



## Testing Information

<b>JOB TITLE:</b>	<b>FIREFIGHTER/EMT/PARAMEDIC</b>
<b>OPENING DATE:</b>	<b>10/3/2023</b>
<b>CLOSING DATE:</b>	<b>10/31/2023</b> Requested documentation <b>MUST</b> be submitted to the City of Punta Gorda no later than 4:00pm on <b>11/1/2023</b> .
<b>TESTING DATES:</b>	<b>11/8/2023 and 11/9/2023</b> times will be given individually. Both dates will be required for testing (a third date the following week may be needed depending on how many candidates successfully complete the first two sections of the new hire testing process)

### TESTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Applicant must provide confirmation and commitment to test, as well as copies of the following required certifications or documents:
  - a. State of Florida Firefighter II – Certificate of Compliance (Pro Board will **NOT** be accepted).
  - b. State of Florida EMT Certification (Paramedic Certification Preferred)
  - c. Valid State of Florida Drivers License (Class E minimum)
  - d. PGFD Physical Agility Test Medical Release form
  - e. Resume'
2. You must have one State certificate and enrolled in class for the other required State certificate (Firefighter I/II and/or EMT). You are not eligible for hire until both certificates are obtained.
3. Applicant agrees to reside within 70 road miles of the City of Punta Gorda within 6 months of employment
4. Conditional offer of employment will include a clause that employee will attend and pass the State of Florida Paramedic program within the first five (5) years of hire date.

Should you have any questions pertaining to the testing process, please contact **Tyler Canfield, Operations Chief, Punta Gorda Fire Department, (941) 575-5529.**

**TESTING COMPONENTS: (Next Page)**

1. **Swim Test and Physical Agility Test** will occur on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the Punta Gorda Fire Department, 1410 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. You will be swimming and doing physical activities. Please bring appropriate clothing, towel, etc. Please note that at the completion of the physical agility testing, selected applicants will be assigned a time for their oral board.
- **Swim Portion** – 100 yard swim test. Candidate may utilize a freestyle, breaststroke or combination of strokes to complete.

Candidate must also complete a 30-second underwater exercise. Candidate must be able to swim to bottom of designated area (pool) and hold breath for 30 seconds.

**Time Limit \_3:00 \_\_\_\_\_**

1. **Agility Portion –**

**AERIAL CLIMB**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate will climb on a ladder mill to an equivalent height of 50 feet. The ladder mill is a stationary ladder climbing simulation tool and does not actually extend or retract. Candidate must not stop or rest during the 50 foot ascent.

**Time Limit \_1:30 \_\_\_\_\_**

2. **HAND-OVER-HAND EXERCISE**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate, while standing at ground level, will hoist one section of rolled of 2 ½ inch fire hose using a hand-over-hand technique through a pulley system to designated stopping point, approximately 50 feet. Rope must not be allowed to slip through hands

**Time Limit \_\_1:00\_\_\_\_\_**

3. **VENTILATION/FORCIBLE ENTRY EXERCISE**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate, utilizing the punisher, (horizontal forcible entry simulator) device, will strike the sliding weight using an 8lb dead blow hammer on one side and then reposition the hammer and hands to non-dominant side and strike the sliding weight back to its starting point.

**Time Limit \_\_2:00\_\_\_\_\_**

4. **HOSE DRAG**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate shall reposition 150 feet of 1 ¾ charged hose line a total of 100 feet. Candidate will then open the bale to show water and then shut the bale.

**Time Limit \_\_0:30 \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. LADDER CARRY**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate will lift a 60 pound ladder simulator (small portion of ladder made from heavy steel) and walk around the Training Facility. The candidate will then place the ladder simulator back in its original position.

**Time Limit** \_\_1:00\_\_

**6. RESCUE**

**PROPOSED** – Candidate must grasp a 165lb mannequin and drag it a total of 100 feet with the use of shoulder straps/rescue webbing permitted.

**Time Limit** \_\_1:15\_\_

- 2. Oral Board and Chief's Interview** will be scheduled on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> for those applicants who have been selected following the physical agility and swim testing.