

## CITY OF HEMET

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### FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

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*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

#### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, performs firefighting activities to protect life and property; responds to a variety of fire and emergency and non-emergency calls including structure fires, traffic collisions, hazardous materials incidents, building collapses, and wildland fires; operates a variety of fire suppression and life-saving equipment; provides Advanced Life Support including medical assessment, treatment, and stabilization of the critically injured; maintains control, manages and directs patient care at the scene of a pre-hospital emergency; provides training and instruction as appropriate; performs station and equipment maintenance; and, performs a variety of other duties relative to assigned area of responsibility.

#### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

*Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act may include, but are not limited to the following characteristics, duties, responsibilities, knowledge, skills and other characteristics:*

Responds to fire calls and participates in fire extinguishment, ventilation, salvage, rescue, and other operations; operates various firefighting/control equipment such as pumps, hoses, ladders, and extinguishers; lays hose lines and directs water streams into fire; participates in mop up and overhaul operations.

Provides and directs fast, efficient Advanced Life Support to the ill and injured utilizing all basic and advanced abilities and techniques, including but not limited to: the placement of peripheral and intra-osseous lines, multi-lumen airways, and endotracheal intubations; needle thoracentesis; fluid and drug therapy; cardiac monitoring and EKG interpretations, transcutaneous pacing, defibrillation, and cardioversion.

Renders emergency medical assistance; performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation and electrical defibrillation; lifts and transports injured persons; administers intravenous saline, glucose and volume expanding agents; obtains blood for laboratory analysis; interprets cardiac arrhythmias; performs pulmonary ventilation by use of airway adjuncts; administers drugs; operates voice and biomedical telemetry communication systems and equipment; assists in childbirth; drives medical rescue vehicles under emergency conditions; prepares and presents to employees and the public demonstrations and classes in first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other subjects relating to medical assistance.

Recognizes and understands a medical emergency and makes reasonable and acceptable differential analysis.

Understands and anticipates the pharmacological treatment of critically ill and injured patients.

Understands and anticipates potentially life-threatening sequelae of non-cardiac emergencies and institutes appropriate emergency therapy where essential for the preservation of life.

Responsible for quality patient-care as established by the Department.

Maintains effective appropriate communication with on-scene pre-hospital and first-responder personnel and the base hospital personnel/physician.

Completes required reports.

Restocks supplies and maintains emergency vehicles and equipment in proper working condition.

Inspects, cleans, and services various fire fighting equipment and apparatus; performs routine and preventive maintenance on equipment as necessary; assists in maintaining clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station.

Attends and participates in special drills and other training activities; conducts and participates in training exercises; develops skills in fire suppression, medical aid, apparatus operation, and other related areas.

Participates in inspections of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention and target hazard identification and review; evaluates water system capabilities.

Assists with programs such as fire investigation, pre-fire planning, and maintaining pertinent City maps.

May be subject to call-back during non-duty hours.

Gives informative and educational tours of the fire station to school children and other citizens; explains the functions of the Fire Department; and participates in other public relations activities.

## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **Environmental Conditions:**

Emergency firefighting environment; hazards of emergency driving; work at various heights; work with water; exposure to heat, noise, dust, grease, radiant energy, contagious and/or toxic materials and inclement weather conditions; work in confined spaces.

### **Physical Conditions:**

Essential and marginal functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for heavy, moderate, or light lifting, bending, stooping, kneeling, crawling; walking, standing or sitting for prolonged periods; operating motorized equipment and vehicles.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of basic fire prevention and suppression techniques and practices, as well as basic and advanced emergency medical care and life support.

Ability to learn and apply firefighting principles and techniques; think and act quickly and effectively in emergency situations; understand and apply mechanical and physical principles related to fire suppression; learn and apply fire code provisions and arson/fire investigation techniques; deal courteously and effectively with the general public; establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work; and understand and follow verbal and written directions.

**QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES****Education and/or Experience:**

Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for satisfactory job performance as a **Fire Fighter/Paramedic**. A typical way of obtaining the required qualifications is graduation from high school or possession of a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) certificate.

**CERTIFICATION/LICENSE AND/OR OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a valid California Driver's License and maintain a satisfactory driving record.

Completion of a California State Fire Marshal approved Fire Fighter I Academy and/or possession of a California Fire Fighter I Certification with demonstrated skills and abilities therewith.

Must possess and maintain the following at the point of application:

- State of California Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic Certificate (EMT-P) issued by The California Emergency Medical Services Authority;
- American Heart Association Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS);
- Current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross Professional Rescuer card

Must possess and maintain the following prior to beginning of full-time employment:

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certification or PEPP Certificate
- Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) or equivalent (BTLS, ITLS)

A valid local paramedic accreditation must be obtained within 3 months of employment.

**PHYSICAL FITNESS:** Candidates must have a current passing score on the CPAT or PAT/Biddle at the time of application AND at the time of certification to be considered for hiring. A CPAT or PAT/Biddle score is valid for one year. No candidate will be allowed to sit for the written test until proof of a valid passing CPAT score is submitted.