

FIREFIGHTER

SUMMARY/PURPOSE

To safeguard lives and property by fighting and preventing fires and performing rescues under crisis and threatening situations.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (other duties may be assigned)

1. Fight, control, and extinguish fires using all available technology and equipment in accordance with accepted practices.
2. Prevent fires and other disasters through education, inspection, and any other available and practical means.
3. Rescue life, prevent injury, and salvage property under crisis and threatening situations.
4. Limit or prevent the escape of hazardous materials into the environment.
5. Operate, repair, and maintain equipment, systems, buildings, grounds, and other items and equipment used by the Fire Department.

JOB REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skills, and abilities required.

1. Education & Experience Requirements
 - A. Completion of an accepted program of training in firefighting equivalent to IFSTA Firefighter I and Firefighter II courses, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
2. Preferred Requirements
 - A. A valid vehicle operator's license equivalent to a Minnesota Class "D" Driver's License.
3. CPAT Requirements
 - A. Must provide proof of passing the IAFF/IAFC CPAT test within previous six months of written exam date.
4. Knowledge Requirements
 - A. Knowledge of firefighting, rescue, hazardous materials, and fire prevention basic practices.
 - B. Knowledge of mechanical systems in order to effectively maintain and operate firefighting apparatus, equipment, and tools.
 - C. Knowledge of basic national, state and local codes, statutes, ordinances, and laws as they relate to the fire department mission.
 - D. Knowledge of the properties and reactions of common and uncommon chemicals and products.
 - E. Knowledge of general physics, hydraulics, and technical math as they relate to firefighting.
5. Skill Requirements
 - A. Skill in communicating one-on-one and in front of groups for the purpose of obtaining or providing information.
 - B. Skill in rapidly analyzing critical situations and determining appropriate course of action.
 - C. Skill in building community relationships.
 - D. Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with peers.

6. Ability Requirements

- A. Ability to fight, control, and extinguish fires and effect rescues under threatening conditions using all available technology and equipment in accordance with accepted practices, including those defined by OSHA, NFPA, ANSI, and others.
- B. Ability to obtain national certification as an Emergency Medical Technician within the probationary period on own time and at own expense.
- C. Ability to understand, implement and give oral instructions.
- D. Ability to establish good working relationships with the public and other public safety organizations.
- E. Ability to be courageous and careful, and to use good judgment in crisis and threatening situations.
- F. Ability to discriminate visually and aurally in order to assess and neutralize threats during crisis and threatening situations.
- G. Ability to operate and maintain equipment used while performing the above job functions.

7. Physical Ability Requirements

- A. Ability to physically perform all duties that may be assigned during emergencies as required by OSHA 1910.156.
- B. Ability to perform all tasks which require the use of a self-contained breathing apparatus, as recommended by ANSI Z88.5-1981 and required by OSHA 1910.134.
- C. Ability to climb/descend ladder carrying heavy load.
- D. Ability to drag heavy objects such as victims or fire hoses.
- E. Ability to hold, control, and aim fire hoses in operation under high pressures.
- F. Ability to affect forceful entry in to structure.
- G. Ability to use a pike pole, axe, and/or power saw to ventilate a roof while on ladder.
- H. Ability to balance while carrying heavy load and crossing narrow and/or high pathway.
- I. Ability to climb/descend vertically using rope climbing techniques while carrying or guiding a heavy load.

8. Other Requirements

- A. Must pass extensive physical and medical examinations.
- B. Must pass periodic physical and medical examinations to verify the continued ability to perform all duties that may be assigned during crisis and threatening situations.
- C. Must not use by any method any tobacco or similar product.
- D. Must, within six months of appointment, reside within 25 miles of Headquarters Fire Station or at a location from which they can respond by vehicle to Headquarters Fire Station within 30 minutes of being notified, given normal driving conditions.

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