
Section: 1.5.8**Position Description:****Fire Apparatus Operator (Engineer)**

Effective Date:

01/01/2007

Reports To: Shift Officer

Revision Date:

09/07/2016

Approved by: Fire Chief

OBJECTIVE

Drives and operates fire apparatus safely and effectively with minimal supervision. Responds to emergency medical calls and renders aid to victims. Protects and saves life and property through effective rescue and firefighting work. Assists station officer with the direction and execution of; fire prevention, training, equipment maintenance, facility maintenance, housekeeping functions as assigned and performs other duties as directed. Manage multi-family dwelling inspections within their respective district ensuring timely and accurate inspections.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

1. Responds on or off duty to fire calls and/or emergencies as directed.
2. Ability to safely drive, position, operate fire engine pumps and related equipment along with, performing essential firefighting and emergency medical activities effectively and efficiently.
3. Effectively deploys appropriate hose lines, establishes water supply. Calculates and maintains effective hose line pressure, foam and water management, identifying additional resources as needed on the fire scene.
4. Ability to forecast, quickly locate and ready equipment as needed for firefighting activities.
5. Responds to emergency calls, renders aid to victim(s) as required in accordance with department policy.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Perform all assigned fire ground duties in accordance with common practices and department guidelines.
9. Lead post emergency clean up and ensures equipment readiness.
10. Lead and assists in inspecting, maintaining, and repairing, as necessary, all fire related equipment. Completes proper checklists and report damaged and improperly functioning equipment ensuring all reports are complete, recorded and filed properly.
11. Lead and participates in the maintenance of facilities and performs housekeeping duties as directed.
12. Assist in fire prevention duties as assigned. Checks and flows hydrants to determine water supply. Assists with fire prevention education, etc.
13. Maintains and improves fire apparatus operation, 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.
14. Assists in routine maintenance or repair of apparatus and equipment.
15. Keeps a superior officer advised of fire suppression developments and perform other duties as assigned.
16. Performs other related work as assigned and directed.

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. Good Knowledge of all South Metro Fire Department apparatus and equipment.
11. Ability to self-start and lead daily department activities and other assignments as directed.
12. Knowledge of common multi-family dwelling fire codes and inspection software.

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Section: 1.5.8 | Position Description: | Fire Apparatus Operator (Engineer) |
| Effective Date: | 01/01/2007 | Reports To: Shift Officer |
| Revision Date: | 09/07/2016 | Approved by: Fire Chief |

QUALIFICATIONS

Minimum:

1. All qualifications of the position of a SMFD Firefighter as outlined by Section 1.5.7.
2. Minimum four years of experience as South Metro Firefighter at time of application.
3. Maintains a valid driver's license.
4. Fire Apparatus Operator certified at the time of application

Desirable:

1. Fire Officer Certificate
2. Commercial Driver's License

ASSIGNMENT SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Assignments to this position will be made by the Fire Chief or his designee from the list of eligible candidates as determined by the Department's identified testing process, and the selection considerations listed below. All personnel who are both interested and qualified will be considered for this assignment. The Department reserves the right to assign personnel as appropriate to successfully carry out its mission.

- Education - course work in pump operation, fire command, fire ground operations, etc.
- Results of the exam process
- Interpersonal skills
- Self-starter - demonstrates initiative
- Has a history of driving safe and in control
- Ability to follow policies
- Ability to safely operate on a fire ground
- Recommendation from shift officers

While this is an assignment, and not a promoted position, we may consider the members seniority as a possible factor. Recognizing that senior employees are potentially better suited to this type of assignment considering their experience and exposure to the community.

The South Metro Fire Department does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission to, or treatment, or employment in, its services, programs, or activities.