

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform firefighting and emergency response duties in protecting life and property; to respond to fire and emergency service calls; to assist with fire inspection and fire prevention functions; to perform station and equipment maintenance work; to participate in training drills; and to do related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry, training, and first working level in the firefighting class series. Incumbents learn firefighting and emergency response techniques and procedures while performing fire service functions. Incumbents are expected to increase their range of assignments and develop their skills while in this classification.

REPORTS TO

Fire Captain or higher ranking officer.

CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED

This is not a supervisory classification.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES *(The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required.)*

Responds to fire and other emergency service alarms; performs firefighting and emergency response functions, as directed by an officer; fights fire, using proper fire suppression techniques; controls and extinguishes fires; lays and connects hose; directs water and chemical agents onto fires; controls, treats, and contains hazardous materials spills and leaks; enters and ventilates burning buildings; uses hand and power tools; raises, positions, and climbs ladders used in the fire suppression and rescue activities; administers emergency first aid to trapped and/or injured persons; places salvage covers, removes water and debris, and performs a variety of salvage operations; participates in fire drills and training sessions on a variety of emergency services and fire suppression topics; conducts fire prevention inspections and tests fire protection equipment; cleans station living quarters, maintaining them in a clean and orderly condition; studies and reviews Fire Department rules, regulations, and operating procedures; maintains, cleans, and ensures the proper condition of fire and emergency response equipment; may be assigned to drive and operate fire and emergency service apparatus, including aerial trucks; may prepare for pumping operations and operates pumps to maintain proper pressure during fire suppression; inspects pumps and related equipment to ensure proper working condition; serves as an acting Fire Engineer, when assigned.

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TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; climb stairs and ladders quickly and exercising above average physical agility; walk on sloped, uneven, and slippery surfaces; stoop, bend over, and kneel frequently; crawl through a variety of areas on hands and knees; sufficient manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination to work with special equipment during emergency situations; lift and move objects weighing up to 100 lbs., without assistance and heavier objects; with assistance; endurance to sustain extra physical effort for a substantial period of time; ability to perform emergency service duties while wearing special breathing apparatus; maintain corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; use of office equipment, including computer, telephone, calculator, copiers, and FAX.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is normally performed in a fire station environment and at scenes of fires and emergency incidents; frequent driving to different locations throughout the City; work may be performed in a variety of temperatures and weather conditions; work may be performed with unusual exposure to high temperatures and heat; work may be performed with exposure to constant moisture; work may be performed with unusual exposure to hazardous materials and chemicals; above average exposure to life threatening situations; regular contact with other staff and the public.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- ❖ Geography of the City.
- ❖ Basic knowledge of pumps and hydraulics.
- ❖ Use of hand tools and equipment.
- ❖ Emergency medical aid and CPR.

Ability to:

- ❖ Learn fire suppression techniques and methods.
- ❖ Understand and act in accordance with Department policy, rules, and regulations.
- ❖ Read, understand, and apply fire prevention ordinances and hazardous material related information.
- ❖ Demonstrate mechanical aptitude for operation of fire and emergency service equipment.
- ❖ Learn to drive fire and emergency service equipment safely and skillfully, in accordance with relevant traffic rules and regulations.
- ❖ Meet established standards of physical endurance and agility.
- ❖ Work for considerable periods of time under adverse conditions.
- ❖ Learn to perform hydraulic calculations.
- ❖ Deal tactfully and courteously with the public.
- ❖ Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.

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DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS (continued)

Training and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

New job candidates must meet stringent medical and physical standards.

Special Requirements:

Possession of a valid California Driver's License issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Ability to complete the California State Driver-Operator certification and possession of the requisite class of California Driver's license necessary to drive all Department equipment on public streets and roads.

Possession of a California Firefighter I or Volunteer Fire Fighter I certification or possession of a Colusa Fire Department Recruit Firefighter Basic Academy certificate.

Possession of an E.M.T. Defibrillator Certificate.

Possession of an Emergency Medical Technician IA or FS certification.

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