



Firefighter

Summary

Respond to fires, medical emergencies, and other emergency and non-emergency situations, and take appropriate action to protect life and property; perform various staff support assignments in addition to normal emergency response activities.

Class Characteristics

General supervision is provided by the Fire Captain; responsibilities may include the indirect supervision of support staff.

Essential Duties, Skills, and Demands of the Position

The duties, skills, and demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with a disability to perform the essential duties, skills, and demands.

Duties:

In a fire emergency, connect supply lines; control and extinguish fires, using various size hand-lines, deck ladders and portable water monitors; connect foam eductors and apply foam and chemical for fire suppression and control.

Search buildings and rescue victims from building and motor vehicles sometimes using specialized power and hand tools; use various hand and power tools to obtain entry to buildings, free trapped accident victims and provide ventilation.

Provide emergency medical care at the basic life support level, including initial patient and situation assessment, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, and trauma emergency medical care. Prepare patients and assist Firefighter/Paramedics in advanced life support emergency medical care.

Participate in specialized rescue operations including: aerial, water, underground and confined space situations, including the use of rigging and shoring.

Contain, control, and decontaminate hazardous materials spills.

Participate in clean-up, salvage, overhaul operations; clean, service, and ensure operational readiness of fire vehicles, apparatus, hoses and equipment, and assist with the maintenance of station and facilities.

Participate in various staff support assignments including but not limited to: fire prevention, inspection, and maintenance of inventory records, scheduled inspection of department equipment, fire inspections and investigation.

Work with the community in a variety of educational, public relations, and service programs; may provide CPR training classes as assigned.

May serve in a higher level classification on a relief basis if certified and/or licensed to do so; may direct the work of others, particularly in a medical emergency.

Perform related duties as assigned.

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Skills/Abilities:

Understand and follow oral and written directions.

Maintain accurate records and prepare clear and concise reports and other written materials using a computer.

Remain calm, make sound decisions, and respond appropriately in emergency situations.

Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those encountered in the course of the work.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; use hands to palpate, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk occasionally require to stand, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl, and taste or smell. The employee must occasionally lift weight in excess of over 150 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions. The employee is occasionally exposed to high, precarious places, fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; explosives; and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.

A Firefighter is required to wear appropriate fire fighting and chemical safety apparel and equipment, including turnout gear, helmet, hood, and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Qualifications

Knowledge of:

Basic principles and practices of fire suppression and prevention.

Basic principles and practices of emergency medical care at the basic life support level.

Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the work; basic computer report production techniques.

Education and Experience

Any combination equivalent to the education and experience likely to provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to gain such knowledge and abilities would be:

Education:

Equivalent to graduation from high school.

Completion of an accredited firefighter academy or possession of a Firefighter I certificate is required.

Experience:

Previous firefighting experience in a volunteer or paid capacity is highly desirable.

Certifications/Licenses:

Must possess a valid California Class C driver license. Must obtain a California Class C or higher driver license with a Firefighter Endorsement within 36 months of hire.

Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician, either through the National Registry EMT or State of California. Must maintain local certification requirements.

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Accreditation in the County of Sonoma as an EMT within three months of date of hire.

Must pass and maintain physical requirements as specified by the City and be able to wear self-contained breathing apparatus.

Must be willing to work shifts as structured in the Fire Department.

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