

ALBANY COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

JOB DESCRIPTION **OUTSIDE FIREFIGHTER**

DEFINITION

Under direction, to respond to fires and other emergency calls to protect life and property; to provide medical assistance and treatment at the appropriate department required EMS assistance level; and to participate in fire prevention programs and inspections, station and apparatus maintenance, and training activities. Outside Firefighters shall not operate in the hot zone.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Outside Firefighters do not exercise any supervision.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Respond to fire alarms/calls and assist in the suppression of fires from the cold and warm zone of the incident including laying, rolling, and connecting hose; hold nozzles and direct water streams; carry ladders; prepare rehab supplies and participate in participate as assigned in rehab.

Respond to fire assist medical incidents; analyze patient needs and determine and administer skilled technical emergency aid and treatment to the sick and injured in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Respond to calls regarding rescue services, carbon monoxide alarms, hazardous materials spills, and smoke investigations. Operate in warm and cold zones of incident.

Operate all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand lines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, emergency medical equipment, and other rescue equipment in cold and warm zone operations. Drive and operate equipment under limited conditions.

Perform cleaning and exterior (cold and warm zone) overhaul/salvage assistance following fire; prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.

Participate in periodic testing of pumps, ladders, hose and other apparatus and equipment.

Participate in fire training; attend continuing and advanced training sessions which include firefighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.

Assist in the performance of home and commercial inspections for fire prevention and pre-fire planning.

Assist in the performance of investigations; preserve evidence; secure fire scene.

Assist in training new employees in routines of fire suppression, equipment operation, and maintenance.

Conduct station tours.

Maintain a variety of records.

Assist in maintaining and repairing fire equipment, station, and grounds.

OTHER JOB-RELATED DUTIES

Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned. If assigned duties are outside the service level of outside firefighters, the refusal of the order with an explanation is appropriate. Outside firefighters shall not operate in areas requiring the use of self-contained breathing apparatus or other respiratory protection.

JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Basic mathematics and mechanical relationships

Safe driving principles and practices

Skills to:

Learn to operate fire, medical, and rescue related vehicles, equipment, tools, devices in a cold and warm zone application.

Learn to operate communications equipment.

Operate a motor vehicle safely.

Ability to:

Learn principles, practices, and procedures of modern firefighting pertaining to support operations from the cold and warm zones.

Follow the direction of supervisors.

Learn purposes, uses, and operating characteristics of a variety of vehicles, equipment, tools, and apparatus used in firefighting, rescue, and medical assistance operations.

Learn fire hazards and the related prevention and abatement methods.

Learn principles of hydraulics related to Firefighter duties.

Learn procedures, methods, and techniques of assisting emergency medical services.

Learn, interpret, and apply the policies, procedures, laws, codes, and regulations pertaining to assigned programs and functions.

Learn street and hydrant locations within Albany County.

Respond to fires and alarms and effectively perform warm and cold zone support functions.

Assist as assigned/certified with fire inspection and code enforcement work.

Demonstrate physical endurance, agility, strength, and stamina in the performance of warm and cold zone tasks under emergency conditions; think and act quickly in emergencies.

Demonstrate mechanical aptitude as required in the operation of firefighting equipment.

Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

Exercise good judgment, flexibility, creativity, and sensitivity in response to changing situations and needs.

Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

Establish, maintain, and foster positive and harmonious working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience and Training Guidelines:

Any combination equivalent to experience and training that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge, skills, and abilities would be:

Experience:

No experience is required.

Training:

Completion of the twelfth grade, or equivalent, supplemented by the completion of training curriculum including personal protective equipment, defensive fire streams, water supply, ICS, incident scene operations, and communications.

The following training shall be completed, documented, and on record in Department:

- (6hrs)- Defensive Fire Streams
- (4hrs)- Water Supply
- (4hrs)- Incident Scene Operations
- (4hrs)- Communications and Radio Operations
- (2hrs)- Personal Protective Equipment

License or Certificate:

Possession of ICS 100, 200, 700.

Possession of, or ability to obtain within 6 months, CPR certification.

Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, run, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, crawl, twist, climb, and lift 125 lbs.; exposure to cold, heat, noise, outdoors, vibration, confining workspace, chemicals, explosive materials, mechanical hazards, electrical hazards, and blood borne pathogens; ability to travel to different sites and locations; availability for shift work, on-call, and standby.

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