

# **SUNRIVER SERVICE DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT**

## **ENGINEER/PARAMEDIC**

Classified Service

FLSA Status – Non-Exempt

EEO Code – D/Professional Service Workers

Job Code – SFDJC 102

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### **CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**

Positions in this classification are responsible for the protection of life and property through the performance of a full range of fire fighting, emergency medical services and other duties while assigned to a 24-hour shift. Under the direction of the Fire Captain, positions in this classification are primarily responsible for driving and operating fire and rescue apparatus and equipment, pumps, and aerial ladders. Major elements of the work include participating in supervised drills; training in fire fighting skills, rescue techniques, and emergency medical services; and participating in hydrant and building inspections; maintaining the fire station, apparatus and equipment; and acting in a lead capacity to reserve firefighters. This classification is distinguished from Firefighter/Paramedic because of the Engineer's responsibility for driving and operating fire and rescue apparatus and equipment, pumps, and aerial ladders.

Engineer/Paramedics perform under hazardous conditions involving smoke, heat, toxic gases and cramped surroundings. Strenuous physical exertion is usually necessary. Work is normally performed in accordance with well-defined procedures and regulations under the supervision of a fire officer; however, trained engineer/paramedics are frequently called upon to work independently and to make critical decisions in emergency situations.

### **SUPERVISION**

This classification works under the general direction of a Fire Captain.

### **SUPERVISION EXERCISED**

This classification coordinates the work of reserve firefighters and is involved in the training of newly hired personnel.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The duties and responsibilities listed should not be construed to be all-inclusive. The essential job duties will include other responsibilities as assigned and required.

1. Responds to alarms and performs a variety of duties that include driving and operating fire apparatus and pumps, aerial ladders, and rescue apparatus;
2. Performs record keeping associated with fire and emergency responses;
3. Responds to alarms and performs specialized rescue and fire suppression tasks, and salvage activities;
4. Participates in fire drills and attends classes in fire fighting, emergency medical training, and related subjects;

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5. Participates in public fire safety education programs and projects;
6. Participates in the inspections of buildings, both prefire and Fire Code enforcement, and fire hydrants;
7. Performs general cleaning, testing, inspection and maintenance on apparatus and equipment, and maintains fire station;
8. Facilitates hazardous materials response readiness training;
9. Coordinates the work of reserve firefighters and trains newly hired personnel; and
10. Maintains required certifications.

## **SECONDARY JOB DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Attends fire service conferences, conventions and other education meetings to maintain professional currency;
2. Facilitating public relations activities such as tours and participation in community functions; and
3. Performs chores at the fire station.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES (At time of Appointment)**

Knowledge of the incident command system;

Skill in operating all fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services apparatus and equipment;

Knowledge of Department policies and procedures;

Knowledge of the principles and practices of fire suppression, prevention, and emergency medical services;

Knowledge of the Uniform Fire Code and other adopted fire safety regulations, and the ability to work with the public in a proactive manner to achieve compliance with the regulations;

Knowledge of NIMS, ICS, fire suppression tactics to resolve other emergencies;

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Knowledge of ambulance operations and applicable local, state and federal laws related to ambulance operations;

Knowledge of the operation and maintenance of fire and emergency apparatus and equipment;

Skill in reading, comprehending, and applying a variety of fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical services;

Skill in reasoning and reacting quickly and calmly in emergency situations;

Skill in presenting information to individuals and groups;

Skill in operating a computer to research information and keep appropriate records; and

Ability to respond to alarms and other emergency situations that require the execution of full physical and mental activity and exertion;

Ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with the public, elected officials, other fire service agencies, and Department staff.

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Any combination of experience, education and training that demonstrates the required knowledge, skills and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to qualify would include journey-level experience and specialized training in fire and emergency medical services.

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES**

Must meet the educational requirements or possess National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) certification for Firefighter I, Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic, NFPA Driver, NFPA Pumper Operator, and Hazardous Materials Operations. Must possess both a valid Oregon driver's license and Oregon EMT-Paramedic certification. By the end of the trial service period, those who work in this classification must have successfully completed NFPA Wildland Fire Apparatus Operator Task Book, NIMS Firefighter Type II Task Book, S-130 and S-190, be certified as a NFPA Interface Firefighter, and checked off to drive and pump all Department apparatus.

## **MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

This classification continuously or frequently requires decision-making, interpersonal skills, teamwork, creativity, customer service, mentoring, reading/writing/speaking and understanding English, training and supervision, problem analysis, use of discretion, basic math, and independent judgment and action. Physical demands include standing, walking, stooping,

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crawling, talking, reaching, feeling, sitting, bending, kneeling, climbing, grasping, hearing and handling. This classification may be required to lift, carry, push and/or pull over 150 lbs and work at heights in excess of 20 feet. Strenuous physical activity is encountered on fire and other emergencies. Qualified individuals with a disability and known limitations will be reasonably accommodated to perform the essential functions of this classification.

**WORKING CONDITIONS**

This classification is exposed to air contamination, confining workspace, dirty environments, electrical hazards, high and low temperatures, high work places, improper illumination, noise, and toxic materials. Those working in this classification must drive apparatus, equipment and vehicles, take responsibility for the safety of others, work 24 hours on and 48 hours off, participate in overtime as required to achieve results, maintain on-call status, attend evening meetings, and be on-call 24/7.

**Approved By** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Classification History

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