 25, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
Check in Time Commences at 6:00 P.M.
River Forest Village Hall (Community Room)
400 Park Avenue
River Forest, Illinois

It is mandatory that all Applicants attend the Orientation Program. Failure to attend will disqualify the Applicant for further participation in the examination process.

The Examination Schedule is:

NOTE: THE WRITTEN EXAMINATION AND THE PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST EXAMINATION ARE ON THE SAME DAY.

Written Examination:

Saturday, March 27 – 9:00 A.M. Check in time commences at 8:00 A.M.
Concordia University, Krentz Hall, Room 120
7400 West Augusta Street
River Forest, Illinois

Physical Agility Test:

Saturday, March 27 - Check in time commences immediately following written Exam.
Concordia University, North & South Gyms & Track
7400 West Augusta Street
River Forest, Illinois

APPLICANTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY PASS THE PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST AND WRITTEN EXAMINATION WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE EXACT DATE AND TIME OF THEIR ORAL INTERVIEW.

Oral Interview:
Oral Interviews will be held in the evening

Tuesday, April 6th; Wednesday, April 7th
Thursday, April 8th (if needed)
Concordia University, Krentz Hall, Room 100
7400 West Augusta Street
River Forest, Illinois

NOTE: Individual requests for schedule adjustments cannot be accommodated. If an individual cannot attend or is late for any of the Examinations, they will be disqualified and not listed on the Register.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD OF RIVER FOREST FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Excerpts from the Rules and Regulations of the River Forest Fire and Police Commission regarding applicants for the position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic are listed below. Those persons submitting applications should carefully review these rules and regulations to insure they qualify for the position.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations in its entirety is available for review at the Municipal Complex, 400 North Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois.

A false statement knowingly made by a person in an application for examination, connivance in any false statement made in any certificate which may accompany such application or complicity in any fraud touching the same, shall be regarded as good cause for exclusion from the examination

RESIDENCE

Applicants for examination must be citizens of the United States and/or an alien admitted for permanent residence or lawfully admitted for temporary residence and who produces evidence of intention to become a citizen of the United States.

APPLICATION BLANKS

Applications for position shall be filed upon blank forms furnished by the Commission, and applicants must comply with the requirements of said form in every respect. The application must be filed with the Board prior to taking an examination.

Every applicant must be of good moral character, of temperate habits, of sound health and must be physically able to perform the duties of the position applied for. The burden of establishing these facts rests upon the applicant.

DEFECTIVE APPLICATIONS

Defective applications shall be returned to the applicant for correction, provided the applicant is not otherwise disqualified for the position sought.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants shall be under 35 years of age unless exempt from such age limitation as provided in § 5/10-2.1-6 of the Fire and Police Commissioners Act. All applicants must, at a minimum, be at least 21 years of age at time application. Proof of birth date will be required at time of application.

DISQUALIFICATION

The Board may refuse to examine an applicant or, after examination, to certify him/her as eligible:

a) Who is found lacking in any of the established preliminary requirements for the service for which he or she applies.

b) Who is physically unable to perform the duties of the position to which he or she seeks appointment.

c) Who is addicted to the use of intoxicating beverages or is found to have taken or used drugs and/or narcotics illegally.

d) Who has been convicted of a felony or any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, as specified in § 5/10-2.1-6 of the Fire and Police Commissioners Act.

e) Who has been dismissed from any public service for good cause.

f) Who has attempted to practice any deception or fraud in his or her application.

g) Who may be found disqualified in personal qualifications or health

h) Whose character and employment references are unsatisfactory.

i) Who does not possess a high school education or its equivalent.

j) Who has applied for a position of a Firefighter/Paramedic and is or has been classified by his or her Local Selective Service Draft Board as a conscientious objector.

l) Who is applying for a position as a Fire Fighter/Paramedic and who is not licensed and certified as a paramedic by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Any applicant, or eligible, deemed disqualified hereunder, shall be notified by the Board.

PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Applicants for original appointment may be subject to a physical aptitude test and shall be required to submit to a thorough medical examination by a licensed physician appointed by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of River Forest.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

All applicants shall execute and deliver to the Board a release of all liability as the result of taking a "Physical Aptitude Test" in favor the Village of River Forest on a form to be prescribed by the Board.

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Preliminary Application

Position Applied For: **Firefighter/Paramedic** Date: _____

Please Print or Type all information

Name:_____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street/Apartment Number

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Work: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number (SSN): _____
(Month/Day/Year)

Driver's License Number: _____ State: _____ Expiration Date:_____
Or Valid Identification Card (where issued)

Have you filed an application with any Village of River Forest Department before? [ ] Yes [ ] No
If Yes; What Date:_____ Which Department: _____

_____
Applicant's Signature

THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ALL DESIGNATED FORMS
MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE RIVER FOREST MUNICIPAL COMPLEX,
400 PARK AVE., RIVER FOREST, ILLNIOIS
NO LATER THAN 4:30 PM FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010
APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THAT DATE

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REFERRAL QUESTIONAIRE

Please assist us in determining where our advertising is most effective by indicating below how you learned of River Forest accepting Firefighter/Paramedic Applications. Your response is voluntary; however your response will be very helpful in the future.

