

## **FIRE FIGHTER**

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Protects life and property by performing fire fighting, emergency aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention duties. Maintains fire equipment, apparatus, and facilities.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Works under the general supervision of a Fire Officer.

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** May assist to coordinate and work with volunteer fire fighters, new recruits, or other part-time department personnel, as assigned.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

Performs fire fighting activities including: driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose, and performing fire combat, containment and extinguishment tasks.

Performs emergency aid activities including administering first aid and providing other assistance as required.

Participates in fire drills, attends classes in fire fighting, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and related subjects.

Receives and relays fire calls and alarms. Operates radio and other communication equipment.

### **PERIPHERAL DUTIES:**

Participates in the inspection of buildings, hydrants, and other structures in fire prevention programs.

Maintains fire equipment, apparatus and facilities. Performs minor repairs to departmental equipment. Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire facilities and equipment; cleans and washes walls and floors; cares for grounds around station; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans, polishes, maintains and tests apparatus and equipment.

Conducts rental inspections and re-inspections and reports blight within the assigned area.

Assists in developing plans for special assignments such as emergency preparedness, hazardous communications, training programs, fire fighting, hazardous materials, and emergency aid activities.

Presents programs to the community on safety, medical, and fire prevention topics.

Assists in administrative activities as assigned.

Assists in coordinating and working with volunteer fire fighters as required. Assists in training new employees as assigned.

### **DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Education and Experience:

- High school diploma or GED equivalent; Bachelors degree preferred.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of driver safety and first aid.
- Ability to successfully learn the operation of the listed tools and equipment; ability to learn to apply standard fire fighting, emergency aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention techniques; ability to perform strenuous or peak physical effort during emergency, training or station maintenance activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke; ability to act effectively in emergency and stressful situations; ability to follow verbal and written instructions; ability to communicate effectively

orally and in writing; ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the general public; ability to meet the special requirements below.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Have a valid State of Michigan Drivers License.
- Must have achieved Fire Fighter II and EMT certification (licensed by the State of Michigan) prior to hire or appointment. Advanced Life Support Paramedic State Certification is preferred.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED:

Ambulance, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other standard fire fighting equipment, ladders, first aid equipment, radio, pager, personal computer and phone.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; talk or hear; and taste or smell.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 100 pounds or the weight of a person. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain fire fighting or EMT activities when noise levels may be loud.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

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