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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXAMINATION
CAPTAIN
DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 28, 2009

Public notice is hereby given that the Civil Service Commission of the City and County of Denver shall hold an examination for the purpose of creating an eligible register for promotional appointment to the rank of Captain for the Denver Fire Department. All dates, times and locations contained within this announcement are subject to change. Any change in the dates or times or locations contained within this announcement will be communicated in writing to all registered candidates.

The provisions contained in this Examination Announcement do not create or constitute any contractual rights between or among the Civil Service Commission, the City and County of Denver and any Fire Department employee. The provisions of this Examination Announcement may be modified, rescinded, or revised, in writing, by only the Civil Service Commission, which reserves the right to unilaterally modify, rescind or revise the provisions of this Examination Announcement.

Beginning Salary (January 1, 2009) \$89,941.00 annually

Abbreviated Examination Schedule	
Registration	September 28 – October 30, 2009
Orientation Sessions	February 17 and February 18, 2010
Written Test	May 11, 2010
Assessment Center	June 15-18, 2010

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PER THE AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Please see page 6.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF MILITARY LEAVE: Please see page 6.

JOB DESCRIPTION: A written job description for the rank of Captain is available at the Civil Service Commission and at the Human Resources Bureau of the Denver Fire Department. Copies of the job description will also be distributed to candidates at the time of registration.

ELIGIBILITY: To be eligible for the Captain's examination, candidates must have been duly appointed to the rank of Lieutenant, Denver Fire Department; must have held the rank of Lieutenant for a continuous period of time of not less than one year prior to the date of the administration of the written test; shall have completed the Officer's Development Program 102 prior to the administration of the written test; and must currently be a member of the classified service.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Captain examination begins at 7:00 a.m. on September 28, 2009, and ends at 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2009. Registration for this examination will not be allowed after October 30, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. Eligible candidates must register in person at the Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue, Civil Service Commission Office, 7th floor, in Denver. Commission office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and the phone number is 720-913-3370.

All candidates are responsible for promptly notifying the Commission office, in writing, of any change of address. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Upon registering for the examination, each candidate will be required to review a Data Verification and Registration Form showing his/her name, address, and other data as it appears in the Commission's database files. Any necessary corrections will be made on the form, and the candidate will be required to sign it. In signing the form, the candidate verifies that the points for seniority are final. Candidates who fail to sign their Data Verification and Registration Form by the registration deadline shall not be allowed to participate in the examination.

Any misrepresentation of fact at the time of registration for this examination or during any examination component shall be grounds for disqualification of a candidate. Any violation by a candidate of the examination regulations or instructions shall be grounds for disqualification.

MILITARY LEAVE ACCOMMODATION: The noted deadlines for registration and completion of registration related documentation are subject to modification on an individual basis, based on an eligible candidate's Military Leave status, as may be required to ensure compliance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994. (See page 6.)

PREPARATION OF EXAMINATION: Pursuant to its rules, the Commission contracted with the firm of CPS Human Resource Services to assist in the development and administration of this examination. This firm has an extensive professional background in test development and has developed and administered numerous examinations for other fire departments nationwide, including the rank of Captain.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS: Two Orientation sessions have been scheduled, on **February 17, 2010**, from **1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, and on **February 18, 2010**, from **9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, at the Webb Municipal Office Building, floor 4, room 4.G.2 All registered candidates for this examination are **strongly encouraged** to attend at least one of the Orientation sessions, and may attend both if they elect to do so. Attendance is not mandatory. Only registered candidates will be admitted, and those attending an Orientation session may be asked to present identification before being admitted.

The agenda for both Orientation sessions is identical, however, based on specific candidate questions, some content may vary. The Orientations will provide additional information not included in this Announcement. The Orientations will cover general information about the Written Test, the Assessment Center, the scoring of the examination, confidentiality requirements, and accommodations for those on Military Leave. A videotape of the Orientation Sessions will also be made available for review by candidates on a limited and scheduled basis.

