

**FIREFIGHTER**

**DEFINITION**

To engage in firefighting and rescue operations and respond to medical and hazardous materials emergencies to protect life and property; to perform fire prevention activities; and to perform related duties and responsibilities as required.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives supervision from a Fire Captain or Incident Commander.

**EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS** - *Essential functions may include, but are not limited to, the following:*

Responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls, including but not limited to medical emergencies, hazardous materials incidents, traffic accidents, water rescue, confined space rescue, etc.

In the absence of the Fire Engineer, selects route to be taken to the fire; drives and positions fire apparatus and other fire vehicles in proper location for efficient operation; selects hose nozzle; lays hose line and directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire.

Enters burning buildings as necessary to assess fire scene situation; raises, climbs and lowers ladders; assists in salvage operations; carries and operates chemical fire extinguishers.

Administers first aid, CPR, basic life support and other emergency assistance at the EMT level; operates resuscitators for persons overcome by smoke or other health conditions.

Operates fire pumps.

Maintains contact with superior officer during emergency operations.

Responds to calls for non-emergency public service as appropriate.

Maintains, tests, cleans and ensures the constant readiness of apparatus, trucks and equipment for emergency operations; loads equipment onto trucks; participates in building and grounds maintenance duties.

Participates in fire suppression training and drills.

May conduct fire prevention inspections and programs.

Participates in the installation, inspection and servicing of fire hydrants; tests hoses and hydrants for proper flow and operation.

Presents effective fire prevention and educational programs to school, civic and community groups.

Maintains detailed records and prepares required reports.

May assist in special projects or assignments as required.

Works 24-hour shifts as assigned.

Learns and maintains awareness of fire-related codes and department rules, regulations and procedures; attends training and reads instructional materials to increase job knowledge and skills.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

Basic firefighting methods and equipment.

Emergency rescue methods and equipment.

Principles and procedures of hazardous materials response.

Principles and techniques of modern first aid, rescue, resuscitation and emergency medical services at the EMT level.

Modern office practices and technology, including the use of computers for word and data processing.

Basic methods of report preparation.

Safe work practices.

### **Ability to:**

Learn, understand and apply federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, as well as departmental policies and procedures, related to fire suppression/prevention operations.

Understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Learn how to function as a team member.

Perform fire suppression duties in accordance with established standards, policies and procedures.

Demonstrate a high degree of mechanical aptitude in the operation and maintenance of firefighting apparatus and equipment.

Properly use and maintain fire suppression, emergency medical and other work-related equipment.

Effectively provide emergency medical treatment at the EMT level.

Analyze fire and emergency situations and employ effective courses of action.

Work under stressful or dangerous conditions, often involving considerable personal risk or risk to others.

React quickly and calmly in emergency situations.

Deal courteously, yet firmly and effectively with the public in emergency situations.

Perform routine building and grounds maintenance duties at fire station.

Learn standard emergency radio procedures and codes.

Maintain detailed records and prepare required reports.

Perform mathematical computations with accuracy.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

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

Meet the physical requirements necessary for successful job performance.

**Education:**

Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.

**Additional Requirements:**

Possession of a valid California Class "C" Operator's License and the ability to obtain a Class "B" license with appropriate endorsements within 60 days of appointment.

Possession of California Firefighter I and II certification or completions of course work at a California Certified College Firefighter I Academy.

Possession of valid EMT-D certification.

Applicants must have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday by the application deadline.

**TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is performed in an indoor and field environment. Incumbent drives on surface streets and may be exposed to traffic and equipment hazards, fire hazards, electrical currents, air contaminants, adverse weather conditions, temperature and noise extremes, wetness, violence, explosives, fumes, dusts, odors, toxic or caustic chemicals, pathogenic substances, vibration, radiation. The employee frequently works in high, precarious places. Worker is subject to unusual fatigue from irregular working hours / incident call activity.

## **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Requires the mobility to work in an indoor and field environment. Requires the ability to stand for long periods of time, and intermittently walk, run, climb, balance, bend, kneel, squat, crawl, twist and reach while performing duties. Must regularly lift and/or move up to 50 pounds frequently and up to 100 pounds occasionally. Must be able to use hands for fingering, handling or feeling objects, tools or controls. Requires the strength and stamina to perform fire suppression duties, including staying on feet for long periods of time, climbing stairs, handling hoses, operating equipment, and driving a motor vehicle. Must be able to maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for making observations, communicating with others, reading and writing, and operating office and fire suppression equipment. Must be able to use a telephone to communicate verbally and a keyboard to communicate through written means, to review information and enter/retrieve data, to see and read characters on a computer screen.

This class specification lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbents may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document.