

FIRE FIGHTER III

NATURE AND VARIETY OF WORK

This is lead technical fire fighting work. Incumbents in positions of this class perform the more complex aspects of firefighting and basic life support tasks and responsibilities. May lead subordinate level fire fighter positions in various firefighting duties involving: combating, extinguishing and preventing fires, providing basic Emergency Medical Services (EMS) as well as the operation and maintenance of fire fighter equipment, apparatus and quarters. Work involves scheduling equipment and apparatus for maintenance; safely driving and operating emergency apparatus; protecting the lives and properties of County citizens and operating pumps, snorkels and rescue equipment. Work may expose incumbents to hazardous conditions/situations such as smoke inhalation; climbing at considerable heights; working in confined, high temperature areas and related conditions/situations. Work is performed within the rank structure hierarchy under the general supervision of a higher-ranking fire officer. Incumbents exercise a high degree of independent judgment and action in the performance of this work within the scope of departmental policies and procedures. Work is evaluated based upon the adherence to established policies and procedures in the course of providing fire/EMS services and the efficiency and effectiveness of the fire/EMS emergency activities and operation of the unit to which assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY)

Responds to fire/EMS emergencies, drives/operates various emergency vehicles and fire/EMS auxiliary equipment and performs fire/EMS services as needed.

Leads/trains and provides technical guidance to lower level fire/EMS professionals in the performance to their duties/tasks.

Serves as the Office-in-Charge in the absence of a supervisor.

Designs pre-plans of building/familiarization tours of assigned areas.

Conducts and participates in a variety of simulated training drills for pre-planning purposes and to maintain proficiency in fire/EMS techniques and equipment operation.

Conducts emergency equipment maintenance inspections, schedules various types of emergency equipment for repairs and maintains records of maintenance work performed.

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

Independently performs home and building inspections and recommends and/or assists with corrective actions.

Uses communication equipment to give and receive emergency information.

Safely drives or rides emergency vehicles to and from emergency situations.

Rescues individuals involved in emergency situations and administers the necessary fire/EMS services.

Writes reports and completes forms.

Participates in special training and demonstrations.

Enters into buildings 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.

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

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

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

Records observations and prepares detailed reports.

Uses available technology to complete assignments.

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

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

Maintain all certifications required for working title.

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

Establishes and maintains effective working relationships with diverse populations.

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

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

Ability to plan, coordinate, organize and control emergency related activities.

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

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

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

Ability to identify, analyze and handle hazardous materials.

Knowledge of basic mathematics and ability to apply correct calculations when required.

Thorough knowledge of intermediate life support techniques and methods.

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

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 spaces without visibility.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of Prince George's Fire Department Career Recruit School for Fire Fighters.
- Completion of one (1) year as a Fire Fighter II.
- Satisfactory past performance appraisal.
- Certification as a Maryland State EMT-1.
- Completion of Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC) program.