



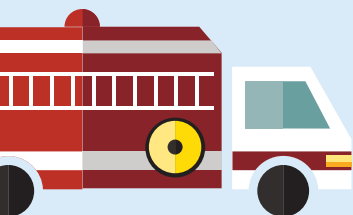
# CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CAPE TOWN'S FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE



The City of Cape Town boasts one of the most accomplished Fire & Rescue Services in the country. At any given time, there are more than 200 firefighters on shift at Fire Stations across the metropole, ready to respond to fires, motor vehicle accidents and other specialised incidents such as swift water rescues.

If you've been considering a career in the Fire and Rescue Service, you can find out more about potential options below:

## CADET FIREFIGHTER PROGRAMME



The programme offers young, motivated individuals the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the fire services, develop emergency response and safety skills, serve communities with pride and discipline, and build a pathway to a full-time firefighting career.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Grade 12 qualification (Mathematics and Physical Science preferred)
- 18 years or older
- Must not suffer from fear of confined spaces or heights
- Must be medically and physically fit
- Must be able to work in a team and cope with stressful situations
- No criminal record

**NOTE: All shortlisted candidates will be required to undertake and pass the following compulsory fitness test:**

- Reach test (1.9 m)
- 2.4 km run (males 11 minutes and females 13 minutes)
- Push-ups (30 in 60 seconds)
- Sit-ups (30 in 60 seconds)
- Dead load carries (2 x 25 kg drums over a distance of 100 metres)

### DURING THE TRAINING CADETS WILL LEARN:

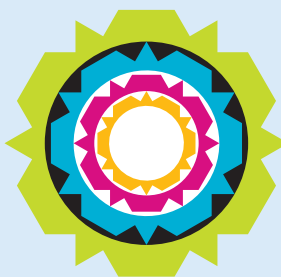
- Firefighting and rescue techniques
- Emergency first aid
- Physical fitness and discipline
- Teamwork, leadership and communication

**NOTE: Candidates who pass the physical test are required to:**

- Pass a written assessment and an interview
- Submit their fingerprints and identity numbers for the purpose of checking criminal records (no other criminal clearances will be acceptable)
- Undergo a City medical evaluation
- Undergo a compulsory drug test at a City testing centre
- Pass a claustrophobia and acrophobia test (fear of confined spaces and fear of heights)

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE POST:

- Candidates must reside within the Cape Town municipal area
- There is no guarantee of permanent employment upon completion of the programme
- Only unemployed applicants will be considered
- Cadets are required to wear a uniform and protective clothing.



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## WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

This is a short-term contract opportunity for individuals who enjoy working outdoors, often in remote areas/rugged terrain, and who are passionate about protecting the environment. Wildland firefighters help to suppress wildfires, using fire tools and equipment. They also assist with fire prevention and controlled burns.

### REQUIREMENTS:

Candidates must be 18 years and older, with a minimum qualification of a Grade 12 certificate and a clean criminal record. They must also be willing to:

- **Complete practical and theoretical firefighting training**
- **Be stationed at any fire station within the metropole**
- **Work 40 hours per week and shifts**
- **Work additional hours/overtime on short notice**
- **Work in a team and cope with stressful situations**

Previous experience in fire related industry would be advantageous (i.e. Wildland Firefighter 1 and/or Wildland Firefighter 2)

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**NOTE: Candidates who pass the physical test are required to:**

- Pass a written assessment (Mathematics and English comprehension) and interview
- Submit their fingerprints or identity numbers for the purpose of checking criminal records. No other criminal clearances will be acceptable
- Undergo a medical evaluation
- Undergo a compulsory drug test

### KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS INCLUDE:

- Carrying out fire-fighting operations under guidance
- Responding to and combating vegetation fires
- Checking and maintaining firefighting equipment
- Checking, cleaning and maintaining firefighting vehicles
- Carrying out fire station duties and maintenance
- Assisting with clearing of fire breaks
- Undergoing continuous training

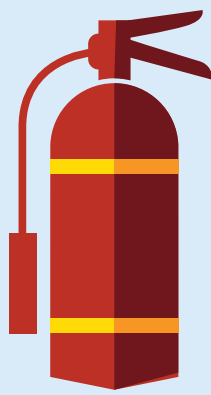


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## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATOR 1

Emergency Communicators are the calm voice in a crisis. This position is for quick thinking individuals who have excellent communication skills and the ability to stay calm under pressure.

### DUTIES INCLUDE:

- Answering emergency calls (fire, medical, rescue)
- Dispatching Fire and Rescue teams
- Providing information to the public
- Logging incident data and updates

### REQUIREMENTS:

- A Grade 12 qualification
- 6 months - 1 year's contact or call centre experience
- Computer literacy
- Understanding of emergency contact centre operations and systems
- Good interpersonal, communication and public relations skills
- No criminal record
- Must be able to work shifts including night shifts
- Must be available to work weekends



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