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City of Stockton

FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEE

DEFINITION

This is a non-sworn training position. Incumbents attend a fire academy to train to respond to fires, medical emergencies and other emergency and non-emergency situations; performs related work as assigned.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This position is an apprentice-level, non-sworn position in the Fire Department. Incumbents are assigned to the Fire Academy and must satisfactorily pass all ~~of~~ the requirements of the Academy before becoming candidates for the sworn position of Fire Fighter. ~~Possession of the California Emergency Medical Technician I Certification must be obtained within one year of employment.~~ Assignment to this classification is temporary. If incumbents do not successfully complete a fire academy, they will be terminated.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES (Illustrative Only)

1- Attend and successfully complete a fire academy to prepare for the position of Fire Fighter.

Knowledge of:

- ~~• English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation;~~
- ~~• Basic principles and practices of emergency medical care at the basic life support level;~~
- ~~• Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the work.~~

Skill in:

- ~~• Following oral and written directions;~~
- ~~• Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those encountered in the course of the work;~~
- ~~• Maintaining accurate records and preparing clear and concise reports and other written materials;~~
- ~~• Remaining calm, making sound decisions, and responding appropriately in emergency situations.~~

Ability to:

- ~~• Learn the principles, practices, procedures, laws and ordinances, terminology, and operation of equipment used in firefighting.~~

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education/Experience:

Possession of a high school diploma or GED. ~~-Some e~~College-level fire science course work and/or previous ~~fire fighting~~ experience fighting fires in a volunteer or paid capacity is desirable.

Other Requirements:

- Must possess and maintain a valid California Class C driver's license.
- Must possess a valid CAL-JAC Candidate Physical Ability Card (CPAT) issued by the Firefighter Candidate Testing Center (FCTC). CPAT must be issued no more than one year prior to date of application.
- Must obtain a Fire Fighter endorsement from the California Department of Motor Vehicles within one (1) year of appointment.
- ~~Must obtain a California Class B Restricted driver's license within one (1) year of appointment.~~
- Must possess or be able to obtain and maintain, within one (1) year of employment, current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) issued in San Joaquin County.
- Must meet the physical standards and successfully complete a background investigation, which shall include a polygraph and psychological examination, a medical examination, and obtain a California Department of Justice fingerprint clearance.
- Some positions may require a valid Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) certificate issued by the EMT-B certification from a California County Emergency Services Agency or National Registry at time of application ~~National Registry or State of California or National Registry Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) certificate~~ at the time of application.
- Some positions may require a valid Paramedic license ~~from~~ issued by ~~the~~ State of California or National Registry at the time of application.
- Required ~~All of the listed~~ licenses and certifications must be maintained as a condition of continued employment. ~~in this classification for as long as they are required~~
- ~~Must possess or be able to acquire and maintain, within one year of employment, current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician/Level I issued in San Joaquin County.~~
- ~~Must be willing to work shifts as structured in the Fire Department.~~

Special Requirements:

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

- ~~Ability to work in hazardous situations; must maintain adequate physical strength, agility and stamina to carry out rescue duties in inclement weather, from heights, tunnels, water or other potentially risky conditions.~~
- ~~Must possess strength and stamina sufficient to lift and carry equipment and patients weighing up to 165 pounds and be able to wear self-contained breathing apparatus.~~
- ~~Must administer life support or life saving treatment to emergency patients or victims of fire.~~

Knowledge of:

- English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation;
- Basic principles and practices of emergency medical care at the basic life support level; and
- Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the work.

Skill in:

- Following oral and written directions;
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those encountered in the course of the work;
- Maintaining accurate records and preparing clear and concise reports and other written materials; and
- Remaining calm, making sound decisions, and responding appropriately in emergency situations.

Ability to:

- Learn the principles, practices, procedures, laws and ordinances, terminology, and operation of equipment used in firefighting.

MENTAL/PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Mobility- Occasional sitting, walking, running, bending, squatting, climbing, kneeling, crawling and twisting;
- Lifting - Must possess strength and stamina sufficient to lift and carry equipment and patients weighing up to 165 pounds;
- Vision – ability to read fine print, read and see PC screens and other visual devices;
- Dexterity – occasional grasping, pushing, pulling, and reaching;
- Hearing/Talking- constant hearing and talking, in person and on the phone or other communication devices; ability to understand what people are saying in normal conversation and frequently over noise; ability to detect specific noises;
- Emotional/Psychological- frequent decision making and concentration often in stressful situations; frequent public and/or coworker contact; occasional working alone;
- Working Conditions – Must be willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions and to work with exposure to hazardous materials, chemicals, fumes, gases, and other environmental substances and constituents; working with biohazards such as blood borne pathogens, sewage, waste, etc; walking on uneven ground; working around equipment and machinery; must be willing to work in confined spaces, wearing self-contained breathing apparatus, from heights, in heavy traffic, tunnels, water, and other hazards; must administer life support or life-saving treatment to emergency patients or victims of fire.
- Environmental Conditions- primarily performed in an outdoor environment; frequent exposure to noise, extreme heat and other environmental conditions; and
- Special Requirements – must be willing to work twenty-four-hour fire service shifts and work mandatory overtime shifts when necessary. Shift schedule will include nights, weekends and holidays.

This class specification should not be interpreted as all inclusive. It is intended to identify the essential

functions and requirement of this job. Incumbents may be requested to perform job-related responsibilities and tasks other than those stated in this specification. Any essential function or requirement of this class will be evaluated as necessary should an incumbent/applicant be unable to perform the function or requirement due to a disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation for the specific disability will be made for the incumbent/applicant when possible.

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