

Job Posting: 5.6.21



Title: Firefighter

General Summary:

Under general supervision, is responsible for controlling and extinguishing fires, protecting life and property, and maintaining all fire equipment. Receives and responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls performing the necessary functions and operations to efficiently handle any fireground situation. Performs fire inspections and pre-fire planning, minor vehicle and equipment maintenance, and other related tasks. Supervises lower level firefighters. Reports to the Fire Lieutenant.

Levels I, II/Engineer: Beginning at \$28,008 based on experience.

Full-Time with 24/48 Shifts

Physical Requirements

- Must be physically able to operate a variety of machines and equipment including fire apparatus and other firefighting equipment, etc.
- Must be physically able to exert up to one hundred pounds of force occasionally and/or frequently to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects.
- Physical demands are in excess of sedentary work. Work involves reaching, stooping, bending, standing, walking, climbing, balancing, etc.
- Must pass applicable physical in accordance with NFPA 1582.

Knowledge:

- Has thorough knowledge of the methods, policies, and procedures of the Fire Department as they pertain to the performance of duties of Firefighter I & II/Engineer. Has considerable knowledge of the practices, procedures, rules, and regulations of the position. Has knowledge in all proper techniques relating to firefighting and extinguishment.
- Has considerable knowledge of the various fire codes and ordinances related to the activities of the department. Has knowledge of the activities related to fire administration and fighting fire.
- Has knowledge of how to maintain emergency vehicles and related equipment, supplies, and materials.
- Is highly skilled in administering first aid and CPR, as well as other medical treatments and assistance.
- Has knowledge of how to communicate effectively and tactfully with members of the public in difficult situations which may arise. Can respond, act, and think, quickly and accurately in stressful and/or emergency situations
- Can communicate both orally and in writing with various agencies, and individuals of a variety of professions.

- Can maintain accurate records of policies and procedures established by the department. Communicated effectively, following instructions, and able to give instructions clearly and concisely on occasion.
- Efficient the operation and able to maintain various equipment and machines, operating in safe manner. Has knowledge of how to operate two-way radio equipment. Has knowledge of radio codes and signals.
- Has knowledge of training methods and able to instruct others through explanation, demonstration, and supervised practice. Can inspect the work of subordinates to ensure safe and proper compliance with all applicable standards and regulations. Can provide guidance and assistance of the general public as needed.

Working Conditions:

- Work is conducted both indoors and outdoors with exposure to discomforting environmental conditions such as heat, cold, humidity, explosives, noise, electrical danger, dusts, wetness, heights, fumes, smoke and toxic chemicals.
- Extremely strenuous labor is frequently required to lift and move objects weighing up to and over two hundred pounds.
- Can work in varying degrees of adverse weather conditions. Can work under highly stressful conditions.
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Skills/Effort:

- Ability to maintain an effective and positive relationship with general public, subordinates, supervisors, and other City personnel.
- Ability to communicate effectively, tactfully, and persuasively with members of the public in difficult situations which may arise.
- Ability to provide training to subordinates through supervised practice and formal/informal instruction.
- Ability to keep accurate records of daily activities and to process and maintain a variety of logs and reports in order to meet Department requirements.
- Ability to use independent judgment in critical and/or high-risk situations.
- Ability to perform duties while under high stress levels in emergency situations. Can work varying hours for extended periods of time.
- Ability to perform duties while exposed to dangerous conditions such as threat of explosives, electrical hazards, extreme weather, etc.
- Is capable of planning daily activities and completing tasks within assigned time frames.
- Is capable of scheduling and conducting presentations in a professional, educational and articulate manner.
- Capable of meeting all physical requirements as may be established by competent authority.
- Ability to operate and service necessary equipment.

Job Duties/Responsibilities:

- Supervises subordinate firefighters which involves such duties as planning and coordinating work, providing guidance, instruction and information training, provides input to hiring, performance appraisal

and termination process.

- Responds to emergency situations within the City to perform rescue and fire control; selects appropriate firefighting equipment in controlling and extinguishing fires; lays and connects hoses, holds nozzles and directs fog or water streams, raises and climbs ladders, ventilates burning buildings, gains access to buildings as necessary assisting fire victims administering first aid as necessary.
- Operates and maintains an assortment of equipment and hand tools used in the fire service such as a self-contained breathing apparatus, special protective clothing, fire extinguishers, certain chemicals used in fighting fires, bars, hooks, fire apparatuses, gas generators, chain saws, air packs, etc.
- Operates a variety of equipment such as personal protective equipment, aerial device, fire engines/pumpers, hazardous materials response vehicle, desktop computer, laptop computer, printer, fax machine, scanner, etc.
- Performs minor repair and maintenance to vehicles, equipment, and buildings as necessary to maintain proper condition and operation of same; performs general cleaning, polishes equipment, washes/hangs/dries hoses, etc.
- Performs fire inspections and pre-fire planning, minor vehicle and equipment maintenance, and other related tasks.
- Maintains competence through training programs and on shift coordination in functions associated with emergency scene mitigation to include interior fire suppression, confined space rescue, high angle rescue, hazardous material response to the technician level, automobile accident and extrication, weapons of mass destruction, and natural disasters.
- Educates the public and public schools in fire safety and related concerns.
- Prepares and submits fire reports, equipment records, maintenance reports and other documents as required.
- Participates in fire drills and attends regular classes in firefighting, rescue, first aid, fire prevention, equipment maintenance and related subjects to remain knowledgeable and develop skills in firefighting methods.
- Refers to software, International Fire Codes, NFPA, standard operating procedures, training manuals, policy and procedure manuals, laws/regulations, publications and reference texts, etc.
- Interacts with various individuals and groups such as supervisor, co-workers and the general public.
- Performs other related duties as required.
- No budgetary responsibility.
- Supervises assigned Firefighters; oversees department activities in the absence of the Fire Chief.

Education and Experience:

- High School Graduate
- Vocational/technical training in Fire Science/Technology with appropriate certifications for a Firefighter I, II/Engineer or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities.
- Must possess the appropriate and valid South Carolina driver's license.

DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

This job description is not intended as a complete listing of job duties. The incumbent is responsible for the performance of other related duties as assigned/required.

How to Apply:

Please submit a City of Abbeville online application with professional references.

Deadline to Apply: until position is filled.

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