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City of Alameda
Code No. 4505
Approved by C.S.B.
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FIRE APPARATUS OPERATOR

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DEFINITION

Under general supervision performs duties to prevent or limit loss of life and property in emergency situations; performs other specialized duties related to the operation and maintenance of apparatus and equipment; maintains related records and performs other related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

1. Drives and operates all fire and emergency medical apparatus in a proper and safe manner.
2. Responds to emergency calls and performs duties necessary to prevent or limit loss of life and property in emergency situations dealing with fire, disasters, medical emergencies, water rescue, confined spaces, and hazardous materials.
3. Follows directions for suppression and other activities including the placement of apparatus and ladders, laying of hose, ventilation, salvage and overhaul operations.
4. Maintains knowledge of location, operation, care and maintenance of all equipment on all Fire Department apparatus.
5. Operates fire pumps, aerial devices, fixed and portable electrical generators, air and hydraulic equipment, and portable power equipment and other firefighting and emergency medical services equipment in a proficient manner under adverse conditions.
6. Performs fire prevention duties including inspections of residential, mercantile, educational, industrial, institutional and public assembly occupancies.
7. Examines and maintains apparatus, equipment, facilities and grounds.
8. Participates in station training and drills.
9. Maintains apparatus records and logs and prepares required reports.
10. May be assigned to a particular division such as Fire Prevention or Training/Emergency Medical Services and performs related activities as required; may work in a higher or lower classification.
11. May be assigned, as an instructor for department training programs, to conduct programs, demonstrations or lectures; may perform specialized project, program or operational work as required.
12. Follows department and City rules, regulations, policies and Memorandum of Understanding.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Experience

Three years of experience as a Firefighter in the Alameda Fire Department and continued compliance with current Firefighter employment standards.

Knowledge

Knowledge of materials, principles and practices to achieve and maintain required training and/or certifications; the characteristics, capabilities and operation of all fire department apparatus, equipment and relevant systems; City geography; location, types, size and capabilities of hydrants; local water supply and drafting procedures; fire service hydraulics; D.O. T. markings; mathematics; fire chemistry; communication equipment; tool and equipment usage; fire department terminology especially as related to equipment and apparatus; City and fire department rules and procedures including drill manuals; supplies necessary to maintain proper operations; fire behavior and control; forcible entry practices and techniques; ventilation practices and techniques; salvage and overhaul techniques; basic mechanics and electrical theory; principles and practices of water rescue, confined space, and hazardous materials operations and response; paramedic assistant and emergency medical and rescue practices and techniques.

Ability

Ability to effectively perform fire suppression, safety and prevention work, emergency medical and paramedic assistant, water rescue, confined space, and hazardous materials duties; prevent or limit loss of life or property in emergency situations dealing with fire, disasters, medical emergencies, water rescues, confined spaces, and hazardous materials.

Ability to effectively operate a variety of specialized fire department apparatus and equipment (i.e. portable resuscitator, defibrillator, first aid and rescue equipment, cutting torch, generators, trucks, engines, emergency medical van, axes, entry tools, portable lights, ladders); drive defensively; comprehend technical material; comprehend maps and mapped information (i.e. schematics, building diagrams, and pre-plans).

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EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS (Continuation)

Ability to maintain physical and mental condition appropriate to perform assigned duties and responsibilities.

Ability to maintain effective audio and visual discrimination and perception needed to perform assigned duties including making observations, communicating with others, reading and writing, and operating assigned equipment and vehicles.

Ability to effectively deal with potentially dangerous situations which may include exposure to fire, disasters, medical emergencies, water rescues, confined spaces, hazardous materials, and emergency driving conditions. Working conditions may include exposure to fumes, gases, heat, dampness, dust, odors, dark, high altitudes, disease, decomposed, burned or severely dismembered bodies, smoke, crowds, noise, confined spaces, working alone for long periods of time, heights and stress.

Ability to learn and interpret rules, laws, regulations, policies and procedures; implement instructions and directions; analyze situations and make quick decisions requiring sound judgement; communicate situations; maintain level of knowledge required for satisfactory job performance; establish and maintain accurate records; prepare concise, comprehensive reports; communicate effectively; act with resourcefulness, courtesy and initiative; exercise independent judgement; function as an effective group or team member; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees and the general public.

Ability to meet and maintain California training requirements and department EMT standards.

Other Requirements

Possession of a valid State of California Driver's License of an appropriate classification to drive and operate all types of fire apparatus in the department and possession of a satisfactory driving record as a condition of initial and continued employment.

Willingness to work variable and 24 hour shifts, weekends, holidays, irregular days and hours, overtime and on call; respond to mutual aid calls requiring local or out-of-state travel; attend meetings and educational sessions as required during on and off-duty hours; perform routine, repetitive work; train other employees; wear a uniform and safety equipment; work outside in inclement weather; work under undesirable and hazardous conditions; conform to department grooming standards; take a loyalty or affirmation of allegiance to the United States and to the State of California.