

## FIREFIGHTER DRIVER/OPERATOR

Grade: 15 Full-time  
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

### General Statement of Duties

Performs responsible fire suppression, rescue, and incident response activities including operating fire apparatus and participating in firefighting.

### Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class, working on a full-time or part-time basis, participates in the operations of fire suppression, rescue and incident response personnel and operations at the fire station and on the fire scene. The employee participates in incident response, including rescue and emergency medical service; tasks include driving the fire vehicle to the fire scene and operation of fire apparatus, or laying hose and firefighting. The employee participates in fire suppression training and in fire education programs for the public. Work also includes equipment and facilities maintenance. Work requires that the employee stay abreast of state-of-the-art fire suppression and rescue procedures, techniques, and equipment, and requires the employee to incorporate the necessary changes into in-service training. The ability to make effective decisions under pressure is required in all aspects of work, particularly in operating apparatus during fire response. The employee is subject to the hazards associated with incidence response work including working in inside and outside environments, in extreme hot and cold temperatures, loud noise, vibration, moving parts, high heat, chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, gases, poor ventilation, oils, wearing respirators, and working in close quarters. The employee is also subject to the final OSHA standards on bloodborne pathogens. Work is performed under regular supervision of the station supervisor or the commander at the scene, and is evaluated through observation, conferences, and written reports concerning the quality and effectiveness of work completed.

### Duties and Responsibilities

#### Essential Duties and Tasks

Responds to calls and drives apparatus to incident scene in a safe manner; properly places apparatus to establish water supply or other needs; operates pumps and insures proper operation and pressure of hoses; issues equipment and monitors radio traffic for necessary response; returns fire apparatus and related equipment to service after incident response.

At scene operates pump and other equipment at fire scene; raises and lowers ladders; insures proper operation and pressure of hoses; issues equipment and monitors radio traffic for necessary response.

Inspects, maintains and makes minor repairs to apparatus, equipment and vehicles; ensures the cleanliness, serviceability and availability of firefighting and emergency medical equipment, tools and supplies on assigned apparatus.

Performs hazardous materials response as needed.

Inspects, cleans, and maintains fire hoses and equipment; tests for proper operation and maintains maintenance records; assists with latter testing.

Assists with the preparation fire reports; participates in special projects as required.

Performs rescue and first aid at emergency scenes.

Works with others on the shift to gather data for pre-fire plans and hydrant checks; performs other duties at the direction of supervisors.

Trains in NIMS modules and other required and voluntary fire skills and knowledge.

Conducts station tours; makes fire prevention talks at the station and in schools and other settings.

#### Additional Job Duties

Performs related duties as required.

## Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

### Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of modern methods of attacking fire emergencies and of the use and maintenance of firefighting apparatus and equipment.

Considerable knowledge of incident response including response to hazardous materials spills and emergency medical service calls.

Considerable knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.

Thorough knowledge of City streets and layout.

Ability to operate all department equipment and apparatus in a safe manner.

Ability to perform mathematical calculations necessary in pump operation.

Ability to maintain effective working relationships with employees, volunteers, officials, and members of the public, and to speak effectively before groups in public educational situations.

Ability to make sound judgments in emergency situations.

### Physical Requirements

Must be able to physically perform the basic life functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, talking, and hearing.

Must be able to perform heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

Must possess visual acuity to size up the color, volume, and extent of fire involvement at fire scenes, to operate heavy fire apparatus in emergency situations, and to prepare records and reports.

### Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school supplemented by completion of courses and seminars in fire service; and experience in a fire service; or an equivalent combination of experience and education.

### Special Requirements

Possession of a valid NC class b driver's license. NC Firefighter Level II certification, NC Hazardous Materials Certification, NC Emergency Vehicle Driver Certification, EMT-B certification (Required). NC Driver Operator Pumper and Aerial, NIMS Incident Command System IS 100, 200, 700 & 800.