

# How To Become A FIREFIGHTER



## Zion Fire Rescue Department

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## Prerequisites

- Age 21 at time of hire
- Under age 35 at time of hire unless already in Illinois Pension system
- US Citizen
- Illinois Department of Public Health(IDPH) EMT-Paramedic at time of hire
- No felony convictions
- High school diploma/GED
- CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test)
- Preference points awarded for:
  - Illinois OSFM Firefighter 2/Basic
  - Associate's, Bachelor's degree
  - Military Service
  - FAE
  - Previous firefighter experience of 2 years

## Process

All hiring by the Zion Fire Rescue Department is done from an eligibility list created by the Board of Fire and Police Commission. As positions become available, hiring is done in order of placement on the list.

An eligibility list lasts for (2) years from date of posting, and the testing process is held every other year. Creation of an eligibility list consists of the following steps:

- Announcement of testing process
- Application period
- Written Test
- Oral Interview
- Posting of list

The process typically takes 6+ months from start to finish

## Preparatory Training

### **Candidate Physical Aptitude Test (CPAT)**

NIPSTA: Address: 2300 Patriot Blvd, Glenview, IL 60026

Phone:(847) 998-8090

Southwest Unified Fire Districts (SUFD)

550 Lyman Darien, IL 60561

Email: CPAT@sufd.org

### **Emergency Medical Technician**

Vista Medical Center West

(Formerly St. Therese Hospital)

EMT-Basic

(847) 360-2038

Northshore University HealthSystem

(Highland Park Hospital)

EMT-Basic

Martha Pettineo (847) 480-3787

