



**CITY OF SPARKS**  
 Department of Human Resources  
 431 Prater Way  
 Sparks, NV 89431

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/sparks>

**INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF:  
 FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC-112**

*An Equal Opportunity Employer*

**SALARY**

\$21.75 - \$25.93 Hourly    \$2,436.00 - \$2,904.16 Biweekly    \$5,278.00 - \$6,292.35 Monthly  
 \$63,336.00 - \$75,508.16 Annually

**OPENING DATE:** 02/16/17

**CLOSING DATE:** Continuous

**THE POSITION**

This is a **CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT**

The City of Sparks is an equal opportunity employer

Candidate applications will only be accepted once in a 365 day period.

**Next Testing Date:** April 16, 2018

**Next Testing Date Application Cut-off:** April 9, 2018

**Deadline to Submit proof of passing the CPAT:** May 30, 2018

MAKE SURE YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO TEST THE NEXT TIME A TEST IS OFFERED. IF YOU APPLY NOW, YOU MUST TEST WHEN THE NEXT TEST IS OFFERED, OTHERWISE YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DISQUALIFIED AND YOU WILL HAVE TO WAIT 365 DAYS FOR A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY. MAKE-UPS AND RETAKES ARE NOT OFFERED.

The cutoff to apply for this testing is listed above. Candidates who meet minimum qualifications will receive an e-mail invitation to schedule their test.

Candidates who pass the written examination will be required to submit proof of passing the CPAT (Candidate Physical Abilities Test) by a deadline to be determined when the next testing date is established.

**QUALIFICATIONS & TESTING INFORMATION**

**Minimum Qualifications**

The following are the minimum qualifications for this position. Applicants must have these qualifications to be considered a qualified applicant and to be invited to the testing process:

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age
- Firefighter I certification which meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards
  - The equivalency for Nevada State FFI is another State or International Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) FFI certificate. Wildland FF certificates are not acceptable.
- Valid Paramedic Certificate/License or National Registry Paramedic Certifications
- Current CPR, ACLS, ITLS, and PALS certifications

- Graduation from an approved Fire Academy, or 1 (one) years' full time experience with a paid department, or two years' experience with a volunteer department.
- 1 (one) year of full time experience as a paid paramedic with an ALS EMS provider

For your application to **be considered qualified** you must attach an electronic copy of the valid and current license/certifications listed above to your application in addition to providing support for the other minimum requirements in your application. If you are using graduation from an approved Fire Academy to meet the minimum requirements, you must attach an electronic copy of the certification of completion to your application. If you do not have a certification, but you can obtain it by the date of appointment, you may be admitted to test. Verification of your certification status will be required on or before the date of appointment.

### Civil Service Examination

This is a continuous recruitment. Qualified applicants will be invited to a Civil Service written examination. The next testing date and the cut-off for this testing are listed above. Candidates who pass the written examination will be required to submit proof of passing the CPAT (Candidate Physical Abilities Test) as the Civil Service physical test. The cut-off to submit proof of passing the CPAT is listed above.

### EXAMPLE OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

#### Description:

Respond to fires, medical calls, and other emergency and non-emergency situations, and take appropriate action; perform various staff support assignments in addition to emergency responses and daily activities

Must be able to use a variety of hose lines, deck guns, ground monitors, appliances and other equipment to safely and effectively control and extinguish fires; perform horizontal and vertical ventilation as directed; ladder buildings, conduct forcible entry, conduct search and rescue operations; participate in salvage and overhaul, and other assignments as required on the fire ground.

Provide emergency medical care up to and including the Paramedic level

Use hand and power tools to force entry into buildings, rescue victims, secure utilities and provide ventilation when directed

Participate in specialized operations such as low angle, high angle, trench, water, and ice rescues, including the use of rigging, shoring, and other specialized equipment

Contain, confine, decontaminate, or otherwise mitigate hazardous material spills

Clean, inspect, maintain, and perform minor repairs on Fire Department vehicles, apparatus, and related equipment in order to ensure operational readiness

Participate in staff support assignments including fire prevention, inspections, investigations, and special projects

Maintain inventory and other department records

Perform routine maintenance of fire stations and other department facilities

Utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) including self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during emergency operations, training evolutions, and other times as appropriate

Work with the community in a variety of educational, public relations, and service programs

When certified by the department, may act as a Fire Apparatus Operator on a relief basis

**Education and Experience:**

High School diploma or equivalent.

Nevada State Firefighter I certificate which meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards or equivalent. The equivalency for Nevada State FFI is another State or International Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) FFI certificate. Wildland FF certificates are not acceptable.

Graduation from an approved Fire Academy, or 1 (one) years' full time experience with a paid department, or two years' experience with a volunteer department.

1 (one) year of full time experience as a paid paramedic with an ALS EMS provider.

**Licenses and Certificates:**

Must possess and maintain a valid Nevada Class C driver's license or equivalent; must obtain a Nevada Class "A" driver's license with an "F" endorsement or a Nevada Commercial Class "B" license with the proper endorsements/restrictions, to allow the driver to tow vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds, within one (1) year of appointment. If living out of state, must possess a license from the state of residence that meets the driver's license requirements of the department.

