

FIREFIGHTER

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

DEPARTMENT: FIRE SUPPRESSION
SUPERVISOR: COMPANY OFFICER
SUPERVISION EXERCISED: NONE
SALARY/WAGE STATUS: AS PER LABOR CONTRACT
CIVIL SERVICE STATUS: YES
BARGAINING UNIT: YES-IAFF 1660
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PRIMARY PURPOSE

Performs firefighting and rescue operations for the combating, extinguishing and prevention of fires as well as for saving life and property. Also performs duties and responsibilities pertaining to hazardous materials safety and clean-up.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The essential functions of a Firefighter include, but are not limited to, the following duties and responsibilities which are listed in no particular order of importance or significance:

1. Responds to alarms; performs all necessary duties as a firefighter including, but not limited to, the use of hoses, pumps, equipment, emergency apparatus and tools necessary in fire suppression, life safety, rescue operations, property conservation operations, clean-up projects, and all other activities as required. Follows standard policies, procedures, guidelines, and safety rules as outlined in federal, state, and local regulations as well as by the District for such activities. Performs duties in a manner which positively reflects on the Fire District.
2. Responds to hazardous materials emergencies and performs the necessary mitigation activities as per the standard policies, procedures, guidelines, and safety rules as outlined in federal, state and local regulations as well as by the District for such activities.
3. Participates in fire drills and attends classes on fire techniques and other emergency topics as required to maintain necessary skills and proficiency levels as required by state and District standards.
4. Maintains, checks, tests and repairs all fire and rescue apparatus, equipment and facilities as assigned. Responsible for equipment and station checks following policies, procedures, guidelines and safety rules as outlined in federal, state, and local regulations as well as by the District. Performs general maintenance work in cleaning, storing, and reloading equipment, apparatus and supplies. Also cleans and maintains emergency apparatus and District equipment as well as assists in the maintenance of station grounds as assigned.
5. Participates in pre-fire familiarization tour of large buildings, utilizes computer software to draw building layouts and address runcards, tests hose requirements, and all other preparatory and maintenance functions as required.

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6. Responds to general public regarding fire suppression and emergency incidents following District policies and procedures in a courteous and respectful manner. Also assists public in education and fire prevention including station tours, classroom presentations, and greeting public walk-ins at station.
7. Compiles, writes and submits required reports by computer for emergency and non-emergency activities to various District Officers.

SECONDARY FUNCTIONS

1. May assist in station clerical and record keeping activities as assigned.
2. Drives various vehicles as required.
3. Performs station chores including laundry, floor maintenance, trash removal, kitchen upkeep, landscaping requirements, and general housekeeping and building maintenance as assigned.
4. Performs fire inspections as assigned.
5. Performs other duties as assigned.

JOB SCOPE

The Firefighter is responsible for all firefighting-related duties and operations as assigned. Involves contact with a wide variety of personalities both inside and outside the District. Requires a high degree of independent decision making in emergency situations. Involves complex emergency and maintenance duties that may have a direct impact upon the operations of the Fire District. Incumbent is exposed to all manner of environmental conditions including inclement weather, extreme temperatures, dust, noise, dim lighting, and all other conditions as present in the performance of essential function. Incumbent may also experience such hazards as fumes, flames, chemicals, blood, other body fluids, and all other hazards as required in performance of essential functions. Requires the operation of various equipment, machinery, apparatus, and rescue vehicles as needed. May require working long hours and for extended periods of time between meals and breaks in some emergency situations.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS

1. Any combination of education, training, or experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. Specifically, High School graduate or equivalent required with some post-H.S. education preferred.
2. Must possess EMT-B certification by date of hire.
3. Continued employment is held contingent upon annual demonstration of the OSHA required competencies of:
 - a. Physical ability: Must demonstrate the ability to perform the physical activities required for the essential functions of a Firefighter as demonstrated by satisfactory completion of the regularly scheduled physical abilities test given by the District.
 - b. HazMat awareness and operations.
 - c. Blood-borne and air-borne pathogens awareness.
 - d. Self-contained breathing apparatus operation.

- e. Personal protective equipment usage.
 - f. Hazardous communication plan implementation as distributed through company officers.
 - g. Oregon State Cardlock Gasoline Dispensing requirements.
 - h. Confined space awareness.
4. Must possess a current driver's license valid in the state of Oregon and have a driving record insurable by the District's insurer.
 5. Ability to drive an emergency vehicle during both day and night in emergency situations involving speeds in excess of posted limits, in congested traffic, and in unsafe road conditions as created by environmental factors.
 6. Knowledge of modern firefighting and emergency medical principles, practices, techniques and procedures including operation and maintenance requirements of various types of fire apparatus. Ability to learn firefighting techniques, the use of firefighting apparatus, and first aid techniques.
 7. Ability and willingness to work with a wide variety of hazardous materials as required. Ability to follow set policies, practices, and procedures as outlined by all pertinent regulations and guidelines.
 8. Ability to maintain composure, think clearly, and interpret orders and directions under emergency and daily operations. Ability to comprehend a variety of fire suppression and prevention materials and information. Ability to conduct a standard building fire inspection.
 9. Ability to perform a wide variety of mechanical operations including, but not limited to, the use of various emergency apparatus, equipment, and tools in both safe and awkward positions. Ability to use these items for extended periods of time.
 10. Ability to respond to alarms and other emergency situations at all times of the day/night that require the execution of full physical and mental activity and exertion. Ability to provide emergency medical response, remain calm, and be exposed to various hazards such as disease, chemicals, fumes, and other hazards as necessary for the execution of primary functions.
 11. Ability to maintain composure and confront stressful situations, and withstand the effects of repeated exposure to traumatic and otherwise disagreeable situations.
 12. Ability to prepare incident reports, inspection reports and medical reports by computer, using proper, detailed descriptions and appropriate grammar.
 13. Ability to communicate in English, both orally and in writing, including understanding and following oral and written instructions. Also the ability to hear and orally respond to calls for assistance, radio communications, and all other calls as needed in all conditions which may include substantial background noises as experienced in emergency operations. Ability to interview people and to gather relevant information.
 14. Ability to perform the physical abilities required for the essential functions which include, but are not limited to, regular walking, sitting, and standing; the ability to intermittently lift, carry, push, and/or pull over 150 lbs., occasionally climb ladders and stairs, crawl, bend, stretch, twist, run, balance, crouch, stoop, twist, turn, pivot, and otherwise be mobile; and all other physical activities as required in the performance of the essential functions. Ability and willingness to work in both open and confined work spaces as well as in adverse environmental conditions for extended periods of time with little or no rest. (Due to the nature of

the job, no specific time requirements are placed on the daily performance of these physical activities as the incumbent may be required to perform them at any given moment during his or her regular work shift. However, a time requirement is placed on the performance of these physical activities while conducting the regularly scheduled physical abilities test as given by the District.)

15. Ability to work independently as well as establish and maintain harmonious relations with others both inside and outside the organization.