

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

DESCRIPTIVE STATEMENT:

Under supervision, engages directly in fire fighting and other emergency and non-emergency calls. Shall participate in the daily routine maintenance and cleaning of apparatus, equipment and stations; as well as continuous training programs. Performs related work as required.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Respond to Fire Alarms as an integral part of a team assigned to one of the various types of fire apparatus of the Fire Department. Perform tasks at the scene such as: layout and connect hose lines; control nozzles and direct water streams; position and climb ladders; use power tools, fire extinguishers, axes, pike poles, ropes, power tools and other fire suppression and emergency equipment; ventilate burning buildings; perform rescue and salvage operations to minimize loss of life and property. Respond to non-fire emergencies and rescue operations such as Emergency Medical calls, cave-ins, industrial accidents, building collapses, explosions, auto accidents, drowning, hazardous material incidents and extrication of trapped victims. Administer first aid. Inspect buildings as part of a systematic inspection program and perform tasks such as: locate fire hazards, impediments to firefighting, Fire or Building Code violations; discuss and resolve violations with owners or occupants; secure corrections where possible or refer noncompliance to Fire Prevention Bureau; complete the current inspection form on the scene and provide appropriate personnel a copy of same; retain information gathered during inspection for fire preplanning. Participate in continuous training programs. Follow the Department Training Manual, standards, policies, Operations Manual and International Fire Code. Inspect and maintain protective gear; apparatus as well as tools, and equipment assigned to such apparatus for its serviceability. Participate in the daily routine maintenance and cleaning of apparatus, tools, equipment and station in accordance with their work schedule. Must be able to assume the duties of Engineer and Company Officer if required. Perform such other lawful duties as prescribed by their superior officers. May perform the duties of similar classifications of an equal or lower pay grade.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Must have the ability to learn and successfully perform firefighting techniques including the use and operation of motorized and non-motorized equipment and apparatus. Ability to safely operate motor vehicles and maintain a valid driver's license as a condition of employment. Ability to competently respond to emergency situations and skill to provide emergency and non-emergency service. Ability to exercise independent judgment and maintain emotional stability in emergency situations. Must possess physical ability to perform firefighting in hazardous environmental conditions. Must have the skill and ability to work as an integral part of a team and to work with the general public. Good oral and written communications skills are needed. Knowledge of City streets, buildings, and the general geography of the City is highly desirable.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

In addition to the knowledge, skills and abilities listed above, must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1) Either a high school diploma or its G.E.D equivalent at time of application;
- 2) At least 19 years of age by date of written exam;
- 3) A valid driver's license at time of application and possess and maintain a valid Colorado driver's license by date of hire;
- 4) Possess a valid State of Colorado EMT Basic, Intermediate or Paramedic certification at time of application and maintain throughout the entire process. (Intermediate or Paramedic certification strongly preferred)
- 5) Must have a valid CPAT certification at time of application and maintain throughout entire process.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF WORK:

This position is subject to shift work. This individual may be exposed to hazardous working conditions while performing firefighting duties and other calls. Work may be performed in all weather conditions. Must be willing to participate in an ongoing physical fitness program.

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