# NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# Fire Service Status Report



March 2023

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### **FIRE CHIEF**

The current announcements were released on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The oral assessment exercises were successfully administered on November 30, 2022. The lists issued on December 21, 2022; jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Clifton	PM5056D
Lakewood	PM5058D
Pleasantville	PM5059D
Roselle	PM5061D

The next announcement is scheduled to be released on August 1, 2023.

### **DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

The current announcements were released on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The oral assessment exercises are tentatively scheduled for April 26, 2023. Jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Belleville PM5877D Plainfield PM5878D Voorhees Twp. PM5879D

The 2022 Deputy Fire Chief lists issued on September 21, 2022. Candidate reviews were held on February 22, 23, and 27, 2023. Appeals are currently being reviewed upon being submitted.

The next announcement is scheduled to be released on December 1, 2023.

### **BATTALION FIRE CHIEF**

The current announcements were released on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The written examination was administered on January 27, 2022. Candidate written exam review was held May 9-13, 16, and 17, 2022. The oral assessment exercises were administered May 19, 23, and 25, 2022.

The lists issued for most of the Battalion Fire Chief symbols on February 8, 2023.

These Battalion Fire Chief lists **were issued** on **Wednesday**, **February 15, 2023**: Camden PM3377C, Hoboken PM3385C, Newark PM3388C, Paterson PM3390C, Perth Amboy PM3392C, and Union Twp. PM3399C due to a delay in finalizing seniority for these jurisdictions. These lists **were promulgated** on **Thursday**, **February 16, 2023**.

Candidate review will be held March 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, and 15, 2023. Information on reviews were included in the notices of eligibility/ineligibility.

The Civil Service Commission recently became aware of an issue with Battalion Fire Chief (BFC) candidate seniority scores and has conducted a thorough investigation. We have determined that incorrect seniority scores were used in the seniority score calculations for all candidates from the May 23, 2022 test date. The seniority scores for the other two BFC test dates are correct. However, since the scoring formulas for seniority incorporate seniority scores from the entire candidate population, these incorrect seniority scores affected final scores for all BFC candidates. This does not affect candidates' passing or failing status on the exam, but it does result in changes in candidates' final averages and some changes in candidate rank. The candidate lists for the following jurisdictions **will not** have any changes in candidate rank:

Asbury Park Passaic
Bordentown Twp. Plainfield
Bridgeton Pleasantville
Cinnaminson Rahway
Florence Twp. Roselle
Gloucester City Teaneck

Harrison Voorhees Twp.
Millburn Winslow Twp.
Mt. Laurel Woodbridge

We anticipate issuing corrected BFC lists on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. These lists will still have a promulgation date of February 16, 2023, so there will be no delay in any jurisdiction's ability to make appointments. Candidates who elected to review should still attend their review session as scheduled. Please be assured that we are already in the process of implementing procedural changes to ensure that scoring calculation errors do not happen again. We understand the frustration and inconvenience this error has caused and are committed to ensuring that the testing and scoring process is fair, accurate, and transparent for all involved.

## Jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Asbury Park	PM3373C	Mount Laurel	PM3387C
Atlantic City	PM4444C	Newark	PM3388C
Bayonne	PM3374C	North Hudson	PM4201C
Belleville	PM3375C	Passaic	PM3389C
Bordentown Twp. FD #1	PM4317C	Paterson	PM3390C
Bridgeton	PM3376C	Perth Amboy	PM3392C
Camden	PM3377C	Plainfield	PM3393C
Cinnaminson	PM3379C	Pleasantville	PM3394C
Elizabeth	PM3380C	Rahway	PM3395C
Florence Twp.	PM3381C	Roselle	PM3396C
Gloucester City	PM3382C	Teaneck	PM3397C
Hamilton	PM3383C	Trenton	PM3398C
Harrison	PM3384C	Union Twp.	PM3399C
Hoboken	PM3385C	Voorhees Twp.	PM3400C
Jersey City	PM4200C	Winslow Twp.	PM3401C
Millburn	PM3386C	Woodbridge	PM3402C

The next announcement is scheduled to be released on March 1, 2025.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> LEVEL FIRE SUPERVISOR

The current announcements were issued on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The written examination was successfully administered on November 17, 2022. The Oral Assessment Exercises are projected for May 2023. Jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Belleville	PM5017D
Cinnaminson	PM5306D
Clifton	PM5020D
Dover	PM5022D
Hackensack	PM5026D
Linden	PM5028D
Long Branch	PM5029D
Mount Laurel	PM5031D
New Brunswick	PM5032D
Passaic	PM5033D
Teaneck	PM5036D
Union Twp.	PM5037D
Willingboro Twp.	PM5040D
Hackensack Linden Long Branch Mount Laurel New Brunswick Passaic Teaneck Union Twp.	PM5026D PM5028D PM5029D PM5031D PM5032D PM5033D PM5036D PM5037D

The next announcement is scheduled to be released on February 1, 2024.

## 1st LEVEL FIRE SUPERVISOR

The current announcements were released on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The written examination was successfully administered on November 17, 2022. The oral assessment exercises are projected for May of 2023. Jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Bordentown Twp. FD#2	PM5043D
Camden	PM5018D
Dover	PM5082D
Gloucester Twp. FD#2	PM5024D
Gloucester Twp. FD#6	PM5025D
Harrison	PM5027D
Jackson FD#2	PM5047D
Millville	PM5030D
Pleasantville	PM5034D
Woodbridge FD#7	PM5041D

The next announcement is scheduled to be released on February 1, 2024.