Thank you,

Please complete the following:

Source of Referral:

[ ] Newspaper Advertisement
Please check which newspaper:

[ ] Chicago Daily Defender

[ ] La Raza

[ ] Pioneer Press (Oak Leaves, Forest Leaves etc.)

[ ] The Polish Daily News

[ ] The Bulgarian News

[ ] Internet _____
(Name of Site)

[ ] Career or Job Fair

[ ] Friend

[ ] Relative

[ ] Walk-in

[ ] Trade Newsletter

[ ] Other
Please Describe_____

PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED RESPONSE IN THE WHITE ENVELOPE ALONG WITH YOUR OTHER DOCUMENTS

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ORIENTATION NOTICE

Orientation will be held at the River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois on Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Check in time is 6:00 P.M. No one will be admitted to the Orientation after 7:00 P.M**.**

It is mandatory you attend this orientation meeting in order to be eligible to continue the testing for Firefighter/Paramedic.

Parking is available on Lake Street and other adjacent streets.

_____
Printed Name

_____
Signature

_____
Date

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CERTIFICATION OF PHYSICAL FITNESS

The undersigned (Physician) does hereby certify that I have

examined _____ *and find this*
(Applicants name)

person physically capable of participating in the Physical

Aptitude Test consisting of various strenuous exercises.

Physician Signature _____

Typed or Printed Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ *Zip Code* _____

*Date*_____

Telephone Number (with Area Code)
_____

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RELEASES

_____
(PRINT YOUR NAME HERE)

I hereby agree to abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of the Village of River Forest, Illinois, during the taking of any examination and after the examination. Also, during any probation period I might be appointed to, or as a regular member of the Fire/Police Department.

These rules are available for me to read at the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, Municipal Complex, 400 North Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305.

Signature _____ Date _____

TESTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, the undersigned, understand that all tests and the results thereof become the property of the River Forest Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and are not subject to review.

_____ _____
Applicants Printed Name **Date**

_____ _____
Applicant's Signature **Date**

_____ _____
Witness **Date**

PHYSICAL AGILITY TEST/RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITIES

The undersigned, recognizing the physical agility test is an integral part of the examination for Firefighter/Paramedic in the Village of River Forest, Illinois, hereby releases, remises and discharges the Village of River Forest, Illinois, a municipal corporation, and Concordia University, their officers, servants, agents and employees of and from any and all claims, demands and liabilities to me on account of and all injuries, losses and damages to my person shall have been caused, or may at any time arise as the result of certain Firefighter/Paramedic examinations conducted by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners of said Village of River Forest, Illinois. The intention hereof being to completely, absolutely and finally release said Village of River Forest, Illinois, and Concordia University, their officers, servants, agents and employees of and from any and all liability arising wholly or partially from the cause aforesaid.

_____ _____
Applicant's Signature **Date**

_____ _____
Witness **Date**

SIGN, DATE AND HAVE FORM WITNESSED

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF EMPLOYMENT/CREDIT INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

I authorize and empower the Village of River Forest Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, any consumer reporting agency, or other outside service company engaged by said Board for this purpose, now or subsequently, to obtain, prepare, and furnish information concerning my current and former employment, education, credit, general reputation, health, personal characteristics and mode of living, through correspondence or personal interview with neighbors, friends or associates or others with whom I am acquainted or who may have knowledge concerning any of the above items.

Upon written request I understand that said Board will provide me with information regarding the scope of the investigation if one is made.

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

_____ _____

Witness **Date**

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF WORK RECORD AND PERSONNEL INFORMATION

I respectfully request that you forward to the River Forest Fire and Police Commission, 400 Park Avenue, River Forest, Illinois 60305, any and all information that you may have concerning me, my work record, or my reputation. Also please provide any information that may appear in my personnel file. This information is to be used to determine my qualifications and fitness for a position I am seeking with the Village of River Forest Fire Department.

I hereby release you and/or your employer from any liability and damage of whatsoever nature, on account of furnishing the information requested.

_____ _____

Signature **Date**

_____

Address

_____

City **State** **Zip Code**

SIGN, DATE AND HAVE FORM WITNESSED

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC PHYSICAL AGILITY EXAMINATION

Summary

The Firefighter Physical Agility Examination is designed to test an applicant's physical ability and stamina to perform the duties that are relevant to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. The examination consists of five parts, including both timed and pass-fail events.

