FIRE FIGHTER

DEFINITION:

Under supervision, to fight fires and to participate in fire prevention activities in protecting life and property; to operate and maintain fire fighting and rescue equipment and the Fire Station; and to do related work as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTARISTICS:

Positions assigned to this class perform both trainee and journey-level fire prevention, medical care and fire combat work. When initially employed, incumbents will be expected to successfully complete comprehensive entry level firefighter training program lasting one year followed by a six month driving and pump operations training. Upon completion of the eighteen (18) month probation, firefighters are expected to perform a full range of prevention, safety, medical , suppression duties assigned to the class and to learn journey level skills in all areas of work assigned. Individuals are periodically evaluated by supervisors regarding their progress in skill development, ability to function in their work environment and either work related elements of the job, both during and after completion of the probationary employment period.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

Serve as hose operator in fire fighting situations, including placing and pulling working lines, manning the nozzle to direct the stream of water on the fire, placing, raising, lowering, and climbing ladders, and assisting in overhaul and salvage operations.

Respond to rescue calls and administer basic life support.

Clean and inspect equipment, perform lubrication, make adjustments and repairs to equipment, and maintain fuel and oil supply.

Clean and test fire hoses.

Operate radio-telephone equipment.

Study Fire Department Rules and Regulations, fire hazards, fire fighting techniques, and related subjects.

Participate in salvage operations.

May be required to respond to fire calls during off-duty hours.

Participate in continuous training in fire prevention, inspection and suppression through both simulated and on-the-job exercises.

Drive and operate fire apparatus and/or other vehicles. Possession of a valid Drivers License recognized by the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles as legal to operate a vehicle in California.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

Principles, practices and procedures of modern fire fighting and protection of lives and property.

Learn and apply emergency medical procedures.

Rules, regulations and operational procedures of the Fire District

Operation and maintenance of the type of apparatus and equipment used in modern fire fighting activities.

Ability to:

Demonstrate physical endurance, agility and strength sufficient to meet the established standards of the District.

Demonstrate a high degree of mechanical aptitude.

Learn fire fighting methods and techniques, the operation of fire fighting equipment, street location and physical layout of the District, and major traffic and fire hazards.

Think and act quickly in emergencies.

Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Deal courteously and effectively with the general public.

Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Learn and demonstrate the operating and mechanical principles of fire apparatus, fire alarm systems, automatic fire extinguishing equipment, and other fire equipment.

Learn to effectively and safely drive and operate the full range of fire apparatus and equipment used by the Fire District.

Learn to perform field calculations of hydraulics fro the proper and effective operation of equipment at emergency scenes.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Possession of an appropriate California driver's license.

Must have and maintain a current State of California EMT-1A or FS certification.

Must become a certified EMT Defibrillator operator within six months of an individual's appointment date and must maintain this certification.

Necessary Special Requirements:

Possession of an appropriate California driver's license.

Must have and maintain a current State of California EMT-1A or FS certification.

New applicants must have completed an accredited fire academy or must have a CSFM Firefighter 1 certification.

Must become a certified EMT Defibrillator operator within six months of an individual's appointment date and must maintain this certification.

To advance to fourth step firefighter, an individual must have completed the following:

(a) Completion of eighteen months within the rank.

(b) Must have successfully completed any two of the CSFM Fire Officer courses.

ADA Special Requirements:

Essential Duties require the following physical abilities and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, run, kneel, crouch, squat, stoop, reach, crawl, twist, climb, drive, and lift 150 lbs; exposure to cold, heat, extreme noise, outdoors, confining work space, electrical hazards, vibration, chemicals and dust, toxic waste, mechanical hazards, explosive materials; availability for shift work, on-call and stand-by call.