
Section: 1.5.7 Position Description: Firefighter

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OBJECTIVE

Responds to emergency medical calls and renders aid to victims. Protects and saves life and property through effective rescue and firefighting work and performs related fire prevention, equipment and facility maintenance, housekeeping functions, as assigned, and performs other duties as directed.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

1. Responds on or off duty to fire calls and/or emergencies as directed.
2. Ability to safely perform essential firefighting and emergency medical activities effectively and efficiently including Ariel operations.
3. Responds to emergency calls, renders aid to victim(s) as required in accordance with department policy.
4. Responds to fire alarms, with proper equipment quickly and safely. Includes proper positioning of fire apparatus and other equipment. Conducts themselves in a safe and efficient manner.
5. Rescues individuals from fires and other emergency situations. Evacuates occupants of burning structures and assists them to safety. Administers first aid to injured persons as required.
6. Perform all assigned fire ground duties in accordance with common practices and department guidelines.
7. Cleans up and ensures equipment readiness.
8. Assists in inspecting, maintaining, and repairing, as necessary, all fire related equipment. Completes proper checklists and report damaged and improperly functioning equipment.
9. Maintains facilities and performs housekeeping duties as directed
10. Assist in fire prevention duties as assigned. Checks and flows hydrants to determine water supply. Assists with fire prevention education, etc.
11. Maintains and improves rescue and firefighting skills. Attends training sessions, studies material on fire hazards and firefighting or rescue methods and maintains familiarity with city streets and all department equipment. May be requested to conduct training based on topic expertise.
12. Keeps a superior officer advised of fire suppression developments and perform other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND ABILITIES

1. Ability to follow oral and written instructions
2. Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
3. Ability to maintain effective relationships with co-workers and public.
4. Ability to be courteous and respectful with co-workers and public.
5. Knowledge of modern firefighting methods as directed
6. Knowledge of specialized emergency medical and rescue techniques
7. Good knowledge of district geography
8. Skill in safe operations of vehicles
9. Ability to work in a team environment as a productive team member
10. Completion of Section 1.5 Position-Required Training

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum:

1. Possession of current and valid MN EMT and the ability to obtain National Registry EMT within one year.
2. High school or GED
3. Possession of valid and current drivers license
4. Successful completion of the physical fitness/respiratory exam and retain.
5. Possession of current State Firefighter II certification, or DOD equivalent, and have the ability to become a licensed firefighter in the State of Minnesota within one year of hire date.
6. Two years experience as a paid on-call firefighter or one year experience as a career firefighter.

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Desirable:

1. A.A. Degree in Fire Science
2. Current Paramedic
3. Bi-lingual

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