

CITY OF HEMET

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FIRE FIGHTER

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 fire fighting 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 emergency medical care as needed; 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 cleaning up and disposing of toxic/hazardous waste materials.

Provides emergency medical aid to individuals in need of such care.

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.

May serve as acting Fire Engineer as assigned.

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

Physical Conditions

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

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of basic fire prevention and suppression techniques and practices.

Ability to learn and apply fire fighting 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; understand and follow verbal and written directions.

QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES

Education and/or Experience

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 Class C Driver's License, and maintain a satisfactory driving record.

Possession of a valid California Class A, B, or C Driver's License with a "Firefighter Endorsement" card prior to the end of the firefighter probationary period.

Candidates must be eighteen years of age.

Completion of a State Fire Marshal Approved Firefighter I Academy.

Must possess and maintain a current State of California Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Certification (CPR).

Possession of current (within 6-months) personal Candidate Physical Ability Test (C-PAT), or PAT (Physical Ability Test formerly known as BIDDLE).

Possession of a California Fire Fighter I Certification prior to the end of the Fire Fighter probationary period.