### 1st LEVEL FIRE SUPERVISOR

The previous announcements were issued on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The written examination was administered on Saturday, October 2, 2021. Candidate written exam reviews were held from Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. The Oral Assessment Exercises were administered between February 1, 2022 and April 2, 2022.

The lists for the 1st Level Fire Supervisor title issued on February 8, 2023.

Candidate reviews are scheduled for April 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27 and May 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, and 15, 2023. Information on reviews were included in the notices of eligibility/ineligibility. Jurisdictions included in the current announcement/examination cycle are:

Asbury Park	PM2314C	Millburn	PM2335C
Atlantic City	PM4449C	Morristown	PM2336C
Bayonne	PM2315C	Mount Laurel	PM2374C
Belleville	PM2358C	New Brunswick	PM2375C
Bergenfield	PM2317C	Newark	PM2337C
Bloomfield	PM2318C	North Hudson	PM2390C
Bordentown Twp.	PM2319C	North Wildwood	PM2338C
Bridgeton	PM2321C	Nutley	PM2376C
Cape May	PM2359C	Ocean City	PM2340C
Cinnaminson	PM2360C	Orange	PM2341C
Clifton	PM2361C	Passaic	PM2377C
Deptford Twp.	PM2362C	Paterson	PM2342C
East Orange	PM2324C	Pennsauken Twp.	PM2378C
Elizabeth	PM2325C	Perth Amboy	PM2344C
Ewing	PM2326C	Plainfield	PM2379C
Florence Twp.	PM2363C	Rahway	PM2345C
Gloucester City	PM2364C	Ridgewood	PM2380C
Gloucester Twp.	PM2327C	Roselle	PM2347C
Hackensack	PM2365C	Runnemede	PM2348C
Hamilton	PM3273C	South Orange	PM3272C
Hillside	PM2329C	Teaneck	PM2382C
Hoboken	PM2330C	Trenton	PM2349C
Irvington	PM2366C	Union Twp.	PM2383C
Jackson FD#3	PM2367C	Ventnor City	PM2384C
Jackson FD#4	PM2368C	Vineland	PM2385C
Jersey City	PM2389C	Voorhees Twp.	PM2386C
Kearny	PM2334C	West Orange	PM2352C
Lakewood	PM3096C	Wildwood	PM2353C
Lawrence	PM2370C	Willingboro Twp.	PM2387C
Linden	PM2371C	Winslow Twp.	PM2354C
Long Branch	PM2372C	Woodbridge FD#2	PM2355C
Margate	PM2373C	Woodbridge FD#1	PM2356C

### ENTRY LEVEL FIRE FIGHTER

*The Entry Level Firefighter Announcement opened on 7/1/22 and closed at 4:00 PM on 8/31/22.* 

Eligible lists resulting from the 2018 written examination were issued on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. If you passed the written portion of the examination, your name will appear on the list(s) for which you qualify based upon your veteran status, rank (written test score), volunteer points, and residency. This list is now in its fourth and final year and will reach its statutory **MAXIMUM** on March 28, 2023.

If your rank is high enough on a list, **AND** Fire Fighter vacancies exist in your eligible residency jurisdiction(s), your name may be certified to that jurisdiction's Appointing Authority (AA) for further consideration. Candidates certified from any 2019 eligible list are required to take and pass the Physical Performance Test (PPT) at the time of certification to be considered for appointment. Therefore, you should go to the New Jersey Civil Service Commission's (CSC) website to review the Physical Fitness Manual and begin preparing for the possibility that you will be scheduled to take the PPT. A link to the video overview of the PPT is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eBCiop1Q9AA.

If your name is certified by an AA, a Certification Notice (CN) will be sent to the mailing address you listed on your application. Therefore, you **MUST** notify the CSC directly if your mailing address changes from the one you entered on your application. If you receive a CN in the mail, you will be given five business days from the notice date to respond in writing to the AA that you are interested, or not interested, in the job. If you do not respond within this timeframe, your name will be removed from the certification and you will no longer be considered for appointment.

After you respond to a CN that you are interested, you will receive an email from <a href="PPTschedule@csc.nj.gov">PPTschedule@csc.nj.gov</a> that will have the Fire Fighter PPT Medical Clearance Form attached. You will be scheduled to take the PPT via the email address that you used to apply for the written examination. Once you are scheduled to take the PPT, you must report on your scheduled test date and time, with all required materials. Otherwise you will be removed from ALL Fire Fighter eligible lists. Please check your spam folder and/or add the email address PPTschedule@csc.nj.gov to your safe-sender list.

All list certifications issued on, or after, April 4, 2022 will once again be subject to the New Jersey PPT. The PPT will continue to operate if there is a need to hire and test firefighter candidates on the PPT.

The next PPT Administration is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

The 2022 firefighter written exam was administered across six (6) testing sessions:

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 9:00 am

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1:00 pm

Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 9:00 am

Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 1:00 pm

The first PPT administration after the new firefighter lists issue in 2023 is projected for mid-May 2023. Be sure that your list is certified as close to the promulgation date as possible to get your candidates tested in May of 2023.