Scoring and Guidelines

1. The minimum score needed for passing is 15. This means that you need to achieve an average score of at least a 3 on each of the five parts of the examination. Moderate rest periods will be allowed between parts of the examination.

2. However, you will be expected to complete the test in order of admission. Anyone who is unable to complete the test within the time prescribed by the test administrator will be marked as a fail.

3. All parts of the test must be completed, regardless of score. However, if you will be unable to achieve a passing score of at least 15 by the time you reach your final event, you will not be allowed to go any further.

4. No one will be allowed to take part of the test more than once to change a score. If you dispute a score, contact the test administrator immediately. All scores entered at the conclusion of the test will be final.

Events

1. Ladder Hang.

The candidate must hang from a ladder that is propped against a building at a narrow angle. The candidate must hang inside the angle of the ladder facing the ladder, feet off the ground, with palms forward and arms forming a 90-degree angle. This is a timed event and candidates will be competing against pre-established time limits.

Scoring:

30 + Seconds	= 5 Points	27-29 "	= 4 "
24-26 "	= 3 "	21-23 "	= 2 "
18-20 "	= 1 "		

2. Half-Mile Run.

Candidates will be timed in running a half-mile around an oval track or other suitable area. Candidates will be competing against pre-established time limits.

Scoring:

Less than 3:00 Minutes	= 5 Points	3:01 - 3:15 "	= 4 "
3:16 - 3:30 "	= 3 "	3:31 - 3:45 "	= 2 "
3:46 - 4:00 "	= 1 "		

3. :Ladder Climb.

The candidate must climb to the top of an aerial ladder, which is set at a 60 to 70 degree angle from the ground and is extended 3/4 length. The candidate will begin the climb from the truck platform and must proceed to the furthest extension of the ladder and back down wearing the following protective gear: bunker coat, air tank and helmet. This is a pass-fail event and is not timed.

Scoring:

Pass =	3 Points	Fail =	0 Points

4. Rescue Drag.

Candidates will drag an 80 pound weight to simulate a body along a 120 foot obstacle course which will include a 10 foot long tunnel approximately 40" high and 40" wide. Candidates will be required to wear the following protective gear: bunker coat and helmet. This is a timed event and candidates will be competing against pre-established time limits.

Scoring:

Under 16 Seconds =	5 Points	16 – 19 " =	4 "
20 – 22 " =	3 "	23 - 25 " =	2 "
26 - 28 " =	1 "		

5. Building Maze.

Candidates will proceed through a building maze, consisting of chairs, desks, tables and other obstacles, by crawling on their hands and knees and following a length a rope from one end of a room to the other end. Candidates will wear full protective clothing and will have their facemasks taped over. They must follow the rope from one end of the course to the other end without letting go of the rope. This is a timed event and candidates will be competing against pre-established time limits.

Scoring:

Under 1:00 Minute	= 5 Points	1:01 - 1:10 "	= 4 "
1:11 - 1:20 "	= 3 "	1:21 - 1:30 "	= 2 "
1:31 - 1:40 "	= 1 "		

VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST

FACT SHEET

River Forest is a vibrant community of beautiful homes, dedicated to high cultural and educational ideals, and emphasizing service to its population. The affluence of its early settlers shaped the character of the community. They built large, lovely homes and donated land and money to build fine schools and churches. River Forest is known as the "Village of Churches and Schools". This together with River Forest's appealing wooded comforts and proximity to Chicago attracted other wealthy families to the Village.

River Forest has been a settled community for more than 15 decades; it is two and one half square miles in area and has a population of 11,635 residents. During the early years well-known architects practiced their art in the village. As a result, homes in River Forest reflect the many periods of home design. Superb examples are contained within an historic district, encompassing a quarter of the community's residences and displaying an array of Italianate, Queen Ann, Medieval, and Classic Revival architectural designs. Prominent Prairie School designs by the pioneering architectural genius Frank Lloyd Wright are also present.

Most of River Forest's dwellings were constructed before World War II, several sections of the community contain modern, four and five story condominiums and apartments offering luxury with the demand of single family home ownership. Homes range in price from $185,000.00 to over $4,000,000.00.

River Forest is a Village form of government with a Village President and six Trustees. A full time professional Village Administrator runs the day to day operations. There is a fully manned Police Department, full time Fire Department, and a full time Public Works Department.

The Village recently completed a new Municipal Complex that consolidates all Village services in one location. The New River Forest Town Center, containing shops and eateries has been very successful and there are plans for another shopping center at the opposite end of the Village.

River Forest is the home of Dominican University (formerly Rosary College) affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church and Concordia University with the Lutheran Missouri Synod Church.

Almost fully developed, the village strives for maintenance and improvement of its infrastructures, assuring future generations the same high standard and quality of life that is a tradition in River Forest.