

FIREFIGHTER

Function:

Under limited supervision of Fire Captain, or other higher ranking officer, performs tasks associated with fire suppression.

Duties:

Assumes role as Incident Commander at the scene of an emergency until relieved by a higher-ranking individual.

Ventilates burning buildings by making openings in the roof, floor, and walls of burning structures when necessary.

Removes persons from burning structures.

Lays and connects hose lines and operates nozzles to direct water flow.

Performs salvage operations at the scene of the fire such as covering furniture and clearing of debris.

Performs routine maintenance and minor repairs on Fire Department equipment such as ladder trucks, pumpers, extinguishers and hoses.

Performs emergency treatment to injured persons utilizing established first aid procedures.

Participates in training courses to learn firefighting theory and practice, first aid, hydraulics, handling of hazardous materials and explosives, use of tools and knot tying.

Performs routine tasks involving upkeep of fire station and grounds.

Tests firefighting equipment to ensure that equipment is in proper working condition.

Participates in fire prevention and community service programs such as courtesy home inspections, fire station tours, smoke detector installation and testing.

May be called upon to suppress fires in neighboring communities.

Performs other duties as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Knowledge of the street system and physical layout of the City as well as the location of fire hydrants.

Knowledge of salvage, rescue and first aid techniques.

Skill in the operation of ladders.

Ability to comprehend and successfully carry out both oral and written instructions in strict

accordance with department rules, regulations and established procedures.
Ability to respond quickly to changing situations under emergency conditions.

Ability to do prolonged and difficult work under hazardous conditions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others in the department and the general public.

Education, Training and Experience:

Graduation from accredited high school or GED.

Possession of a valid driver's license

Possession of a valid South Carolina Class E driver's permit within four weeks of employment.

Possession of a South Carolina Class E driver's license within six months of employment.

Completion of Emergency Medical Responder course and Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation within six (6) months of employment and will be required to maintain certification.

Completion of requirements of NFPA, IFSAC or Pro Board, Firefighter I.

Successful completion of NIMS, ICS or equivalency (IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800) within six months of hire.

Minimum Standards to Perform Job Functions:

Must compile, gather, collate or classify information about data, people or things; reports and/or carries out a prescribed action in relation to the information on a frequent basis.

Must speak, talk with and/or signal people to convey or exchange information; includes giving directions to general public or employees.

Manipulates using body members, tools or special devices to work, move, guide or place objects or materials. Involves some latitude for judgment with regard to precision attained and selecting appropriate tool, object or material, although this is readily manifest.

Very Heavy Work: Exerts in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical demand requirements are in excess of those for Heavy Work.

Must maintain physical conditioning to be able to perform all duties of firefighting on Isle of Palms according to departmental standards.

Must pass annual physical exam by department physician.

Must be willing to actively attack fires, hazardous materials spills or situations, maritime emergency situations with objective of stabilizing situation and protect or preserve life and property to the greatest extent practical.

Must be able to add, subtract, multiply, and divide all units of measures.

Must be able to read journals, newspapers, periodicals, manuals, dictionaries, financial reports, legal documents, thesauruses and encyclopedias.

Must be able to write reports, using all rules of punctuation, grammar, diction and style.

Participates in panel discussion and debates; speaks extemporaneously on a variety of subjects.

Must be able to read safety rules, instructions in the use and maintenance of tools and equipment and departmental procedures.

Note: The listings of duties in this class specification is representative, not exhaustive. It is not necessarily a detailed description of all work responsibilities and it does not give exclusive title to every function described.

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