

CLASS CODE: 3101

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

1. Duties that are characteristic as to type and level:

Technical firefighting work of ordinary difficulty and responsibility, serving as a hoseman, ladderman, squadman, chief's aide, driver of standard trucks, rescue squads, or cars and/or fire alarm operator; related work as required; performed under direct technical supervision.

2. Typical tasks or assignments:

Responds to all alarms of fire during an assigned tour of duty; is subject to call and duty to all multiple alarms occurring during off time; lays and connects hose, holds nozzles and directs fog or water stream; raises and climbs ladders, removes persons from danger, and administers first aid to the injured; as a squadman, performs special rescue and first aid work as required; performs general maintenance work on quarters and equipment; participates in mobile company fire safety and prevention duty; undergoes recurring company training sessions and drills.

May be assigned to special duty as a chiefs' aide; drives chiefs' car, runs messages, and relays chiefs' orders to subordinate officers on duty at the fire grounds.

On an assigned tour of duty may serve as alarm operator; after completion of probationary period of training as a firefighter; receives still and box alarms; relays alarms; dispatches companies or single units of apparatus to the scene of a reported fire in accordance with established running schedules; is responsible for the maintenance of an alarm and dispatch log book; operates all types of communication equipment including PBX switchboard, radio, talk alarm, and bell alarm. Is responsible for maintaining a radio log book in accordance with FCC regulations. In receipt of still alarms, determines classification of fire and rings up appropriate system alarm. Notifies chief engineer of extent of fire or other emergencies, assists in conducting and logging standard closed circuit and ground tests of switchboard.

May be assigned to drive after proper instruction, standard apparatus, squad trucks, or trailer type 85 or 100 foot aerial ladder, trucks, or serve as tillerman on such a truck; operate aerial ladder extension mechanism, and be responsible, under direction of a superior officer for proper positioning of apparatus, and placement of ladder; responsible for adequate daily inspection and for preventive maintenance of equipment.

3. Minimum qualification requirements:

a. As to education, training, and experience:

High school graduation.

Some prior work experience, and training in any of the various trades, sufficient to develop maturity, responsibility, and general manual and mental skill.

Any equivalent combination of education and experience.

b. As to special knowledge, ability, and skill:

Working knowledge of the geography of the city.

Aptitude for increasing knowledge of the trade, and for learning the variety of work performed by firefighters.

Ability to meet specified minimum requirements as to mental skill, residence, citizenship, age, and physical condition as set forth in applicable laws, ordinances, or rules of the Civil Service Commission.