Must possess a valid Nevada Paramedic Certification or a National Registry Paramedic Certification at the time of appointment. Must obtain a Nevada EMS Attendant License within three (3) months of appointment. Must maintain these licenses/certifications for continued employment.

Must possess current CPR, ACLS, ITLS, and PALS certifications at time of appointment, and must maintain these certifications for continued employment.

**Knowledge of:**

Principles and practices of fire suppression and prevention

Principles and practices of providing hazardous materials response at the first responder operational level

Principles and practices of providing emergency medical care up to and including the Paramedic level

Basic principles of fire apparatus hydraulics

Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the position of a firefighter

Basic recordkeeping and business mathematics

Basic computer use

**Ability to:**

Understand and follow oral and written directions

Remain calm, make sound decisions, and respond appropriately in emergency situations

Establish and maintain effective working relationships

Provide emergency medical care up to and including the Paramedic level

Maintain accurate records and prepare clear and concise reports and other written materials

**Physical Demands:**

Requires the ability to work in a typical office setting and use standard office equipment; requires sufficient physical strength and stamina to lift and carry equipment and persons weighing up to 150 pounds with assistance, and stand and walk for extended periods of time; requires the ability to work outdoors in varied weather conditions with the potential for exposure to chemicals, extreme heat, fire, smoke, traffic and other hazards; must be able to wear and work in self-contained breathing apparatus

**Supplemental Information:**

Must be willing to work shifts as structured in the Fire Department

Must live within 60 minutes to the closest fire station

Must pass a detailed background investigation

Must pass a pre-placement drug screen

**Supervision Exercised:**

When certified, may act as a Fire Apparatus Operator on a relief basis

This position reports to Fire Apparatus Operators, Captains, and Chief Officers

This is a Civil Service position and is Non-Exempt under FLSA guidelines

**Testing Information:**

The City of Sparks conducts a written examination to establish an eligibility list for firefighters. Candidates who pass the written examination will also be required to pass the CPAT (Candidate Physical Abilities Test) and submit proof by the listed deadline.

**SUPPLEMENTAL JOB POSTING INFORMATION**

Human Resources will require prior to the first examination for the position (or for the CPAT by the deadline listed), necessary documentary evidence be submitted for fitness of any qualification. Any requirement not met for the advertised position prior to the first examination for that position or otherwise stated deadline, will be cause for Human Resources to decline to examine, certify or hire the applicant.

**Recruitment Communication:**

Human Resources will be contacting you at various stages of the recruitment process via email only, even if you have chosen U.S. mail for prior application processes or for applications with other agencies. Please make sure your email address is accurate.

**List Establishment:**

This test will also establish a list for future vacancies. The list is established on a continuous basis. At each testing date, qualified candidates who pass the Civil Service examinations will have their applications merged onto the eligibility list. Each candidate will remain active on the eligibility list for 365 days from the date they are placed on the list, unless otherwise removed in the recruitment process.

**Reasonable Accommodation:**

Human Resources will make efforts to provide reasonable accommodations to disabled candidates in the selection process. If you have special needs, please notify the Human Resources office when you turn in your application or at least three business days prior to the examination/interview by calling (775) 353-2345.

**Disclaimer:**

The City of Sparks hires and promotes candidates based on a competitive merit selection process, which may include any or all of the following: screening for minimum qualifications, written examination, supplemental training and experience questionnaires, assessment center, interviews (oral or written), physical tests or any combination which the Sparks Civil Service Commission may order.

Scoring in the top five for promotion or top ten for entry level in any part of the selection process merely advances the applicant to a higher round of examination, which may consist of interviews and other evaluations. Scoring in the top five or ten gives no right to be selected for the position. The City of Sparks reserves the right to select applicants who demonstrate the best combination of qualifications for the position.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AND FILED ONLINE AT:

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OR

City of Sparks Human Resources  
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EXAM #17-21  
FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC-112  
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**Firefighter/Paramedic-112 Supplemental Questionnaire**

- \* 1. Do you have the equivalent to high school graduation?  
 Yes    No
  
- \* 2. Will you be at least 18 years of age by March 8, 2017?  
 Yes    No
  
- \* 3. Do you have a Firefighter I which meets National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards?  
 Yes  
 No
  
- \* 4. Do you have a valid Paramedic Certificate/License or National Registry Paramedic Certificate?  
 Yes  
 No
  
- \* 5. Have you graduated from an approved Fire Academy, or do you have 1 (one) years' full time experience with a paid department, or two years' experience with a volunteer department?  
 Graduated from an approved Fire Academy  
 One (1) years' full time experience with a paid department  
 Two (2) years' experience with a volunteer department  
 More than one of the above options
  
- \* 6. Did you attach your valid : \*Firefighter I certification \*Paramedic Certificate/License or National Registry Paramedic Certificate \*Current CPR, ACLS, ITLS and PALS certificate \*Fire Academy certification (if applicable) The above must be attached for your application to be considered and invited to the Civil Service exams.  
 Yes    No
  
- \* Required Question