

FIREFIGHTER

CODES/PAY RANGE

Class Code: 3909

EEO Code: D

Pay Range: 352 (Refer to Article 30 Labor Agreement)

MAJOR FUNCTION

General firefighting work in the suppression, extinguishment and prevention of fires, protecting life and property; delivery of emergency medical and rescue services; and in maintaining division equipment and facilities.

ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES

(NOTE: These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Responds to fire alarms with Fire Company. Lays and connects hose and directs fog or water stream. Raises and climbs ladders. Uses bars, extinguisher, hooks, line, and other equipment. Makes forcible entry into buildings when necessary. Ventilates building. Opens walls and other structures to impede the effective fighting of the fires.

Assists in rescuing people from burning buildings or other hazardous locations. Renders first aid when needed.

Receives fire alarms by telephone, radio or industrial alarm systems, and other emergency calls. Ascertains the nature of the fire or emergency, its location, and dispatches necessary personnel and equipment to the scene.

Performs salvage operations including but not limited to throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.

Performs overall operations as needed at all fire, rescue and emergency scenes.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of division facilities. Cleans and washes walls and floors. Makes minor repairs to facilities and equipment. Washes, hangs, and dries hose. Washes, cleans, repairs, polishes, and tests apparatus. Performs tests on pumps, hoses, breathing apparatus, and other equipment.

Is subject to emergency call duty as part of the regular duties whether on or off duty.

May be assigned duties as acting lieutenant.

Attends company drills and scheduled in-service training exercises. Participates as required in all drills and training sessions involving both practical and classroom applications. Keeps

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current and up to date in all phases of job responsibilities through seminars and college courses.

Drives and operates all fire apparatus including engines, pumpers, tankers, brush trucks, tractors, sedans, and other specialized equipment. Watches condition of motor and unit during operation and makes necessary adjustment or reports defects.

Operates extrication and other specialized tools.

Prepares for pumping operations by seeing that hydrant connections are made. Pumps water to fire at designated pressure.

Performs related work as required.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of first aid methods. Knowledge of the street system and geography of the County.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the public. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions. Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting duties and methods within a reasonable training period.

Coordination and physical strength sufficient to pass a physical ability test.

Mechanical aptitude and ability to learn and operate relatively complex equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or possession of a GED. Must meet the minimum requirements set forth by the Florida Firefighter Standards and Training Council as having completed the basic firefighting training courses referred to as the "Minimum Standards Course," and possess a Certificate of Compliance from the Bureau of Standards and Training.

Additional qualifications determine pay grade assignment:

Possess and maintain Florida State Certification as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

Possess and maintain Florida State Certification as a Paramedic.

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One (1) year of firefighting experience equivalent to entry level firefighter with the County.

The County offers an additional pay grade incentive based on meeting educational guidelines after successful completion of two years of service with Volusia County Fire Services.

Possess a valid State of Florida driver's license and proof of completion of an approved Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) in accordance with Florida Statutes.

Must successfully pass rigid physical examination including drug screening.

A comparable amount of education, training, or experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.

ADA REQUIREMENTS

Physical Demands: Heavy to very heavy work. Ability to see, hear, talk, lift (100 lbs.), carry, push, stand, climb, crouch, balance, handle, fingering, pull, walk, crawl, kneel, reach.

Environmental Demands: Both inside and outside work. Potential hazardous work conditions. Ability to tolerate heat, inclement weather (rain, cold, humidity), water, odors, dust, poor ventilation, fumes, toxic fumes.

Mental Demands: Ability to read and comprehend professional, technical and scientific journals, manuals and procedures; safety instructions, memos, letters, policies, and reports. Ability to perform shop math and general mathematical functions. Ability to write summaries and reports. Ability to speak clearly and concisely relating information, data and details to layman; conversant in theory and practices of discipline.

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