



FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

DEPARTMENT: FIRE/RESCUE
GRADE 61

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:

Under general supervision of the Paramedic Preceptor and/or Captain, is responsible for extinguishing fires, rescuing persons and property from danger, and performing salvage and related follow-up work. Incumbents are also required to perform life-saving rescue techniques as part of a fire rescue operation or as part of other emergency operations. While emergency responses constitute the primary focus of a Firefighter's responsibility, considerable time is spent in study, training, inspecting and maintaining equipment and apparatus, and in cleaning and maintaining quarters. Duties involve an element of personal danger and incumbents must be capable of functioning as an integral part of a work unit in order to ensure the safe and efficient performance of duties. Work is performed in accordance with established medical protocols when performing paramedic skills. Work is reviewed through written reports for adherence to established policies and procedures.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Responds to emergencies with a fire company or rescue unit.
2. Answers medical emergencies as part of a Fire company, an advanced life support unit, or on a rescue unit as part of an advanced life support/transport unit.
3. Removes, extricates, and rescues persons from danger.
4. Recognizes acute symptoms requiring immediate care; administers life-saving rescue procedures to injured or afflicted persons.
5. Performs salvage operations including throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, removing debris, and placing smoke ejectors.
6. May work on a rescue crew and, in this capacity, may also be required to perform a leadership role on an ALS unit.
7. Prepares paperwork if acting in leadership role in emergency.
8. Connects hose to hydrants and pumps; joins hose sections and connects nozzles to hose; enters burning buildings with or without hose lines; operates nozzles and directs a stream of water or fog on fires.
9. Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment in extinguishing fires; raises and climbs ladders; ventilates burning buildings to remove smoke and gases.
10. Makes daily inspections of apparatus and equipment and notifies supervisor of defects; performs cleaning and maintenance tasks in and about assigned station.

11. Aids in the mitigation of other emergencies as directed by supervisor.
12. Attends instruction sessions in firefighting methods; equipment operation, rescue procedures, hazardous materials mitigation, and related subjects; may conduct drills and classes in these and other areas.
13. Recognizes hazardous material situations; makes identification of unknown substances through the use of specialized testing equipment; sets up decontamination procedures; assists state agencies in the removal/disposal of hazardous material.
14. Provides educational information and lectures to community organizations and schools.
15. Ability to operate defibrillator, portable suction units, resuscitators, EKG units and other emergency medical equipment.

NOTE: The examples as listed are descriptions of essential functions and are not necessarily all inclusive. The omission of an essential function of work does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein. Assigned duties, which are an essential function of work not listed herein are permissible if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

REQUIREMENTS:

A. Training and Experience:

High School Diploma or GED; supplemented by certification as a firefighter by the State of Florida. Must possess a State of Florida Paramedic certification and be certified as a Firefighter by the State of Florida. Must possess a State of Florida Class E Operator's License.

B. Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Knowledge of firefighting principles and practices.

Knowledge of Fire Department rules & regulations.

Knowledge of EMS Protocols.

Knowledge of tools, equipment, and apparatus used in firefighting.

Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting and rescue duties within a reasonable probationary period.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

Ability to keep simple records and make reports.

Skill in the use of firefighting tools.

- C. **Physical Requirements: 4**
- D. **Environmental Requirements: 4**
- E. **Sensory Requirements: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9**