

JOB DESCRIPTION

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

(Entry Level or Lateral)

(Personnel enrolled in Paramedic curriculum are encouraged to apply.)



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DEFINITION

Under supervision of a Fire Captain, fights fires, performs rescue and emergency medical care, participates in fire prevention activities, operates and maintains fire fighting, EMS, and rescue equipment, performs fire station and grounds maintenance, and does related work as assigned.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (These examples are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The examples of work performed are neither restricted to nor all-encompassing of the duties to be performed under this job title.) **(E) Essential Duty; (M) Major Portion of Time**

- Serves as hose operator in fire fighting situations, including pulling working lines and directing fire streams; raise, lower, and climb ladders; and assist in overhaul and salvage operations. (E, M)
- Responds to rescue and medical aid calls, provides emergency medical care, and transports patients to the hospital. (E, M)
- Cleans and inspects equipment, makes minor and major mechanical repairs and adjustments. (M)
- Cleans and tests fire hose. (E)
- Operates radio, telephone and computer equipment. (E)
- Cleans station quarters and equipment.
- Maintains knowledge and proficiency related to Ukiah Fire Department Rules and Regulations, fire hazards, fire fighting techniques, and related subjects. (E)
- Assists and/or conducts fire prevention inspections, and other related activities. (E)
- Participates in fire drills and training exercises. (E)
- Responds to emergency calls during non-duty hours. (E)
- Participates in continuous training in fire prevention inspection and suppression through both simulated and on-the-job exercises. (E)
- Works 24-hour shifts and overtime as required and assigned. (E)
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Principles, practices and procedures of modern EMS, fire fighting and ambulance operations as they relate to the protection of lives and property.
- Rules and regulations of the Fire Department.
- Operation and maintenance of the type of apparatus, tools, and equipment used in modern fire fighting activities.
- Practices of emergency medical care and rescue operations.
- Street locations and physical layout of the City, including major fire and traffic hazards.

Ability to:

- Communicate clearly and concisely, orally and in writing.
- Utilize modern office technology including, but not limited to, operation of a computer (PC) and use of basic database and Word programs.
- Deal effectively and courteously with the general public.
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Operate apparatus and equipment used in modern fire fighting activities.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with fellow employees and those contacted in the course of work.

- Work 24-hour shifts and overtime as required or assigned.
- Perform strenuous exertion under handicaps such as smoke, cramped surroundings, extreme temperature, loud noises, and high places.
- Work in hazardous situations with possible exposure to toxic particulate substances, explosive and electrical hazards, and radiation.
- Think and react quickly in order to make informed decisions in extremely stressful situations.
- Demonstrate a high degree of mechanical aptitude.
- Have visual acuity and color perception in both emergency and non-emergency activities which includes near vision, far vision, and night vision.
- Hear at levels that allow the incumbent to perceive and interpret low volume noises.
- Wear protective clothing and equipment, which weighs between 50 and 60 pounds.
- Stand for extended periods of time.
- Climb ladders, fences, or walls that require lifting arms above shoulder level and working at heights greater than 10 feet.
- Walk over rough, uneven, slippery, or rocky surfaces, and possibly walk for extended periods of time.
- Lift up to 100 pounds.
- Pull 150 pounds of dead weight for a distance of 50 feet.
- Withstand up to 60 pounds of pressure for periods up to an hour while operating water hoses.
- Work in extreme weather conditions.
- Bilingual desired, but not required.

Experience:

Entry Level: One year of career or volunteer Firefighter experience in a recognized, organized Fire Department is required.

Lateral: Must be currently employed in an organized fire agency and have two (2) years full-time paid experience as a firefighter. Extensive experience in the provision of emergency medical care must be documented.

Education:

High School diploma or equivalent, with associated reading, writing, and speaking skills.

Necessary Special Requirements:

- If hired as a Firefighter/Paramedic, must obtain Coastal Valley EMS Accreditation within 60 days of hire.
- If hired as entry level, must provide proof of licensure by State of California as an EMT and must obtain an EMT Paramedic licensure with accreditation by the Coastal Valley EMS Authority within 18 months of appointment.
- Possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License.
- Possession of a California State Board of Fire Services Firefighter I or Volunteer Firefighter (Ukiah Fire Department) Certificate.
- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level Certification.
- A California Firefighter Class B License must be obtained within 12 months of hire.
- Certificates and licenses must be maintained as a condition of continued employment.
- Must be in good physical condition with weight in proportion to height.
- Have normal hearing with no more than 15% loss in either ear from 500 to 2000 cycles.
- Have no less than an uncorrected vision of 20/100 in both eyes corrected to 20/20 with full color perception.
- A person employed in this classification after June 1, 1985, as a condition of employment, must be a non-user of tobacco products in any form, and shall refrain from smoking tobacco or any other substances.