

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Class Title:	Fire Fighter-Driver/ Pump Operator	Job Code Number:
Department:	Fire Department	Grade Number:
Division:		
Date:	11/19/13	Location:

Summary: The employee is responsible for work performed in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, and the protection of life and property through firefighting and rescue activities. Duties also include driving fire department pumping apparatus and other fire department support apparatus and operating fire pump. The employee is under the direct supervision of a Station Officer and Shift Officer. The employee may act as the Shift/Station Officer. Independent judgement is used according to the situation and sometimes different courses of action must be considered to complete the task. Work involves an element of personal danger, and an employee in this class must be able to react quickly utilizing clear judgement in meeting both routine and complex emergency situations that could endanger not only their lives, but the lives of their fellow fire personnel and the general public.

Equipment/Job Location:

The employee will operate fire department pumping apparatus and other fire department vehicles and firefighting equipment to include: nozzles, hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus, power saws, rescue tools, gasoline blowers, and generators.

A large part of duty time is taken up in training, building surveys and pre-planning, maintaining equipment and quarters.

All firefighting and emergency operations must be performed during all kinds of weather conditions.

The employee is exposed to extreme heat, smoke, hazardous chemicals, infectious diseases, and falling materials.

Essential Functions of the Job:

Drive various fire apparatus and operates pump on fire department pumper.

Responds to fire alarms, connects hose, advances hose, operate nozzles and directs water streams.

Forces entry of premises for firefighting, rescue and salvage operations, uses fire extinguisher, axes, hooligan bars, pike poles, and other equipment.

Removes persons from danger, administers first-aid to injured persons.

Responds to medical calls and administers basic first aid to persons needing help.

Positions and climb ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings or to assist persons from burning structures.

Creates openings in buildings for ventilation or access.

Performs salvage operations such as throwing covers, sweeping water and removing debris.

Performs overhaul operations such as using pike poles, sheet-rock hooks, Hooligan bars, and axes to create openings in ceilings, walls, and floors to search for hidden fires.

Carries charged hose line into structure for fire extinguishment.

Responds to and extinguishes other types of fires such as vehicles, dumpsters and brush.

Physically able to wear a complete set of protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Must complete and pass annual department certification in self-contained breathing apparatus and fire pump operations.

Participates in fire training drills and attends training classes in fire fighting, first-aid, rescue, and related subjects.

Performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions which may involve extreme exertion under such handicaps as smoke and cramped surroundings.

Performs extreme strenuous and physical labor for extended periods under some unfavorable climatic conditions, frequently lifting objects weighing 50-100 pounds.

Performs duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, crawling, and climbing in buildings and close quarters that may be filled with smoke.

Responds to various other emergency and non-emergency calls and renders help to bring the situation under control.

Additional Examples of Work Performed:

(Any one position may not include all of the duties listed or duties which may be performed.)

Performs general maintenance work in the up-keep of fire department property: cleans and washes walls and floors, makes minor repairs, washes and dries hoses, mows yard, washes windows, paints, and otherwise maintains quarters.

Operates departmental radios during day-to-day operations and on emergencies.

Carries fire department pager when off duty and responds to emergencies as needed.
Participates in annual hose test, which involves unloading and reloading fire hose back on apparatus.

Participates in the bi-annual testing of fire hydrants, which involves taking caps off hydrant and opening-up hydrant and checking water flow. Also trimming weeds from around hydrant and spraying weed-killer as needed.

Performs duties of Engineer in absence of Engineer.

Shall execute other duties, jobs, or assignments delegated by the Chief or Deputy Chief.

Required Knowledge and Abilities:

Knowledge of fire prevention and State and City regulations as applied to firefighting and prevention.

Knowledge of the geographic area of the City.

Knowledge of general first aid and CPR.

Knowledge of firefighting equipment and its intended uses.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and to determine the proper course of action.

Ability to learn to operate a variety of firefighting equipment.

Ability to operate a large truck safely.

Ability to work under extreme weather conditions and dangerous heights.

Ability to understand and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees.

Ability to wear heavy protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus for extended periods of time.

Ability to climb ladders.

Ability to operate and maintain power equipment.

Ability to drive fire department apparatus at speeds consistent with safety, considering traffic, weather, road conditions, and also including knowledge of laws and department procedures regarding the operation of emergency vehicles on emergency responses.

Ability to regulate and operate fire department pumper at the capacity or pressure for which it was designed.

Ability to physically and mentally to climb to different heights and function in close quarters.

Minimum Qualifications:

Must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

Must become certified as a Firefighter II as prescribed by the Tennessee Commission On Firefighting (within 3 years of full-time employment) to maintain employment within the City of Red Bank.

Must possess a valid driver's license issued by the State of Tennessee.

Must maintain an operating telephone and the number must be listed with the department.

Ability to become certified as a Pumper/Driver Operator as prescribed by the State Commission on Firefighting.

Ability to obtain and maintain various certifications as required by the department.

Must reside within a distance to the City limits that is reasonable to afford an acceptable response time as determined by the Fire Chief.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to walk; use hands to operate, finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, and must occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. Firefighting and emergency operations must be performed during all kinds of weather conditions. The employee can be exposed to extreme heat, smoke, hazardous chemicals, infectious diseases and falling materials. Employee must perform duties requiring bending, crouching, stooping, crawling and climbing in buildings and close quarters that may be filled with smoke.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderately quiet with periods of extreme noise.

Selection Guidelines:

Formal application, rating of education and experience; oral interview and reference check; job related tests may be required.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

Approval: _____
Supervisor

Approval: _____
Appointing Authority