

**MAJOR FUNCTION**

Performs general duties in the prevention of fire and protection of life and property. Work is performed as a member of a team and a superior officer is usually available to assign definite duties. Work is reviewed by observation of results obtained and methods used. Employees in this class carry the Fire Department grade or rank established by the Fire Chief.

**ESSENTIAL AND OTHER IMPORTANT JOB DUTIES****Essential Duties**

Responds to fire alarms with a fire company. Prepares to fight fire by connecting hose to hydrants or pumps and joining hose sections and nozzles to hose. Enters burning building and operates nozzle to direct stream of water on fires. Operates equipment to facilitate entry into locked buildings through approved forcible entry methods. Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment in extinguishing fires. Operates pumps to maintain an adequate water volume and pressure. Raises, lowers, and climbs ladders. Ventilates burning buildings to carry off smoke and gases. Rescues individuals and provides appropriate emergency medical assistance. Performs property conservation operations such as placing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris. May drive ladder trucks, pumper trucks and emergency trucks in responding to fire alarms and in returning to the station. Attends instruction sessions concerning firefighting methods, equipment operation, Basic Life Support (BLS) or Advanced Life Support (ALS) , and street hydrant locations, and maintains good physical fitness. Administers first response BLS or ALS to injured or afflicted persons. Performs related work as required.

**Other Important Duties**

Performs cleaning and maintenance tasks in and about the assigned station and maintains vehicles and equipment daily. Performs related work as required. Performs community outreach activities.

**DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS****Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Knowledge of the street system and geography of the city. Knowledge of first aid methods and ability to provide medical assistance as required. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies. Ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions. Ability to operate fire apparatus, vehicles, and equipment. Skills in tactical firefighting. Ability to write comprehensive medical report. Basic computer skills.

**Minimum Training and Experience**

Possession of a high school diploma or an equivalent recognized certificate.

**Necessary Special Requirements**

Must be a certified firefighter in the State of Florida or be enrolled in a State of Florida approved fire academy at the time of application. Proof of enrollment must be uploaded at time of application. Those enrolled at time of application must be a certified firefighter in the State of Florida before a conditional offer is made.

Must possess a State of Florida certification as an emergency medical technician (EMT) before a conditional offer is made and maintain same certification as a condition of continued employment in the job class. A valid State of Florida Paramedic certification may substitute.

Must possess a valid Class E State driver's license or equivalent, as determined by the City, at the time of secondary application.

All male applicants between the ages of 18-26 years of age must provide proof of Selective Service registration or exemption.

Must maintain compliance with Florida Statute 633.

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