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**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXAMINATION
LIEUTENANT
DENVER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

The provisions 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 The provisions of this examination announcement may be modified, rescinded, or revised, in writing, by only the Civil Service Commission, which reserves the right to unilaterally modify, rescind, or change the provisions of this examination announcement.

Beginning Salary (January 1, 2023) \$115,958.00 annually

| Abbreviated Examination Schedule | |
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| Registration begins | January 18, 2023 |
| Registration closes | February 21, 2023 |
| Orientation Sessions | April 22-23, 2023 |
| Multiple-Choice Exam | June 7, 2023 |
| Assessment Center | July 20-23, 2023 |

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: Please see page 5.

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JOB DESCRIPTION: A written job description for Lieutenant's rank 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 Lieutenant's examination, candidates 1) must be duly appointed to the Classified Service rank and Grade of Firefighter, 1st Grade, Denver Fire Department; 2) must have held the rank and Grade of Firefighter, 1st Grade for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) full months before **June 7, 2023 (first day of administration

of the first examination component), however, any member appointed under an inter-governmental agreement must also have held the rank of Firefighter with the Denver Fire Department for a period of forty-eight (48) months; 3) shall have completed all phases of the Officer's Development Program 101 or Officer I by **May 7, 2023, specified by the Denver Fire Department; and (4) must currently be a member of the classified service. Time served as Technician or Engineer shall count toward longevity in service for eligibility to take the examination.

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Lieutenant's examination **begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 18, 2023, and closes Friday, February 21, 2023.** Registration for this examination will not be allowed after February 21, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Candidates will be able to locate the registration link via logging into their Workday profiles, selecting the **Career** icon in the bottom righthand corner, choosing the **Find Jobs – CCD** under View, and using the search bar to find this job.

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 Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. (See pages 6 and 7.)

PREPARATION OF EXAMINATION: According to its rules, the Commission contracted with Ergometrics 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 Lieutenant's rank. Ergometrics will be working in consultation with the Commission staff and department subject matter experts.

VIRTUAL ORIENTATION SESSIONS: Virtual orientation sessions have been tentatively scheduled for **April 20, 2023**, from **1 p.m. to 2 p.m.**, and on **April 21, 2023**, from **9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**, through Microsoft Teams.

All registered candidates for this examination are strongly encouraged to attend at least one orientation session and may attend both if they elect to do so. The content of both sessions will be similar. 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, some content may vary based on specific candidate questions. The orientations will provide additional information not included in this announcement. The orientations will cover general information about the multiple-choice exam, the assessment center, the scoring of the examination, confidentiality requirements, and accommodations for those on military leave. A video 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 |
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| Multiple-Choice Exam | 32.0 points maximum |
| Assessment Center | 62.0 points maximum |
| Seniority | 6.0 points maximum |
| TOTAL | 100 points maximum |

The maximum possible total examination score is 100 points. A maximum of thirty-two (32) points may be earned for the written test, and a maximum of sixty-two (62) points may be made for the assessment center. A maximum of six (6) points may be awarded for seniority. The allocation of points is explained further in the following paragraphs.

MULTIPLE-CHOICE EXAM: A multiple-choice exam will be administered to all registered candidates, addressing content areas from among those that are determined because of the job analysis to be essential or essential for the successful performance of the duties and responsibilities of a Lieutenant. This written test is a closed book test, which requires candidates to respond to items without reference materials. **Candidate dress code is Class B only.**

The multiple-choice exam is tentatively scheduled to be administered on June 7, 2023, at the Local 858 Union Hall, 12 Lakeside Lane, Denver, CO. Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. and will close promptly at 8:15 a.m. The exam will begin once registration is closed. Latecomers will not be allowed to register/test. Candidates will be allotted a minimum of two and one-half (2-1/2) hours to complete this test. Cell phones, smartwatches, and other electronic devices except for a stopwatch or watch will not be allowed.

Scoring the Multiple-Choice Exam: On or about the afternoon of June 16, 2023, individual scores, by candidate Workday number will be posted on the Commission's website. Further information regarding the Angoff Committee will be provided to candidates during the orientation sessions.

The determination of the minimum passing score on the multiple-choice exam 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 this written test on June 16, 2023. An announcement of the passing score will then be made throughout the Department. Only those who attain a passing score on the multiple-choice exam may advance to the assessment center. A maximum of thirty-two (32) points of a candidate's total score shall be based on the candidate's score on the written exam.

READING LIST: The multiple-choice exam is based on the official reading material. The reading list will be post on the Civil Service Commission website.

ASSESSMENT CENTER: The assessment center will be administered to all candidates who pass the multiple-choice exam. The assessment center is tentatively scheduled to be administered during the week of July 17, 2023, in the Denver Post Building, 101 West Colfax Avenue, Civil Service Commission Office, 7th floor, in Denver.

