



Firefighter I Fire

FD/07

JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for performing fire suppression and emergency rescue services.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Responds to fire alarms, traffic accidents, medical emergencies, rescue calls, and other emergencies as a member of a fire and rescue team.
- Lays and connects lines; operates generator and other equipment.
- Performs fire rescue and suppression duties, including ventilating burning buildings, performing search and rescue operations, raising and climbing ladders, holding nozzles and directing water, and performing salvage and overhaul operations.
- Drives rescue truck as assigned; serves as first responder at the scene of an emergency or fire; stabilizes scene, rescues victims using extrication tools, administers first aid, and assists EMS personnel in the care and transportation of patients.
- Inspects, cleans, and maintains equipment, tools, and vehicles; performs preventative maintenance work on vehicles.
- Inspects and maintains fire hydrants; checks and measures water flow and static pressure; clears area around hydrants for easy access; lubricates and paints hydrants.
- Conducts territory tours to become familiar with residential and commercial areas, new developments, streets, and intersections.
- Conducts pre-fire inspections of commercial property to identify the physical lay-out and fire hazards.
- Conducts fire safety and fire prevention tours and lectures for schools, civic groups, and businesses.
- Participates in in-service training activities, physical fitness exercises, drills, and demonstrations to maintain and update fire service skills and education.
- Attends classes to maintain certification.
- Completes incident reports, maintenance reports, daily log sheets, and other documents.
- Performs custodial grounds maintenance work on assigned shift at designated station.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Knowledge of CPR and First Aid.
- Knowledge of or the ability to learn street, building, water system and physical layout of the City.
- Knowledge of state traffic laws for emergency vehicles.
- Knowledge of all fire suppression and equipment and its placement on vehicles.
- Knowledge of firefighting techniques, policies, procedures and practices.
- Skill in performing many and varied firefighting techniques and procedures.
- Skill in reacting quickly and calmly while under pressure.
- Skill in driving and operating all fire vehicles, fire suppression equipment, medical equipment and tools in a safe and efficient manner.
- Skill in performing mathematical calculations.
- Skill in computing rate, ratio, proportions and percent.

- Skill in reading and interpreting a variety of documents.
- Skill in understanding and following oral and written instructions.
- Skill in establishing facts and drawing valid conclusions.
- Skill in writing routine reports and/or correspondence.
- Skill in communicating and interacting effectively with co-workers, other City employees and the general public.
- Skill in performing prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions.
- Skill in driving fire apparatus over the road safely under emergency conditions.
- Skill in the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Fire Captain assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include City of Tifton Fire Department standard operating guidelines, and NFPA, OSHA, GEMA/FEMA requirements. These guidelines are generally clear and specific, but may require some interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of related fire suppression emergency rescue duties. The need to respond to emergency and life-threatening situations contributes to the complexity of the position.
- The purpose of this position is to perform fire suppression and emergency response duties. Successful performance helps ensure the increased safety of life and property in the City of Tifton.

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with emergency medical personnel, law enforcement personnel, co-workers, and members of the general public.
- Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, to provide services and to resolve problems.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Meet physical requirements as indicated for State certification and pass TFD PAT.
- Must endure sustained acts of physical exhaustion and endure periods of duty under unfavorable and life threatening situations.
- Heavy lifting and carrying, frequently more than 100 pounds.
- Reaching, pulling, pushing, balancing, smelling, and throwing.
- Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction)
- Acceptable hearing (with or without hearing aid)
- Ability to communicate orally
- Ability to use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls.
- Walking, climbing, sitting, standing, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, jumping, running
- Driving
- Hazardous conditions: flames, fire, fumes, chemicals, smoke, heat, gases, moving vehicles, falling structures and debris, electricity, poor ventilation, poor lighting and related hazardous.
- Stressful situations
- Varying heights
- Outside weather conditions
- High noise levels, (reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified individuals with a disability.)

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS – FIREFIGHTER I

- High school graduation or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma.
- Completion of minimum standards as required by the State of Georgia.
- Successful completion of all medical and fitness requirements set by the department.
- Valid Georgia Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record; and the ability to obtain a Class "A" Non-Commercial Georgia Driver's License within the time limits as set by the Department.
- Certification as a Firefighter I NPQ as prescribed by the State of Georgia.
- Certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid.
- Firefighters must pass both written and physical examinations in order to be considered for employment. Written exams test individuals on their basic knowledge. Physical exams test the strength and agility of potential firefighters. Alertness, coordination and self-discipline are all highly necessary for safe and effective firefighting. A continuing commitment to physical fitness is also required.