

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

To perform technical duties related to fire suppression, prevention and rescue activities; to respond to and assist with medical and other emergencies; and to provide technical support to an assigned supervisor.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the journey level in the technical Firefighter/ Fire Engineer series. Incumbents initially perform the more routine duties assigned to positions in this series and work under close supervision. However, as experience is gained, incumbents are expected to perform the full range of duties as assigned with increasing independence.

This class is distinguished from the Fire Engineer in that the latter drives and operates specialized fire and emergency response vehicles and equipment.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives general supervision from an assigned supervisor.

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

Respond immediately to emergency and non-emergency calls when dispatched; perform fire suppression, and prevention activities including lay hose lines, pull working lines, hold nozzle to direct the stream of water on the fire, and place, raise, lower and climb ladders.

Respond to medical emergency calls as part of an engine or truck company; administer first aid medical care; assist paramedics.

Respond to and perform rescue operations including rope rescue, water rescue and vehicle extrication.

Operate a variety of apparatus, power and hand tools, medical equipment and equipment related to fire suppression, communications, rescue and other emergency activities including the handling of hazardous materials.

Inspect, troubleshoot and perform routine maintenance and repair on rescue equipment, fire apparatus, hoses, fire hydrants and other support equipment; assist in the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire house.

Participate in training related to medical response, rescue operations, fire suppression, fire prevention and inspection through both simulated and on-the-job exercises.

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 of emergency response, fire suppression, and prevention.

Principles and practices of technical rescue techniques, including rope rescue, water rescue and vehicle extrication.

Methods and procedures of emergency medical and life support skills.

Methods and procedures of the operation, maintenance and mechanics of a variety of power and hand tools, medical and communications equipment, fire pumps, hydrants and other firefighting equipment.

Geography of the local area including the location of hydrants, mains and major traffic and fire hazards.

Relevant local, State, and Federal laws, rules and regulations related to area of assignment.

### Ability to:

Perform fire prevention, suppression and emergency response activities; respond to and perform rescue operations and provide medical assistance.

Intermittently, review and evaluate documents related to department operations; observe, identify and problem solve office operations and procedures; understand, interpret and explain department policies and procedures; explain operations and problem solve issues for the public and with staff.

On a continuous basis, sit at desk for long periods of time or stand at public counter; 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 50 pounds or less.

Apply fire prevention, suppression and emergency response protocols, rules, regulations policies and procedures of the Fire Department in a variety of situations requiring quick thinking and action.

Inspect, troubleshoot, maintain, and repair a variety of apparatus and equipment related to fire services.

Successfully complete the required physical examination prior to hire.

Use, maintain and understand the operating and mechanical principles of the full range of apparatus, tools and equipment related to fire suppression, rescue and hazardous materials emergency activities.

Use sound judgment in recognizing scope of authority.

Operate and use modern office equipment including computers and applicable software.

Maintain regular attendance and adhere to prescribed work schedule to conduct job responsibilities.

Utilize appropriate safety procedures and practices for assigned duties.

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:

Two years of responsible firefighting, fire prevention, medical and/or emergency response experience.

#### Training:

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade.

### 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. Possession of a Class B California Driver License with tank and air brakes endorsement, or valid California Class C Driver License with Fire Fighter endorsements, within six months 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.

Possession of a Firefighter I certificate issued by the California State Fire Marshal or have successfully completed a California State Fire Marshal approved Firefighter I Academy.

Possession of, or ability to obtain and maintain, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate through the California EMT Central Registry.