

POSITION DESCRIPTION FIREFIGHTER

Purpose

To establish the general duties and responsibilities for the position of firefighter for the City as defined by the accompanying position description.

Procedure

In the capacity of firefighter, the individual will assume the authority and responsibility of command due persons of this rank. The individual will work under the supervision of the highest ranking command officer. The senior firefighter shall assume command.

GENERAL PURPOSE

To protect life, limb, and property by performing firefighting, hazardous materials, or fire prevention duties. To maintain fire equipment, apparatus and department facilities.

MINIMUM CERTIFICATION

All volunteer paid on call fire fighters must be certified as Firefighter I and Firefighter II, and have HazMat Awareness by the Michigan Fire Fighter Training Council within twenty-four (24) months of hire.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Performs firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose, and performing fire containment, extinguishments and overhaul tasks.
- Participates in training, attends classes in firefighting, hazardous materials, and related subjects.
- Operates radios and other communications equipment.
- Carries out duties in conformance with Federal, State, County, City and Local laws and ordinances.
- Maintains fire equipment, apparatus and facilities. Performs minor repairs to departmental equipment.
- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire facilities and equipment.
- Assist in developing plans for special assignments such as emergency preparedness, hazardous materials, and emergency aid activities.
- Presents programs to the community on safety, medical and fire prevention topics.
- Performs salvage operation.

PERIPHERAL DUTIES

- Assist in department supervisory and administrative activities as assigned.
- Assist in training new employees as assigned.
- Attends training and meetings as required or scheduled.
- May serve as a member on various employee committees.
- May instruct classes in assigned subject areas.
- The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or logical assignment to the position.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- A. Ability to apply standard firefighting, hazardous material, and fire prevention techniques.
- B. Ability to perform strenuous physical tasks during emergency, training or station activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of heights, smoke and adverse weather conditions.
- C. Ability to communicate verbally and in writing.
- D. Ability to establish and maintain working relationships with other employees supervisor and the public.
- E. Maintains required certifications and licensures.
- F. Skills in the operation of listed tools and equipment, such as fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus, and other standard firefighting equipment and computers.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Must be at least 18 years old or older at the time of employment and have a High School Diploma or GED equivalent.
- B. Must possess, a valid unrestricted State of Michigan Driver's License
- C. No felony or disqualifying criminal convictions.
- D. Ability to meet departmental physical standards.

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 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 is frequently required to stand, walk, talk, hear, use hand or fingers to handle or operate objects tools, or controls, and reach with hands and arms. The employee is required to sit, climb, maintain balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristic 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 essential functions. Work is performed primarily in the field, vehicles and outdoor settings, in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and night. Work is often performed in emergency situations. Employee may be exposed to loud noises and hazards associated with firefighting, including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, solvents, oils and rendering emergency medical services with potential exposure to blood borne pathogens and communicable diseases. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places.