

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC**DEFINITION:**

Under general supervision, the firefighter/paramedic protects life and property by performing firefighting, rescue, emergency medical aid, hazardous materials, disaster response, and fire prevention duties; operates and maintains fire equipment, apparatus, and facilities; participates in training and paramedic recertification activities; and does other related work as required.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

The listed duties are essential for this position. Duties may include, but are not limited to the following: responds to fire alarms, emergency rescue calls, and requests for assistance; rescues persons endangered by fire and other hazards, and administers first aid or proper emergency medical services to injured parties; quickly responds to fires with company and participates in rescue, entry, laying hose, operating ladders, ventilating buildings, extinguishing flames, performing salvage and overhaul activities, and other fire control tactics; maintains skills in fire suppression tactics and lifesaving procedures through training drills; operates advanced equipment for rescue and life-saving activities; attends classes in firefighting, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and related subjects; may drive or operate a piece of auxiliary equipment; inspects and tests equipment carried on pumpers; cleans and services firefighting equipment; operates radio and phone equipment; assists in maintaining clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station; participates in building inspections for fire prevention and pre-fire planning purposes; attends and participates in special drills and other training and recertification activities; assists Fire Engineer in the operation of various fire equipment as assigned. May be required to work 8 to 24 hour shifts, holidays, and weekends.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience: Must have high school diploma or G.E.D. and have completed Firefighter I training from a California State Fire Marshal recognized academy. The completion of at least 12 college units of fire science courses is preferred.

License and Certificates: Must possess a current license as a paramedic with the State of California at the time of hire. Must obtain Los Angeles County Paramedic accreditation within 3 months of the date of hire. Must possess a valid California driver's license at the time of appointment.

Special Condition of Employment: Cannot have smoked or used tobacco products up to one year prior to employment and must continue as a non-tobacco user during employment.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: Requires working knowledge of driver safety. Must acquire skill in operating department tools and equipment including emergency medical aid unit, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other firefighting equipment, ladders, first aid equipment, radio, pager, personal computer, and telephone. Must have the ability to prepare records and reports; learn technical firefighting principles and techniques; read and write in the English language; understand and follow oral and written directions; perform strenuous or peak activities during emergency training or station maintenance situations for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke; act effectively in emergency and stressful situations; demonstrate physical endurance and agility; establish and maintain effective working relationships with others; and renew paramedic certification as required.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to handle or operate objects, tools, or controls; reach, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk; hear; taste; smell; and frequently use arms, legs, and back to lift and/or move more than 100 pounds.

This position requires specific vision abilities, including close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to focus on small objects. The employee regularly works outdoors and may be exposed to variable weather conditions; occasionally works near moving vehicles and mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and may be exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes, smoke, and/or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electric shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during emergency response and for certain firefighting or emergency medical aid activities when noise levels may be loud.