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**CITY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

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**TITLE: FIREFIGHTER**

**DEFINITION**

Under supervision, to perform a variety of duties in the protection of life and property by combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, and by providing emergency medical care; to participate in training and fire prevention activities; to operate and maintain firefighting and rescue equipment, and fire stations; to serve as a fire inspector; and to do related work as required.

**REPORTS TO:** Fire Captain

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives general supervision from a Fire Captain or other superior officer who reviews work methods and results through reports, personal inspections, and discussions. Incumbents may exercise lead direction over lesser-skilled protective service staff or volunteers, as assigned.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

Typical duties include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- Respond to fire alarms, rescue alarms, medical emergency, and other emergency calls to protect life and property endangered by fire; operate various communications equipment.
- Respond to requests for medical emergencies; provide immediate medical care to persons injured in automobile accidents, fires, industrial accidents, and victims of sudden serious illness such as heart attacks, drownings, and similar emergencies; observe and report vital signs; and administer medical treatment.
- Serve as a hose operator in firefighting situations; lay and connect hoses; hold nozzle and direct water streams in the control and extinguishing of fires in structures, brush, and grass; clean and test fire hoses; raise, lower, and climb aerial ladders; perform rescue work and remove persons from danger.
- Ventilate structures using such techniques as opening windows and chopping holes through the roof; use forcible entry tools, bars, hooks, life lines, chemical extinguishers, and other auxiliary equipment; assist in overhaul and salvage operations; sweep water and remove debris.
- Perform preventive maintenance and daily inspections on fire apparatus; inspect fire apparatus after each operation to ensure proper and efficient operating condition; clean, wash, and service fire apparatus; test, wash, hang, and dry hoses; change hoses on fire apparatus; report worn, damaged, or lost parts and tools;
- Clean and maintain station quarters, grounds, and equipment; perform routine housekeeping chores such as sweeping, mopping, cooking, and washing; assist visitors at the station and conduct tours.
- Conduct fire prevention inspection and education programs; serve as a fire inspector, inspecting commercial and other properties for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention codes and ordinances, and participating in or conducting investigations to determine fire causes.
- Participate in continuous training in fire prevention, inspection, and suppression through fire drills, training exercises, simulations, and on-the-job exercises to maintain occupational skills.
- Study technical material on Fire Department rules and regulations, fire hazards, and modern firefighting techniques, City layout, water systems, and related subjects.

- Prepare reports on preventive maintenance and with respect to work operations.
- Work 24-hour shifts and overtime; may be recalled to duty in cases of emergency.
- Serve as a substitute fire engineer under special instructions and limited conditions on a relief or training basis; operate and maintain motorized firefighting equipment; operate and adjust pump controls and other mechanical equipment to maintain correct water pressure consistent with the type of fire; drive and operate the tiller position on a ladder truck; operate ladder mechanism on an aerial truck; place truck to best advantage to facilitate fire fighting.

## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

- Principles and practices of fire suppression and prevention.
- Principles and practices of emergency medical care.
- Operation and maintenance of firefighting equipment.
- Safety practices and precautions pertaining to work.

### **Ability to:**

- Read, understand, and learn rules, regulations, and operational procedures of the Fire Department.
- Learn and maintain firefighting and emergency medical skills, methods, and techniques.
- Demonstrate physical endurance, agility, strength, and stamina in the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions; climb up and down ladders and work at considerable heights.
- Demonstrate a high degree of mechanical aptitude.
- Remain calm in emergency situations; analyze situations and adopt a quick, effective, and responsible course of action in emergency situations.
- Operate a vehicle observing legal and defensive driving practices; learn the location of streets, physical layout of the City, and major traffic and fire hazards.
- Work indoors and out in a variety of environmental conditions including hot, cold, or damp weather with exposure to noises, vibrations, odors, or dust; work in tightly enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.
- Lift and transport equipment and individuals weighing up to 200 pounds.
- Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Deal courteously and effectively with the general public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Wear a self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Work overtime as required.

**Experience and Education:**

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience: None required.

Lateral Recruitments: Must be currently employed as a Firefighter or have at least one year of continuous full-time paid experience (2912 hours) within the last two years.

Education: Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade and successful completion of a State Fire Marshal approved Fire Academy. Two years of full-time paid experience as a Firefighter may be substituted for the California State Certified Fire Academy requirement.

**MEDICAL CATEGORY:** Group 3

**NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT**

Possession of a valid Class "C" California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

Possession of a valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-1) Certification.

Possession of a valid Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Certification.

Possession of a valid Paramedic Certification (Riverside County) is highly desirable.

**CAREER ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**FROM:** Firefighter

**TO:** Fire Engineer or Fire Captain