

JAMES ISLAND
PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT: FIRE
REPORTS TO: BATTALION CHIEF

CLASS CODE: 0212
PAY GRADE: 5B
FLSA STATUS: NON-EXEMPT

FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Under the direct supervision of the Captain, maintains readiness, performs basic duties related to fire suppression, and the delivering of emergency services. Performs maintenance and cleaning duties of the fire station and fire apparatus. Performs Fire Prevention, training activities, and community service activities as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Responds to calls and assists in the suppression of fires and the deliverance of emergency services both within the James Island Public Service District and neighboring communities as required.
- Performs emergency response, fire prevention, and other duties under the direction of the Captain.
- Operate basic firefighting, emergency response, and fire prevention equipment.
- Removes victims from burning structures, emergency situations, and provides first responder emergency medical services until the arrival of a transport unit as needed.
- Performs salvage and overhaul
- Aids in removal of victims that may be trapped in automobiles, structures, or other areas.
- Participates in regular formal and informal training sessions and drills.
- Complies with mandatory departmental training as required.

EQUIPMENT, WORKING CONDITIONS, HAZARDS, PHYSICAL STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKER ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

EQUIPMENT:

Machinery/equipment used to perform Firefighter functions, i.e., personal protective equipment, scba, firefighting hose, hose nozzles smoke ejector, gas powered tools and fans, gas/diesel powered generators and tools, axes, pry bars, ladders of varying lengths, pike poles, shovels, chisels, crow bars, saws, hydrants, electronic monitoring equipment, handheld and mobile radios, emergency medical equipment, AED, extrication tools, firefighting apparatus, telephone, computers, training materials, maps, and many other equipment or supplies necessary for emergency situations.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Working inside and outside in extreme/varying weather conditions. Subject to extreme heat or temperature sufficiently high to cause marked bodily discomfort. Subject to temperature changes-

variations in temperature, which accompany extreme, heat and are sufficiently marked and abrupt to cause bodily reactions. Subject to wet and humid conditions- contact with water or other liquids and atmospheric conditions with moisture content sufficiently high to cause bodily discomfort. Subject to atmospheric conditions- one or more of the following conditions may affect the respiratory system or the skin. FUMES, ODORS, DUSTS, MISTS, GASES, or POOR VENTILATION. Subject to high levels of noise and vibration either constant or intermittent. Subject to placement in mentally stressful situations. Working in confined spaces, such as storm sewers or working in high places, such as ladders.

PHYSICAL STRENGTH REQUIREMENTS:

Very heavy work: exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Seeing, near and far acuity, depth perception, field of vision, accommodation, color vision. Climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, handling, fingering, feeling, talking, hearing, and smelling.

MARGINAL FUNCTIONS:

Performs simple maintenance on firefighting vehicles, including maintaining cleanliness of the vehicles, checking lubricants, tire, and water pump pressures.
Maintains cleanliness of Fire Stations, grounds, and training areas.
Cleans and maintains firefighting equipment.
Maintains cleanliness of uniforms and issued personal protective equipment.
May escort tour groups that visit the fire station or otherwise lead fire prevention activities at schools, churches, or other fire prevention functions.
Performs other duties as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Upon completion of the 10-week recruit training program, or when hired with experience from outside the department and formal assignment to the Fire Department the candidate will have the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

Ability to carry out complex oral and written instructions.

Ability to perform well under stressful situations.

Ability to perform difficult tasks requiring strenuous physical exertion and to exert in excess of 100 pounds of force.

Establish effective working relationships with colleagues, supervisors, instructors, and the general public.

Ability to work on a shift basis.

Knowledge of basic techniques of fire suppression.

Knowledge of rescue and emergency medical techniques.

Knowledge and use of self contained breathing apparatus and personal protective equipment

Skilled in operation of firefighting, extrication, and fire prevention equipment.
Ability to effectively communicate by 2-way radio

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE:

- High School diploma or GED
- Must be 18 years of age
- Possess a valid South Carolina driver's license
- Must possess the following South Carolina Fire Academy, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, American Heart, or equivalent certifications prior to appointment:
 1. First Responder
 2. AED/CPR
 3. SCFA 1152 Basic Interior Firefighter
 4. SCFA 1153 NFPA Firefighter I
 5. SCFA 2722 HAZMAT Operations

Must possess the following South Carolina Fire Academy, International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, American Heart, or equivalent certifications within one year:

SCFA 1154 NFPA Firefighter II

SCFA 1136 Flammable Liquids and Gases Firefighting

SCFA 3330 Basic Auto Extrication

SCFA 2147 Incident Command System

SCFA 1210 Emergency Vehicle Driver Training

SCFA 3390 Confined Space Entry Operations or OSHA equivalent

The following is a list of courses considered to be beneficial to the employee but not required for the Firefighter position:

SCFA 3310 Rope Rescue Operations

SCFA 8118 Positive Pressure Ventilation

SCFA 3392 Confined Space I

SCFA 1160 Truck Company and Support Operations

SCFA 2130 Building Construction of Non-Combustible Occupancies

SCFA 2132 Building Construction of Combustible Occupancies

SCFA 1139 Rescuing the Rescuer

SCFA 1137 Flammable and Combustible Liquid Firefighting

SCFA 1138 Pressurized and Compressed Gas Firefighting

SCFA 1140 Rapid Intervention Team

SCFA 2751 ERT Basic Concepts

(Note: The listing of the essential functions in this class specification is representative, not exhaustive. It is not necessarily a detailed description of all work responsibilities, and it does not give exclusive title to every function described.)

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