

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to perform a wide variety of firefighting and emergency service duties; to perform fire inspections and prevention work; to perform station and equipment maintenance; to undergo continued training in firefighting and emergency service work; to perform special assignments as delegated; and to perform related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the first working level for City firefighting and emergency service assignments. Incumbents are expected to become capable of and proficient at performing a wide range of normal firefighting and emergency response duties. Incumbents are also expected to become capable of and proficient at performing paramedic duties if assigned.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Responds to fire and emergency alarms; drives vehicles; lays and connects hoses; holds nozzles and directs fog or water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, line, and other equipment; ventilates burning buildings to deal with emergency situations; removes persons from danger; administers first aid and/or emergency medical services to injured persons; performs clean-up and salvage operations; may be specially assigned to paramedic rescue squad duty, responding to a variety of calls requiring the performance of special rescue and emergency medical assistance; maintains oxygen breathing equipment, resuscitation equipment, and other rescue equipment; participates in demonstrations of accident prevention, rescue, and first aid; performs regular station and equipment maintenance work; cleans living quarters, maintaining them in a clean and orderly condition; tests fire hydrants, reviews and receives training in Fire Department rules and regulations, fire hazards, firefighting techniques, and emergency service procedures; participates in training exercises; performs fire inspection and prevention work; may meet the public, making presentations to further Department public relations; may assume the duties of a Fire Engineer in an Engineer's absence or in a training capacity.

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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of an appropriate California driver's license.

Possession of requisite Emergency Medical Technician 1-A certification.

Possession of a First Responder certification.

Possession of a California State Fire Marshal Haz-Mat First Responder Certificate.

Possession of a Consolidated Physical Ability certificate (PAT) at time of appointment.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Knowledge of:

- Basic knowledge of methods and principles of fire suppression, fire investigation, fire prevention, emergency medical response, and hazardous material control.

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Ability to:

- Understand and act in accordance with Department policy, rules, and regulations.
- Learn a variety of firefighting, emergency service, and rescue methods, duties, and techniques.
- Respond quickly to emergency situations and work under pressure.
- Assist with fire inspection and prevention activities.
- Interpret, explain, and apply fire codes and regulations.
- Learn and perform special assignments as delegated.
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Meet established standards of physical endurance and agility.
- Effectively represent the fire service functions of the Department with the public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

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EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS - (cont.)

Training and Experience: Any combination of training and experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Education: Graduation from high school or G.E.D. is desirable. Completion of State certified fire academy is required for permanent appointment.

Work Background: Some experience in fire and emergency service work is highly desirable.

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