



Burnet County ESD^{##} 9

Spicewood Fire Rescue



JOB TITLE: Firefighter

SUMMARY OF JOB

Firefighter responds to fire alarms, medical emergencies, and other emergencies to protect life and property. Must be able to operate and maintain a variety of fire and rescue apparatus and firefighting equipment as necessary to perform duties and responsibilities. Must be able to participate in firefighting activities, emergency medical services, hazardous materials incidents, fire prevention, and training activities.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Respond to fire alarms, lay and disconnect hose, maintain pumping apparatus, hold nozzles and direct water streams, raise and climb ladders, and assist with all aspects of firefighting activities as necessary
- Operate numerous types of fire suppression, rescue, salvage, and emergency medical equipment
- Provide emergency medical care at medical emergencies, motor vehicle accidents, and other emergencies involving a threat to human life
- Assists with classes and public education on fire prevention methods; conduct fire prevention and first aid classes for schools, churches, civic groups, and the general public
- Participate in fire drills; attend training sessions that include firefighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
- Assist in maintaining assigned fire station during a shift; participate in repairs and maintenance as necessary
- Clean apparatus and equipment and perform general custodial duties as required.
- Prioritizes, assigns, and directs personnel during emergency scene operations under stressful conditions
- Comprehends and makes inferences from written material
- Performs work safely and operates equipment at emergency incidents per equipment instructions and preplans
- Performs emergency operation duties following department standard operating procedures
- Identifies resolves, and refers life safety hazards in buildings
- Learns job-related material relating to EMS, supervisory and firefighting duties through on-the-job training and in classroom settings; and
- Performs other duties aligned with the skills, authority, and pay grade and have been determined to improve operations.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

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Knowledge of:

- Policies and procedures
- Principles, practices, methods, and techniques of modern fire suppression, life safety, and emergency medical activities
- Safe work practices and procedures
- Operation, maintenance, and uses of modern firefighting apparatus and equipment
- Mounting and dismounting procedures for riding fire apparatus, hazards, and way to avoid hazards associated with riding apparatus, and prohibited practices
- Conditions that require respiratory protection uses and limitations of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), components of SCBA, donning procedures, breathing techniques, indications for and emergency procedures used with SCBA, and physical requirements of the SCBA wearer
- Types of department personal protective clothing, equipment, and the means for usage
- Various building construction techniques and the consequence of each type on fire suppression and preventative activities
- Purpose of property conservation and methods used to protect property
- Proper fire hydrant operation
- Fire Department's role at vehicle accidents
- Procedures for safely conducting hose service testing; indicators that dictate any hose be removed from service; recording procedures for hose test results
- Types of cleaning methods for various tools and equipment
- Approved procedures and policies for hazardous or toxic materials storage, transport, and clean-up
- Characteristics of pressurized flammable gases and containers and flammable liquids and non-pressurized containers
- Methods used to assess cause and origin of fires; types of evidence; means to protect evidence
- Components of built-in fire suppression and detection system
- Modern office procedures, methods, and equipment, including computers and related software and equipment
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Emergency Medical Technology, and First Aid procedures
- Medical terminology
- Methods, techniques, and equipment used in providing Emergency Medical Services
- The geography of the surrounding area
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Pertinent federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations
- International Fire Code
- Specialized communications equipment
- English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation
- Principles and procedures of record-keeping

Skill in:

- Using fire suppression techniques and other related emergency respondent procedures
- Using specialized emergency medical equipment appropriately per certification level
- Assembling and preparing data for report presentations

Ability to:

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- Correctly don and doff personal protective clothing and equipment
- Respond to a reported emergency aboard fire department apparatus promptly
- Use self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) during emergency operations
- Control breathing while using SCBA, replace SCBA cylinders, use SCBA to exit through restricted passages, initiate and complete emergency procedures in the event of SCBA failure or air depletion, and complete donning procedures
- Properly select, deploy, and operate various fire attach hose lines and water application devices
- Hand lay a water supply line
- Prepare a firefighting foam concentrate supply for use; approach and retreat from spills as part of a coordinated team
- Appropriately select and safely operate portable fire extinguishers
- Transport and operate and power tools, and force entry through doors, windows, and walls using appropriate methods and tools, as needed
- Identify and retrieve various types of rescue tools and assist rescue teams as a member of the team when assigned
- Properly carry, raise, and use various types of fire department ground ladders
- Stop the flow of water from an automatic fire sprinkler system using proper techniques and equipment
- Establish and operate in work areas at emergency scenes
- Work under stress and use good judgment in emergencies
- Function within an assigned role in an incident management system
- Operate as a team member in vision-obscured conditions
- Identify automobile fuel types; assess and control fuel leaks
- Perform direct patient care in compliance with certification level and established medical protocols
- Operate complex diagnostic equipment per certification level, and establish protocols and procedures
- Operate patient transport stretcher and stair chair using proper techniques
- Communicate effectively with hospital emergency staff concerning patient treatment and disposition
- Using specialized emergency medical equipment appropriately per certification level
- Tactfully respond to requests and inquiries from the general public
- Oversee and assist in resolving a variety of situations characterized by conflict or danger
- Operate fire department radios and other specialized emergency communications equipment
- Prepare and safely operate department vehicles, apparatus, and other emergency equipment
- Prepare clear and concise reports
- Develop presentations and use prepared materials for public education purposes
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with those contacted in the course of work, including City and other government officials, community groups, and the general public
- Interpret and apply federal, state and local policies, procedures, laws and regulations
- Work irregular hours, including weekends, holidays, and extended hours in an emergency, disaster, or other situations influenced by workload or staffing difficulties
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing

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SUPERVISORY/BUDGET RESPONSIBILITIES

- None

WORKING CONDITIONS

A) EFFORT

Approximately 25% office activities, 40% on-scene locations, 20% equipment maintenance, 10% Training, and 5% representing Lifts from floor and moves items weighing up to one hundred pounds.

B) ENVIRONMENT

Performs work under both normal office conditions and field operations. Exposed to an outdoor environment, subject to extremes of temperature and inclement weather.

C) HAZARDS

Standard occupational office hazards, intermittent exposure to dust, fumes, loud noise intensity, and hazardous chemicals.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- High School Diploma or GED
- Possession of an appropriate, valid Class B Exempt Texas driver's license (Within 90 Days)
- Possession of Basic Firefighter Certification through Texas Commission on Fire Protection
- Possession of DSHS certification as an EMT-B or Higher as required by department policy
- Possession of NIMS ICS 100,200,700,800
- Completion of Courage to be Safe (Within 90 Days)
- Completion of Traffic Incident Management (Within 90 Days)