

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, responds to life and property protection emergencies including fire, medical, vehicular accident, hazardous materials incidents, rescue efforts and other emergency calls; participates in fire suppression and prevention, station and equipment maintenance, and training activities; performs related duties as required.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

The duties listed below are examples of the work typically performed by the employee of this class. Not all assigned duties may be listed and some assigned duties may not be listed below.

1. Responds to fire emergencies; operates various firefighting, control and rescue equipment; performs fire ground operations; and responds to and participates in emergency situations involving toxic/hazardous materials.
2. Renders emergency medical aid and CPR to the sick and injured in fire and other emergency situations.
3. Inspects, cleans and services firefighting equipment and apparatus; maintains clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station; and tests and maintains hydrant systems.
4. Attend and participates in training activities, practice drills and physical fitness programs.
5. Conducts inspections of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention, target hazard identification and review and fire code enforcement.
6. Assists with programs such as weed abatement, arson investigation, public information programs, staff development, pre-fire planning, and maintaining pertinent maps, assists in various City operations by performing assigned tasks.
7. Participates in public education programs; makes presentations to schools, service clubs or other public gatherings on fire and burn prevention; represent the department at public functions to promote fire and burn prevention by the general public.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Education and/or Experience

Certified by the California State Board of Fire Services as a Firefighter I or successful completion of an approved Firefighter I Academy and eligibility for a Firefighter I Certification.

Knowledge of:

Basic fire behavior and suppression techniques; universal fire vocabulary and expressive techniques; emergency medical care and basic life support techniques; basic mechanical and building construction maintenance principles; universal safety precautions when providing

medical attention; safety inspection procedures; and the proper handling of toxic/hazardous materials.

Ability to:

Operate all fire, emergency and telecommunication equipment and apparatus; put on and work in safety gear; administer medical care and life support procedures; identify and solve problems; think and act quickly in emergency situations; communicate effectively with individuals of all ages in various emotional states, from different backgrounds and in a variety of mental conditions; rapidly shift among communication styles; control situations involving irate and emotionally distraught persons; communicate in person and by any form of communication device; understand and follow directions; retain sense of direction in total darkness, respond and make decisions under stress; remember and make a written record of observations and actions taken; comprehend reading materials; and use a computer to enter and retrieve information; establish and maintain effective working relationships with superiors, peers, subordinates, and the general public.

Special Requirements

Candidates must possess and maintain a valid Class “C” California Driver’s License at time of appointment and throughout employment. Must also possess a current EMT I Certification Card at time of appointment and maintain current throughout employment.

Physical Demands

Strength, stamina and dexterity to sit in vehicles operating on rough roads, wild land areas and off road terrain; withstand extended periods of physical exertion; walk on uneven or slippery surfaces; move from place to place within the fire station and at emergency sites; and repeatedly stoop, stand and sit. Dexterity and coordination to handle fire equipment, apparatus and large and small tools; occasional lifting of objects weighing up to 50 lbs.; strength to move the weight of an average human body; reach for items above the head and below the feet; climb up and down ladders; enter confined spaces and other areas; and visual acuity sufficient to read gauges and observe conditions at emergency sites in a variety of lighting conditions, including bright light, low light, and low visibility conditions.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work in outdoor and indoor environments with intermittent to frequent exposure to a variety of extreme weather conditions including heat, rain, snow, cold, wind and dust. Work under significant risk conditions such as fire, injury and death. Occasional work in confined areas. Work is typically performed independently. Exposure to hazardous materials.

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