

ACTIVITY 1: Vocabulary: Fill in the words from the box to match the meanings in the sentences below:

Typical equipment duties emergency
technology shift hydrants volunteers inspecting

Name:

- 1 normal, routine *typical*
- 2 a period of hours of work, in a place such as a factory or a hospital
- 3 a dangerous situation that needs immediate action
- 4 things you have to do as part of your job



- 6 looking at something carefully, checking, for example, that it is working properly 6.
- 7 objects you need to do your job 7.
- 8 this uses science to solve practical problems 8..
- 9 people who do a job for free 9.

ACTIVITY 2: Read the article about a day in the life of a firefighter. Answer the following questions.

1. What does the firefighter enjoy about his job?

2. What doesn't he like very much?

Firefighters have a difficult job. Some of the things they do are the same every day. However, when there is a fire, they have to be ready to go in 90 seconds. It is a dangerous job. Some firefighters even work for free as **volunteers** because they care about the people who live in their cities. One firefighter tells us about his day.

A typical day

8:00-8:30 We start checking the **equipment** when we arrive. You can't use equipment if it doesn't work. This is something we must do every day.

8:30-9:30 We all have to spend an hour in the gym. Sometimes I don't want to exercise but I have to be strong for my job.

10:00-12:00 In the morning we all have different **duties**. Sometimes we go to schools to talk to students. Sometimes we check buildings to make sure they are safe. It's nice to go out and work in different places.

12:00-13:00 We all enjoy having lunch together, but we know that we might get called out to an **emergency** at any moment.

13:00-17:00 In the afternoon we have lots of different duties like cleaning the station, checking buildings, fire training, writing reports and studying. Firefighters have to know about new technology, so we are always learning.

ACTIVITY 3: OPEN-ENDED: Answer the following questions. Summarize your answer.

Would you like to do a dangerous job? • Do you want a job where you are always learning? • Would you mind having cleaning duties in your job? Give reasons for each of your answers.
