

**CITY OF CARLSBAD
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

JOB TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under supervision, to fight fires and to participate in fire prevention activities in protecting life and property; to operate and maintain fire fighting and rescue equipment, and fire stations; and to do related work as assigned.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Serve as hose operator in fire fighting situations including pulling working lines, manning the nozzle to direct the stream of water on the fire, placing, raising, lowering, and climbing ladders, and assisting in overhaul and salvage operations.

Respond to rescue calls and administer first aid.

Clean and inspect equipment, perform lubrication, make adjustments and repairs to equipment, and maintain fuel and oil supply.

Clean and test fire hoses.

Routine inspection and maintenance of fire hydrants.

Operate radio-telephone equipment.

Study Fire Department rules and regulations, fire hazards, fire fighting techniques and related subjects.

Conduct fire prevention inspection and education programs.

Participate in fire drills and training exercises.

Respond to fire calls during non-duty hours.

Participate in continuous training in fire prevention, inspection and suppression through both simulated and on-the-job-exercises.

May be assigned as a paramedic if properly trained, certified and appointed to perform such duties by the Fire Chief.

Serve as Acting Fire Engineer or Acting Captain as assigned for emergency relief purposes.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Rules, regulations, and operational procedures of the Fire Department.

Ability to:

- Demonstrate physical endurance, agility and strength sufficient to meet the established standards of the city.
- Demonstrate a high degree of mechanical aptitude.
- Learn fire fighting methods and techniques, the operation of firefighting equipment, street location and physical layout of the city, and major traffic and fire hazards.
- Think and act quickly in emergencies.
- Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.
- Deal courteously and effectively with the general public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION:

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Within one year from date of hire, employee must possess and maintain a valid Class B California Driver's license, to include a water tank and air brake endorsement.

Must possess and maintain current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician I in the State of California.

DATE APPROVED: June 13, 2017