

South Jordan City

Job Description

Title:	Firefighter Paramedic	Effective Date:	07/2007
Code:	FIR017	FLSA:	Non-Exempt
Service Group:	Municipal Services	Workers Comp:	Fire
Department:	Fire	Pay Scale:	16
Division:	Operations	Position Type:	FT/24 hour shifts

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under general supervision, the Firefighter Paramedic responds to emergency calls and planned events to protect life, property and the environment; performs specialized technical duties related to fire fighting, rescue, hazardous materials response and administration of basic, intermediate and advanced life support to the sick and injured; participates in fire prevention, community education, community wellness, training and equipment maintenance and facility maintenance activities.

SUPERVISOR

Fire Captain

POSITION(S) SUPERVISED

None

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Demonstrate an understanding of the mission and core values of South Jordan City in work and professional endeavors.

Accomplish performance goals established and assigned by the employee's manager.

Respond to and assist at a wide variety of calls for service including but not limited to fires, rescue situations, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies, floods, natural and manmade disasters, elderly assists, police assists and motorist assists.

Identify and implement appropriate tactics to evacuate occupants, rescue victims, protect exposures, perform fire control and extinguishment, forcible entry, ventilation, salvage, and overhaul activities; raise and climb ladders; connect, extend and operate hose lines and perform other related duties as needed to protect life, property and the environment at fire, haz-mat, and rescue related incidents.

Respond to emergency medical incidents; triage patients and determine appropriate medical care, provide basic, intermediate, and advanced life support to the sick and injured.

Operate a variety of equipment, tools, devices and vehicles as required to perform assigned duties.

Conduct life safety inspections of commercial, residential, public assemblies and governmental buildings to ensure compliance with applicable life safety regulations, ordinances and standards; inspect and test fire protection systems; inform occupant of findings; make recommendations regarding correction of hazards; develop quick access plans for commercial occupancies; inspect and perform flow tests of fire hydrants.

Provide community education and wellness services including immunizations, station tours and fire prevention, emergency medical, fire safety and disaster preparedness training.

Conduct daily inspections of condition and readiness of division apparatus and equipment; clean, wash and maintain apparatus and equipment; maintain the fire station and grounds; maintain inventory of equipment and supplies; and participate in periodic testing of ladders, fire hose, SCBA, pumps, and other apparatus and equipment.

Perform a variety of administrative duties including preparing reports and forms, conducting research, and preparing and presenting recommendations.

Participate in City and department training.

Health & Fitness: Must satisfy the medical requirements of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 1582 and at all times maintain a fitness level that meets or exceeds the minimum standard of the department physical ability test.

Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. Education and Experience:

A. Graduation from High School or G.E.D.;

2. Special Requirements:

Valid Utah Class D Drivers License
Utah Paramedic, Firefighter II and Hazardous Materials Operations Certification.
Fire Instructor I and Fire Inspector I Certification preferred.

3. Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of basic and intermediate life support techniques, procedures, and practices; strategy and tactics for fire suppression and related activities; purposes, uses and operating characteristics of apparatus, equipment, and tools used in fire fighting, rescue, emergency medical services, and hazardous materials operations; basic principles of mechanics, hydraulics and mathematics related to fire fighting; occupational hazards and standard safety practices; fire hazards and related prevention/abatement methods; principles and procedures of record keeping; safe driving principles and practices; local geography including city streets, major hazards, and water system; and pertinent Federal, State and Local codes, regulations, and laws.

Skill to operate department fire fighting, rescue, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical equipment.

Ability to operate a personal computer and Microsoft products.

Ability to operate a motor vehicle safely.

Ability to perform all tasks, duties and responsibilities associated with the certifications, licenses and essential tasks identified herein; respond quickly to changing situations; exercise good judgment, flexibility, creativity, and sensitivity in response to changing situations and needs, communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; work under extreme mental tension and pressures; work a variety of shifts for long hours; effectively deal with demanding and traumatic situations; work in all weather conditions; develop effective working relationships with supervisors, medical professionals, co-workers, and the public.

4. Working Conditions:

Response to emergency situations and participation in training activities involves considerable exposure to stressful situations; strenuous and moderately heavy physical activity; required to stand, walk, crawl or sit in uncomfortable positions for extended period of times; involves exposure to dangerous situations under disagreeable conditions such as cold, wet, high temperatures, toxic fumes, smoke, excessive noise, hazardous materials, communicable diseases, vibration, heights, confined spaces, emergency driving, little to no sleep for extended periods, etc. May be subjected to lifting and dragging items weighing up to 181 pounds. Unconventional working hours are required including nights, week-ends, holidays and/or 24-hour shifts. Travel to different sites and stations is required.

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by person(s) assigned to this job. They are not intended to and do not infer or create any employment, compensation, or contract rights to any person(s). This job description reflects management's assignment of essential functions; it does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be assigned. This updated job description supersedes all prior descriptions for the same position.