

FIRE FIGHTER

Incumbent:	Vacant
Classification:	Classified
FLSA Status:	Non-exempt
Pay Range:	Per contract; currently \$44,387.20 - \$55,619.20 (as of April 1, 2008)
Department:	Division of Fire
Reports To:	Unit Captain or Unit Lieutenant
Supervises/ Oversees:	None

NATURE OF WORK (narrative)

Under the direction of the Unit Captain, Unit Lieutenant or other Fire Fighter in charge, is responsible for the protection of life and property by performing fire fighting, emergency aid, hazardous materials and fire prevention duties.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Perform firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose and performing fire combat, containment and extinguishment tasks.
2. Perform emergency aid activities including administering first aid and providing other assistance as required.
3. Receive and relay fire calls and alarms; operate radio and other communication equipment.
4. Maintain fire equipment, apparatus and facilities. Perform minor repairs to departmental equipment.
5. Present programs to the community on safety, medical and fire prevention topics.
6. Perform general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire facilities and equipment.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK

- Responds to fire alarms, works to extinguish fires by laying fire lines, placing hose streams on fires, raising ladders and effecting proper ventilation. Participates in saving lives by raising ladders, making forcible entry through doors and windows and using various tools to free trapped persons.
- With other personnel, maintains fire apparatus and equipment in a state of readiness. Assists in maintaining fire station and grounds in an acceptable condition. Participates in continuing training programs on duty by attending classes, completing evolutions and working on training fires.
- Participates in building inspection programs for the purpose of familiarization and fire prevention.
- As an EMT-B, EMT-P, fire fighter, responds to emergency calls to perform emergency care to victims of accidents or serious illnesses. Uses various first aid equipment, resuscitators, splints, and mechanical devices to assist victims and transport to hospital.
- Participates in public education and fire investigation. Drafts and files reports on department related activities.

SKILLS

- Skilled in the use and operation of all fire fighting equipment (after training).

KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of elementary chemistry and physics.
- Knowledge of basic mechanical aptitude.
- Knowledge of emergency medical aid.
- Knowledge of fire behavior and the principles of fire spread.

ABILITIES

- Ability to learn technical fire fighting principles and techniques.
- Ability to climb and work at heights up to 85 feet above the ground.
- Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical activities during emergency, training or station maintenance activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke.
- Ability to operate pumpers, aerial ladder and various mechanical equipment (after training).
- Ability to effectively communicate verbally and in writing.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with employees, City officials, other agencies and the general public.
- Ability to generate clear-cut, concise reports.
- Ability to perform effectively in emergency and stressful situations.
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions.

REQUIRED TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND QUALIFICATIONS

1. Any combination of training and experience which will indicate the possession of the skills, knowledge and abilities listed above.
2. An example of an acceptable combination is training and experience equivalent to the completion of the twelfth school grade prior to the date of examination.
3. Must possess a valid Ohio Driver's license.
4. Must possess Ohio 240 (fire fighter I and II) card.
5. Must possess Ohio EMT Basic Certification and maintain certification required by the State of Ohio.
6. Must obtain Paramedic Card within 36 months from date of hire.

The class specification which appears above is intended to be sufficient merely to identify the class and be illustrative of the kinds of duties that may be assigned to the position allocated to the class and should not be interpreted to describe all of the duties which may be required of employees holding a position assigned to this class.

Created:

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