

Firefighter / EMT

POSITION SUMMARY

Under supervision of the Fire Department officers; generally either a shift Captain, Lieutenant, Sr. Fighter or higher ranking officer. This is a non-exempt position under FLSA and a full-time technical position, operating within a combination full-time/part-time/volunteer Fire Department. The primary responsibilities of the Firefighter are fire suppression, emergency medical care, driving fire apparatus, and routine care and maintenance of fire equipment, and facilities. Attends regularly scheduled meetings and training, and may be required to deliver training in those areas in which they are knowledgeable.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Works within departmental Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Responds to emergencies and performs those firefighting, rescue and emergency medical activities deemed necessary.
- Responsible to become certified for driving and operating fire apparatus.
- Responsible to remain certified as emergency medical technician.
- Responsible for operating fire pumps, hand tools, small engines and other Fire Department equipment.
- Responsible for attending required meetings and training.
- Responsible for daily maintenance, care and cleaning of apparatus, small equipment and facilities
- Responsible for maintaining healthy public relations and promoting good public will.
- Prepares and presents reports, studies, training and research as required.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS

- Performs other duties as deemed necessary or assigned by firefighters.
- This employee is subject to call-back when off-duty as deemed necessary.

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EXPERIENCE

Firefighter I and Firefighter II certificates. Kansas EMT certification with preference given for Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) certification.

EDUCATION

A high school diploma or GED and valid Kansas drivers license is required. College credit in fire science is preferred.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Ideal candidates should have basic knowledge of the principles, practices, methods and equipment employed in modern firefighting; fire hazards and fire prevention techniques; and the application of fire records to fire prevention, fire protection, and Fire/EMS report writing. Candidates should be able to perform all functions associated with fire suppression, EMS, rescue, fire prevention, and station/equipment maintenance activities as assigned by the department. Candidates should also have the ability to communicate effectively and portray a positive image of the organization to the general public and be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with all members of the organization and outside agencies. Desirable qualifications include: certifications for Driver Operator, Fire Inspector, and a related associate's degree, supplemented by formal training in firefighting techniques; or any equivalent combination of education, experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The positions work under supervision to perform a variety of physically demanding critical Fire Department functions including: firefighting, rescue, emergency medical response and patient care, fire safety inspections, public education, efficient operation of equipment, and maintenance of facilities. Manual labor including lifting, carrying heavy objects, bending, climbing, kneeling, crawling and the ability to operate equipment is required of this position. This employee is also required to complete a yearly physical agility test.

Applicant must successfully pass a background check, drug screen, and physical.