

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, first aid, and street hydrant locations, and maintains good physical fitness. Administers first response first aid 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.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**Knowledge, Abilities and Skills**

Knowledge of the street system and geography of the city. Some 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.

Minimum Training and Experience

Graduation from high school or an equivalent recognized certificate.

Necessary Special Requirements

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

In addition, any individual who is to be employed as a Firefighter must meet the following requirements of the Division of State Fire Marshal, Section 633.34, Florida Statutes: (1) be at least 18 years of age, (2) not have been convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor directly related to this classification for a period of four years after expiration of sentence or released from probation if the sentence was suspended or adjudication withheld, (3) have fingerprints on file with the division or an agency designated by the division, (4) have a good moral character as determined by investigation under procedure established by the division and (5) be in good physical condition as determined by a medical examination as prescribed by the division. Such examination may include, but need not be limited to the provisions of the National Fire Protection Association Pamphlet 1001, and (6) be a nonuser of tobacco or tobacco products for at least one year immediately preceding application, as evidenced by a sworn affidavit.

In addition to the aforementioned requirements, applicants must possess State of Florida certification as an emergency medical technician (EMT) at the time of application and maintain same certification as a condition of continued employment in the job class; and

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

Note: Must be a certified firefighter in the State of Florida at the time of application. Must successfully complete the City's emergency vehicle operator's course (EVOC) within one year of employment as a condition of continued employment in the job class.

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