

CITY OF SOLANA BEACH

FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

DEFINITION

Under the general supervision of a Company Officer, provides basic and advanced life support services to ill or injured persons in accordance with the policies established by the Department of Emergency Medical Services of San Diego County. Firefighter/paramedics are responsible for performing the duties of a firefighter assigned to engine and ambulance, aerial ladder/platform and other specialized fire department apparatus.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is the entry-level class in the Fire Department series.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following;

- ◆ Responds to medical emergencies; performs primary and secondary physical assessment of ill or injured persons; treat patients in accordance with San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Protocols and Fire Department policy; operate radio-telephone equipment and communicates medical information to base hospital medical personnel and others; compile necessary reports and records; respond to and perform skilled tasks at the scenes of emergency calls and non-emergency calls; serves as a preceptor for paramedic and emergency medical technician trainees.
- ◆ Responds to alarms and assists in the suppression of structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle, and wildland fires; perform fire control activities and utilize strategies in the areas of victim rescue, entry, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment, and salvage work; lay and connect hose, hold nozzles and direct water streams; rise and climb ladders; ventilate burning structures; make forcible entries and evacuate occupancies.
- ◆ Operates a variety of apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, and vehicles including lifting, hoisting, spreading, and pulling equipment, foam and additive proportioners, fuel and oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting, boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting and air moving equipment, appliances, elevators, fire protection and escape systems, radio equipment and meters, all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand fines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, emergency medical equipment and other rescue equipment.

- ◆ Conducts fire prevention inspections of dwellings, public assemblies, and commercial, industrial, and governmental buildings, and other public establishments to ensure compliance with codes and regulations pertaining, to fire safety; identify common, special, structural, and panic hazards and recommend pre-fire planning activities; issue orders to comply with codes, inspect and test fire protection systems; examine the storage, handling, and use of flammable and combustible liquids and other hazardous materials; make recommendations regarding correction of hazards.
- ◆ Conducts daily inspections of condition and readiness of equipment; clean, wash, and service equipment, inspect, test, and maintain equipment and pump motors including nozzles, appliances, fittings, hydrants, fire extinguishers, hand and power tools, ropes, emergency lighting equipment, generators, rescue and first aid and related equipment; flow-test hydrants.
- ◆ Responds to miscellaneous emergencies; including rescues, hazardous materials, flooding, and natural disasters, respond to non-emergency situations including false fire alarms, elderly assists, vehicle and residential lockouts, and other non-emergency situations.
- ◆ Drives and operate vehicles, apparatus, and equipment under limited conditions.
- ◆ Performs cleaning, salvage, and overhaul work following fires, prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.
- ◆ Participates in periodic testing of pumps, ladders, and other apparatus and equipment.
- ◆ Participate in fire training activities; attend continuing and advanced training sessions, which include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
- ◆ Assists in the investigation of fires; collect and preserve evidence; secure fire scene.
- ◆ Participates in physical training activities; aerobic and/or weight lifting routines.
- ◆ Assists in securing sites by directing traffic, clearing public, clearing landing zones for helicopter landing; setting up lighting and related activities.
- ◆ Responds to the orders and directives of incident commanders/superiors and carries out assignments per applicable practices, protocols, and guidelines.
- ◆ Assists in the maintenance of fire stations and grounds; maintain inventories of apparatus, equipment, and supplies; recommend purchase of fire fighting equipment, physical fitness apparatus, and station appliances.
- ◆ Performs a variety of administrative duties including maintaining proper records and documentation on all job related activities, functions, apparatus, and equipment; prepare reports, forms, recommendations, and other required administrative procedures.

- ◆ Responds to complaints and requests for information from the public; engage in public information activities; conduct station tours.

QUALIFICATIONS GUIDELINES

License and Certification Required

- ◆ Current placement on hiring list utilized at time of vacancy.
- ◆ High school diploma or G.E.D.
- ◆ California State Marshal Firefighter I Certification
- ◆ Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) with the State of California and current EMT-P accreditation with the County of San Diego EMS office.

Special Requirements

- ◆ As a condition of continued employment, the Firefighter/Paramedic must maintain current license as an EMT-P with the State of California and current EMT-P accreditation with the County of San Diego EMS.
- ◆ Valid Class C California Driver's License. Must remain insurable with City's liability carrier.

Knowledge and Abilities

Knowledge Of:

Laws, ordinances and codes affecting the work of Firefighter/Paramedics; medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and common prescription drugs; diagnostic signs and treatments for injuries and illness as described in the County of San Diego Paramedic Protocols; basic apparatus and equipment mechanics, maintenance and operations; emergency rescue procedures and practices involving fire, chemical, or other threats; firefighting principles, techniques, and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression; modern fire prevention and suppression methods, fire behavior, and basic chemistry; basic English grammar, spelling, punctuation and composition; basic mathematic and mechanical relationships; appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Ability To:

React quickly and calmly to fight fires and perform emergency medical

techniques and procedures; respond quickly to changing situations under emergency pressures; perform rescues; operate, maintain, inspect and repair vehicles, apparatus, equipment, communication systems, and fire hydrants; clean and maintain fire station and grounds; conduct fire inspections and school exit drills; teach classes and participate in public education demonstrations and activities; Pass periodic re-certification tests; write comprehensive reports and maintain accurate records; establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.; learn local conditions, locations and regulations; operate computers; understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

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