



Job Code: 0520
FLSA: NE
Unit: IAFF
Revised:

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under supervision, responds to fire alarms, emergency medical and other calls in the protection of life and property; operates and maintains vehicles, apparatus, equipment, stations and communication systems; teaches fire safety to public; participates in physical fitness and career development programs; and performs other duties as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

This is the entry level position in the professional fire service series. The Firefighter is a uniformed member of the public safety/fire suppression division of the department.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Responds to and performs skilled tasks at the scenes of emergency calls including: fire, medical assistance, rescues, hazards identification, hazardous materials identification and spills, public assistance and service; safely drives and operates vehicles, apparatus and equipment; teaches fire safety, CPR and other classes and participates in public education demonstrations and activities; conducts inspections and school exit drills; writes reports and maintains records; maintains, inspects, and repairs fire stations and fire grounds, emergency and support vehicles, apparatus, equipment, fire hydrants, radios, and alarm systems; participates in department physical fitness program; performs emergency medical procedures; participates in proficiency training to develop and maintain emergency skills; uses computers to perform word processing spreadsheet, and specialized functions.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of: fire department operations, such as rescue, firefighting, radio communications, Incident Command System (ICS), fire protection equipment and systems, fire behavior, hazardous materials and water systems; Federal, state, and local laws, regulations and standards; maintenance and repair of vehicles, apparatus, equipment and fire hydrants; emergency medical procedures and techniques as prescribed in the State of California Emergency Medical Technician curriculum; requirements and standards as defined in NFPA Standard; local geographical response factors; correct English grammar, spelling, punctuation; basic mathematics, chemistry, and physics of fire behavior

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and hazardous materials; safety practices and procedures; personal computer operating systems and software applications; requirements and standards as defined in the NFPA Standard 1002 preferred.

Skill to: React quickly and calmly to fight fires and perform emergency medical techniques and procedures; perform rescues; operate, maintain, inspect and repair vehicles, apparatus, equipment, communication systems and fire hydrants; clean and maintain fire station and grounds; conduct fire inspections and school exit drills; teach classes and participate in public education demonstrations and activities; write comprehensive reports and maintain accurate records; relate effectively to those contacted in the course of work; learn local conditions, locations and regulations; operate computers.

Education: Equivalent to graduation from High School.

License: Possession of appropriate, valid California Driver's License and, when required, a valid Medical Examiner's Card must be maintained.

Certification: Current State of California EMT (with required endorsements), Firefighter I certification or completed "Approved Certified Firefighter I Training Record."

Physical Characteristics: Meet the requirements specified in the NFPA 1001 Standard for entry level Firefighters. Thereafter, must maintain the department physical fitness program guidelines and standards.

Other Characteristics: Must have willingness and ability to: work variable shifts and overtime as required; attend meetings and training activities, both on and off duty; work under hazardous, life-threatening conditions, such as, at heights, in confined spaces, at temperature extremes, around crowds, with loud noises, with limited visibility, in the presence of hazardous materials, in the presence of victims of death and/or dismemberment; work effectively as a team member of a company, battalion, department, special project group by following orders, consistently following through with duties/assignments and living harmoniously with co-workers; wear approved uniform.

Age: Minimum: 18 years at time of appointment.

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