

**FIREFIGHTER
(Entry Level)**

DEFINITION:

Performs fire suppression and prevention activities in protection of life and property; performs emergency medical response duties in rescue and emergency operations; assists in the operation and maintenance of firefighting and medical equipment; and participates in fire prevention and public education activities; fire and medical training; studies firefighting and medical techniques; performs other related duties as may be required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:

Receives general to close supervision from a Fire Captain and/or Fire Engineer.

CLASSIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS:

This position is the entry level fire fighting position and will serve in assignments performing EMT medical services, fire inspection/prevention, training, arson investigation, and other areas as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: May include, but are not limited to, the following:

Under direct supervision, responds to fire, medical, rescue incidents, and other assistance calls as assigned. Searches for and rescues victims from buildings, autos, etc.; removes victims from emergency situations using various tools and accepted rescue techniques. Rescues individuals from burning structures and other hazardous situations. Responds to hazardous materials incidents.

Fight fire by placing, connecting and advancing hoses, directs streams of water or chemicals on to fires. Operates equipment such as pumps, nozzles, ladders, hydrants, extinguishers, generators, etc. Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings, or to assist individuals from burning buildings; make openings in buildings for ventilation or entry using power or hand tools.

Enters structures as needed for firefighting and rescue. Participates in post-emergency salvage and clean up to protect property from water or smoke by use of salvage covers and fans.

Operates some fire department vehicles and apparatus; assists in cleaning and maintaining vehicles and equipment; checks operating condition of various equipment. Maintains equipment and quarters in a clean and ready condition at all times.

Participates in various drills and training sessions; assists in pre-fire planning; may conduct station tours and classes to help educate the public. Become proficient in and consistently apply the principles of modern firefighting practices; participate in fire prevention, education and safety demonstrations, and assist in inspection programs as required to ensure code compliance for fire and life safety.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform these position responsibilities successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills and abilities required.

Knowledge of: Principles and practices of modern firefighting techniques; safety procedures; emergency medicine; Basic Life Support (BLS) pre-hospital care procedures and protocols; emergency vehicle operations; City geography, streets and buildings; communications equipment operations; BLS equipment operation and basic preventative maintenance and emergency scene management.

Ability to: Conduct strenuous tasks under emergency medicine, fire and hazardous materials situations; learn principles and practices of fire suppression; learn to analyze fire and emergency situations and take effective courses of action; performs basic medical tasks; operate and inspect BLS equipment; perform patient assessment and required BLS procedures skillfully and accurately under adverse conditions; maintain proper inventory of fire and medical supplies at the fire station; perform the physical aspects of the job; learn general fire department rules and regulations, policies and procedures; perform basic maintenance and repair duties on assigned equipment; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted through the course of work; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, including during emergency situations. Work effectively on team and individual projects. Deal with the public in a pleasant, courteous and calm manner in all circumstances.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

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

Experience: No experience is required.

Education: Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12) grade.

Desirable Qualifications: Specialized courses in fire science or a related field.

Special Certification and License Requirements:

Possess and maintain valid California Class "C" driver's license and possession of, or ability to obtain, Class "B" license prior to completion of the first year of employment. Must maintain appropriate physical conditioning and training in order to perform assigned duties of the position. Possession of a valid CPR certificate; possession of, or ability to obtain, an EMT 1-A certificate.

ADA WORKING CONDITIONS:

The following physical and work environment is characteristic of those that an employee will encounter and must successfully meet to perform the essential duties of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the position.

PHYSICAL: PRIMARILY working at a fire station in with standing and walking; FREQUENT entering

and exiting fire vehicles. FREQUENT fine finger dexterity and light to moderate finger pressure to manipulate keyboard, reaching above and at shoulder height; side-to-side turning of neck; downward and upward flexion of the neck; moderate twisting of upper body; OCCASIONAL lifting and carrying of up to 50 pounds; pinch grasp to manipulate writing utensil; moderate grasp to manipulate reference books and manuals.

COMMUNICATION: VISION (may be corrected) includes close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus to operate office equipment and computer screens; READING articles, reference books/journals, policies, procedure and regulations, and manuals; HEARING (may be corrected) of conversations in person, by telephone, and at meetings. SPEAKING at meetings, conduct telephone conversations; give and acknowledge directions for work processes, and conduct training. WRITING to complete records and reports of activities, sign documents.

ENVIRONMENT: CONTINUOUS working in an indoor office environment with major outdoor assignments allowing exposure to wide temperature swings and climatic conditions; has a direct impact upon the physical requirements; low to moderate to noise level. FREQUENT exposure to fumes, odors, dust, and airborne particles.

Class Code:

Established:

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FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

Bargaining Unit: City of Folsom/Sacramento Area Firefighters Local 522

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