
Firefighter-Medic Job Description

1309.1 FIREFIGHTER-MEDIC JOB DESCRIPTION FIREFIGHTER/EMT OR PARAMEDIC

The Firefighter is responsible for responding to incidents and performing the appropriate level of care for personal injuries or illnesses and firefighting duties. The Firefighter shall be able to perform these operations under both emergency and non-emergency conditions, within the policies and procedures set by the District. It is the intent of the District that any other paid personnel below the rank of Assistant Chief will have no residency limitations. The Firefighter is under the general supervision of the Company Officer, Lieutenant, or in his/her absence the Battalion Chief. During emergency incidents, the Firefighter is under the general supervision of the Incident Commander.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Essential Functions may include but are not limited to, the following

Responds immediately to alarms at any hour of the day or night, in all weather conditions, and participates in fire extinguishment, rescue, and fire investigation using firefighting tools and equipment such as axes, pry bars, pike poles, power saws, ladders, portable extinguishers, and two-way radios.

Performs hose operations such as coupling and uncoupling hoses, attaching hoses appliances, advancing hose lines, and directing streams into fire in order to control and extinguish fires. Performs salvage and overhaul operations such as identifying strategies to protect property by using salvage covers and smoke fans, locating smoldering fires, removing property to protect it from damage, removing excess water, assessing damaged structures for safety, and performing cleanup as necessary.

Rescues individuals in danger from fire, vehicle accidents, industrial accidents, and other situations requiring extraction.

Frees individuals from machines and equipment, collapsed structures, earth cave-ins and electrical hazards using extrication and forcible entry equipment in a way that minimizes further injury.

Drives firefighting apparatus to emergency site; locates the hydrants and operates pumps at the proper pressure; evaluates adequacy of water system and availability of water supply.

Responds to incidents involving toxic/hazardous waste materials, assesses risk, clears area of non-essential personnel, uses required personal protection gear, contains spills, controls run-off and ignition sources.

Responds to medical emergencies; provides basic and intermediate life support to the sick and injured; completes written reports on the condition of patients and emergency medical aid given.

Inspects, cleans, and services various firefighting equipment and apparatus and hydrants; performs routine and preventive maintenance on equipment as necessary; assists in maintaining

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clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station. Participates in inspections and pre-planning of public and commercial buildings for fire prevention and target hazard identification.

Completes all training necessary to fulfill fire districts requirements and ensure professional development.

Provides non-emergency assistance to public such as; conducting State-mandated fire drills; company inspections of public and commercial buildings; and fire station visits.

Obtains and records medical data about patients as required by state, county, and local laws.

Paramedic

Responds to medical emergencies, rescue and fire calls to provide advanced basic life support to the sick and injured, and to assist in fire extinguishment. Provides advance emergency pre-hospital care to individuals in cardiac arrest and severe shock by intubation, I.V. administration, drug administration, reading and interpreting cardiac rhythm strips (12-leads), and defibrillation.

Inspects medical supplies and equipment daily to ensure equipment is in proper working order; medical supplies used are replaced, and medical equipment is functioning properly.

Keeps a log of the use and replacement of all controlled substances maintained on apparatus as required by law.

Maintains paramedic certification by attending training classes and seminars; participates in reevaluations of practical skills (competencies); and tests to meet advanced life support standards of state and local agencies.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of basic fire prevention and suppression practices and techniques; fire ground and rescue safety techniques; hand and power tools used in fire suppression; emergency rescue techniques and equipment; basic life support practices and techniques; hazardous materials for first responders; metric system; building construction as it relates to fire suppression; International Fire Code as it applies to company inspections; district geographic area and street network; read and understand fire training manuals; NFPD Nixa Fire District Protocols and Standards; Departmental SOPs; rules and regulations; iPad and Windows-based computer operating systems; software: and maps.

Skill in first aid, CPR, and basic life support; public education and fire safety presentations; report writing and record keeping; using self-contained breathing apparatus and wearing full protective gear; using hand tools, power tools, and equipment required for fire ground operations.

Ability to react quickly and remain calm under pressure; assess situations and determine proper courses of action; perform strenuous physical activities for extended periods of time; understand and follow verbal and written directions; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; establish effective working relationships with co-workers and the public; learn technical and mechanical skills related to fire service; adapt to changing work environments and conditions; recall information learned; learn and apply fire code provisions; identify and preserve evidence of

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fire origins; understand and apply physical and mechanical principles related to fire suppression and emergency rescue; use common hand and power tools; climb ladders in excess of 75 feet in length; think and act quickly and effectively in emergency situations; understand and follow verbal and written directions; work effectively and cooperatively with others in a co-ed paramilitary team setting; meet appropriate physical standards established by the District; wear a uniform and follow the chain-of-command; work 24-hour shifts / 48-hour tours, weekends, and holidays.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or the equivalent.

Candidates for the position of Firefighter must have attained certification of Missouri FF 1 & 2, NIMS 700, 800, 100 and 200, and Missouri EMT/B.

Paramedics must maintain a current Missouri License, PALS and ACLS certification.

The candidate shall have a Missouri operator license with no suspensions, revocations, or any other significant moving violations within the last five (5) years.

The candidate shall meet all District application requirements.

The candidate may also be required to have completed the following:

- Driver Operator Core
- D/O Pumper
- D/O Mobile Water Supply
- Emergency Vehicle Driving
- Company Inspections
- District's Public Presentation, Public Education and Pre-Incident Plans

TESTING REQUIREMENTS;

Must pass Tri-State Alliance testing process and be current on qualification list; Oral interview.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS/WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Physical Requirements

Vision sufficient to operate hand and power tools; and conduct patient evaluations; read video monitors, gauges, maps, SOPs, rules regulations, and training documents;

Hearing sufficient to hear conversation in person and over radios and telephones;

Speech sufficient to make oneself understood in conversation, on fire scenes, in person, and over radios and telephones;

Mobility sufficient to effectively perform fire suppression activities such as climbing ladders; removing trapped individuals from confined spaces; and operating power saws and axes while wearing a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), and full protective clothing;

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Dexterity to operate tools and apparatus associated with fire suppression and emergency services work, office equipment including computer keyboards and medical equipment;

Strength sufficient to lift and carry patients and equipment weighing in excess of 50 pounds; open fire hydrants and perform firefighting and ventilation work;

Endurance sufficient to maintain appropriate level of performance in extreme heat while wearing an SCBA and full protective clothing; and to maintain efficiency throughout the entire work shift.

Work Environment

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the functions of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to wet/and or humid conditions, moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places, fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; outside weather conditions; extreme cold; extreme heat; risk of electrical shock; works with explosives, and risk of vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

Disclaimer

The information provided in this description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by incumbents within this job. It is not designed to be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications and working conditions required of employees assigned to this job. Management has sole discretion to add or modify duties of the job and to designate other functions as essential at any time. This job description is not an employment agreement or contract.