

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under supervision, responds to fire incidents and emergency calls with a fire company; participates in fire prevention programs; may be assigned to a paramedic unit.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Receives supervision from a Fire Captain. Does not exercise supervision.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Incumbents in this class perform the full range of firefighting duties in the protection of life and property. Duties are usually performed under emergency conditions, frequently involving considerable hazard. Firefighters receive thorough training in current firefighting techniques and equipment, fire prevention, emergency medical care, C.P.R., salvage, and related activities. After successful completion of the probationary period, incumbents may have the opportunity to receive paramedic training and be assigned as a firefighter/paramedic. This class is distinguished from Firefighter Specialist in that incumbents of the latter perform either journey level operation of fire apparatus or fire investigation duties. It is distinguished from Firefighter Trainee in that the latter is a training class.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

may include, but not limited to, the following:

Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls with a company; fights fire as directed using proper firefighting techniques.

Controls and extinguishes fires; lays and connects hose, carries or drags charged and uncharged hose lines, ensures adequate water supply, and directs water or chemicals onto fire.

Enters and ventilates burning buildings by opening doors and windows using appropriate hand and power tools.

Raises, carries, positions, and climbs ladders used in the ventilation of buildings and the rescue of persons.

Rescues victims from incident scenes which may require moving and carrying heavy objects, persons, equipment or materials.

Administers artificial respiration, C.P.R., and first aid to injured persons.

Places salvage covers; removes water and debris; and performs other salvage operations.

Identifies and attempts to contain hazardous materials at an incident scene in accordance with proper procedures.

May be required to drive apparatus according to state and local regulations governing operation of emergency vehicles.

Participates in drills and training sessions in first aid and firefighting techniques.

Participates in hydrant inspections.

Conducts fire prevention inspections and tests fire protection equipment.

Performs assigned duties in inspecting, maintaining, and cleaning apparatus, equipment, fire station, and grounds.

May be assigned to a paramedic unit; responds to emergency situations and administers advanced life support services under the direction of a hospital emergency facility.

Performs related duties as required/assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

The geography of the City of Fresno and surrounding areas, including the streets system, hydrant locations, the layout and location of public utilities and potentially hazardous materials or substances.

Firefighting practices and techniques, vehicles and equipment.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) techniques and related medical equipment;

Basic mathematical, science and problem solving skills.

Uniform fire code for inspection purposes.

Computers and related software.

Ability to:

Perform the full range of firefighting duties.

Perform prolonged and arduous tasks under adverse conditions.

React quickly and calmly in emergency situations.

Understand and follow written and oral instructions.

Understand and apply codes and ordinances pertaining to fire prevention.

Maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public.

Uphold and support department policies, rules and regulations, and mission.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Promotional:

Successful completion of the Fresno Fire Department trainee academy.

OR

Lateral:

Two years and current employment as a full-time firefighter within a municipal agency; completion of a recognized Basic Fire Academy; possession of a valid California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) Firefighter I certificate; possession of current EMT Certification from the Central California Emergency Medical Service Agency; possession of HazMat FRO certificate (issued from CSTI or equivalent); possession of a current Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card - American Heart Association, Healthcare Provider or Red Cross-Professional Rescuer or equivalent that meets American Heart Association Standards; and possession of high school diploma or GED.

Must be at least 20 years of age at time of final filing date and 21 years of age at time of appointment.

Possession of a Paramedic Certificate is desirable.

CPAT card will be required at time of appointment.

Special Requirements:

Possession of and continued maintenance of a current EMT Certification from the Central California Emergency Medical Service Agency will be required.

Trainee - Possession of a valid Class B California Driver's License, without Air Brake restriction, and with Tank endorsement. Or, possession of a valid Class C California

Driver's License with a firefighter endorsement within 30 days of completion of the trainee academy.

Lateral - Possession of a valid Class B California Driver's License, without Air Brake restriction, and with Tank endorsement. Or, possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License with a firefighter endorsement.

Lateral Firefighters will be required to successfully complete the Fresno Fire Department academy.

Employees originally hired on and after December 1, 1990 will not smoke or use any tobacco product on duty. Employees shall sign an agreement acknowledging that they have read and understood these requirements. Said understanding will be maintained in the employee's personnel file.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
Director of Personnel Services

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