

Title: Firefighter
PG: 45
Status: Civil Service
Position Reports to: Fire Lieutenant
Department: Fire

Class Code: 4008
Date: 11/09

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS:

Works as a member of a combat team in the prevention of fire damage and protection of life and property by combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires. Works as a member of a team in search and rescue operations at the scene of a fire. Performs basic life support initially on his/her own at the scene of an emergency under the direction of a licensed physician.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Responds to fires and operates various fire equipment such as hose lines and hydraulic rescue tools.
2. Performs emergency operations during natural disasters and catastrophic events.
3. Ventilates burning buildings to carry off smoke and gases.
4. Removes and rescues persons from danger.
5. Administers basic "EMT" techniques to victims at scene in response to patient assessment.
6. Performs salvage operations, such as placing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.
7. Inspects fire equipment to verify proper operation, refuels equipment, and reports needed maintenance.
8. Attends instruction sessions on fire fighting methods, equipment, first aid, and other related operations.
9. Performs water rescue operations with boat.
10. Responds to callback in emergency situations.
11. Responds to hazardous material incidents at a first responder operational level.
12. Participates in pre-emergency planning.
13. Assists other related emergency personnel as required.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. If a Firefighter/Paramedic, performs emergency paramedical care where and as needed to the extent and level determined by the fire chief and/or medical director.
2. Performs general maintenance and cleaning work in the upkeep of stations.
3. Acts as step up driver when required.
4. Donning and use of self contained breathing apparatus.
5. Acts as step-up driver engineer as required.
6. Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

1. Knowledge of fire department operations, fire prevention inspections, operations of fire fighting apparatus, and proper use of equipment and tools.
2. Skill in the use and manipulation of tools and apparatus used in fire fighting.
3. Skill in mechanical and mental aptitude as required.
4. Ability to learn through training a wide variety of fire fighting duties and methods.
5. Ability to speak, write, and follow oral and written instructions.
6. Ability to readily acquire a knowledge of the street systems and physical layout of the city.
7. Ability to successfully complete subscribed courses relating to fire and EMS services, including the Apprenticeship Program.
8. Ability to respond quickly to changing situations under emergency pressures.
9. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, other city employees and the general public.

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10. Ability to meet department objective of enhanced customer service by participating in community service functions.
11. Ability to utilize the computer to complete required reports.
12. Skill in mechanical aptitude as required operating and maintaining fire fighting and rescuing equipment.
13. Physical ability to perform job requirements.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS:

Requires heavy work that involves constantly lifting, pushing, or raising objects, and exerting 50 to 75 pounds on a recurring basis and exerting 100 pounds of force on a frequent basis.

The job risks exposure to the following environmental hazards: Bright/dim light, dusts and pollen, extreme heat and/or cold, wet or humid conditions, extreme noise levels, fumes and/or noxious odors, traffic, moving machinery, electrical shock, heights, disease/pathogens, toxic/caustic chemicals, explosives, and violence.

The job requires normal visual acuity, and field of vision, hearing, speaking, color perception, sense of taste, sense of smell, depth perception, and texture perception.

QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE):

1. High school diploma or its equivalent.
2. Graduation from a certified fire training academy with a certificate from the state of Florida indicating compliance in fire standards.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must possess and maintain a valid state of Florida Class E driver's license.
2. Must maintain a valid telephone number.
3. Must possess and maintain a valid state of Florida certification of compliance for a firefighter.
4. Must possess and maintain a valid state of Florida emergency medical technician certification.
5. May be required to work overtime, or alternate hours, as necessary for the efficient operation of the department. Position may be designated as Mission Critical by Department Director.