



WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

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Providing Fire and Rescue Services to Central Washington County

JOB DESCRIPTION

FIREFIGHTER

General Description of Duties: Upon completion of the probation period the employee will be assigned to a station. During the duty shift the individual will perform work to accomplish assigned tasks during emergency and non-emergency situations.

During the average work shift, examples of duties might be: driving fire apparatus to and from an emergency scene, operating the pump and ensuring water flow during fire suppression, combating and extinguishing fire, rendering medical aid, performing fire inspections, maintaining department facilities and equipment, attending training sessions and assisting in the overall improvement of fire department operations.

Supervision Received: Works under the general supervision of the Career Lieutenants.

Essential Duties:

1. Be responsible to the Company Officer for compliance to departmental rules and regulations.
2. Report for duty at the prescribed time.
3. Report for duty in the prescribed uniform.
4. Utilize personal hygiene as not to be offensive to others.
5. Be able to work as an integral part of a fire fighting unit, utilizing procedures and techniques as prescribed by the department.
6. Be able to comprehend and carry out written and oral instructions.
7. Follow prescribed chain of command at all times.
8. Exercise cooperation with department employees and officers and other volunteers.
9. Maintain a level of physical endurance as prescribed by the department.
10. Possess and maintain a valid Oregon state driver's license.
11. Be able to successfully drive and operate department apparatus as prescribed by the District with certification as NFPA Driver/Apparatus Operator at the time of application.
12. Maintain departmental records and prepare reports as assigned.
13. Refer all official matters relating to the department to or through his Station Officer.
14. Be held accountable for the operation, care, and maintenance of equipment as assigned; and in accordance with department policy, procedures and directives.
15. Keep adequately informed on matters relating to assigned job function and departmental operation.
16. Maintain proficiency levels as prescribed by the Chief of the Department.
17. Perform other related work as superiors may deem necessary.
18. Be able to work irregular hours.
19. Work safely and efficiently in adverse weather conditions and hazardous atmospheres.
20. Performs work in accordance with Federal, State, District and departmental occupational health and safety laws, rules and standards.

Working Conditions: Normal work shifts are 12 hours, two days on and followed by two days off equaling a forty-five (45) hour workweek, or 24/48 schedule equaling a fifty-six (56) hour work week. In some cases hours may be longer as required to include callback for certain emergency calls while off-duty. May be required to attend meetings or classes outside of normal work schedule. Overtime pay or compensatory time off is provided for overtime hours worked. Will be required to deal on a personal level with members of the public that may be

angry or uncooperative. Will be in hazardous atmospheres with little or no visibility, in extreme temperatures, in confined spaces above and below grade, work in high elevations, while wearing self contained breathing apparatus; exposed to toxic and hazardous materials, exposed to air and blood borne pathogens, and exposed to disease. Will make physical contact with deceased humans or animals, may perform rescue on dangerous domestic or wild animals that have become trapped, injured, confused or frightened; work in area where danger of death or injury due to falls, explosion, electrocution, building collapse or entrapment may be present; work under conditions of extreme mental and physical stress.

Knowledge, Skill and Ability:

Knowledge: (Thorough/General) knowledge of Federal and State occupational health and safety laws, rules and standards and the ability to rapidly learn District occupational health and safety rules. Thorough knowledge of District policies and standard operating guidelines and the ability to encourage District personnel to adhere to the policies and guidelines as required.

Skills: Must be able to maintain a high level of physical endurance and agility. Must have the ability to learn, retain and utilize fire techniques and fire science and the use of fire equipment. Must be able to understand written and oral instructions. Must be able to work in harmony with fellow employees and perform effectively under emergency conditions.

Ability: Ability to perform work in accordance with Federal, State, and District occupational health and safety laws, rules and standards.

Experience and Training:

- High School diploma or equivalent, preferably supplemented by college-level course work in fire science or related field; and
- State of Oregon Emergency Medical Technician Basic level or higher (or able to obtain within 1 year after appointment)
- Accreditation as NFPA Firefighter I or equivalent.
- Accreditation as NFPA Driver/Apparatus Operator. One year experience as apparatus operator preferred.
- Three years firefighting experience

OR

Any equivalent combination of training and experience that would likely provide the knowledge, skills, and ability to perform the work will be considered.

Other qualifications:

- Be at least 18 years of age by the date of appointment; and
- Possess a valid State of Oregon driver's license; and
- Have a safe driving record; and
- Be in good physical health as determined by medical examination.