On or around June 19, 2023, a random drawing will be held at the Civil Service Commission office and virtually 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 Denver Fire Department's administration will be asked to witness the drawing. Any candidates related by blood, marriage, or adoptions participating in the assessment center will be scheduled for the same day.

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 because of the job analysis to be essential or essential to the successful performance of a lieutenant's duties and responsibilities. A maximum of sixty-two (62) points of a candidate's total score shall be based on the assessment center's score.

General information about the types of exercises and the dimensions rated by the assessors will be provided at the orientation sessions. All oral assessment center exercises for each candidate will be completed in one day. A panel of external assessors holding the rank equivalent to Lieutenant or higher will evaluate and assign scores to each candidate's performance in a particular exercise.

Candidates may wear either their **Class A 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. No cell phones, smartwatches, or any other electronic devices (other than a stopwatch or watch) are allowed in any of the exercises during any portion of your assessment. 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.

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. Feedback is not a scoring mechanism and is not subject to appeal. Candidates will be allowed to review a video of their presentation of their assessment center exercises. The feedback report is formulated by comments from the assessors, prepared by the Commission, and provided solely for the candidate's use in identifying and evaluating opportunities for personal development. The exact date of the distribution of feedback reports will be contingent upon completion of all delayed administrations of the examination due to the military leave or line of duty injury status of otherwise eligible candidates.

SENIORITY: Each candidate who successfully completes all components of the examination shall receive .166 of one point for each full month of continuous service beyond fifty (50) full months of service in the Classified Service rank of Firefighter in the Denver Fire Department, following the candidate's most recent appointment to the Classified Service until the maximum of six (6) points for seniority has been reached. Seniority shall be computed through May 31, 2023, or through and including the last day of the month preceding the month in which the first examination component is administered. Length of service shall be reduced for unpaid leaves of absence (not including family medical leave or military leave) and suspensions without pay, in aggregate greater than 30 days. Credit for seniority shall be computed consistent with

Commission Rule 6 § 6. However, for any candidate who has been re-employed under the provisions of Rule 11 § 4, the computation of the length of service shall include both the seniority which he/she had at separation, which was retained under Rule 11 § 4(B), and the seniority accrued following reemployment, in spite of such combined service being considered noncontinuous. (Time served in the appointed rank of Technician and the promoted rank of Engineer does count as time served.)

FINAL EXAMINATION SCORE/ELIGIBLE REGISTER: The final examination score shall be the sum of the points earned from the multiple-choice exam and the assessment center, plus the points awarded for seniority. The eligible register shall contain in rank order, according to the final examination score, the names of only those candidates who have successfully completed all examination components. The Civil Service Commission will tentatively approve the eligible register on August 1, 2023, for posting on August 4, 2023 (Dates subject to change by Civil Service Commission ONLY). Copies will be sent to Fire Administration before notification to candidates.

The scoring procedures will be explained in further detail in the final notification emails sent to all candidates. Ties shall be broken according to Civil Service Commission Rule 11 § 4(B).

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION PER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: A candidate must request and describe, in writing, any reasonable accommodation(s) (per the Americans with Disabilities Act) he/she will need to participate in any component of the examination process noted herein, by the registration deadline of February 13, 2023, at 4:00 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 FOR LINE OF DUTY INJURY: If an eligible candidate sustains a "line of duty" injury that impacts their ability to take any component of this announced examination, they may request a reasonable accommodation. The candidate must request and describe, in writing, any reasonable accommodation(s) he/she will need to participate in any component of the examination process noted herein. A medical statement documenting the candidate's medical restrictions that support the requested reasonable accommodation for the examination process must also be submitted. 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 Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. Opportunity for late registration and delayed participation in this promotional examination process will be provided on an individual basis for those eligible to register and participate in the general administration of the examination components as noted herein, but who are unable to do so on Military Leave status. Additional examination procedures and/or regulations have been

implemented to maintain the examination process's confidentiality and integrity 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 Jeannette Giron, Senior Human Resources Analyst, as provided below.

IMPARTIAL AND COMPETITIVE PROCESS: As provided by City Charter § 9.3.1 and § 9.3.11(f) and Civil Service Commission Rule 6 § 3(A), the components of all examinations shall be impartial and competitive. The Civil Service Commission is committed to a fair, competitive, and unbiased process. The Commission shall not be influenced by factors that would compromise the principles of a merit-based promotional process that the Commission is entrusted within this or any test administration.

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 Commission's office, 101 West Colfax Ave., 7th Floor, Denver, Colorado, 80202, no later than 4:00 p.m. on January 11, 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this examination, please contact Jeannette Giron, Senior Human Resources Analyst, at 720-913-3356 or at Jeannette.Giron@denvergov.org.