



HOLLEY-NAVARRE FIRE DISTRICT

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FIREFIGHTER / EMT

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs a variety of hazardous tasks when engaged in combating, extinguishing and preventing fires; in answering emergency medical calls, extricating and rescuing individuals from fires and entrapment, treating the sick and injured, and in operation and maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus and quarters.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Work is performed under the direct supervision of the station Captain.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS / TYPICAL TASKS

- Attends training courses, reads and understands assigned materials related to emergency medical care, firefighting and fire prevention. Performs the necessary tasks associated with certified level of EMT-B, such as taking blood pressure, administering oxygen, performing CPR and maintaining the prescribed level of certification.
- Responds to fire alarms with a company; operates pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary equipment; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles; directs fog or water streams; raises ladders, uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and other equipment. Is comfortable wearing and using self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Ventilates burning buildings by opening windows and skylights using power equipment or by chopping holes in roofs and floors; removes persons from danger, administers first aid to injured persons, performs salvage operations, such as throwing salvage covers and removing water, cleaning up and removing debris.

- Responds to vehicle accident scenes and performs extrication techniques using specialized heavy hydraulic equipment during emergency situations.
- Responds to emergency medical incidents, treating the sick and injured in accordance with basic life support protocols.
- Participates in live fire and search and rescue training. Attends classes related to firefighting and emergency medical care.
- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; prepares and submits reports and forms regarding alarms, supplies, equipment and other matters pertaining to his/her unit. Makes minor repairs to property and equipment; washes, hangs and dries hoses; washes, cleans and disinfects equipment and apparatus.
- Relays orders, instructions and information accurately.
- Tests fire hydrants and records flow information for department use.
- Performs assigned fire inspections as part of a company, checks building exits and related structures and appurtenances for compliance with fire prevention resolution.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

This position involves both station duties and response work, performing typical station duties, such as cleaning of the general living and office areas and cleaning of the fire apparatus. The Firefighter/EMT will be exposed to all types of weather conditions and temperature fluctuations, from bitter cold to extreme heat and humidity. The Firefighter/EMT will be exposed to noise levels ranging from moderate to very loud, from open areas to very cramped, confined spaces. The work environment will subject the employee to heavy traffic conditions both in responding to emergency calls and when attempting extrications at accident scenes. Although firefighting and rescue work are the most difficult and responsible areas of activity, the major portion of time is spend drilling and studying methods, techniques, and organization, and in routine duties in the care and maintenance of fire department property and equipment.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

In the field, the Firefighter/EMT may drive a fire engine, squad or rescue. He/she must be comfortable wearing full turnout gear, self-contained breather apparatus. He/she will use axes, Halligan tools, pry bars, hose, nozzles, electric and gas powered fans, ladders, ropes, saws (both hand and gas operated), portable radios, lights and any other equipment necessary to complete his/her tasks.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk and hear. The Firefighter/EMT is required to walk briskly; use hand to finger motions; handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and reach with hands and arms both above the head and below the feet. The employee is often required to lift objects from a standing, crouching or lying position whose weight may exceed his/her own. He/she is required to lift and carry heavy fire equipment and tools, medical equipment and self-contained breather apparatus some distance from the fire apparatus to the scene of the emergency.

The Firefighter/EMT must occasionally lift and/or move objects in excess of 100 pounds. The Firefighter/EMT must comply with NFPA 1582 Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to comprehend the English language.
- Ability to learn the street system and physical layout of the District.
- Ability to climb ladders and work at considerable heights, and also to work well below grade in dark, confined spaces.
- Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting duties and methods within a reasonable working test period.
- Ability to adapt to a number of different situations that could all happen at the same time.
- Ability to learn EMS procedures and operations, learn patient care and how to deal with serious patient trauma.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public.

- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to learn to operate all fire and medical apparatus and equipment and to share knowledge of one's own individual skills and expertise.
- Have good health and strength sufficient to perform hazardous work and motivation to maintain personal fitness and wellness.
- Possess a positive mental attitude with the desire and motivation to achieve a higher position on the department through attendance at classes and self-study.
- Graduation from a standard high school or vocational school or GED.
- Pass a comprehensive background check.
- Pass a medical examination complying with NFPA 1582 and maintain these standards as a condition of employment.
- Be certified as a State of Florida Firefighter 2 in accordance with Florida Statute 633.
- Certification from the State of Florida as an EMT-B in accordance with Florida statute 401 and maintain certification throughout period of employment.

Disclaimer: The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of responsibilities, duties and skills required. This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and the employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and the job requirements change.