

FIRE FIGHTER II

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is full performance level fire fighting work 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 firefighting 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 include the operation of fire fighting vehicles and apparatus. Work is performed within a rank structure hierarchy under general supervision of a higher-ranking fire/EMS Officer position. Incumbents exercise a 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 the established policies and procedures in the course of providing fire/EMS services and the efficiency and effectiveness of fire/EMS emergency activities and operation of the unit to which assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Responds to emergency calls and performs fire/EMS services as needed.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire/EMS equipment and apparatus, refers major maintenance to the appropriate authority and makes minor repairs to property and equipment.

Uses communication equipment to give and receive emergency information.

Safely drives or rides emergency vehicles to accidents and/or emergency incidents.

Rescues people involved in emergency situations and administer the necessary fire/EMS services.

Participates in a variety of simulated training drills for pre-planning purposes.

Completes reports and forms related to emergency situations.

Participate in special training and demonstrations and attends classes in firefighting, basic and/or intermediate life support and related subjects.

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

Maintains a variety of duty related logbooks.

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

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

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.

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

Records observations and prepares detailed reports.

Uses available technology to complete assignments.

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

Maintains all certifications required for working title.

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

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.

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

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

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

Working knowledge of building construction, techniques of firefighting and emergency medicine;

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

Working 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 confined quarters without visibility.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of Prince George's Fire Department Career Recruit School for Fire Fighters.
- Completion of one (1) year as a sworn uniformed Fire Fighter, after graduation.
- Satisfactory past performance appraisal.
- Certification as a Maryland State EMT-B.