

FIRE CHIEF

DEFINITION

To plan, organize, direct and review the activities and operations of the Fire Department including fire prevention, inspection, suppression, first responder emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, and the hazardous materials program; to coordinate assigned activities with other departments and outside agencies; and to provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the City Manager.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives administrative direction from the City Manager.

Exercises direct supervision over assigned management, supervisory, technical and administrative support staff.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

Develop, plan and implement department goals and objectives; recommend and administer policies and procedures.

Coordinate department activities with those of other departments and outside agencies and organizations; provide staff assistance to the City Manager and City Council; prepare and present staff reports and other necessary correspondence.

Direct, oversee and participate in the development of the department's work plan; assign work activities, projects and programs; monitor work flow; review and evaluate work products, methods and procedures.

Supervise and participate in the development and administration of the Fire Department budget; direct the forecast of additional funds needed for staffing, equipment, materials and supplies; monitor and approve expenditures; implement mid-year adjustments.

Select, train, motivate and evaluate personnel; provide or coordinate staff training; conduct performance evaluations; implement discipline procedures; maintain discipline and high standards necessary for the efficient and professional operation of the department.

Plan, organize, coordinate, and direct through subordinate supervisors the City fire service functions including fire prevention, inspection, suppression, first responder emergency medical services, disaster preparedness, hazardous materials response and training.

Respond to major fire alarms and other emergencies; may personally direct fire suppression activities at the site; direct and coordinate major fire investigations.

Make interpretations of City fire regulations and ordinances, codes and applicable laws to ensure compliance and consistency of application.

Represent the department to outside groups and organizations; participate in outside community and professional groups and committees; provide technical assistance as necessary.

Research and prepare technical and administrative reports and studies; prepare written correspondence as necessary.

Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.

Foster an environment that embraces diversity, integrity, trust, and respect.

Be an integral team player, which involves flexibility, cooperation, and communication.

Perform related duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles and practices, techniques and equipment used in medical, chemical and hazardous materials, rescue and a variety of other emergency responses; fire suppression, prevention, inspection and damage control.

Principles and practices of governmental administration and organizational management, planning, goal setting, oversight, project management, program development and implementation.

Principles and practices of leadership, motivation, team building and conflict resolution.

Pertinent local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.

Organizational and management practices as applied to the analysis and evaluation of programs.

Principles and practices of organization, administration and personnel management.

Principles and practices of budget preparation and administration.

Ability to:

Plan, direct and control the administration and operations of the Fire Department including fire suppression, prevention services, hazardous materials and related programs and

functions.

On a continuous basis, analyze budget and technical reports; interpret and evaluate staff reports and related documents; know and interpret laws, regulations, codes and procedures; observe performance and evaluate staff; problem solve department related issues; and explain and interpret policy.

On a continuous basis, sit at desk and in meetings for long periods of time; intermittently twist to reach equipment surrounding desk; perform simple grasping and fine manipulation; use telephone; write or use a keyboard to communicate through written means; and lift or carry weight of 25 pounds or less.

Prepare and administer department budgets.

Develop and implement department policies and procedures.

Supervise, train and evaluate assigned personnel.

Gain cooperation through discussion and persuasion.

Analyze problems, identify alternative solutions, project consequences of proposed actions and implement recommendations in support of goals.

Interpret and apply City and department policies, procedures, rules and regulations.

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Work with various cultural and ethnic groups in a tactful and effective manner.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Experience and Training

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

Experience:

Seven years of increasingly responsible experience in supervisory or command experience in the fire service; including three years of administrative and management responsibility.

Training:

Equivalent to a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in fire science, fire administration or a related field. A Master's degree is preferred.

License and Certificate

Failure to obtain or maintain such required license(s) may be cause for disciplinary action.

Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License may be required at the time of appointment. Individuals who do not meet this requirement due to a physical disability will be considered for accommodation on a case-by-case basis.