**Fire Department Requirements Research**

**Directions**: Pick a city, county, or location that has its own fire department. Use the Internet toresearch the fire department and answer the questions below. (Note: Visit/utilize the fire department’s web page AND the city/county human resources web page.)

* What is the name of the location (city/county)?
* What is the minimum age requirement?
* What are the education requirements?
* Does the fire department require a specific work history?
* Does the fire department require firefighter certification before applying? If yes, which certifications do they require?
* Does the fire department have its own in-house fire academy? If not, where do they conduct training?
* Does the fire department have “special” services (i.e. HAZMAT)?
* When does the fire department conduct the hiring process?
* What are the physical requirements?
* Is there a physical agility test?
* Is there a civil-service or other written test required? If so, provide information about the test.
* Does the application require a background check?
* Do candidates have to undergo a polygraph test?
* What is the work schedule?
* What is the starting pay?
* What are the benefits of the position (i.e. vacation, insurance, etc.)?
* Are candidates required to live within a certain distance of the job?
* Do you feel like this position would be a good fit for you? Why or why not?
* What are the websites used as resources? Please provide the URL(s).