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**CITY OF LACKAWANNA**

**EXAMINATION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**FIREFIGHTER**

Exam No. 68927

\$25.00 Filing Fee

**(NO CASH)** -Check or Money Order Only)

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Open Competitive examination No. 68927, **FIREFIGHTER**, City of Lackawanna, Department of Public Safety, Fire Division. Eligible List will be established to fill any future vacancies as they occur. Salary: \$50,025

**EXAMINATION DATE**

**LAST DATE FOR FILING APPLICATION**

**March 18, 2017**

**January 18, 2017**

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**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED, PAID & FILED ON OR BEFORE  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ CLOSE OF BUSINESS – 4:30 pm EST.**

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**RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT:** Candidates must have been legal residents of Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua County for at least four (4) months immediately preceding the date of the examination. **PREFERENCE IN APPOINTMENT WILL BE GIVEN TO SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WHO HAVE BEEN LEGAL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA FOR AT LEAST FOUR (4) MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE EXAMINATION AND ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LACKAWANNA AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT. A CANDIDATE'S RESIDENCY WILL BE INVESTIGATED & VERIFIED PRIOR TO APPOINTMENT.**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Performs fire prevention and fire fighting duties; does related work as required.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from a standard high school, or possession of a New York State high school equivalency diploma, or comparable diploma as described in Section 58 of the Civil Service Law, and either

- (A) Three (3) years of active military experience in the armed forces of the United States with an honorable discharge, or currently serving in the armed forces of the United States with a minimum of three (3) years of active duty; or
- (B) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered two (2) year college with an Associate's degree; or
- (C) Successful completion of at least 60 semester credit hours at a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university; or
- (D) Minimum five (5) years **verifiable** experience serving as a NYS Volunteer Firefighter.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**Citizenship:** United States Citizenship is required at time of appointment. It is not necessary for admission to the examination.

**Driver's License:** Candidates must possess a valid New York State Operator's license at time of appointment.

CONVICTION OF A FELONY WILL BAR, AND CONVICTION OF A MISDEMEANER OR OTHER OFFENSE MAY BAR PARTICIPATION.

**THE USE OF CALCULATORS IS ALLOWED FOR THIS EXAMINATION.**

## **SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:**

1. Advising and interacting with others.
2. Using logical reasoning to draw valid conclusions.
3. Mechanical reasoning.
4. Understanding and interpreting written material pertaining to fire.

## **SEE EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT ATTACHED**

*A Guide to Taking the Written Test for Firefighter Series* is available on the New York State Department of Civil Service Web site at: [www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm](http://www.cs.ny.gov/testing/localtestguides.cfm) or in the Lackawanna Civil Service Office. Call/write Lackawanna Civil Service Commission to obtain a copy.

**CANDIDATES WHO PASS THE WRITTEN TEST WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS A QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST AND CANDIDATES WHO ARE OFFERED EMPLOYMENT OFF THE ELIGIBLE LIST ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF THIS WRITTEN TEST, WILL BE REQUIRED TO PASS A QUALIFYING MEDICAL EXAMINATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE DRUG SCREENING.**

**WITHIN 18 MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE NYS CERTIFIED BASIC FIREFIGHTING COURSE MUST BE COMPLETED.**

**QUALIFYING PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST:** The three elements measured in the qualifying physical fitness test are muscular endurance, absolute strength and cardiovascular capacity. The following is a brief description of the physical fitness test.

- 1. Muscular Endurance**  
The requirement is for a number of bent-leg sit-ups to be performed in one minute.
- 2. Push Up**  
This test measures muscular endurance of the upper body (anterior deltoid, pectoralis major and triceps). The requirement is for a number of full body repetitions that a candidate must complete without breaks.
- 3. Cardiovascular Activity**  
1.5 mile run; the requirement is for the attainment of a score calculated in minutes and seconds.

The Municipal Police Training Council adopted the physical fitness-screening test based on the model formulated by the Cooper Institute of Aerobics Research. The minimum passing scores, depending on age and sex, represent the fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) percentile of physical fitness as established by the Cooper Institute. **FAILURE ON ANY PART OF THE QUALIFYING TEST WILL REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR APPOINTMENT.**

Copies of the physical fitness and medical standards are available upon request from the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission.

This written examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Sec. 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this written examination.

**Notice to Candidates:** Unless otherwise notified, candidates are permitted to use quiet, hand-held solar or battery powered calculators. Devices with typewriter keyboards, spell checkers, personal digital assistants, address books, language translators, dictionaries, or any similar devices are prohibited. Use of books and other reference material is prohibited.

**Saturday Religious Observer:** Most written tests are held on Saturdays, if you cannot take the test on the announced test date due to a conflict with religious observances or practice, indicate this on your application. We will make arrangements for you to take the test on a different date.

**Persons with Disabilities:** If special arrangements are required for testing, indicate this on your application.

**Military Service Members:** If you apply for an examination during the filing period but are on active military duty on the date the examination is scheduled, you may request a military makeup examination. Contact the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission for more information. If you are on active duty or discharged after the filing period has begun, you may apply for the examination up to ten days before the test date.

