

CITY OF ARCADIA

AUXILIARY FIREFIGHTER (PART-TIME)

DEFINITION

Under immediate and direct supervision, to assist and respond to fire alarm and other emergency calls to protect life and property; to assist and render first aid and lifesaving techniques; and to assist and participate in fire prevention programs and inspections, station and apparatus maintenance, and training activities.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Exercises no supervision.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Under supervision, respond to alarms and assist in the suppression of structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, and vehicle fires; perform fire control activities and utilize strategies in the areas of victim rescue, entry, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment, and salvage work; lay and connect hose; and various fire apparatus, equipment, tools, and devices; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders; ventilate burning structures; make forcible entries and evacuate occupants.

Operate a variety of equipment, tools, and devices, including lifting, hoisting, spreading, and pulling equipment, fuel and oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting, boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting and air moving equipment, all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand lines, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, emergency medical equipment and other rescue equipment.

Respond to miscellaneous emergencies including rescues, hazardous materials, flooding, and natural disasters; respond to non-emergency situations including false fire alarms, elderly assists, vehicle and residential lockouts, and other non-emergency situations.

Respond to emergency medical incidents; analyze patient needs and administer first aid until relieved by proper medical personnel; apply techniques for the control of bleeding; utilize immobilization techniques to stabilize patient.

Participate in periodic testing of pumps, ladders, and other apparatus and equipment.

Perform cleaning, salvage, and overhaul work following fire; prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Participate in fire drills; attend continuing and advanced training sessions which include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.

Assist in the maintenance of the fire station and grounds; maintain inventories of apparatus, equipment, and supplies; recommend purchase of fire fighting equipment, physical fitness apparatus, and station appliances.

OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices, and procedures of modern fire fighting.

Purposes, uses, and operating characteristics of a variety of apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, and vehicles used in fire fighting, rescue, and medical assistance operations.

Fire hazards and related prevention and abatement methods.

Procedures, methods, and techniques of emergency medical services including basic first aid and CPR.

Occupational hazards and standard safety practices necessary in the area of fire prevention and suppression and victim rescue.

Basic principles of mechanics, hydraulics, and mathematics related to fire fighting and engineering duties.

Fire prevention, suppression, and victim rescue tactics and strategy.

Hazardous materials, chemical chain reactions, and fire behavior.

Pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, codes, and regulations.

Principles and procedures of record keeping.

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Knowledge of:

Safe driving principles and practices.

Skill to:

Operate a motor vehicle safely.

Operate a variety of fire fighting and emergency response equipment safely and effectively including communications equipment.

Ability to:

Read, understand and apply technical fire fighting materials and concepts.

Read and interpret blueprints and site maps.

Respond quickly to changing situations under stressful emergency conditions.

Demonstrate physical endurance, agility, strength, and stamina in the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions; think and act quickly in emergencies.

Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Exercise good judgment, flexibility, creativity, and sensitivity in response to changing situations and needs.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish, maintain and foster positive and harmonious working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

License or Certificate:

Possession of a Fire Training Academy Certificate.

Possession of an EMT-I Certificate.

Possession of CPR certification issued by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Possession of an appropriate, valid driver's license.

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Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, run, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, crawl, twist, climb, and lift 125 lbs.; exposure to cold, fire, heat, smoke, noise, outdoors, vibration, confining work space, chemicals, explosive materials, mechanical hazards, and electrical hazards; ability to travel to different sites and locations, availability for shift work, on-call, and stand-by.

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