

CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Period of Eligibility: 04/15/2023 -04/14/2024

FIREFIGHTER

**THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
WILL BE HOSTING AN ENTRY-LEVEL CIVIL SERVICE EXAM FOR THE
POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.**

DATE: Saturday April 15, 2023

TIME: 11:00AM

**LOCATION: BALCH SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER
12400 ELAM RD, BALCH SPRINGS, TX 75180**

REGISTRATION: 10:25PM – 10:55AM

DOORS WILL BE LOCKED AT 10:55AM

TO QUALIFY FOR TESTING CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT / CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION NO LATER THAN **Sunday, April 9, 2023, by 5:00 pm.**

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS MUST BRING A VALID GOVERNMENT-ISSUED IDENTIFICATION TO THE TEST DATE. (Driver's license or State Issued ID card) and passed the minimum qualifications for entry-level Fire officer position.

ANY APPLICANT WITH PRIOR MILITARY SERVICE MUST PRESENT A COPY OF THEIR DD214 SHOWING DISCHARGE STATUS INDICATING HONORABLE DISCHARGE TO RECEIVE 5 MILITARY BONUS POINTS.

ONLY APPLICANTS WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE TESTING AREA.

If you received a score of less than 70%, you are NOT ELIGIBLE to take the Job Related Physical Assessment.

Denys Pratt
Civil Service Director
03/16/2023

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JOB-RELATED PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

On Saturday April 15th, immediately following the Entry Level Civil Service Exam, The Balch Springs Fire Department will conduct a Job-Related Physical Assessment for those applicants who have successfully passed the Civil Service Exam.

Applicants eligible to take the Job-Related Physical Assessment should wear or bring proper clothing suitable for such activity. The Job-Related Physical Assessment will be conducted weather permitting.

INFORMATION FOR Job-Related Physical Assessment:

All eligible applicants *WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER OF LIABILITY*** prior to taking the Job-Related Physical Assessment.**

Ladder Climb

No Time Limit

Ground Ladder Option: Applicant climbs a 35-foot extension ladder without stopping, touches the top rung and returns to the ground without stopping. Applicant is required to repeat this for a total of three climbs. This event tests for applicant's fear of heights.

Or

Aerial Device Option: Applicant will don a 50 lb. weighted vest and climb a 100-foot aerial ladder without stopping, ring the bell located at the top rung and return to the aerial turntable without stopping. This event tests for applicant's fear of heights. Applicant must maintain three points of contact during climb.

Applicant will move directly from ladder climb to the Timed Event without taking a break.

Timed Event

Time Limit 9:00 Minutes

Applicant will start the following series of events and complete the individual stages as one event while wearing the 50 lb. weighted vest. Time will start when applicant makes physical contact with the 45 lbs. dumbbells on the first event. Applicant will complete all stages and time will stop when the 6th stage is complete. All stages must be completed in the specified order. No stages can be skipped. All stages must be completed in the required amount of time for applicant to pass. Applicant must conduct himself/herself in a safe manner during entire test. If applicant removes the weighted vest at any point, applicant will be disqualified.

1st Stage: Dumb Bell Walk/ Dry Hose Drag *Simulates carrying tools and moving hose on the fire ground*

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Applicant will remove two 45 lbs. dumb bells from the staging area and carry them eighty feet to the designated "box" and place the dumb bells in the box. Find 100' section of 2 ½" hose and walk to the furthest end, place at least one knee on the ground (must maintain throughout hose pull) and pull the 2 ½" hose till the end coupling passes the designated line (100'). Once the end coupling furthest from the applicant passes the designated line, the proctor will signal the applicant to stand up and take that coupling until the hose reaches its original position. Applicant will then pick up both dumb bells and walk 80' to put them in their original location.

Pass/Fail Points:

*Walk 80' to hose, place dumb bells in designated area, then 100' past *Not drop dumb bells *Place dumb bells in correct location *Keep at least one knee on ground during hose pull *Pull hose 100' *Pull hose 100' back into original position *Retrieve dumb bells *Walk 80' back to apparatus *Place dumb bells back in designated area

2nd Stage: Charged 1 ¾" Hose Drag *Simulates advancing a fire attack line*

Applicant will advance a 1 ¾" attack line 100 feet. The applicant must pick the nozzle up, advance the nozzle 100 feet, and place the nozzle on the ground.

Pass/Fail Points:

*Keeps at least one hand on nozzle at all times * Maintain control of nozzle at all times *Pull hose 100' until nozzle passes designated area *Perform event safely

3rd Stage: 5" Hose drag and connect *Simulates LDH Hose Connection*

The will be a 100 foot 5" supply hose laid out in a straight line 50 feet away from a pump intake with 5' Storz coupling. Applicant will start at the hose end closest to the pump intake, drag the hose 50 feet to the manifold and make the connection using the storz connector.

Pass/Fail Points:

*Pull LDH 50' *Make proper connection

4th Stage: Dummy Drag *Simulates rescue/removal of average weight victim*

Applicant will start from a point 75 feet away, retrieve the 185 lbs. dummy and drag it 75 feet to the starting point. The applicant must handle the dummy as they would an actual person.

Pass/Fail Points:

*Starts in designated area 75 feet away from victim *Retrieves victim and pulls 75' to designated area *Does not pull victim by clothing *Safely picks up and drags/carries victim

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5th Stage: Hose Hoist *Simulates Hoisting tools to a structure roof*
Applicant will stand in the designated area and hoist a 2 ½” rolled hose approximately 30’. Applicant will use a hand over hand method and maintain control of the hose at all times, not allowing the rope to slip through their hands.

Pass/Fail Points:

- *Remains in designated area.
- *Hoist hose in a controlled manor, not allowing rope to slip through hands and using a hand over hand method.

6th Stage: Hose Loading *Simulates storing hose after an incident*
Applicants will pick up five 50-foot lengths of hose and places them on a rack 5 feet above the ground. The applicant will then return the hose sections to the starting position on the ground.

Pass/Fail Points:

- *Remove and replace hose rolls
- *Maintain control of hose rolls
- *Do not drop hose roll
- *Do not allow hose roll to fall off rack (if hose roll falls off rack, applicant may remove all rolls and start over. Applicants time will not stop and no extra time will be allotted)

THIS IS A PASS OR FAIL TEST.

NO PRACTICING IS PERMITTED.

**Location for Physical
Assessment:**

**Police and Fire Complex
12500 Elam Road
Balch Springs, TX 75180**

I, Denys Pratt, Civil Service Director, of the City of Balch Springs, do hereby certify that the above notice of the Civil Service testing of the City of Balch Springs was posted at the City Hall, 13503 Alexander Rd., Balch Springs, Texas on the 16th day of March 2023, by 5:00 PM.