

City of Cleveland Position Description

Position Title: Firefighter (05firftr)
Department: Fire
Reports To: Lieutenant or Captain
FLSA Status: Nonexempt
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SUMMARY

Responds to fires and other emergency situations to protect life and property by performing the following duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Responds to fires, traffic collisions, and rescue situations.

Performs extrications when necessary.

Calls for medical aid to provide pre-hospital care.

Connects supply lines, and controls and extinguishes fires using hand lines, deck, ladders, and portable water monitors.

Applies foam and chemicals for fire suppression and control.

Searches buildings and rescues victims from buildings and motor vehicles using appropriate hand and power tools.

Contains, controls, and decontaminates hazardous materials spills.

Performs a variety of salvage and cleanup operations, including removing water, chemicals, and debris.

Maintains apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds, and hydrants.

Participates in drills, demonstrations, and courses in life support, emergency medical treatment, and firefighting techniques.

Prepares required reports and maintains records of activities.

Cleans and performs minor maintenance to assigned emergency vehicle.

If certified, performs the following additional duties.

Administers initial treatment at emergency scene and takes and records patient's vital signs.

Assesses nature and extent of illness or injury to establish necessary medical procedures or need for additional assistance.

Restores and stabilizes heart rhythm on pulseless, nonbreathing patient.

Initiates intravenous fluids to administer medication or drugs, or to replace fluids lacking in body.

Performs endotracheal intubation to open airways and ventilate patient.

Administers injections of medications and drugs.

Assists in extricating trapped victims.
Keeps current on treatment techniques, protocol changes, and application of new drugs, material, and equipment.
Requisitions and restocks supplies, material, and equipment.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

This job has no supervisory responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. At least 18 years of age and meet the qualifications in NFPA 1001 Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications and NFPA 1582 Medical Requirements for Fire Fighters.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

Minimum High School diploma or general education degree (GED).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

REASONING ABILITY

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Fire Fighter I certification within 6 months of employment, Fire Fighter II certification within 24 months of employment. TN First Responder certification within 12 months of employment. Valid TN Drivers License within 6 months of employment.

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. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell. The employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 25 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds, and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions; moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; outside weather conditions; extreme heat; risk of electrical shock; and vibration. The employee is occasionally exposed to explosives and risk of radiation. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, but loud to very loud conditions are prevalent during fire alarms, proceeding to emergencies and on the scene of an emergency situation.