



CITY OF CALEXICO

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

MONTHLY: \$4,404 - \$5,623

RANGE: 22F-10

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of an assigned supervisor, protect life and property through fire suppression, fire prevention, rescue operations and emergency medical aid; provide advanced life support care and transportation of the sick and injured.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Participate in fire suppression and low to high angle rescue activities; operate pumps, aerial ladders and other auxiliary fire apparatus; respond to fire alarms, medical calls and other emergency situations.

Drive ambulance and administer emergency medical aid within certification level; prepare medical incident report.

Participate in engine and pumper hook-up at scene of fire; lay connector hose; hold nozzle and direct water stream to combat fire; raise and climb ladders; use chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, ropes, chainsaws and other equipment to perform rescue operations and suppress and extinguish fires.

Enter buildings partially or totally involved in fire.

Participate in training and continuing education in fire suppression, emergency medical aid, hazardous materials, use of equipment, special assignments and other matters; provide training to others as required.

Perform salvage and overhaul operations; sweep water; remove debris; search for and extinguish hidden fires; investigate for causes of fire.

Participate in apparatus maintenance, testing and inventory control; restock medical supplies as assigned.

Perform general maintenance duties for firefighting equipment, apparatus, building and grounds; inspect equipment and vehicles to assure proper operation.

Perform duties of EMT or Paramedic as assigned by the position; administer emergency medical aid in accordance with protocols; prepare medical incident report; utilize advanced medical equipment and monitors in the course of emergency medical treatment; assess patient condition and initiate treatment; initiate airway, electrical and pharmacological therapy; intubate, defibrillate and administer drips and medications; perform CPR and interpret EKG's as required; apply bandages and splints.

Perform fire prevention inspections of commercial and residential buildings; check for fire hazards; seek abatement of hazards through public education, demonstration and enforcement of regulations; test fire hydrants.

Assist in the determination of fire causes; provide fire prevention training as assigned.

Communicate with City personnel, outside agencies and the public to exchange information and resolve issues or concerns.

Operate a variety of hand and power tools during fire suppression and rescue activities; utilize standard office equipment as required.

Prepare and maintain variety of records and reports related to fires, emergencies, medical activities, equipment, inspections, rescues and assigned activities.

OTHER DUTIES:

Participate in physical fitness activities to assure physical readiness to participate in emergency operations.

Provide tours of the facilities to the public and school children; provide educational programs to teach safety and fire prevention.

Teach departmental medical classes as assigned; provide emergency medical work direction to others as assigned.

Participate in special committees and projects as assigned.

Participate on specialized teams such as hazardous materials; perform a variety of light and heavy rescue techniques.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

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EMT or paramedic medical treatment.

City and County roads and maps.

Technical operation, use and maintenance of specialized fire apparatus, vehicles, ambulances and equipment.

Pump and hydraulic operations.

Techniques, methods, materials and equipment used in fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency medical services.

Principles and practices of fire science.

Firefighting procedures such as hose and ladder practices, forcible entry, ventilation, vehicle extrication, salvage and overhaul procedures.

Proper tool and equipment usage and maintenance of firefighter equipment.

Record-keeping and report writing techniques.

Oral and written communication skills.

Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.

Building codes and types of construction.

ABILITY TO:

Perform responsible duties in the response to fire alarms and medical emergencies and the suppression of fires under emergency conditions.

Respond to fire alarms and extinguish structural, automotive, chemical, aircraft, forest and other fires.

Operate fire vehicles, ambulances, equipment and apparatus.

Utilize appropriate fire suppression agents and techniques.

Perform fire prevention inspections on commercial and residential buildings.

Perform emergency medical techniques as necessary.

Determine appropriate action within clearly defined guidelines.

Maintain Fire Department buildings, equipment and apparatus.

Drive fire ambulances to emergency scenes.

Set up and operate pumps, hoses and related hydraulic equipment at fire scenes.

Triage victims and provide appropriate medical treatment in emergency situations.

Read, interpret, apply and explain codes, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Maintain records and prepare reports.

Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.

Perform prolonged and strenuous work in adverse conditions.

Perform heavy physical labor and climb stairs and ladders.

Search for victims in hazardous environments.

Work courteously and tactfully with customers and employees.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: graduation from high school supplemented by appropriate emergency medical training.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California driver's license and must obtain a Firefighter Endorsement within one year of employment.

Valid and appropriate State firefighter certification preferred.

Valid California State Paramedic License and Certification.

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WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Indoor and outdoor environment.
Adverse weather conditions.
Working around fumes and smoke.
Driving a vehicle to conduct work.
Evening or variable hours, and emergency call-out.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Heavy lifting.
Bending, stooping, crawling, and pulling hoses to suppress fires and rescue victims.
Reaching overhead and above shoulders.
Carrying victims.
Standing and walking for extended periods of time.
Climbing ladders for rescue.
Dexterity of hands and fingers to utilize hand and power tools for medical and fire emergencies.
Seeing to fight fires, perform medical procedures and read a variety of materials.
Physical agility and stamina.

HAZARDS:

Smoke and fumes inhalation including toxic gases.
Working with people with unknown medical problems.
Working at heights.
Working in confined spaces.
Extreme weather conditions.
Exposure to contagious diseases, blood and bloodborne pathogens.
Working with hostile or abusive individuals.
Extreme heat.
Fire.
Various immediate dangers to life or health.
Falling objects.