

FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

General Definition of Work:

Performs intermediate protective service work providing fire suppression and in providing emergency medical care of sick and injured; does related work as required. Work is often performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under regular supervision.

Essential Functions/Typical Tasks:

Responding to emergency calls; driving and operating apparatus; suppressing fires; providing basic and advanced life support; preparing and maintaining detailed records.

(The following tasks are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Responds to alarms, operates equipment and assists in the suppression of fires, including rescue, entry, ventilating and salvage work.
- Responds to emergency calls, drives equipment and administers emergency medical services at the Paramedic level.
- Checks and prepares equipment and supplies for treatment; tests fire hose.
- Performs cleanup and overhaul work.
- Assists Firefighter/EMT's in training for further certifications.
- Participates in continuing training and instruction program by individual study of technical material and attendance at scheduled drills and classes.
- Performs related tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

General knowledge of elementary physics, chemistry and mechanics as applied to fire suppression; ability to learn technical firefighting principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression; general knowledge of the principles and techniques of emergency care, including diagnosis, proper treatment and automobile extraction and transportation; general knowledge of the street system and geography of the City; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to keep simple records and prepare reports; possession of mechanical aptitude; physical endurance and agility; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the general public.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school, some firefighting and emergency medical services experience.

Physical Requirements:

This is very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arms length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a respirator. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

Special Requirements:

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of Florida. Must obtain and maintain certification of a Firefighter and EMT-Paramedic. Must meet and maintain all departmental requirements for the position.