# av W. McKenzie

## **SKILLS**

Lieutenant Firefighter, EMT, Journeyman Plumber, Peer Mentor. Extensive training in Technical Emergency Rescue techniques.

#### **OBJECTIVE**

To apply the knowledge, safety skills, and experience I have gained during my years as a firefighter and officer to a higher supervisory position. Similarly, to use the experiential capabilities I have developed on plumbing projects to assist me in the emergency decision making processes.

#### MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Promotion to Lieutenant on the Somerville Fire Department. Received the Thomas Chetham Firefighter of the Year Award in 2015. Successfully graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy. Massachusetts licensed Journeyman Plumber.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

# Firefighter/ EMT

City of Somerville Fire Department, Somerville, MA September 2018 - Present (Lieutenant)

- ~Developed a cohesive team at each assignment I have been given.
- ~Prioritize training needs based on the strengths and weaknesses of my crew.
- ~Keep my crew up to date on new and changing SOPs.

September 2010 - September 2018 (Firefighter)

- ~Operation of Engine, Ladder, and Rescue Vehicles.
- ~Operation of life saving equipment in high stress emergency situations.
- ~Provide emergency medical assistance and basic life support.
- ~Provide lifesaving problem solving and deductive reasoning.
- ~Assess hazardous situations, materials, and locations.

## Journeyman Plumber/ Gas Fitter

January 2011 - Present (Part Time)

May 2008 - August 2010 (Full Time) Self Employed, Somerville, MA

- ~Installation of residential and commercial heating systems.
- ~Installation, service and repair of whole house plumbing systems.
- ~Supervision of plumbers ranging from no experience to 40+ years.
- ~Working knowledge not only of water and sewer systems, but also safety knowledge and understanding of the dangers of gas, oil and propane systems.

## **EDUCATION**

# Cataldo Ambulance Service, 2011 Malden, MA EMT Certification

- ~Received emergency medical training over the 6 month course.
- ~Demonstrated skills and techniques learned throughout the entirety of the course.
- ~Learned a broad range of life saving techniques from a multitude of different working professionals.

Massachusetts Fire Academy, 2010 Stow, MA Firefighter 1 and 2

- ~Received practical and academic education over the 12 week academy.
- ~Learned proper firefighting and lifesaving techniques.
- ~Learned the scientific theory of fire and flame spread patterns.
- ~Trained for a multitude of real world emergency situations.

Minuteman Regional High School, 2006 Lexington, MA Diploma, Plumbing

- ~Received vocational and academic classes throughout my four years.
- ~Part of construction of school built homes.
- ~Received OSHA required safety training for power tools use and job site presence.

## KEYWORD SUMMARY

Project management, Safety training, Compassionate, Dependable, Ethical