

CITY OF ONTARIO
CLASS CODE 3005 GROUP 2
DEPARTMENT REVIEW DATE 10-8-97
PERSONNEL APPROVAL
EFFECTIVE DATE
SUPERSEDES 2/95

Other titles to be used with this spec:

Firefighter – 40 hours

FIREFIGHTER

Firefighter – 53 hours

DEFINITION

This is skilled firefighting and related work. Under supervision of a Fire Captain, fights fires, performs emergency medical and rescue work, participates in fire prevention inspections, public education, station maintenance, routine vehicle maintenance, and training activities; performs related work as required. Employees of this class work in accordance with explicit instructions and well-defined procedures; however, satisfactory performance requires initiative and a thorough individual understanding of fire fighting, fire prevention, rescue methods and techniques. Work is reviewed by a superior through observation and results obtained.

EXAMPLES OF IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Responds to emergency fire alarms as part of a fire fighting team; engages in all types of fire fighting activities which include but are not limited to rescue, protection of exposures, confinement of fires, extinguishment of fire, overhaul of fire scenes, ventilation and salvage operations; responds to major alarms when called in from off-duty; operates/utilizes all machinery, equipment and supplies appropriate for area of assignment including, but not limited to: tools, hoses, ladders, medical equipment and supplies, motor vehicles; participates in a wide range of emergency and rescue activities including, but not limited to: emergency medical services, extraction and heavy rescue; performs fire prevention activities in industrial, commercial, residential properties, and places of public assembly, including pre-fire planning and disaster preparation training; participates in inspections of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention and hazard identification; participates in public relations and educational activities which include presentations and demonstrations to groups; performs routine maintenance of fire fighting equipment and station facilities; participates in regular drills and training; when properly qualified may perform as a paramedic, hazardous materials specialist, bomb squad member or other special assignment; maintains job-related records and prepares reports as necessary.

OTHER JOB RELATED DUTIES

Performs other job related duties and responsibilities as required.

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JOB RELATED AND ESSENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

MINIMUM:

Graduation from high school or recognized equivalent; successful completion of an approved fire science academy certified by the State of California Board of Fire Services; valid California Class C driver's license; eighteen (18) years of age at time of application;

Knowledges: knowledge of the fundamentals of mathematics, physics, chemistry, electricity, hydraulics, building construction, automotive mechanics and maintenance; working knowledge of basic fire prevention and suppression principles, practices, and techniques; knowledge of principles and practices of emergency medical care; knowledge of the operation and maintenance of firefighting equipment; knowledge of safety practices and precautions pertaining to work; knowledge of federal, state, and local codes, rules, regulations related to firefighting;

Skills in: the use and care of mechanical equipment;

Abilities: ability to understand and apply mechanical and physical principles related to fire suppression; ability to follow directions and orders of superiors quickly, and to function effectively in emergency situations; ability to read, understand, and apply rules, regulations, and operational procedures of the fire department; ability to read and understand technical manuals and materials concerning fire fighting; ability to demonstrate physical endurance, agility, strength, and stamina in the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions; ability to work indoors and outdoors in a variety of environmental conditions including hot, cold, or damp weather with exposure to excessive heat, smoke, hazardous materials, explosions, communicable diseases, structural collapses, noise, vibrations, odors, dust, and in tightly enclosed spaces with poor ventilation; ability to conduct inspections of facilities and enforce applicable codes, regulations and ordinances; ability to use and operate a variety of fire fighting and related equipment and machinery; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to communicate clearly, concisely and effectively, both orally and in writing; ability to render emergency medical care; ability to establish, foster and maintain positive, harmonious working relationships with other employees, officials and the public; ability to represent the city in meetings and make presentations.

DESIRABLE: Current EMT-1, EMT-1A, or EMT-FS certification; CA paramedic certification; one (1) year of full-time paid firefighter experience; valid California Class B driver's license.