



## **Firefighter**

### **Fire Department**

FD/6

#### **JOB SUMMARY**

This position performs firefighting and other emergency response functions.

#### **MAJOR DUTIES**

- Responds to emergency calls involving fire, hazardous materials, nature and manmade disasters, rescue, and other critical incidents; operates pumper truck and ladders.
- Implements actions necessary to save lives and property; extricates victims from structure fires and vehicle accidents; administers emergency medical care; performs structure ventilation duties; responds to hazardous materials incidents.
- Inspects apparatus and equipment to ensure that it is in proper working order; performs routine maintenance of equipment as assigned.
- Maintains and cleans station, grounds, and living quarters.
- Participates in public relations functions with schools, churches, and other organizations.
- Participates in continuing training and drill activities.
- Remains familiar with area streets, geography, and landmarks; learns roads and alternate routes to populated areas; learns fire hydrant locations.
- Conducts and assists with public safety education, including fire safety and prevention.
- Communicates via telephone and two-way radio; provides information and assistance to appropriate personnel; responds to requests for service and assistance.
- Completes required reports of incidents occurring during an assigned shift.
- Performs related duties.

#### **KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION**

- Knowledge of modern firefighting techniques and equipment.
- Knowledge of laws and regulations relating to the control and prevention of fires.

- Knowledge of department and city policies and procedures, and federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- Knowledge of computers and job-related software programs.
- Knowledge of the capabilities and uses of emergency vehicles and equipment.
- Skill in operating emergency vehicles and equipment.
- Skill in the provision of medical care in emergency situations.
- Skill in the use of radio/communications equipment.
- Skill in planning, organization, and decision making.
- Skill in oral and written communication.

#### SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Fire Lieutenant assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the final results.

#### GUIDELINES

Guidelines include department standard operating procedures, NFPA standards, and life and fire safety codes. These guidelines are generally clear and specific but may require some interpretation in application.

#### COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of varied fire suppression, rescue, and other emergency response duties. The variety of emergency situations encountered contributes to the complexity of the work.
- The purpose of this position is to protect lives and property through fire prevention and suppression activities and the provision of other emergency response services. Successful performance helps ensure the safety of lives and property in the community.

#### CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with co-workers, other city employees, representatives of other fire departments, law enforcement personnel, and the general public.
- Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, resolve problems, provide services, and educate the public.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is typically performed while sitting, standing, stooping, walking, bending or crouching. The employee frequently lifts heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, distinguishes between shades of color, and utilizing the sense of smell.
- The work is typically performed in an office, except while at fire or other emergency scenes. The employee may be exposed to machinery with moving parts, irritating chemicals, extreme temperatures, hazardous situations, and inclement weather. The work requires the use of protective clothing and devices.

#### SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid driver's license issued by the State of Georgia for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
- Ability to meet current requirements set forth by the National Fire Protection Association and the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Act.