



SALT LAKE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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SLC Firefighter Candidate E-Tip:

Networking Do's & Don'ts

As a follow-up to our last e-tip, we wanted to provide some guidance on networking at the upcoming fire station open house events with our crews.

General tips for success:

- **Remember first impressions count.**
- **It's not a job interview.** We want to know the type of person you are. We don't need a regurgitation of your resume or qualifications.
- **Be respectful.** Don't interrupt. Be an active listener. Engage in a dialogue.
- **Be professional.** Make sure you ask thoughtful questions and don't reiterate the same question over and over.
- **Be mindful.** Don't ask sensitive questions. Ask questions about the job NOT personal questions about the firefighter.
- **Be considerate.** Allow time for other firefighter candidates to ask questions.

Questions to consider asking:

- Are all fire departments the same? If not, then what makes SLC Fire different?
- What do you think I need to know before I get into this career?
- What is the most useful life skillset that translates into being a successful firefighter?
- What helps make you stand out as a firefighter candidate?
- How do you handle some of the negative aspects of the job?
- Do you think there is a cumulative effect from the calls that you go on?

- How do you manage some of the challenges presented by working in a predominately male environment?
- What are the challenges that come with working a 48-hour schedule?

Questions to avoid:

- What's the craziest/worst/grossest thing you've ever seen on the job?
- What's the worst call you've ever been on?
- Have you seen a dead body before?
- Is your husband/wife a firefighter?
- What's it like working with all men?

To access the fire station open house schedule visit www.slcfire.com and scroll to the bottom of the page.

For additional information regarding the hiring process for Firefighter I (Entry-Level Firefighter) visit our [SLC Fire Careers page](#).

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