

FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to fight fires and perform rescue work in responding to alarms and emergency calls for the protection of lives and property; to participate in fire prevention, station maintenance and training activities; and to do related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL DUTIES

Responds to fire alarms with the fire company; connects and lays hose lines and enters burning buildings with these lines; assists in operating nozzles and directing a stream of water onto the fire; carries and operates various types of fire extinguishers; raises, lowers, and climbs ladders; makes forcible entry into buildings when necessary; ventilates buildings to drive out smoke and gases; renders first aid and may serve as a paramedic in operating advance equipment for rescue and lifesaving activities; performs salvage and overhauling operations; may drive or operate a piece of auxiliary equipment; inspects and tests equipment carried on pumpers; cleans and services firefighting equipment; assists in the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station; participates in inspections of residential and commercial buildings for fire prevention and pre-fire planning purposes; attends and participates in special drills and other training activities; relieves Fire Engineer in the operation of various fire equipment as assigned. May be required to work shifts, weekends, and/or holidays.

QUALIFICATIONS

Training and Experience: Equivalent to graduation from high school; and completion of at least twelve college units in fire science courses or within eighteen months following appointment, a Firefighter must complete at least six college units in fire science courses to be taken while off duty and at own expense. 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: Ability to learn technical firefighting principles and techniques; ability to learn principles of fire hydraulics; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to work under adverse and dangerous conditions; ability to meet age, height, weight, and physical standards; ability to demonstrate physical endurance and agility; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

LICENSE

Possession of a valid California driver's license at time of employment.