

Firefighter- Job description

General Statement of Duties

Performs skilled fire fighting and other emergency response services for the Daisy Mountain Fire District; performs related work as required.

Classification Summary

The principal function of an employee in this class is to protect the community from disaster situations, including house and building fires, and promote an environment of public safety within the Daisy Mountain Fire Department's response area. This position also participates in fire prevention and inspection activities, equipment and station maintenance, and training dealing with all phases of fire suppression, prevention, inspection, rescue and emergency operation. The work is performed under the direct supervision of the Captain, but some leeway is granted for the exercise of independent judgment and initiative. An employee in this classification performs the duties of other employees in the Daisy Mountain Fire Department when so assigned. The principal duties of this class are performed in a work environment in which the employee is subject to potential personal danger.

Examples of Work (Illustrative Only)

Essential Duties and Responsibilities (may vary with specific positions, this list is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary):

- · Responds to fire alarms and extinguishes fire;
- · Responds to calls for emergency medical services, and renders first aid;
- · Performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris;
- · Responds to and renders assistance in emergency cases;
- · Cleans and inspects equipment and apparatus after returning from a fire;
- · Inspects equipment and apparatus and notifies superior officer of any defects;
- · Makes minor repairs to equipment and apparatus, performs routine preventative maintenance tasks, and keeps records of such action;
- · Keeps fire station, equipment and grounds in a clean and orderly condition;
- · Participates in training activities and instruction sessions;
- · Acquires and retains a thorough knowledge of the Fire District, including streets, buildings, water supply, unusual hazards and related items;
- · Performs various public information or education tasks;

- · Enters inspection, training and (on occasion) fire and emergency medical service calls into the records management systems;
- · Performs all work duties and activities in accordance with District policies and procedures;
- · Works in a safe manner and reports unsafe activity and conditions. Follows District safety policy and practices and adheres to responsibilities concerning safety prevention, reporting and monitoring.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

- · May respond to emergency calls for specialized service such as hazardous materials, confined spaces rescue, extrication and technical rescues that include high angle, below grade, swift water, trench and collapse rescues;
- · May respond to non-emergency calls for bee complaints, fire prevention demos, etc.;
- · Deals with social service related areas of emergency response by assisting victims and relatives of victims of traumatic events;
- · Performs other related duties as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- · The geography of the Daisy Mountain Fire District and surrounding areas, (or the ability to quickly learn this information), including the streets system, hydrant locations, the layout and location of public utilities and potentially hazardous materials or substances;
- · Specialized fire fighting vehicles and equipment;
- · Current strategies for all types of fire such as wild-land, commercial, residential, flammable and combustible liquids, vehicle, etc.;
- · Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) techniques and related medical equipment;
- · Basic mathematical and science skills;
- · Emergency response records systems, communications equipment and use, fire computer applications and incident reporting procedures;
- · Computers and related software.

Ability to:

- · Make determinations as to the best course of action for fighting fires or responding to other related emergency situations;

- · Work under extremely stressful situations, day and night, which result from a fire and other emergencies, including the responsibility for remaining calm and carrying out all duties with the recognition of the threat to life and property;
- · Successfully meet the Daisy Mountain Fire Department's requirements and pass entry exams;
- · Work within a command structure requiring strict adherence to the following of orders;
- · Work in a team environment under extremely stressful situations;
- · Quickly learn and put to use new skills and knowledge brought about by rapidly changing information and/or technology;
- · Learn and correctly apply routine division and department policies and procedures;
- · Read, comprehend, and follow simple oral and written instructions; and to understand and apply available guidelines to varied operational requirements;
- · Perform a wide variety of duties and responsibilities with accuracy and speed under the pressure of time-sensitive deadlines;
- · Demonstrate integrity, ingenuity and inventiveness in the performance of assigned tasks;
- · Operate a personal computer using program applications appropriate to assigned duties;
- · Communicate effectively both orally and in writing, with the public and other employees.

Acceptable Experience and Training

- · High school diploma or GED equivalency; and
- · Must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application; and
- · Must possess a valid Arizona Motor Vehicle Operator's License; and
- · Must meet and maintain minimum requirements as prescribed in the latest edition of NFPA 1582 "Medical Qualifications for Fire Fighters".

Special Qualifications

- Emergency Medical Technician's Certification
- Arizona State Fire Fighter I & II Certification

Essential Physical Abilities

- · Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing and other communication capabilities, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to communicate effectively, including during emergency situations which may involve a high degree of noise;
- · Sufficient vision and other powers of observation, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to effectively operate at a fire or related emergency scene;
- · Sufficient manual dexterity with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to operate equipment used in fire fighting;
- · Sufficient personal mobility and physical reflexes, with or without reasonable accommodation, which permits the employee to perform all duties involved in protecting life and property.