

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
CLASS DESCRIPTION**

JOB CODE 700

FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL

Specialized work in protecting life and property through controlling and extinguishing fires, providing emergency medical and rescue services, and participating in fire prevention and training activities. At times, work will involve strenuous, extended exertion and an element of personal danger. Prompt and correct reactions are required even under critical, hazardous and adverse conditions, which may cause considerable physical and mental stress.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Assigned to a fire station on rotating twenty four hour shifts, responds to alarms for services as part of a crew involved in the control and extinguishing of fires, by selecting hose nozzle depending upon type of fire and directing streams of water or chemicals onto fire. May position and climb ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings or creates openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance using a wide range of hand or power tools. Protects property from water and smoke by use of waterproof covers, smoke ejectors or deodorants. Assists in maintaining assigned apparatus and maintains personal gear to ensure operational readiness and personal protection. Attends roll call to receive assignments and current information. Cleans fire station and surrounding area to maintain a sanitary station free from operational impediments and to preserve life of equipment.

Attends college level classes on firefighting/rescue techniques and apparatus. Participates in driver and apparatus operations training in order to transport personnel and equipment safely and quickly and to facilitate use of equipment if required to work above class. Performs general maintenance, testing and repair of fire/rescue equipment to ensure operational readiness and to prolong life of equipment.

Inspects buildings and structures to determine compliance with and to enforce fire safety codes in order to protect life and property from fire, explosives, and dangerous materials and for pre-fire planning. Performs salvage and cleanup operations at fire scenes.

Performs basic life saving procedures at fire and rescue scenes. Responds to sick person calls and provides emergency treatment. Staffs rescue vehicles providing emergency transport to hospital. Communicates with superior officer during fire or rescue mission.

Performs assigned duties in maintaining apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds and hydrants. Participates in drills, demonstrations and courses in hydraulics, pump operation and maintenance and firefighting techniques.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the street system, geography and types of construction in the city. Knowledge of the various types of fire hazards of the city. Ability to learn and perform many and varied firefighting techniques and procedures. Ability to perform prolonged and hazardous work under adverse conditions. Ability to work at heights. Ability to understand and follow routine, written and oral instructions and to accept routine supervision. Ability to carry out critical instructions and perform without hesitation under emergency or hazardous conditions. Ability to analyze information from a variety of sources, assess a situation, draw valid conclusions and take appropriate action. Ability to communicate effectively. Ability to give oral and written instructions. Ability to work with others effectively under a team concept. Ability to extract information from oral questioning and discussions as to facts of a situation and needs of a person. Ability to accurately describe observations, circumstances and activities orally and in writing.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school. Within the probationary period must complete a study program of minimum standards and must become certified both as a Firefighter and as an Emergency Medical Technician I by the State of Florida.

A comparable amount of training and experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of the telephone and personal contact as normally defined by the ability to see, read, talk, hear, handle or feel objects and controls. Physical capability to effectively use and operate various items of office related equipment, such as, but not limited to a, personal computer, calculator, copier, and fax machine. The noise level in this environment is usually quiet, but may be loud in rescue situations. Must have physical capability to lift and carry or drag people and objects weighing in excess of 150 pounds; ability to bend, stoop, stretch, climb and crawl into confined spaces while wearing approximately 70 pounds of protective clothing and equipment. Ability to perform tasks requiring balance, motor-coordination and dexterity. Ability to swim.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid, appropriate driver's license and an acceptable driving record. State Certified Firefighter and EMT.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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