



# The City of Charleston

Examination for  
Firefighter/Paramedic



Sat. May 5, 2018 @ 8:00 a.m.

Charleston City Hall

520 Jackson Ave., Charleston, IL 61920

Study guides will be  
supplied once the  
application and fee are  
turned in.

## Requirements:

All candidates for the testing process and for appointment as probationary firefighter/paramedic must:

- Effective August 1, 2008, applicants for appointment to the Charleston Fire Department must be licensed as an EMT-B, EMT-I, or EMT-P under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act. (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-31)
- All applicants shall be under 35 years of age, unless exempt from such age limitations as provided in Section 5/10-2.1 of the Fire and Police Commissioners Act.
- Be at least 21 years of age as of April 19, 2018.
- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Be a high school graduate or equivalent.
- Have no felony convictions.
- Possess a valid drivers' license.
- Submit a completed application with no omissions.
- Must reside within 20 miles of Charleston City Hall within six (6) months of hire.
- Applicants must be licensed as a EMT-Paramedic or PreHospital RN under the EMS Systems Act (65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-31) prior to hire.

Testing date is **May 5, 2018 @ 8 am** where candidates will participate in a mandatory orientation session, written examination (70%), physical agility testing (pass/fail) and an oral interviews where a group interview technique will be utilized (70%), which will be done the same day.

## Starting Salary (per contract):

0-6 months - \$3687/ month

6 months – 1 year - \$4101/ month

2<sup>nd</sup> year - \$4718/ month

3-5 years - \$5170/ month

Other salary steps are in the labor contract

Applications are available online at [www.charlestonillinois.org](http://www.charlestonillinois.org) or at Charleston City Hall, 520 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, IL. Postmark deadline for applications returned by mail is Thursday, **April 19, 2018**. Deadline for applications delivered to City Hall is close of business Thursday, **April 19, 2018**. There is a Twenty-five Dollar (\$25) non-refundable application fee. Said fee **MUST** be attached to application packet.

## Charleston Fire Dept.

Charleston Fire Department is a progressive career department providing Fire, ALS Ambulance, Rescue, Haz-Mat, and Technical Rescue services (TRT). We have 24-Firefighters-Paramedics, 5- Lieutenants, 4-Captains-Paramedics, a Chief and Assistant Chief. We are located in Coles County in East Central Illinois. Charleston has a population of 21,838, with the city still expanding to fulfill the needs of the community. Charleston is home to Eastern Illinois University (EIU), a highly ranked university with an expanding enrollment of over 7,000 students. We provide fire protection to Charleston and EIU. We provide ALS ambulance and rescue to Charleston, EIU, and the Eastern half of Coles County. The Eastern half of Coles County is a sparsely populated rural area with an additional eight towns and villages. We have mutual Aid response with ten area fire departments, and five area ambulance services. In 2017 Charleston Fire responded to 4,794 fire calls and Emergency Medical calls. We are active in pre-fire planning and we perform annual occupancy inspections of all places of assembly within the City of Charleston. Charleston is a regional training ground for several area departments. We offer several classes throughout the year from fire, rescue, command, technical rescue, Haz-Mat, and some classes with police and the crisis response team. Charleston is a host department for one of the State Hazardous Material and Technical Rescue teams. The Haz-Mat team involves fifty members from area agencies as does the Technical Rescue team with a roster of forty Rescue Technicians. We cover 14 counties in the Department of Homeland Security Region 17. This is the largest region in Illinois, covering 6800 square miles, with a population of 300,000. With some of the southern state teams not up and running, we cover even a larger area of central and southern Illinois. We have had Haz-Mat responses that involved an hour of road time. Charleston is a member of Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). We are in Division 26 of Illinois MABAS. With MABAS, Charleston Fire responded with an Engine Company to New Orleans with the first deployment and four personnel with the second deployment. Both teams spent two weeks in New Orleans helping with the devastation left by Hurricane Katrina. We have members on the State Incident Management Team that responded to Hurricane Gustav in 2008 and the Mississippi Floods in 2009 and again in 2011. You can see we are a small department but, very active group providing several disciplines and services, locally and at the State level.

Charleston protects several facilities with-in the city and county. In Charleston we protect Eastern Illinois University, and its power plant. We protect over thirty special need homes in the City. We are also the designated confined space response team for numerous business and manufacturing facilities, in Charleston and in a six county area as first due

Charleston Fire Dept. currently has two stations.

Station 1 - 404 10<sup>th</sup> St

ALS Ambulance

ALS Rescue Engine

Reserve Engine.

Asst. Chief

Station 2 - 1510 A St

3 ALS Ambulances

Engine

Ladder Truck.

Chief