**Veterans:** Disabled and Non-disabled veterans as defined in Sec. 85 New York State Civil Service Law, will have 10 and 5 points respectively added to an earned passing score on the exam. You should claim these credits when you file your application (file application for veteran's credits and present a copy of DD214 Military Discharge) but you have the option to waive the credits any time prior to appointment. If you have already used these credits you may not use them again. **Special Notice to Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces:** Effective 1/1/98 the State Constitution was amended to permit a candidate currently in the armed forces to apply for and be conditionally granted veteran's credit in examinations. Any candidate who applies for such credit must provide proof of military status to receive the conditional credit. No credit may be granted after the establishment of the list. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide appropriate documentary proof indicating that the service was in time of war, as defined in Section 85 of the Civil Service Law, and that the candidate received an honorable discharge or was released under honorable conditions in order to be certified at a score including veteran's credits.

In accordance with Section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit has a minimum of two months from the application deadline to provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility. However, no credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

**Background Investigation:** Applicants may be required to undergo a State and national criminal history background investigation, which will include a fingerprint check, to determine suitability for appointment. Failure to meet the standards for the background investigation may result in disqualification.

**How to Apply:** Application forms are available at the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission Office, Room 213 City Hall, Lackawanna, N.Y. or online <http://www.lackawannany.gov/> . **Completed applications must be RECEIVED & FILED** with the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission Office, 213 City Hall, Lackawanna, N.Y. 14218 **ON OR BEFORE January 18, 2017.**

**Application Fee:** NYS has mandated that a fee of \$25 is required for each separately numbered examination for which you apply. The required fee must accompany your application. **Send or bring check or money order** made payable to the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission and write the examination number(s) on your check or money order. **DO NOT SEND OR BRING CASH.** As no refund will be made, you are urged to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements for admission and file only for those examinations for which you are clearly qualified.

**Application Fee Waiver:** A waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. In addition, a waiver of application fee will be allowed if you are determined eligible for Medicaid, or receiving Supplemental Security Income payments, or Public Assistance (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families/Family Assistance or Safety Net Assistance) or are certified Job Training Partnership Act/Workforce Investment Act eligible through a State or local social service agency. **All claims for application fee waiver are subject to verification. If you can verify eligibility for application fee waiver, complete a "Request for Application Fee Waiver and Certification" form and submit it with your application by the close of business on the Application Deadline as listed on the Examination Announcement.**

**Provide Civil Service Commission in writing of any changes in address or telephone number as soon as possible.** Notifying the Post Office to forward mail is not effective to ensure that notices for examinations or appointments will reach you. You may obtain a change of address form from the Civil Service Commission Office located at City Hall, 714 Ridge Rd., Room 213, Lackawanna, NY 14218. **RETURNED MAIL MAY RESULT IN THE REMOVAL OF YOUR NAME FROM THE ELIGIBLE LIST.**

**Applying For Examinations In Multiple Jurisdictions On The Same Date:** If you have applied for both State and local government examinations, you must notify the Lackawanna Civil Service Commission of your intent to take both a State and local government examination. When taking both a State and local government examination you will be required to take all your examinations at a State examination center. You will be advised by letter when and where to report for your examination.

If you have applied for other local government exams, you must call or write to each civil service agency to make arrangements. You must make your request for arrangements no later than 3 weeks before the exam date. You must notify all local civil service agencies with whom you have filed an application of the test site at which you want to take your exams.

**ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION:** Notice to appear for the test will be conditional, as review of application for minimum requirements may not be made until after the written test. Call or write this Commission if you have not received your notice 3 days before the date of the test. You may not be admitted to the examination room without official notice.

Publish: 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

BY ORDER OF:

LACKAWANNA CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

## **EXPANDED SCOPE STATEMENT**

### **1. ADVISING AND INTERACTING WITH OTHERS.**

These questions test for the ability to interact with other people, to gather and present information, and to provide assistance and advice in a courteous and professional manner.

### **2. USING LOGICAL REASONING TO DRAW VALID CONCLUSIONS.**

These questions test for the ability to examine true statements and logically evaluate conclusions based on the information in the statements.

### **3. MECHANICAL REASONING.**

These questions will be accompanied by drawings or descriptions of various mechanical devices, such as gears, pulleys, levers, hand tools, and gauges. You will be required to demonstrate an understanding of how the devices work and the underlying mechanical principles involved. These devices are not limited to use in the fire service.

### **4. UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETING WRITTEN MATERIAL PERTAINING TO FIRE.**

The questions in this subtest test how well the candidate comprehends written material. The candidate is provided with brief reading selections, followed by a set of alternative statements relating to each selection. The candidate is to indicate the most appropriate statement relating to the selection on the basis of whether it:

a. accurately paraphrases portions of the selection; or b. adequately summarizes the selection; or c. presents an inference that can reasonably be drawn from the selection.

The reading selections are drawn from a variety of sources related to the fire fighting field. Knowledge of the subject matter of the reading selection is generally not related to successfully answering the questions.