

FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Performs firefighting and other emergency scene duties involving the protection of life and property. Duties involve responding to fires, hazardous materials incidents, medical calls, rescues, and other request for emergency and non-emergency assistance.

Other activities involve code enforcement and public education activities; participation in training activities; apparatus and station maintenance. Firefighters may be assigned fire apparatus driving and operator duties. Firefighting and other emergency scene activities are strenuous and may be dangerous and/or present a risk of bodily harm.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Firefighters work under the direct supervision of the Company Commander and are accountable to the District's designated physician supervisor when performing the duties of an EMT.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: Supervision is not a routine responsibility of this position. However, a Firefighter may be assigned to direct others in specific programs and/or activities. The highest certified EMT directs patient care in emergency situations.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ABILITIES:

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: The following list describes a majority of the essential functions of this position.

1. Responds to emergency alarms including fires, calls for emergency medical assistance, rescues, hazardous material incidents, and a variety of other calls for emergency assistance. Conducts firefighting, emergency medical procedures, rescues, and other emergency procedures.
2. Performs strenuous lifting and moving activities under routine and hazardous conditions; climbs ladders and stairs; performs bending, twisting, carrying, and/or other physically demanding activities.
3. Drives and operates fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles.
4. Assists in the maintenance of firefighting and emergency medical apparatus and equipment.
5. Conducts station and grounds maintenance activities and other special projects as assigned.
6. Participates in both classroom and practical training. Participates in simulated exercises and field training.
7. Supports all volunteer firefighter programs, assisting in training and participating in volunteer activities.
8. Performs fire prevention inspections and prepares pre-fire plans. May assist in fire investigation activities.
9. Participates in public education and/or information programs.
10. Fills out alarm journals, accident reports, incident reports, training records, inspection notices, and other required forms. Writes memos and/or reports.

11. Practices safe work habits and reports unsafe conditions to the Company Commander.

SKILLS: The operation of fire apparatus and other District vehicles; the use and maintenance of firefighting and emergency medical equipment; firefighting practices, handling hazardous materials, performing emergency medical techniques, and use of computers for data entry, word processing, and email.

KNOWLEDGE: Principles and practices of firefighting, emergency medical procedures, and rescue techniques, District geography and streets.

ABILITIES: To learn firefighting practices and techniques; read and understand written communications and instructions; follow oral and written directions; meet and deal effectively with people of all ages and backgrounds; function as a member of a team; prepare simple reports and letters, complete forms and maintain records; perform strenuous activities.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Regular work schedule is a 56-hour work-week with 24 hour shifts. Work activities vary widely and will include general station, emergency scene, and indoor and outdoor activities. Work assignments and response to emergency alarms may occur at any time under any climatic conditions. Work is highly physically demanding, requiring strength, agility, and aerobic and anaerobic endurance. Emergency work may be hazardous.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum Qualifications:

1. At least 18 years of age on application closing date.
2. Graduation from high school or equivalent GED.
3. EMT Basic certification. EMT Paramedic may be required as authorized by the Civil Service Commission.
4. Requirements established by the Civil Service Commission and included in the job announcement.
5. Valid driver's license.

Additional Preferred Qualifications:

1. Associate degree in fire science or related college level courses.
2. Previous structural paid and/or volunteer firefighting experience.

CIVIL SERVICE STATUS: **Classified**

FLSA STATUS: **Non-Exempt**

BARGAINING UNIT: **Yes**