

FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR I

FLSA STATUS - Non-Exempt

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

Under supervision of the Fire Shift Captain or other assigned supervisor, responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls to protect life and property; drives and operates pumping engines, telesquirt, tankers, rescue units, and similar fire protection and emergency automotive equipment; serves as lead worker of volunteer firefighters in absence of higher authority. This is a probationary job.

DUTIES-EXAMPLES OF WORK

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Responds to alarms and assists in the suppression of fires, including rescue, entry, ventilating, salvage work and EMS; drives and operates equipment and otherwise assists in the suppression of fires and in the protection of life and property; operates resuscitators and administers first aid; after the fire has been extinguished, performs clean-up and overhaul work and checks testing readiness for further alarms; assists in maintaining and repairing fire apparatus and equipment, fire station and grounds; responds to haz-mat and service calls checking smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; serves as firefighter when needed; participates in training in a number of areas; trains other personnel, including volunteers in specified subject areas; operates a wide variety of fire fighting equipment and apparatus; while off duty, responds to major emergency calls; participates in fire prevention and inspections and station and equipment maintenance activities; carries out annual apparatus, hydrant and hose tests; acts as lead-man in absence of superior; participates in continuing training and instruction programs by individual study of technical matter and attendance at scheduled drills and classes relating to fire fighting techniques, first aid and related subjects.

OTHER DUTIES: Answers inquiries by the public; responds to extrication and haz-mat calls in the City and a specified area out of the City; talks to groups and schools regarding fire prevention; conducts station tours; takes special assignments; performs related duties.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of basic fire fighting techniques.
Knowledge of elementary physics, chemistry and mechanics.
Ability to learn technical fire fighting, operation of apparatus, first aid principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression.
Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions.
Ability to keep simple records and prepare reports.
Mechanical aptitude; physical endurance and agility; ability to respond quickly and logically in emergencies.
Ability to work in confined spaces wearing heavy protective gear.
Ability to do hydraulic calculations as prescribed.
Ability to meet requirements as prescribed in Department Standards.
Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the public.

PHYSICAL AND SENSORY REQUIREMENTS

Ability to perform occasional heavy physical work and to lift and carry 100 pounds; good physical condition;

Ability to stand, walk, sit, ride, climb, bend, kneel, crawl, twist, reach, grasp, push, pull and perform similar body movements;

Possesses hand/eye/foot coordination adequate to use tools at fire grounds, climb ladders, operate fire pumps and specialty tools and to operate a vehicle;

Ability to talk and hear in person, by telephone, two-way radio and computer;

Ability to see and read instructions, hazardous conditions, manuals, textbooks, operation manuals and figures on a computer screen and gages on a fire pump.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from high school; one year of fire fighting experience is desirable.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid Class B driver's license with tanker and air brake endorsements; certified in advanced first aid, CPR and defensive driving; ability to achieve State Firefighter I certification within one year of appointment. (For additional qualifications, see Department Standards).