EXAMINATION COMPONENTS: The total examination score shall consist of the following components:

COMPONENT	MAXIMUM POINT VALUES
Written Test	31.5 points maximum
Assessment Center	63.5 points maximum
Seniority	5.0 points maximum
TOTAL	100 points maximum

The maximum possible total examination score is 100 points. Of that, a maximum of thirty-one and one-half (31.5) points may be earned for the written test, and a maximum of sixty-three and one-half (63.5) points may be earned for the assessment center. A maximum of five (5) points may be awarded for seniority. The allocation of points is explained further in the following paragraphs.

WRITTEN TEST: A written test will be administered to all registered candidates, addressing content areas from among those that are determined as a result of the job analysis to be essential or important for the successful performance of the duties and responsibilities of a Captain. The written test is a closed book test, which requires candidates to respond to items without the use of reference materials.

The written test will be administered on May 11, 2010, at the Webb Municipal Office Building, floor 4, room 4.G.2. **Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will close promptly at 9:30 a.m.** **Candidates who arrive later than 9:30 a.m. for registration shall not be allowed to take the test and shall be disqualified.** Candidates will be allotted approximately two and one-half (2-1/2) hours to complete the test.

Scoring the Written Test: After completing the written test, all candidates will receive a photocopy of their answer sheet unless there are eligible candidates out on Military Leave. If there are no eligible candidates out on Military Leave, a copy of the answer key will be distributed after the

written test has been administered and the Angoff Committee has completed reviewing the test. If there are candidates out on Military Leave, on or about the afternoon of May 12, 2010, individual scores, by candidate I.D. number only, will be posted at the Commission and on the Commission's web site, and will be distributed to the Department. No individual scores will be given over the telephone. Further information regarding the Angoff Committee will be provided to candidates during the orientation sessions.

The determination of the minimum passing score on the written test shall not be made by the Civil Service Commission until all candidates' answer sheets have been scored. The Commissioners are tentatively scheduled to set the passing score for the written test on May 21, 2010. An announcement of the passing score will then be made throughout the Department. Candidates may call the Commission in the afternoon of May 21, 2010 to obtain the passing score; however, no individual scores will be given over the telephone. The Commission will notify all candidates of their status by mail during the week of May 24, 2010.

Only those candidates who attain a passing score on the written test may advance to the assessment center. A maximum of thirty-one and one-half (31.5) points of a candidate's total score shall be based on the candidate's score on the written test.

READING LIST: The Written Test is based on the material contained on the official reading list. The reading list will be distributed to all candidates upon registration for the examination. The reading list contains information on how to obtain all necessary study materials.

ASSESSMENT CENTER: Assessment center exercises are designed to provide opportunities to evaluate candidates in areas of performance that are not easily assessed in multiple-choice written examinations. The assessment center will consist of job-related exercises designed to measure factors and dimensions from among those determined as a result of the job analysis to be essential or important to the successful performance of the duties and responsibilities of a Captain. A maximum of sixty-three and one-half (63.5) points of a candidate's total score shall be based on the candidate's score for the assessment center.

The assessment center will be administered to all candidates who pass the written test and who follow all examination regulations and instructions. The assessment center is tentatively scheduled to be administered during the week of June 15, 2010, in the Webb Municipal Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue, in Denver.

On or around Thursday, May 27, 2010, a random drawing will be held at the Civil Service Commission to determine the date and time each candidate will participate in the assessment center. A non-participating representative of Local 858 and a non-participating representative of the Administration for the Denver Fire Department will be asked to witness the drawing. Candidates are also invited to witness the drawing, if they desire.

All assessment center exercises for each candidate will be completed in one day. A panel of external assessors holding the rank equivalent to Captain or higher will evaluate and assign scores to each candidate's performance in a particular exercise.

Candidates may wear either their uniform or business attire to the assessment center. If candidates elect to wear their uniform, all pins, medals, and other insignia except the rank and badge must be removed. Candidates will not be permitted to bring any items into the assessment center including previously prepared material. All necessary materials and supplies, such as paper, pens, reference materials, etc. will be provided.

