

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**



### **FIREFIGHTER/EMT OR PARAMEDIC**

#### ***Entry-Level or Lateral***

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

#### **DEFINITION:**

Under supervision of a Fire Captain, fights fires, performs rescue and emergency medical care; participates in fire prevention activities; operates and maintains firefighting, 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 firefighting 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, firefighting 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 48-hour shifts and overtime as required and assigned. (E)
- Performs other duties as assigned.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

##### **Knowledge of:**

- Principles, practices, and procedures of modern EMS, firefighting, and ambulance operations as they relate to the protection of lives and property.
- Operation and maintenance of the type of apparatus, tools, and equipment used in modern firefighting activities.
- Practices of emergency medical care and rescue operations.

##### **Ability to:**

- Communicate clearly and concisely, both 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.

### **Ability to (Contd.):**

- Deal effectively and courteously with the general public.
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Operate apparatus and equipment used in modern firefighting activities.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with fellow employees and those contacted in the course of work.
- Work flexible hours. Work 48-hour (or more) shifts with little or no sleep or administrative assignment to a 40-hour schedule, 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 over 50 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.
- Drag a victim weighing more than 160 pounds out of a building unassisted while wearing full firefighting PPE, including SCBA.
- Perform physically demanding tasks under extreme fluctuations in temperature.
- Ability to put on full firefighting PPE within a period not to exceed 60 seconds.
- Ability to feel changes in temperature in zero-visibility conditions.
- Enter and crawl on hands and knees through zero-visibility buildings/rooms with a fully charged hose in hand wearing full firefighting PPE and SCBA.
- While on aerial ladder, maintain balance and a secure position while directing water through a charged hose line at fire.
- Drag charged 1½ or 1¾ inch hose weighing over 75 pounds for 150 feet unassisted.
- Carry 150 foot hose bundle weighing over 40 pounds up 2 flights of stairs while wearing full firefighting PPE and SCBA.
- Using heavy hand tools (axe, sledgehammer, etc.), repeatedly strike solid surfaces (such as doorjamb) to make forcible entry into buildings.
- Remove a 24-foot extension ladder weighing approximately 60 pounds from fire apparatus unassisted, position the ladder, and raise the halyard.
- Wearing firefighting PPE and using hydraulic tools weighing in excess of 30 pounds that are prone to multi-directional torque, cut roof posts on an automobile and extricate people weighing over 160 pounds.
- Climb an aerial ladder to a height of 50 to 75 feet (5-7 stories) wearing full firefighting PPE, including SCBA.
- Wearing full firefighting PPE, pull 200 feet of uncharged 5 inch hose weighing 200 pounds from shoulder height off a pumper and drag to a hydrant. Essential Environmental Conditions/Functions.
- In zero-visibility conditions and wearing full firefighting PPE plus SCBA, crawl on hands and knees over uneven surfaces carrying forcible entry tools (axe) for 50 feet while systematically searching for trapped person(s).
- Withstand up to 60 pounds of pressure for periods up to an hour while operating water hoses.

**Ability to (Contd.):**

- Work in extreme weather conditions.
- Bilingual desired, but not required.

**Experience:**

**Entry Level:** One year of career (or 2 years of volunteer) Firefighter experience in a recognized, organized Fire Department is required.

**Lateral:** Must be currently employed in an organized fire agency and have 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. Paramedic preferred.

**Necessary Special Requirements:**

- If hired as a Firefighter/EMT or Paramedic, and currently a California licensed Paramedic, must obtain Coastal Valley EMS accreditation within 60 days of hire.
- If currently NREMT Paramedic, must obtain California Paramedic within 90 days of hire.
- If currently enrolled in a Paramedic program, must obtain NREMT, California Paramedic license, and Coastal Valleys EMS accreditation within 180 days of completion of program.
- Possession of a valid Class C California Driver License.
- Possession of a California State, IFSAC, or Pro Board Firefighter I Certification, or successful completion of an accredited Firefighter 1 or CAL Fire Basic Academy.
- Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational Level Certification.
- Certificates and licenses must be maintained as a condition of continued employment.
- Must have valid CPAT card (within 6 months) at time of appointment.
- Must pass a pre-employment physical exam in accordance with NFPA 1582.
- 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.