MEDICAL ASSESSMENT FAQs – PART 2

MEDICAL STATIONS – GENERAL INFORMATION

Q-1: What stations will I be asked to visit on the day of the Physical exam?

A-1: On the day of the Physical exam, you will visit the following 12 stations:

- Vital Signs
- Electrocardiogram (EKG)
- Pulmonary Function Test
- Routine Laboratory Test
- Cardio Pulmonary Fitness Evaluation (Stairmill Test)
- Laboratory Test for Unauthorized Substances
- Immunization/PPD
- Hearing
- Vision
- Chest X-Ray
- Face Piece Fitting
- BHS Physician Evaluation

Q-2: What happens at each station?

A-2: In general, at each station, one or more medical tests will be administered. A health assessment technician doing the testing will sign off, indicating you have completed that station. As you complete each station, you will be directed to the next station by FDNY personnel. For additional information about the stations, please refer to the FAQs specific to each station.

Q-3: What could disqualify me at each station?

A-3: Each candidate is evaluated on an individual basis, so BHS cannot provide a complete list of what will disqualify candidates. In the FAQs for each station, we have explained some of the test results that may require further evaluation. Depending on the results of that further evaluation (including the severity of any condition), a particular candidate may be disqualified. We have listed conditions that have been commonly identified. This is not an exhaustive list of all conditions that may disqualify candidates.
Q-4  In what order will I visit the stations?

A-4: There is no set order in which you will visit the stations. In general, however, FDNY staff will ensure:

- You visit the Vital Signs, Electrocardiogram (EKG), and Pulmonary Function stations before the Cardiopulmonary Fitness Evaluation (Stairmill Test) station
- You visit the Routine Laboratory Test station after the Stairmill Station
- You do not visit the Hearing station immediately after the Stairmill station
- The Physician Evaluation is usually the last station you visit

Q-5: Will I be told if I pass at each station?

A-5: On the day of your visit, personnel will not tell you whether you “passed” a specific station. This is because a FDNY physician must review the results from each station (including laboratory results which are not immediately available) before any determination can be made.

Q-6: Can I see someone going through the medical exam so I know what to expect?

A-6: The FDNY has created a video describing the elements of the medical exam. You can access that video from the Candidate Resources page on the FDNY’s website.