

Title: Special Equipment Operator
PG: 017
Status: Civil Service
Position Reports to: Line Crew Foreman
Department: Lakeland Electric

Class Code: 7059
Date: 10/09

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS:

This is skilled work in the operation of a wide variety of heavy equipment used in electric line construction and maintenance work. Work involves responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of the heavy equipment used in more difficult construction and maintenance operations. Employees in this class may also perform manual tasks related to electric line work. Work is reviewed by a supervisor through inspection of work while in progress and upon completion.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Responsible for the proper care and operation of any piece of equipment assigned.
2. Operates auger and derrick truck in setting and removing poles around energized electric lines, installing and removing anchors and handling heavy items such as transformers and reels of wire.
3. Assists line crew in rigging materials for line construction work.
4. Responsible for the proper storage of poles on trailer for safe travel.
5. Operates large two person bucket truck.
6. Maintains all tools and equipment on the assigned truck in a safe and usable condition.
7. Drives truck to and from job site and transports other crew members.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES:

1. Considerable knowledge of the general practices applied in the care and safe operation of a wide variety of heavy construction and maintenance equipment.
2. Considerable knowledge of laws and regulations pertaining to the operation of equipment upon the highway.
3. Knowledge of the hazards and precautions involved in electric power line work.
4. Ability to make emergency repairs and adjustments to a wide variety of heavy equipment and to service and maintain assigned equipment.
5. Ability to perform manual labor.
6. Ability to understand and follow oral instructions or written diagrams.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/CONDITIONS:

Requires active work that involves walking or standing some of the time, exerting up to 10 pounds of force on a recurring basis, and routine keyboard operations.

The job risks exposure to electrical shock, wet/humid conditions, heights, adverse weather conditions, confined spaces, pollen, dusts, fumes, noxious odors, vibration, extreme noise levels, moving machinery, and bright/dim light.

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

QUALIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE):

1. High school diploma or its equivalent.
2. Two (2) years of experience in the operation of heavy trucks.
3. One (1) year of experience in heavy equipment operation. Operating experience on an auger truck is preferred.

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4. An equivalent combination of education and experience that is determined to be directly related to the foregoing specific requirements may be substituted.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Must possess and maintain a valid state of Florida Class "A" commercial driver's with appropriate endorsements as are required by the employing department.
2. Must possess and maintain a valid home telephone number.
3. 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.