



Department
Bargaining Unit
Salary Range
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FIREFIGHTER

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DEFINITION

Under supervision, to respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls for the protection of life and property; to render first aid and lifesaving assistance; to participate in fire prevention and training activities; to perform fire alarm, firefighting and fire station equipment maintenance; and to perform related work as required.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

Positions in this class represent the working level firefighting crew. Incumbents generally man a hose at a fire scene but may perform other duties upon order of the scene commander. Incumbents are expected to render first aid in the face of extreme conditions. A major effort is spent in training for hazardous situations. Incumbents are called upon to work in potentially hazardous conditions when at the scene of an emergency.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Performs fire control activities and utilizes strategies in the areas of victim rescue, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment; fights structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle and wildland fires; inspects and maintains nozzles, appliances, fittings, hydrants, fire extinguishers, hand and power tools, ropes, emergency lighting equipment, generators, rescue and first aid and related equipment; operates fuel and oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting, boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting and air moving equipment, various types of extinguishers, appliances, elevators, fire protection and escape systems, radio equipment and meters; uses a variety of tools, ropes, knots, ladders, life lines, belts and couplers; reels, unreels and carries hoses; connects nozzles and valve fittings; extends and reduces hose lines; lays single and multiple hose lines; lays hoses and operates hose streams above and below street level; raises, climbs and works from extension ladders; makes forcible entries; receives and transmits alarms; controls traffic; provides emergency care and treatment of fire and accident victims; lifts, carries and transports victims; engages in public information activities; conducts fire drills and demonstrates fire equipment; writes fire alarm reports; interprets federal, state, local, and departmental rules and regulations; assists in the maintenance of fire station and grounds; conducts inspections of dwellings, public assemblies and commercial, industrial and government buildings; identifies common, special, structural and panic hazards; interprets fire and building codes; issues orders to comply with such codes; inspects and tests fire protection systems; examines the storage, handling and use of flammable and combustible liquids and of other hazardous materials; makes recommendations regarding the correction of hazards; assists in the investigation of fires; responds to complaints and requests for information from the public; operates City vehicles; and performs related work as required.

LICENSE REQUIRED

- Possession of a valid California Driver's License and a good driving record.
- Within 18 months possess a firefighter endorsement and Driver Operator 1A and 1B. State Fire Marshal's
- Possession of valid Emergency Medical Technician 1 (EMT1) and Firefighter 1 Certificates.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Basic mathematics and mechanical relationships;
- Simple record-keeping methods;
- Proper methods, materials, tools and equipment used in firefighting;
- General principles of fire suppression and prevention;
- Appropriate safety precautions and procedures.
- First Aid;
- Computer terminal operation.

Ability to:

- Read, understand and apply fire fighting materials and concepts;
- Respond quickly to changing situations under emergency pressures;
- Perform limited mechanical work involved;
- Operate a vehicle observing legal and defensive driving practices;
- Obtain a valid Class B California Driver's License within one year of appointment;
- Understand and carry out oral and written instructions;
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Experience:

One year of firefighting experience as an Apprentice Firefighter.

Education:

Equivalent to completion of 12 semester units of college credit in fire science or fire administration.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS

Strength: Heavy Work - Lifting, carrying and/or pushing 100 pounds with frequent lifting and/or carrying of objects weighing up to 50 pounds.