



JOB DESCRIPTION

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under supervision, responds to alarms and calls for service to protect life and property endangered by fire, weather, natural disaster, or other. Performs other duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a journey level public safety position and performs all duties required to effectively respond to and resolve emergency and non-emergency situations and calls for service. It is further distinguished from other classifications in that the Firefighter is not the primary operator on an assigned engine.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Firefighters work under the direction of the Fire Captain. Technical or functional supervision may be provided by higher level personnel.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Essential work functions for this job classification include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Under supervision, the Firefighter will operate as EMT of an ambulance, or as firefighter on assigned fire apparatus under routine and emergency conditions.
- Under supervision, a firefighter trains for and responds to emergencies and public service requests including: fires, medical aid, resuscitation, rescue, and natural disasters.
- Operate and maintain a variety of equipment and apparatus; and maintain fire stations and grounds.
- Firefighters will be assigned to fire prevention, public education, and training programs.
- Will be required to produce reports relating to EMS, maintenance, training, and prevention activities.
- Inventory and restock ambulance and fire apparatus as required. Perform any other duties related to maintaining and operating the ambulance or fire apparatus.

- Train with and operate all equipment as required. The Firefighter will also operate and maintain any other apparatus as required.
- Participate in fire suppression, fire prevention activities, special programs, and general station maintenance.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of firefighting and fire inspection.
- The use of ropes and thorough knowledge of knots required to perform any job required.
- Operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment in firefighting.
- Working knowledge of rules, regulations and policies of the Fire Department.
- Must be proficient in the use of SCBAs.
- Local geography, demographics and community concerns and/or issues.

Skill to:

- Safely and effectively operate a variety of firefighting equipment and apparatus in emergency conditions.
- Operate an office computer and a variety of word processing programs, software applications, and databases.

Ability to:

- To demonstrate the proper method of removing, carrying, hoisting, placing, climbing, retrieving, maintaining and operating fire ladders/equipment both individually and as part of a team.
- To don all required safety equipment and shall wear appropriate safety equipment at all emergencies.
- Understand and interpret laws and regulations.
- Accurately interpret written policies and follow oral and written instructions, and transfer information when necessary. Ability to maintain confidentiality of sensitive information.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships; interact with all members of the staff and general public in a professional manner in all types of situations.
- Incumbents in this classification are required to work rotating shifts and assignments, and may be assigned to work overtime with little or no notice.
- Maintain records and prepare reports.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

- Must be 18 years of age at the date/time of application.

Recommended Education:

- High school diploma or equivalent (G.E.D.)
- Fifteen (15) college units in Fire Science from an accredited college.

Licenses or Certificates

- California Fire Marshal Firefighter 1 Certificate
- Possession of a valid CPR/AED for the Healthcare Provider certification.
- Possession of a current Emergency Medical Technician certificate (or above).
- Possess a valid State of California Class "C" driver's license with restriction 50 (Firefighter Endorsement), or ability to obtain within 12 months of employment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Due to the varied and unpredictable nature of firefighting and public safety, incumbents may be required to perform the following and more:

Position requires prolonged sitting, standing, walking, running, jumping, reaching, repetitive hand movements, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting, and stooping in the performance of daily activities. The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 100 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. The position also requires both near and far vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. The position entails working in hazardous situations/conditions and the potential risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens in the performance of duties.

OTHER

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Bargaining Unit: Mill Valley Professional Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 1775
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