

FIREFIGHTER TECHNICIAN FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

NON-EXEMPT
SALARY LEVEL: Grade 18

JOB CODE: 164
DATE: 9/30/11

SUMMARY: Performs difficult protective service work in fire suppression, emergency medical services and hazardous materials; does related work as required. Work is often performed under emergency and non-emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazards. Work is performed under regular supervision. May occasionally exercise limited supervision over the activities of large groups of personnel and may serve as acting shift commander in the absence of station sergeant.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily and maintain a satisfactory attendance. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable an individual with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Other duties may also be assigned.

- Responds to emergency incidents.
- Drives and operates apparatus and assists in the suppression of fires, conducts rescue, entry, ventilation, salvage and overhaul work, and administers EMS care to patients.
- Responds to rescue calls and administers proper emergency medical aid.
- Responds to hazardous materials incidents and executes appropriate mitigation measures.
- Assists in maintaining and cleaning fire and rescue apparatus and equipment along with cleaning fire and rescue stations and grounds as prescribed.
- Assists with and conducts fire prevention inspections within fire districts as directed.
- Participates in continuing training and instruction programs by individual study of technical material and attendance at scheduled drills and classes.
- Conducts public safety programs and tours of fire and rescue stations and grounds as required.
- Administers EMS skills to patients as prescribed by protocol.
- Performs as a member of the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Team and performs emergency activities in the mitigation of hazardous materials incidents after receiving certification. (As related and referred to in the Professional Development Program.)
- Conducts training classes for department personnel.
- Performs special projects as assigned.
- Communicates and coordinates with volunteer members and volunteer officers.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Education and/or Experience: Any combination of education and experience equivalent to an Associate's Degree is required and two (2) years as a career Firefighter/EMT with the City of Winchester. Mandatory City Training Courses deemed necessary by the Administration Department, within two (2) years of employment as classes are available and scheduling allows.

Certificates, Licenses, Registrations: Possession of a valid and appropriate driver's license. Possess valid and appropriate certificates in addition to the previous level of the career development program: Firefighter Level II, Driver Operations (Pump or Aerial) and Hazardous Material Operations. Certificates must be available and recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Requirements specified in the NIMS compliance manual. Participate in and maintain good physical condition as prescribed in the Department's Physical Conditioning and Wellness Program.

Note Personnel certified at the EMT-I or EMT-P level are eligible for ALS incentive pay if all requirements listed in the Professional Development Program are met.

Language Skills: Ability to read and comprehend laws and policies. Possess reading and studying skills. Ability to write documents using proper grammar, punctuation and spelling. Ability to speak and communicate effectively using correct English.

Other Knowledge, Skills and Abilities: General knowledge of elementary physics, physiology, chemistry and mechanics. General knowledge of technical fire fighting, hazardous materials operations, rescue principles and techniques and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression. General knowledge of department rules and regulations. General knowledge of local geography, safety hazards and fire fighting and rescue resources. Thorough knowledge of use and maintenance of fire fighting and emergency medical services equipment and apparatus. Ability to perform emergency medical services as required. Ability to stay alert for potential problems. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with fellow employees, volunteers and the public. Ability to keep simple records and prepare reports. Ability to utilize data processing equipment for the preparation of reports. Mechanical aptitude. Physical endurance and agility. Safe driving skills.

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS: The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Employee is to be a non-tobacco user.

Required Physical Activities: Requires considerable physical effort working continuously with average and frequently heavy weight or frequent requirements for long periods of, but not limited to climbing, balancing, flexing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, walking, running, jumping, crawling, lifting, pushing and hoisting.

Vision Requirements: Minimum standards as required by the Department of Motor Vehicles and corrected to 20/20.

Environmental Conditions: Work is performed inside and outside, in all weather conditions. Additionally, work is performed during emergency conditions and in environments with immediate danger to life and health; requiring the utilization of various personal protective devices.

EQUIPMENT ESSENTIAL TO DO THE JOB: Fire, Rescue and Hazardous Materials Apparatus (Pumpers, Aerial Devices, Specialized Apparatus, and EMS Transport Units) Ladders, Fire Hoses, Nozzles, Defibrillators, SCBA, PPE, Compressors, Power Equipment, Data Processing and other various office equipment.

NOTE: This classification specification is not intended to be all-inclusive. An employee will also perform other reasonably-related job responsibilities as assigned and required by management. The City of Winchester reserves the right to revise or change job duties as the need arises. Moreover, management reserves the right to change job descriptions, job duties or working schedules based on their duty to accommodate individuals with disabilities. This classification specification does not constitute a written contract of employment.

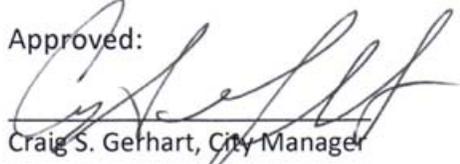
I have read the classification specification above, fully understand the requirements set forth therein, and will perform these duties to the best of my ability.

Employee Signature

Date

Print Name

Approved:



Craig S. Gerhart, City Manager

September 30, 2011