

FIREFIGHTER APPRENTICE

Definition

Under close supervision and in a learning capacity, to assist in the various phases of fire suppression and prevention; to learn the functions carried on by the department; and to do related work as required.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Firefighter Apprentice shall be appointed in a temporary status for a period not to exceed 6 months and shall be required to enter into an apprenticeship agreement upon appointment. Upon successful completion of the Basic Fire Training Academy, the trainee shall qualify for appointment as a probationary Firefighter or be terminated from the trainee position. Appointment to Firefighter is subject to recommendation by the Fire Chief and approval of the Director of Personnel.

Essential Functions

- Performs a variety of work assignments under close supervision including responding to fire alarms suppression of fires, cleanup and salvage operations, responds to emergency calls and administers first aid.
- Assists in maintaining and caring for fire apparatus, equipment, fire station and grounds.
- Makes residential and business inspections to discover and eliminate potential fire hazards and to educate the public in fire prevention;
- Assists in roadside burning and in building or clearing fire breaks or fire roads;
- Assists fire personnel by performing selected duties of significant learning value;
- Participates in an approved basic firefighter training program, and attends scheduled drills and classes;
- Participates in any other related and supplemental training.

Other Functions

- Performs other job-related duties as required.

Employment Standards

Graduation from high school or satisfactory completion of G.E.D. test.

Possession of a valid California Motor Vehicle Operator's License.

___ Enrollment and participation in an approved basic firefighter training program upon appointment.

Physical Requirements

Physical Examination: A rigid medical examination by the County Physician is required. Includes Spine and Chest X-Rays; Blood Chemistry and Electrocardiograph tests and drug screening. Weight must be proportionate to height and age.

Vision: 20/50 uncorrected in each eye - no color deficiency. No permanent or progressive eye abnormalities.

Hearing: No hearing deficiency.

___ Minimum Age: Applicants must have reached their 18th birthday by the application filing deadline.

As a condition of employment, the appointee shall not use tobacco products during his or her tenure with the Fire Department, either on or off duty.

Knowledge of modern fire prevention and suppression methods or ability to acquire such knowledge; ability to learn technical fire fighting techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression; ability to understand and follow oral directions; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with fellow employees and the public; ability to keep simple records and prepare reports; mechanical aptitude; physical endurance and agility.

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