



FIREFIGHTER

Summary

Under immediate supervision performs firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires and operating firefighting apparatus in accordance with well-defined policies and procedures. Provides BLS Medical Assistance for the sick and injured.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Responds to Alarms (20%)

- Responds to fire alarms with company; connects hoses; manipulates nozzle to direct water streams; raises and secures ladders; uses other equipment as needed.
- Through the use of firefighting techniques performs hazardous tasks under emergency conditions which may involve strenuous exertion under such handicaps as smoke and cramped surroundings.
- Assists in removing persons from danger; administering BLS to injured persons; performs salvage operations, such as deploying salvage covers, and the removal of water and debris.

B. Supervised Training (60%)

- Learns about equipment and its maintenance, and cleans and maintains quarters
- Participate in fire drills and attends classes in firefighting, first aid and related subjects.

C. Maintenance Work (20%)

- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of Fire Department property; cleans and washes walls and floors; washes, dries and rolls hose; washes, cleans, polishes apparatus.
- Performs other duties in a safe manner as assigned by immediate supervisor and other supervisors as required.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

Qualifications:

- Must have a high school diploma or GED.
- Must possess a valid driver's license and have an acceptable driving record.
- Must have a record which is free and clear of any and all convictions of a felony or crime of moral turpitude or other unethical, illegal charges as established by proper legal authority of the State of Alabama.
- Must be able to obtain and maintain a valid Alabama Firefighter I and Firefighter II certification and a minimum Basic Emergency Medical Technician license within the first year of employment.
Special Requirement: Applicants not Firefighter I/II certified must have successfully completed the Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) within the past twelve months to be eligible to be tested.
- Will be required to perform the job duties of the position in a safe manner.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Reading skill to interpret hazardous material placards and signs.
- Skill to operate various firefighting equipment, e.g., hoses, axes, nozzles, breathing apparatus.
- Ability to comprehend and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to learn and perform first aid and CPR.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with other employees.
- Must maintain regular attendance on the job.

Physical Characteristics:

- See well enough to read and identify from a distance, either aided or unaided, hazardous material information.
- Hear well enough to respond to commands in potentially dangerous emergency situations.
- Verbal communication skills to communicate effectively in hazardous situations.
- Verbal communication skills to clearly and distinctly operate a hand held or vehicle radio.
- Have ability to move quickly in emergency situations.
- Be able to climb stairs with a load, be able to drag small and large diameter hoses, be able to carry firefighting equipment over a distance, be able to set and raise a ladder, be able to use tools for a forcible entry, be able to crawl long distances in a black out situation, be able to carry or drag a weight equal to a normal size person, and be able to use tools to move loads such as might be used during salvage operations.