

# PALATINE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 2012 - Firefighter Recruit Testing - Preliminary Application

(A \$25.00 Non-refundable Application Fee must be paid when submitting this completed application)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (middle initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state, zip)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(home) (cell phone)

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yyyy). (As of February 25, 2012, individuals must have passed their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and shall be under 35 years of age. This age limitation does not apply to any person previously employed as a firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of any municipality.)

Do you have 60 semester hours of college credit or equivalent?  Yes  No  
When considering equivalencies, refer to the attached list for acceptable hours.

Indicate your highest level of education.

GED  High School  Associates Degree  
 Bachelors  Masters Degree  Doctorate Degree

\* Attach a copy of the diploma from your highest level of education.

Indicate which State of Illinois Emergency Medical License you currently hold?

EMT-B  EMT-P EMS System? \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Attach a copy of your EMT-B or EMT-P license.

Do you presently have a valid driver's license?  Yes  No

\* Attach a copy of your driver's license.

Do you presently hold a CPAT identification card?  Yes  No

(CPAT card must show proof of Ladder Climb Exercise and had been performed between April 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012). \* Attach a copy of your CPAT card.

I hereby certify the information contained herein is true and that any false statement may be considered cause for disqualification from the eligibility process or cause for dismissal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE USE ONLY:

\$25.00 Application Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initials Date

Check  Cash



## ***2012 Firefighter/Paramedic Recruitment Overview***

***The Community:*** The Village of Palatine, incorporated in 1866, has a population of approximately 68,557 with a median family income of \$97,294. The Village is comprised of attractive residential areas, eleven (11) separate shopping areas spread throughout the community, a light manufacturing area, nationally recognized schools, 623 acres of parks, an excellent Library District, and access to major highways. The area is approximately 13 square miles.

***The Government:*** The Village of Palatine operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The governing body of Palatine is a Village Council consisting of a Mayor, elected at large and six Council Members, elected by districts for four year terms. The Village Council appoints a professional administrator, the Village Manager, to run the daily affairs of the Village.

***The Department:*** The Village of Palatine Fire Department is a full time department operating from five fire stations. The Department is comprised of a Fire Chief, two Deputy Chiefs, 1 Division Chief (Training), 1 Administrative Assistant, 3 Battalion Chiefs, 3 Shift Captains, 15 Lieutenants and 66 Firefighter/Paramedics. All the department firefighters are required to be licensed Paramedics. In addition to responding to fire, medical and other emergencies, the department conducts annual fire inspections of schools, multi-family residential units, commercial occupancies and other public buildings. The department is also heavily involved in providing public safety education programs, including a major program in all Palatine elementary schools.

***Required Certifications:*** Mandatory successful completion of Illinois certification as a Firefighter II/Basic, Hazardous Materials First Responder – Operations and licensed Paramedic. Failure to complete all courses constitutes cause for termination.

***Salaries:*** As of January 1, 2012 starting salary is \$53,980.80 with merit increases to \$85,000.24.

### **PREREQUISITES FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC EXAMINATION**

***Age*** – At least 21 years of age and less than 35 years of age as February 25, 2012. Age limitations do not apply if previously employed as a firefighter in a regularly constituted fire department of any municipality.

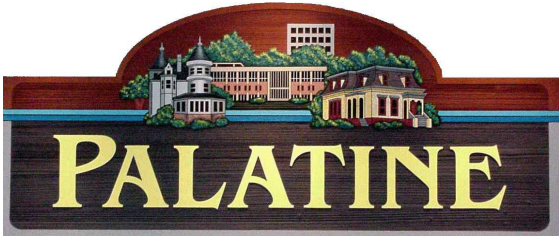
***Vision*** - Applicant must have 20-20 vision, or corrected to 20-20.

***Education*** - Required: 60 semester hours at an accredited college or university; or, evidence of applicant's training or experience equivalent to; or, a combination thereof, which is acceptable to the Fire and Police Commission. Evidence will be reviewed and accepted or denied by the Commission prior to testing. Equivalency list attached.

***EMT License*** – Applicant must possess a current EMT-B or EMT-P license (State of Illinois or National Registry Certificate. License or certification must be current at time of hire).

***Driver's License*** - Applicant must possess a valid license Applicant must possess an Illinois Driver's License prior to appointment as a probationary firefighter.

***Residency Requirement*** – Applicant must have primary residence in Illinois prior to appointment as a probationary firefighter.



## ***2012 Firefighter/Paramedic Recruitment Testing Schedule***

### ***Preliminary Application***

Preliminary Applications will be available at the Palatine Fire Department - Station 85, 39 E. Colfax Street, Palatine, IL, starting at 8:30 am on Thursday, January 19, 2012. Applications are also available on-line at [www.palatine.il.us](http://www.palatine.il.us). Completed preliminary applications must be returned to the Palatine Fire Department – Station 85, 39 E. Colfax Street, Palatine, IL 60067, no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, February 10, 2012. A non-refundable twenty five dollar (\$25.00) Application Fee is required upon submitting a completed preliminary application. Incomplete applications *will not* be accepted.

### ***Written Examination***

A written examination will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Palatine High School, 1111 N. Rohlwing Road, Palatine, IL, starting at 8:30 am. A minimum passing score will be established by the Fire and Police Commission based on the mean of all written scores. Immediately following the examination, scores will be posted.

### ***Comprehensive Application***

If successful in achieving a passing written score the applicant will be placed on a preliminary list and will be required to submit a comprehensive application **INCLUDING CERTIFIED COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS**. This comprehensive application will be due by March 16, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Palatine Fire Department – Station 85; 39 E. Colfax Street, Palatine, IL, 60067.

### ***Oral Interviews***

At the time the completed comprehensive application is submitted, an oral interview date and time will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. The interviews will be completed during the week of March 26, 2012 through March 30, 2012. Following the interview process, an eligibility list will be established.

### ***Hiring Phase***

At such time in the future when a candidate may be called for possible employment, candidates will be required to submit to a background check, polygraph examination, psychological evaluation, and a medical examination by a physician designated by the Fire and Police Commission. All phases must be passed to be eligible for employment.

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## Credit Hour Equivalencies

### Based on Harper Community College – 2012

<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Hour Equivalent</u>
Firefighter II/Basic	12 Hours
Firefighter III/Advanced	3 Hours
Hazardous Materials Operations	3 Hours
Hazardous Materials Technician A	3 Hours
Fire Management I	3 Hours
Tactics and Strategy I	3 Hours
Fire Prevention Principles I	3 Hours
Fire Prevention Officer I	3 Hours
Fire Instructor I	3 Hours
Fire Management II	3 Hours
Tactics and Strategy II	3 Hours
Fire-Arson Investigation Modules I, II, and III	3 Hours (Total)
Fire Instructor II	3 Hours
Fire Apparatus Engineer	3 Hours
EMT – B	7 Hours
EMT – Paramedic	29 Hours

**The Palatine Board of Fire and Police Commissioners**  
**will make the final determination on all credit hour equivalency submissions.**