



FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, protects public safety, health and welfare by responding to fire, emergency medical and hazardous materials, incident calls for service; maintains equipment and facilities. May be assigned as a Firefighter/Paramedic.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Duties may include but are not limited to:

Respond to fire calls for service, lay hose lines, direct water stream or chemicals to fire, set up ladders; operate pumps and extinguishers; ventilate buildings.

Perform rescue, clean up and salvage work.

Respond to emergency medical calls for service, follow State and local protocols in treatment of sick and injured persons administering First Aid, CPR and other emergency medical procedures when assigned as a Paramedic.

Maintain inventory of emergency medical supplies and equipment.

Inspect, clean and maintain fire facilities, equipment and apparatus assuring pristine condition.

Participate in company inspections and training activities; conduct tours of station facilities; present fire prevention programs.

Complete reports and inputs data.

Drive fire apparatus and other vehicles; may perform duties of Fire Engineer, Fire Inspector or Fire Captain in a training or relief capacity.

Assist and cooperate with other public safety agencies.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Federal, State, and local laws and radio communications procedures.

City's geography and that of the surrounding area.

Fire prevention and inspection methods, fire hazards and techniques used in educational fire prevention programs.

Fire Code and fire/arson investigation techniques.

Public safety agencies as related to fire and emergency medical services functions.

Ability and Skill to:

Read and understand technical material, rules and regulations related to firefighting, rescue techniques and emergency medical incidents.

Analyze emergency situations and address with an effective course of action.

Tactfully interact with members of the public.

Safely operate and use fire vehicles and equipment.

Work in a team and disciplined environment.

Communicate clearly both orally and in writing.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of education and experience that would provide the required knowledge, abilities and skills is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the qualifications would be:

High School graduation and college courses in fire science. Completion of California State Fire Marshal Local or Regionally Accredited Fire Academy required.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE

Valid Class C California driver's license and ability to maintain a satisfactory driving record; ability to obtain a Class B or C California driver's license with Firefighter endorsement by the end of probationary period and maintain continuously thereafter. California State Fire Marshal Local or Regionally Accredited Fire Academy, current EMT-I certification; current CPR certification.



*California State Paramedic License with Los Angeles County accreditation upon appointment when assigned as a Paramedic.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS/A.D.A.

Ability to operate computer, calculator, telephone, portable radio, copying machine and equipment used in fire suppression and emergency medical services

Ability to understand and respond to the public's and staff's requests for assistance both on the phone and in person

Ability to prepare reports, perform mathematical calculations and sort/file documents

Ability to sit, stand, walk for two hours at a time and engage in fire suppression activities

Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions including hot with extreme sun exposure, cold and wet

Ability to lift, drag or pull up to 75 pounds

Ability to climb, stoop, bend, reach, twist, squat, grasp, run, jump, kneel and lift, drag and pull heavy objects

Ability to get from one location to another in the course of doing business

