FIREFIGHTERS

PAID CALL FIREFIGHTER

Description:
Under direction, responds to medical aids, rescues and other emergency and non-emergency incidents when called or paged. Participates in fire station activities, community events and attends regular and special training sessions.

Distinguishing Characteristics:
Incumbents in this class are extra-help, non-regular employees who are assigned to Fire Battalions to augment minimum staffing levels on a limited, on-call basis. Paid Call Firefighters are expected to perform a limited range of firefighting duties under closer supervision than a Limited Term Firefighter or regular Firefighter, while acquiring the experience and skill of a Limited Term Firefighter.

Duties may include, but are not limited to:

1. Participates in fire suppression training programs to learn and maintain occupational skills; attends drills and training classes regarding fire fighting techniques, operations of specialized firefighting equipment, design and construction of buildings, location of exists, entrances, fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, and other related topics; assists with public education programs.

2. After sufficient training has been completed and under close supervision, responds to fire alarms, rescue alarms, medical emergency and other emergency calls to protect life and property; lays and connects hoes; holds nozzles and directs water streams in the control of extinguishing of fires in structures; uses forcible entry tools, bars, hooks, life lines, aerial ladders, chemical extinguishers and other equipment.

3. After sufficient training has been completed and under close supervision, raises and climbs ladders; ventilates structures using such techniques as opening windows and cutting or chopping holes through the roof; accomplishes rescue work; removes persons from danger under close supervision. Accomplishes salvage operations such as placing or throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris.

4. Responds to request for medical emergencies to provide immediate care; observes and reports vital signs, cares for victims of accidents or illness; administers medical treatment to injured or ill persons; provides emergency care at the scene; operates emergency vehicles in compliance with County Fire Operations Directives, Local, State and Federal rules and regulations (For EMT licensed only).

5. Responds to emergency paramedical calls; operates emergency equipment; relays vital signs by radio to a doctor and gives emergency treatment and medication under doctor's orders; immobilizes and transports the patient to an emergency medical facility. (For paramedic licensed and department qualified only).

6. Participates in preventive maintenance and inspections on fire apparatus and equipment; inspects fire apparatus after each operation to ensure proper and efficient operating condition; cleans, washes and services fire apparatus; tests, washes, hangs, and dries hoses; changes hoses on fire apparatus; reports worn, damaged or lost parts

and tools; participates in routine and periodic station housekeeping and maintenance. Completes and maintains various records and reports.

7. Secures and maintains all certifications and licenses as required by County Fire.

8. Provides other duties as required.

Typical Qualifications: Must be 18 years of age or older and possess a high school diploma or GED at time of appointment. Must possess and maintain a valid class "C" State of California Driver's License.

Must be able to respond to the designated fire station within approximately 20-minutes. Specifics stations in remote locations, as listed on file with the department, may have an approximate response time of 30 minutes.

The successful candidate must acquire within 12 months of the date of hire:

An Emergency Medical First Responder or EMT certification, including CPR. Haz-Mat First Responder Operational, ICS-200: Basic Incident Command, Confined Space Awareness, S-190: Basic Wildland Fire Behavior, and S-130: Wildland Tools and Techniques.

Health and Physical Condition:
Persons seeking appointment to this class must meet the safety health and physical condition standards deemed necessary and proper for performance of the duties established by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

The statements in this class specification are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by incumbents assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, qualifications, and skills required of personnel so classified.

Job Code: Varies
Salary Range: Varies
Representation Unit: None
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