

SENIOR FIREFIGHTER

General Statement of Duties

Performs responsible fire suppression and incident response activities including operating fire apparatus and participating in firefighting.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class participates in incident response, operation of fire apparatus, firefighting, fire prevention and education activities, and equipment and facilities maintenance. The employee also participates in fire suppression training. Work is distinguished from a Firefighter classification by the certification and demonstrated ability to drive and operate apparatus and thus fill in for a Fire Engineer on the shift. Work requires that the employee stay abreast of state-of-the-art fire suppression and rescue procedures, techniques, and equipment and requires the employee to incorporate the necessary changes into in-service training. Ability to make effective decisions under pressure is required in all aspects of work, particularly in operating apparatus during fire response. The employee is subject to the hazards associated with incidence response work including working in inside and outside environments, in extreme hot and cold temperatures, loud noise, vibration, moving parts, high heat, chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, gases, poor ventilation, oils, wearing respirators, and working in close quarters. The employee is also subject to the final OSHA standards on blood borne pathogens. Work is performed under regular supervision and is evaluated through observation, conferences, and written reports concerning the quality and effectiveness of work completed.

Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Duties and Tasks

Responds to major alarms and participates in incidence response including firefighting operations, operation of fire apparatus and other equipment as required; responds and participates in remediation activities of chemical spills, hazardous materials, technical rescue, hazardous materials response and other related incidents.

Drives apparatus to incident scene; properly places apparatus to establish water supply or other needs; insures proper operation and pressure of hoses; issues equipment and monitors radio traffic for necessary response; returns fire apparatus and related equipment to service after incident response; participates in other post incident operations of cleaning and salvage.

Performs routine maintenance and servicing of equipment including washing and waxing trucks, checking fluid levels and proper operations of all apparatus and equipment on the apparatus.

Inspects station, and equipment for proper appearance and condition.

Performs maintenance and cleaning of fire apparatus, equipment, station building, grounds, and related facilities; inspects various equipment for readiness including SCBAs, trucks, etc.

Participates in fire prevention and education programming including fire safety inspections, fire pre-planning and updates of pre-plans, and special Town events.

Participates in hose, pump and hydrant testing.

Prepares and enters fire incident report, training records, pre-plans and maintenance activities into computerized data base.

Additional Job Duties

Performs related duties as required.

Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

Knowledges, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of firefighting techniques, procedures, and principles.

Considerable knowledge of the use and operation of emergency equipment and apparatus

used by the Town.

Considerable knowledge of incident response including response to hazardous materials spills, technical rescue, and emergency medical service calls.

Considerable knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.

Some knowledge of the application of information technology to the work.

Some knowledge of fire prevention and education programming, pre-incident planning, and fire prevention inspections.

Thorough knowledge of Town streets and layout.

Skill in collaborative conflict resolution, team work, and customer service excellence.

Ability to operate all department equipment and apparatus.

Ability to maintain effective working relationships with employees, volunteers, officials, and members of the public.

Ability to make sound judgments in emergency situations.

Ability to prepare and maintain records of work activities.

Physical Requirements

Must be able to physically perform the basic life functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, talking, and hearing.

Must be able to perform heavy work exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

Must possess visual acuity to size up the color, volume, and extent of fire involvement at fire scenes, to operate heavy fire apparatus in emergency situations, and to prepare records and reports.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school supplemented by completion of courses and seminars in fire service and experience in a fire service; or an equivalent combination of experience and education.

Special Requirements

Possession of a valid class B North Carolina driver's license.

Possession of NFPA Firefighter II and Driver/Operator/Pumps certification.

Possession of Emergency Vehicle Driver certification.

Possession of Medical Responder certification.

Possession Haz-Mat operations level certification.

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Special Note: This generic class description gives an overview of the job class, its essential job functions, and recommended job requirements. However, for each individual position assigned to this class, there is available a completed job questionnaire with a physical abilities checklist which can give further details about that one specific position. Those documents should be reviewed before initiating a selection process. They can provide additional detailed information on which to base various personnel actions and can assist management in making legal and defensible personnel decisions.