

City of Imperial Beach
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Firefighter/Paramedic
Department: Public Safety
Division: Fire

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under supervision, to respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls for the protection of life, the environment and property; to render aid and lifesaving assistance; to participate in fire prevention and training activities; and to perform related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the direct supervision of the Fire Company Officer.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Positions in this class represent the working level fire fighting crew. Incumbents generally operate hose at a fire scene, but may perform other duties upon order of the incident commander. A major effort is spent in training for hazardous situations. Incumbents are called upon to work in potentially hazardous conditions when at the scene of an emergency. Upon approval of the Fire Chief, incumbents meeting the requirements for Fire Engineer may be required to perform the duties of Fire Engineer when the level of manpower so requires. Each incumbent performs ancillary duties involving the administration of the fire department. These collateral duties may be in areas of fire prevention, public education, inspection, inventory, apparatus maintenance, training or other aspects of the fire suppression/prevention programs. Firefighter/Paramedic maintains San Diego County Paramedic certification and renders advanced life support under the supervision of a physician or registered nurse. The Firefighter/Paramedic must use considerable initiative in the rescue and medical examination of victims, but must also operate within the strict constraints of established guidelines and instructions of San Diego County Emergency Medical Services protocol.

PERIPHERAL DUTIES

Responds to alarms; performs fire control activities and utilizes strategies in the areas of victim rescue, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment; fight structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle and wild land fires; inspects and maintains nozzles, appliances, fittings, hydrants, fire extinguishers, hand and power tools, ropes, emergency lighting equipment, generators, rescue and first aid and related equipment, assists Fire Engineer inspect, clean, and maintain fire apparatus; operate fuel oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting, and air moving equipment, various types of extinguishers, appliances, elevators, fire protection and escape systems, radio

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equipment and meters; uses a variety of tools, ropes, knots, ladders, life lines, belts and couples; reels, unreels and carry hoses; connect nozzles and valve fittings; extends and reduces hose lines; lays single and multiple hose lines; lay hoses and operate hose streams above and below street level; rises, climbs and works with extension ladder makes forcible entries; receives and transmits alarms; controls traffic; provides emergency care and treatment of fire and accident victims; lifts, carries and transports victims; administers advanced life support to victims of accidents and fires; renders advanced life support as a Paramedic, examining victims, communicating vital medical data to medical personnel and administering medical treatment in accordance with established guidelines and the specific instruction of hospital medical personnel; assists the public in a wide variety of emergency calls involving illness and urgent situations; completes and submits appropriate emergency medical reports; conduct fire drills and demonstrates fire equipment; write fire alarm reports; interpret federal, state, local and department rules and regulations; assists in the maintenance of the fire station and grounds; performs a variety of collateral administrative work involving fire prevention and suppression programs; engages in public information activities; maintains inventories; recommends purchase of fire fighting equipment, physical fitness apparatus and station appliances; maintains physical fitness; conduct fire prevention inspections of dwellings, public assemblies and commercial, industrial and government buildings; identifies common, special, structural and panic hazards; interprets fire and building codes; issues orders to comply with such codes; inspects and tests fire protection systems; examines the storage, handling and use of flammable and combustible liquids and other hazardous materials; makes recommendations regarding the correction of hazards; assists in the prevention of fires; responds to complaints and requests for information from the public; operates City vehicles; and performs other related work as required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid and appropriate California Driver's License for fire apparatus within one (1) year of employment; possession of a valid CPR card; possession of a California State Firefighter 1 certificate is required within one (1) year of employment; possession of certification as a State of California Paramedic with San Diego County Accreditation is required; possession of Advanced Cardiac Life Support Accreditation is required.

KNOWLEDGE OF

Basic mathematics and mechanical relationships; simple record keeping methods; proper methods, materials, tools and equipment used in fire fighting general principles of fire suppression and prevention; Advanced Life Support techniques and equipment; appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Laws, ordinances and codes governing Paramedics; diagnostic signs and treatments for injury and illness as described in the State and County Scope of Practice guidelines; medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and common prescription drugs.

ABILITY TO

Read, understand and apply technical fire fighting materials and concepts; respond quickly to changing situations under emergency pressures; perform routine administrative functions. Perform Basic Life Support functions; operate a vehicle observing legal and defensive driving practices; understand and carry out oral and written instructions establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Provide Advanced Life Support in accordance with established procedure.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Any combination of training, education and experience which demonstrates possession of the knowledge and abilities stated above and the ability to perform the duties of the position, or experience at or equivalent to the level of Probationary Firefighter in the City of Imperial Beach, from which the incumbent has acquired the knowledge and abilities listed above.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Positions in this class perform work that involves the frequent lifting, pulling and/or pushing of 100 pounds with occasional heavier lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling; positions in this class require the ability to stand, climb, stoop, reach and bend; positions in this class require mobility of arms to reach and dexterity of hands to grasp and manipulate objects of heavy weight at high pressure; positions in this class require vision (which may be corrected) to read small print; incumbents may be required to work with harsh or toxic substances; incumbents may be required to wear protective apparel including goggles, face protectors, aprons, shoes and self-contained breathing apparatus; incumbents may be required to work at considerable heights; incumbents may be required to sustain physical exertion and/or to work in physically uncomfortable positions for prolonged periods; incumbents serving in the capacity of Firefighter/Paramedic must maintain their Paramedic certification as a condition of employment.