

FIREFIGHTER - EMT/PARAMEDICGENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

Performs firefighting, fire prevention, and emergency medical services duties including combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires and applying skills and knowledge in the saving of life and property. Drives and operates District vehicles and apparatus. Maintains facilities and equipment and performs other duties as assigned. Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; understand and follow oral and written instructions; make good judgments, issue appropriate orders and act appropriately and calmly in emergency situations; perform strenuous activities under hazardous and dangerous circumstances; establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, volunteers and the general public; instruct others in areas of expertise; prepare complete, accurate reports using English grammar, spelling, and mathematics.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Work performed under the general supervision of a company officer and/or Battalion Chief who reviews work for conformance with prescribed standards.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Supervision may be provided to volunteer and/or career single role personnel as assigned at emergency incidents of training, or recruits at fire scenes, emergency medical calls, and drills. Evaluation of other employees may be required as a part of a Field Training Officer assignment.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

An employee in this classification shall perform the essential functions as outlined below. However, these functions do not include all of the specific essential functions that an employee may be required to perform.

1. Performs fire suppression activities including laying hose and performing fire combat, containment and extinguishments tasks.
2. Provides emergency medical services as appropriate to EMS certification level, including report writing and related activities.
3. Drives and operates designated and/or assigned District apparatus to emergency and non-emergency incidents in a safe and effective manner.
4. Attends and participates in department sponsored training and required fire and EMS drills as directed.
5. Restores District apparatus to an "in service" condition upon returning from an emergency incident or training exercise.
6. Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire facilities and equipment; cleans and washes walls and floors; cares for grounds around station; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans, polishes, maintains and tests apparatus and equipment.
7. Performs necessary testing and maintenance of fire hydrants, fire hose, fire apparatus and other departmental equipment.
8. Provides instruction to other firefighters, volunteers and public on subjects relating to firefighting and emergency medical services.
9. Responds to emergencies involving hazardous materials.

10. Provides fire station tours and information to visitors; assists public with questions and concerns.
11. Maintains accurate and complete reports.
12. Performs specialized fire and safety functions as assigned and trained (i.e., advanced EMS certificates, firefighter certificates, hazardous materials certificates).

JOB QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Demonstrated experience and knowledge of emergency medical procedures; fire suppression and fire prevention techniques, procedures and methods; driving and routine maintenance of firefighting and emergency medical equipment and apparatus; English grammar, spelling, and mathematics. Safely operate fire and emergency medical equipment and vehicles and use radios, pagers, a personal computer and telephone.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

1. High School diploma or GED
2. Associate Degree in Fire Science or paramedic studies
3. Any other equivalent education and/or experience may be considered in lieu of formal education and experience requirements listed above. Equivalency will be at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS/EDUCATION

1. Possession of or ability to obtain a valid Oregon driver license within 90 days.
2. NFPA Firefighter I, or equivalent
3. NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator (Driver) or current/active historically recognized equivalent.
4. NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations or current/active historically recognized equivalent.
5. NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800 course completions Oregon or National Registry EMT at time of application. Candidate must maintain Oregon certification, at least to the level of certification at time of hire, as a condition of employment for this position.
6. Any other equivalent education and/or experience may be considered in lieu of formal education and experience requirements listed above. Equivalency will be at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief.

DESIRABLE CERTIFICATIONS

1. NFPA Firefighter II
2. Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) or current/active historically recognized equivalent or current NWCG Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2) Red Card NFPA Fire and Emergency Services Instructor I or current/active historically recognized equivalent Current Oregon or National Registry Paramedic.
3. Bachelor's degree will be preferred

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. A physical agility test will be required for this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand, walk, use hands to

ginger, handle or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit, climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell.

The physical demands of this position in emergency situations require an employee to frequently lift, exert pressure for pushing and pulling, and/or move up to 30 pounds. The employee would also be required to wear and use full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus weighing approximately 35 pounds, while carrying or dragging fire hose, climbing ladders, lifting patients, handling various fire equipment (i.e. fans, generators, power saws, extrication equipment, etc.) which would require the employee to be able to move up to 200 pounds.

Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes of airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock and vibration, and extreme temperatures.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMS activities when noise levels may be loud.