

PERSONNEL

PROFILE OF A FIREFIGHTER



Of all of Nature's forces that harass and betray mankind, none displays more treachery or is more deadly than fire. The flame on the tip of a candle can engulf a building within minutes and in a matter of hours destroy the heart of a city.

Pitted against this destructive force are the members of an ancient profession, the Firefighter. Constantly endangered, frequently scared, they are simply armed -- with hose and ax.

Firemen are devoted professionals. They respect and trust their superiors, and when the bell sounds, they give everything they have in an effort to conquer the fire. They will unhesitatingly enter a burning building to search for possible trapped victims, often crawling beyond the point of return in their search.

In the final analysis, however, the mark of a Firefighter is his devotion to duty. He experiences a feeling of exhilaration that can't be described when he comes back from a fire, especially when he has knocked down a bad one or made a rescue.

It's an exultant feeling, the joy of a strong man who has conquered a worthy foe.