



WILLOW OAK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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RESERVE FIREFIGHTER

DESCRIPTION

Participates in emergency fire suppression, emergency medical care, fire prevention and investigation activities, and other activities that support the protection of life and property; assists in the maintenance and care of all stations, apparatus and equipment; participates in training exercises and studies firefighting techniques; performs other related duties normally associated with the position of professional Firefighter.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives immediate supervision from a Fire Captain. Exercises no supervision.

TYPICAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Responds to fire, emergency rescue, medical aid alarms and public service calls.
- Operates a variety of tools, power driven equipment and vehicles related to fire suppression and rescue activities.
- Connects and lays hose lines, assists in holding nozzles to direct stream of water; carries and operates chemical fire extinguisher; operates engine pumping equipment as required.
- Raises, lowers and climbs ladders; makes forcible entry into buildings when necessary. Ventilates buildings and searches for victims.
- Assists in conducting overhaul, salvage and clean up operations.
- Operates ventilation equipment.
- Cleans, services, inspects and test fire fighting equipment and apparatus.
- Makes every reasonable effort to continually improve the manner in which the job is performed and increase the quality of service to the public.
- May be assigned to drive and operate fire district vehicles (must possess correct license and certifications).
- Assists in the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions in and about the fire station.
- Studies Fire District rules and regulations, fire hazards, fire fighting techniques and related subjects. Participates and assists in administration of on-going training programs; attends drills and staff conferences.
- Conducts inspections of buildings, structures, and properties for compliance with building and safety codes; and related codes.
- Answers general questions from the public.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry level class in the field of fire fighting. It is distinguished from higher level classifications in that incumbents are expected to exercise less discretion and judgment in matters related to work procedures and methods.

WORKING CONDITIONS/ASSIGNMENTS/PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Work is conducted both in a fire station and in the field in various settings.
- Some of these include exposure to smoke, odors, heat, steam, fumes, and dust; as well as periodic exposure to dangerous or life threatening situations.
- Performs tasks requiring: strength and stamina, such as lifting and moving equipment and objects weighing up to 100 pounds; pushing or pulling objects of up to 100 pounds; sitting, standing, walking on uneven or slippery surfaces, kneeling, bending, twisting, turning, stooping, squatting, grasping and crawling; ascending and descending stairs and ladders; work both inside and outside with exposure to extreme weather conditions, odors, dust and pollen; exposure to chemicals, skin irritants, fumes and solvents; frequent hand and arm motion.

- Must have: hand and finger dexterity sufficient to use small tools; the ability to see well enough to read gauges, documents and street maps; accurate depth perception; the ability to communicate verbally, including projecting a voice that can be heard in a noisy environment; the ability to hear and distinguish various sounds, such as alarms, voices of co-workers and warning horns or sirens in both quiet and noisy environments; the ability to stand, walk, bend and reach at, above or below shoulder height for extended periods of time; sustained concentration and prolonged commitment to job tasks; interpersonal skills sufficient to work closely with others on a team; high level cognitive, interpretive or judgment skills; ability to demonstrate flexibility in work environments, performing a variety of frequently changing tasks; ability to plan, negotiate, direct, control and monitor other's activities; and the ability to work alone effectively under stress in situations dangerous to self or others.
- Work involves irregular hours on weekdays, weekends, and holidays. Members in this class are assigned to a 24 hr. work schedule.

QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Rules, regulations and operational procedures of the Fire District.
- Firefighting methods, techniques, and procedures; operating and mechanical principles involved in the operation of fire apparatus and equipment. Dangers and disposition of hazardous materials.
- Emergency medical technician skills including basic life support, CPR, defibrillation, and blood borne pathogens.
- Knowledge of fire suppression and rescue equipment, tools and devices, and their proper use and maintenance requirements.
- Knowledge of modern fire prevention and fire suppression methods, principles, practices and procedures.
- Knowledge of work hazards and safety precautions associated with the work.

ABILITY TO:

- Learn the geography of the local area including the location of hydrants and major fire hazards.
- Understand and act in accordance with district policies and rules.
- Demonstrate a moderate degree of mechanical aptitude as required in the operation and maintenance of fire fighting and rescue equipment.
- Think and act quickly and effectively in emergencies
- Learn first aid principles and apply them, to learn technical fire fighting principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression.
- Keep simple records and understand and carry out oral and written instructions.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Meet the physical requirements established by the district.

EDUCATION

High school diploma or equivalent.

EXPERIENCE

Any experience that would likely provide the required ability is qualifying; firefighting experience is desirable.

LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

- Possession and continued maintenance of a valid California Class "C" driver's license.
- California State Fire Marshal's Firefighter One Certificate preferred.
- Emergency Medical Technician I (EMT - D) certificate within six months of hire.
- Possession of a valid CPR for professional rescuer card at time of hire.