

Firefighters/Paramedics – Case Three

Valeria F., a 32-year-old high school graduate, is being evaluated by a metropolitan fire department personnel project psychological consultant as part of her application for a position as a firefighter. She is married and has a seven-year-old child.

Valeria has been employed part-time for the past six months in the sales department of a carpet distributor. Before that, she worked for four months as a salesperson for a cell phone distributor. Before that, she was unemployed for two years after she was laid off from a job as an office worker in an automobile assembly factory.

The only firefighting experience she reported on her application was that, during her employment at the automobile factory, she served as a volunteer for a small suburban fire department for nine months.