

## FIRE FIGHTER I

### NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is entry level technical fire fighting and basic life support work that involves combating and preventing fires, providing basic Emergency Medical Services (EMS), maintaining firefighting equipment, apparatus and quarters, and protecting the lives and properties of citizens from fire hazards. This fire fighting and rescue work may expose incumbents to hazardous conditions/situations (i.e., climbing at considerable heights, smoke inhalation, and working in confined, high temperature areas and related situations) and includes the operation of firefighting vehicles and apparatus. Work is performed within a rank structure hierarchy under close supervision of a higher-ranking fire/EMS position. Incumbents exercise some degree of independent judgment and action within the scope of departmental policies and procedures in the performance of this work. Work is evaluated based upon adherence to established policies, procedures and regulations in the performance of this work.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Responds to emergency calls, performs basic emergency medical services to stabilize the critically ill or injured at the scene of an emergency.

Safely drives/operates various emergency vehicles and fire/EMS auxiliary equipment to emergency situations.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire/EMS equipment, apparatus and quarters.

Receives and transmits messages over emergency communication system.

Rescue people involved in accidents, incidents or emergency situations.

Performs training drills on the use and service of various apparatus and equipment.

Writes or fills in forms for a variety of reports.

Enters into buildings and other structures to facilitate effective firefighting and/or EMS services.

Inspects assigned district to assure thorough knowledge of systems and any changes that will affect the delivery of fire/EMS services.

Prepares and uses various types of emergency equipment necessary to delivery fire/EMS

services.

Removes people from buildings and other hazardous sites and renders basic/life support when necessary; participates in fire drills and attends classes in firefighting, basic and/or intermediate life support and related subjects.

Assists in setup up aid stations at the scene of emergency situations.

Records observations and prepares detailed reports.

Maintains all certifications required for working title.

Assists higher-level fire/EMS professionals on advanced life support situation.

Uses available technology to complete assignment.

Communicates effectively, expresses ideas, opinions, and analyze clearly concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establishes and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees, volunteers and the public.

Maintains physical strength and agility requirements and general medical standards as specified.

Willingly and cooperatively performs tasks and duties which may not be specifically listed in the class specification or position description, but which are within the general occupational category and responsibility level typically associated with the employee's class of work.

#### REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Some knowledge of fire/EMS principles, methods and techniques.

Some knowledge of the geography, building locations, and hazards of the County.

Some knowledge of building construction, techniques of firefighting and emergency medicine.

Some knowledge of County, State and Federal codes as they relate to hazardous materials (HAZMAT).

Some knowledge of basic mathematics.

Working knowledge of basic life support including but not limited to patient assessment, CPR, stabilization of fractures, controlling bleeding, moving injured persons and setting up aid stations.

Ability to react quickly and calmly and make good decisions in emergency situations.

Ability to learn the operation of relatively complex emergency fire/EMS equipment.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public as well as the ability to deal with, understand and communicate with people from diverse backgrounds.

Ability to learn to effectively operate technology associated with the operation and delivery of emergency services.

Ability to safely operate fire/EMS emergency equipment under emergency response conditions.

Ability to record and communicate accurate patient information.

Ability to meet and maintain specific license and certification requirements.

Ability to meet and maintain physical strength and agility requirements and general medical standards as specified.

Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Ability to use independent judgment/solve problems.

Ability to work in close quarters without visibility.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be at least eighteen (18) years old.
- Must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Must pass required examinations, including a written examination, a physical agility test, a background investigation, and examinations specified within the recruitment announcement.
- Must be willing to work various shifts and locations throughout the County.