

#### **FIREFIGHTER**

#### **DEFINITION**

To respond to fire alarms, medical emergency, and other emergency activities in the protection of life and property; and to participate in fire prevention, training and station and equipment maintenance activities.

### SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

General supervision is provided by a Fire Captain. Responsibilities may include supervision of volunteer firefighters.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

The following are typical illustrations of duties encompassed by the job class, not an all-inclusive or limiting list:

#### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

Respond to fire alarms with assigned company; lay and connect hose lines; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders. Provide basic life support during medical incidents, assessing and initiating patient care until relieved by proper medical personnel. Operate all types of portable fire extinguishers, hand tools, hose lines, power tools and appliances, salvage covers, forcible entry tooks, emergency medical equipment and other rescue equipment. Participate in fire drills; serve as instructor as assigned; attend training sessions. Maintain regular and consistent attendance. Promote and maintain safety in the workplace. Work cooperatively with others.

### OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS

Shut down natural gas and electrical services to structure. Respond to hazardous materials incidents. Participate in fire inspection activities and other fire prevention and public education activities as assigned; ensure that businesses are operating in compliance with the fire code. Participate in the Fire Prevention Program providing various public relations services, including facility tours, public education seminars and other public events. Respond to inquiries from the public. Assist in investigating fire origin and cause. May be requested to respond to fire calls during non-duty hours. Control traffic. Participate as member of the County HazMat Team. Inventory supplies; maintain records. Can serve as "acting positions" when certified. Clean station quarters and equipment and maintain a clean and orderly condition in and about the fire hosue; perform minor building maintenance. Operate radio-telephone equipment. Assist in

overhaul and salvage operations. Perform related duties as assigned. Test and maintain fire hoses and hydrants.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

## Knowledge of:

Rules, regulations and operational procedures of the Fire Department.

Fire fighting methods, techniques, and procedures; operating and mechanical principles involved in the operation of fire apparatus and equipment. Dangers and disposition of hazardous materials. Emergency medical technician skills including basic life support, CPR, defibrillation, and blood borne pathogens. Fire prevention codes and ordinances; building construction; natural gas and electrical shut off procedures.

## **Skill to:**

Learn fire fighting methods and techniques, the operation of fire fighting equipment, street location and physical layout of the City, and major fire hazards. Demonstrate mechanical aptitude as required in the operation of fire fighting equipment. Retain presence of mind in emergencies; analyze fire and emergency situations and report to officer. Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Deal courteously and effectively with the general public. Efficiently operate a personal computer. Establish and maintain effective work relationships with those contacted in the performance of required duties.

## **Ability to:**

Tactfully and effectively interact with all people regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, age or economic status. Perform heavy lifting and physical maneuvering. Perform general office and clerical duties in support of assigned activities. Communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. Meet the physical requirements necessary to safely and effectively perform the assigned duties.

## Minimum Education and Experience

### **Education:**

High school diploma or equivalent. College-level coursework in fire science, general management, or related field desirable.

#### **Experience:**

Any experience that would likely provide the required ability is qualifying; fire fighting experience is desirable.

# **License or Certificate:**

# Required Upon Hire and Continued Employment:

Possession of a valid California Driver's License.

Proof of valid Candidate Physical Ability Test (valid for one year from issuance date).

Proof of completion of CSFM accredited Firefighter Academy or CSFM Firefighter I certificate or 5 years of full-time paid firefighter experience in California.

Emergency Medical Technician I Certificate (EMT-D).

Valid CPR card.

## Required Prior to Permanent Appointment:

Acquire and maintain a Firefighter endorsement to a California Driver's License.

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