All oral assessment center exercises will be videotaped. The assessors will not see the videotapes. The videotapes will be made for the Commission's records, and to allow candidates to review their performance after receiving their scores. Approximately six to eight weeks after the assessment center, candidates will be given a feedback report from the Commission, evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of their performance in the assessment center, and will be given an opportunity to review the videotape. The feedback report is formulated by comments from the assessors, prepared by the Commission, and provided solely for the use of the candidate in identifying and evaluating opportunities for personal development. The report will not be considered nor used to formulate a candidate's official Assessment Center score, but instead is solely provided as a learning tool for the candidate. The exact date of the distribution of feedback reports will be contingent upon completion of any and all delayed administrations of the examination due to the Military Leave status of otherwise eligible candidates.

SENIORITY: Each candidate who successfully completes all components of the examination shall receive .1000 of one (1) point for each full month of continuous service beyond one year in rank as Lieutenant until a maximum of 5 points for seniority has been reached. Time spent on authorized paid leave, unpaid Family Medical Leave and military leaves of absence shall be included in the length of service. Seniority shall be computed through April 30, 2010, or up to the last day of the month preceding the month in which the written test is administered.

TOTAL SCORE/ELIGIBLE REGISTER: The total examination score shall be the sum of the points earned from the written test, the assessment center, and seniority. The eligible register shall contain in rank order, according to total score, only the names of candidates who have successfully completed all examination components. The eligible register will be approved by the Civil Service Commission on or about July 2, 2010. Once approved, copies of the eligible register will be available at the Commission office and will be distributed to various locations throughout the Department.

The scoring procedures will be explained in further detail in the final notification letters that will be sent to all candidates. Each letter will contain the candidate's raw score on each component, as well as a description of the calculations used to obtain the candidate's total score. Ties shall be broken pursuant to Civil Service Commission Rule VII-2(B).

DATES AND LOGISTICS: All registered candidates for this examination will receive a confirmation notice by mail within two weeks of the close of the registration period. This letter will confirm the exact date, time, and location of the written test. Additionally, all candidates taking the written test will be notified of their scores by mail approximately one week after the passing score has been determined. Candidates who pass the written test will receive further information at that time regarding the assessment center. Registered candidates who do not receive a confirmation

letter from the Commission prior to any examination phase are responsible for notifying the Commission and confirming the logistical details.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: A candidate must request and describe, in writing, any reasonable accommodation(s) (per the American with Disabilities Act) he/she will need to participate in any component of the examination process noted herein, by the registration deadline of October 30, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. A medical statement documenting the candidate's medical restrictions that support the requested reasonable accommodation for the examination process must also be submitted by the registration deadline. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The submission of a request does not necessarily mean that the request will be granted.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OF MILITARY LEAVE: Examination procedures and/or regulations have been instituted to ensure compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act of 1994. Opportunity for late registration and for delayed participation in this promotional examination process will be provided on an individual basis for those who are eligible to register and participate in the general administration of the examination components as noted herein, but who are unable to do so based on Military Leave status. Additional examination procedures and/or regulations have been implemented to maintain the confidentiality and integrity of the examination process throughout any extended period of examination administration.

Any candidate who is absent from duty and unable to register due to Military Leave must register for the examination no later than 30 calendar days following the date of their return to duty. Any requests for other specific accommodations are to be made in writing. Candidates can obtain further information about seeking and receiving reasonable accommodation based on Military Leave status by contacting Jeff Wilson, as provided below.

PROTEST OR CHALLENGE: Any protest or challenge to the content of this official announcement and the examination plan as set forth herein must be presented by a candidate, in writing, to the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission. It must be received at the Civil Service Commission Office, Webb Municipal Office Building, 201 West Colfax Avenue, 7th floor, Department 1208, Denver, Colorado 80202-5332, no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 30, 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this examination, please contact Jeff Wilson, Senior Human Resource Professional at 720-913-3380 or email him at jeff.wilson@ci.denver.co.us.

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