

FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR II

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 and similar fire protection and life-saving automotive equipment; as senior operator, serves as lead worker of other operators and volunteers.

DUTIES-EXAMPLES OF WORK

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Responds to alarms and upon arrival sizes up fire or emergency scene; lays line to hydrants; properly positions truck; pumps water; directs volunteers; monitors pressures; operates equipment and otherwise assists in the suppression of fires and in the protection of life and property; assists in the suppression of fires, including rescue, entry, ventilating and salvage work; after the fire has been extinguished, performs clean-up and overhaul work and prepares truck for further alarms; assists in maintaining fire station and grounds; responds to emergency calls; participates in continuing training and instruction programs by individual study of technical matter and attendance at scheduled drills and classes; trains newer employees in life-saving and fire fighting techniques; responds to major alarms while off duty; serves as lead worker as required and assumes command of a fire scene and of a rescue operation in absence of the Chief or company officer; describes local regulations for various occupancies; responds to inquiries from the public; assures that equipment is properly maintained and in condition to respond; makes fire and life safety inspections; investigates and determines fire causes; performs pre-fire planning; may perform photography and photo processing and other special tasks.

OTHER DUTIES: Conducts station tours; responds to extrication and haz-mat calls in and around the City; talks to groups and schools regarding fire prevention; performs related duties.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of the principles and practices of fire prevention and suppression.

Knowledge of the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment and apparatus.

Knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.

Knowledge of area geography, fire hazards, pumps, hydraulic and firefighting resources.

Knowledge of advanced first aid.

Ability to operate all types of firefighting and emergency equipment and apparatus and to instruct others in such operation.

Ability to function under highly stressful emergency conditions; physical endurance and agility.

Ability to supervise others.

Ability to keep records and prepare reports.

Ability to work in confined spaces.

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;

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 hand tools and equipment, climb ladders, operate fire pumps and a vehicle;

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

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

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from high school supplemented by training in advanced first aid and fire suppression and prevention techniques and three years of experience as a Fire Apparatus Operator I.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Possession of a valid Class B driver's license with tanker and air brake endorsements; certified in defensive driving; certified by the State as a Class II Firefighter and Apparatus Operator I; certified in advanced first aid and CPR. (For other requirements, see Department Standards).