

MAJOR FUNCTION

Performs general duties in the prevention of fire and protection of life and property. Work is performed as a member of a team and a superior officer is usually available to assign definite duties. Work is reviewed by observation of results obtained and methods used. Employees in this class carry the Fire Department grade or rank established by the Fire Chief.

ESSENTIAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT JOB DUTIES**Essential Duties**

Responds to fire alarms with a fire company. Prepares to fight fire by connecting hose to hydrants or pumps and joining hose sections and nozzles to hose. Enters burning building and operates nozzle to direct stream of water on fires. Operates equipment to facilitate entry into locked buildings through approved forcible entry methods. Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment in extinguishing fires. Operates pumps to maintain an adequate water volume and pressure. Raises, lowers, and climbs ladders. Ventilates burning buildings to carry off smoke and gases. Rescues individuals and provides appropriate emergency medical assistance. Performs property conservation operations such as placing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris. May drive ladder trucks, pumper trucks and emergency trucks in responding to fire alarms and in returning to the station. Attends instruction sessions concerning firefighting methods, equipment operation, Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS), and street hydrant locations, and maintains good physical fitness. Administers first response BLS or ALS to injured or afflicted persons. Performs related work as required.

If designated as Firefighter - Step 0, performs above tasks, with supervisory guidance provided on BLS tasks. Attends all required classes, labs, and clinical hours for approved Florida Emergency Medical Technician program. No driving duties assigned.

Other Important Duties

Performs cleaning and maintenance tasks in and about the assigned station and maintains vehicles and equipment daily. Performs related work as required. Performs community outreach activities.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Knowledge of the street system and geography of the city. Knowledge of first aid methods and ability to provide medical assistance as required. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies. Ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions. Ability to operate fire apparatus, vehicles, and equipment. Skills in tactical firefighting. Ability to write comprehensive medical report. Basic computer skills.

Minimum Training and Experience

Possession of a high school diploma or an equivalent recognized certificate. Must be a certified State of Florida firefighter at time of appointment and maintain such certification a condition of certification.

Necessary Special Requirements

Firefighter – Step 0: Must be enrolled in an approved State of Florida emergency medical technician program at time of appointment and obtain certification as a State of Florida emergency medical technician (EMT) within 12 months of appointment unless extended by the Fire Chief due to extenuating circumstances. Must execute a Step 0 agreement at time of appointment.

Firefighter - Step 1: Must be a State of Florida certified emergency medical technician (EMT) at the time of appointment and must maintain this certification as a condition of continued employment. A valid State of Florida Paramedic certification may substitute for the EMT certification.

Must possess a valid Class E State driver's license or equivalent, as determined by the City, at the time of appointment.

All male applicants between the ages of 18-26 years of age must provide proof of Selective Service registration or exemption.

Must maintain compliance with Florida Statute 633.

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