

FIREFIGHTER/LATERAL
(with Paramedic Certification)

DEFINITION:

Performs fire suppression and prevention activities in the 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; and performs other related duties.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED:

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

CLASSIFICATION CHARACTERISTICS:

Incumbent performs a full range of fire fighting duties and may serve in assignments performing medical services, fire inspection/prevention, training, arson investigation, and others.

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

Respond to fire alarms, medical rescue, or assistance calls as assigned; to prevent, combat and extinguish fires; attend to medical or rescue emergencies; provide life support as required; respond to hazardous materials incidents; attend training sessions; participate in fire drills and exercises; maintain apparatus, equipment and quarters in a clean and ready condition at all times; be 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 this 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) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) pre-hospital care procedures and protocols; emergency vehicle operations; City geography, streets and buildings; medical radio operations; BLS equipment operation and basic preventative maintenance and emergency medical scene management.

Ability to: Conduct strenuous tasks under emergency medicine, fire, and other hazardous situations; learn principles and practices of fire suppression; learn to analyze fire and emergency situations and take effective courses of action; perform basic and advanced emergency medical tasks; operate and inspect BLS and/or equipment; perform patient assessment and required BLS and ALS 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; function effectively as a team member; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted through the course of work; 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: At least one (1) year of recent, full-time successful firefighter experienced in a recognized municipal fire agency and one (1) year full-time experience working in the capacity of Paramedic; and

Training: Equivalent to the completion of twelfth (12) grade and completion of a California State Fire Marshall Accredited Regional Fire Academy, or four (4) years continuous service with a full-time municipal fire agency.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

License Requirement: Possess and maintain a valid California Class “C” driver’s license and possession of, or the ability to obtain, a Class “B” license prior to completion of the first year of employment; and

Certification Requirement: Possess and maintain a valid State of California Firefighter I certificate; possess and maintain Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certifications; and

Additional Requirements: Must be or have the ability to become a Paramedic in good standing as required by the Department of Medical Services of the County of Sacramento within two (2) months of appointment; must maintain appropriate physical conditioning and training in order to perform assigned duties of the position.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Position requires sitting, standing, walking, running, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, squatting, crouching in the performance of daily activities. The position also requires grasping, repetitive hand movement, and fine coordination in creating reports, and using a computer keyboard. Additionally, the position requires near, far, night, and color vision in situations where there is viewing of maps and fire scenes. When providing emergency services, incumbent may be required to walk or run on uneven and slippery surfaces and climb ladders. Incumbents may be required to work outdoors in all weather conditions; around loud siren noise; and moving vehicles. This position’s responsibilities will work around fires, chemicals, pesticides, blood, and other potential toxic exposures. Incumbents may be subject to stressful situations.

Class Code:

Established:

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FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

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

Worker’s Compensation Code: 7706