

# **WILLIAMS FIRE PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

## **FIREFIGHTER - JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, to operate and maintain fire and emergency services equipment; to perform firefighting and emergency response duties in protecting life and property; to respond to fire and emergency service calls; to assist with fire inspections and fire prevention functions; to perform station and equipment maintenance work; to participate in training drills; and to do related work as required.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

This is an entry level position. The primary responsibility is to perform firefighting and emergency medical duties. Incumbents are expected to be trained to a higher level as time permits.

### **REPORTS TO**

Fire Captain or higher

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

The following is used as a partial description and is not restrictive as to duties required.

Responds to fire and emergency incidents; performs firefighting and emergency response functions, as directed by an officer; fights fire using proper fire suppression techniques; controls and extinguishes fires; lays and connects hose; directs water and chemical agents onto fires; controls, treats, and contains hazardous materials spills and leaks; enters and ventilates burning buildings; uses hand and power tools; raises, positions and climbs ladders used in fire suppression and rescue activities; administers first aid to injured victims; places salvage covers, removes water and debris, and performs a variety of salvage operations; participates in trainings sessions; conducts fire prevention inspections and fire preplanning; flows and documents fire hydrants; cleans living quarters, maintaining them in a clean and orderly condition; studies and reviews Fire department rules, regulations, policies and operating procedures; maintains, cleans, and ensures the proper condition of the fire and emergency response equipment; documents incidents and writes reports.

## **TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sit for extended periods; frequently stand and walk; climb stairs and ladders quickly and exercise above average physical agility; walk on sloped, uneven and slippery surfaces; stoop, bend over, and kneel frequently; crawl through a variety of areas on hands and knees; sufficient manual dexterity and hand-eye coordination to work with special equipment during emergency situations; lift and move objects weighing in excess of 100 lbs, without assistance; endurance to sustain extra physical effort for a substantial period of time; ability to perform emergency service duties while wearing special turnout equipment including breathing apparatus; maintain corrected hearing and vision to normal range; good verbal communications; use of general office equipment and computer.

## **TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS**

Work is normally performed in a fire station environment and at emergency incident scenes; work maybe performed in a variety of temperatures and weather conditions; work maybe performed with unusual exposure to high temperatures, heat, and constant moisture; work maybe performed with unusual exposure to hazardous material and chemicals; above average exposure to life threatening situations; regular contact with other staff and the public.

## **DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS**

Knowledge of:

- Principles, practices, and procedures of modern fire suppression and prevention.
- Operation, maintenance, types, and uses of firefighting and emergency response equipment used in the Williams Fire Protection Authority
- Emergency medical care and CPR
- Geography of the WFPA district
- Use of hand tools and equipment
- Fire inspection methods and procedures
- Fire department policies, rules, procedures, and regulations.
- Incident Command System & Chain of Command

Ability to:

- Skillfully use a variety of fire suppression and emergency medical methods and procedures.
- Drive fire and emergency vehicles safely and skillfully, in accordance with traffic laws.
- Understand and act in accordance with department policy, rules, and regulations
- Read, understand and apply fire prevention ordinances and hazardous material related information.

- Skillfully operate fire and emergency service equipment during emergency incidents.
- Meet established standards of physical endurance and agility.
- Work for extended periods of time under adverse conditions.
- Work alone with minimum supervision.
- Deal tactfully and courteously with the public.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships.
- Work well with other **volunteer fire departments & volunteer firefighters.**

### **Training and Experience**

Any combination of training and/or experience which would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities to perform firefighting and emergency care that is recognized by the WFPA. A typical way to obtain the required knowledge and abilities would be:

- Two years of firefighting experience (equivalent of a Firefighter I) with the WFPA
- Cal Fire basic academy
- State Fire Marshall Firefighter 1 certification and one year experience as a firefighter.
- Confined Space Awareness
- Hazmat First Responder

### **Special Requirements**

- A valid **California Drivers License**. A Class C with Firefighter endorsement must be obtained within one year of hire date.
- Possession of a California Firefighter 1, Volunteer Firefighter 1 certification or equivalent training through the WFPA.
- Ability to obtain a Firefighter II certification within 2 years.
- Current EMT I or higher certification with Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS or Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification. Must obtain EMT certification within two years of hire date.
- Possession of a valid CPR and Defibrillator certification for the professional rescuer.
- Confined Space Rescue Technician within one year of employment.
- Obtain a Membership of Good Standing with the Williams Volunteer Firefighters Association.