



JOB DESCRIPTION Treasure of the Emerald Coast

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform the essential job functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the primary job functions herein described. Since every duty associated with this position may not be described herein, employees may be required to perform duties not specifically spelled out in the job description, but which may be reasonably considered to be incidental in the performing of their duties just as though they were actually written out in this job description.

Firefighter

Department: Fire
Pay Grade: 4FF
FLSA Status: Non-exempt

JOB SUMMARY

Professional firefighting/EMT duties of a varied nature under general direction.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Lays, connects, and places hose line in operation. Raises and climbs ladders. Enters building and other fire involved areas. Uses extinguisher, bars, hooks, lines, axes, and other hand equipment. Ventilates burning buildings and structures. Throws salvage covers and removes debris.
- Makes regular inspections of apparatus and equipment and notifies supervisor of defects. Assists Apparatus Operator in routine maintenance and apparatus check-out as required.
- Makes visual and physical inspections of buildings to locate fire hazards.
- Rescues and removes individuals from danger.
- Administers emergency medical treatment to sick, injured, or afflicted persons.
- Makes periodic inspections of buildings to locate fire hazards.
- Performs physical cleaning and maintenance tasks on department buildings and equipment using brooms, mops, vacuum cleaners, etc. Performs hydrant maintenance.
- Attends training and drill sessions in such subjects as firefighting and inspection methods, equipment operations, and emergency medical treatment.
- Performs other job duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

High School graduation or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Completion of minimum standards as required by the State of Florida. Successful completion of all medical and fitness requirements.

Special Qualifications:

- Valid Florida Driver's License

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of the street locations, geography and types of construction in the City.
- Knowledge of emergency medical procedures, practices, and techniques.
- Knowledge of the various types of fire hazards of the City.
- Knowledge and skill in the use of emergency medical treatment practices.
- Knowledge of firefighting techniques, policies, procedures, and practices.
- Ability to learn and perform many and varied firefighting techniques and procedures.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions.
- Ability to work at heights.
- Ability to drive fire apparatus over the road safely under emergency conditions and to qualify for Emergency Vehicle Operator's certificate.
- Ability to compile and complete reports.
- Skill in the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is light work which requires exerting up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 20 pounds of force to move objects. Additionally, the following physical abilities are required:

- **Balancing:** Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling while walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery, or erratically moving surfaces. The amount of balancing exceeds that needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium.
- **Climbing:** Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized.
- **Crawling:** Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet.
- **Crouching:** Bending the body downward and forward by bending leg and spine.
- **Feeling:** Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.
- **Fingering:** Picking, pinching, typing, or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand as in handling.
- **Grasping:** Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm.
- **Handling:** Picking, holding, or otherwise working, primarily with the whole hand.
- **Hearing 1:** Perceiving the nature of sounds at normal speaking levels with or without correction. Ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, and to make the discrimination in sound.
- **Hearing 2:** Ability to receive detailed information through oral communication, and to make the discrimination in sound.
- **Kneeling:** Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees.
- **Lifting:** Raising objects from a lower to a higher position or moving objects horizontally from position-to-position. Occurs to a considerable degree and requires substantial use of upper extremities and back muscles.

- Mental Acuity: Ability to make rational decisions through sound logic and deductive processes.
- Pulling: Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, haul or tug objects in a sustained motion.
- Pushing: Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward.
- Reaching: Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
- Repetitive Motion: Substantial movements (motions) of the wrist, hands, and/or fingers.
- Speaking: Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word including the ability to convey detailed or important spoken instructions to other workers accurately and concisely.
- Standing: Particularly for sustained periods of time.
- Stooping: Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. Occurs to a considerable degree and requires full motion of the lower extremities and back muscles.
- Talking 1: Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word including those activities in which they must convey detailed or important spoken instructions to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.
- Talking 2: Shouting in order to be heard above ambient noise level.
- Visual Acuity 1: Have close visual acuity to perform an activity such as: preparing and analyzing data and figures; transcribing; viewing a computer terminal; and/or extensive reading.
- Visual Acuity 2: Including color, depth perception, and field vision.
- Visual Acuity 3: Visual Acuity to determine the accuracy, neatness, and thoroughness of the work assigned or to make general observations of facilities or structures.
- Visual Acuity 4: Have visual acuity to operate motor vehicles and/or heavy equipment.
- Visual Acuity 5: Have close visual acuity to perform an activity such as: visual inspection involving small defects, small parts, operation of machines; using measurement devices; and/or assembly or fabrication parts at distances close to the eyes.
- Walking: Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Hazardous conditions: flames, fire, chemicals, smoke, heat, gases, moving vehicles, falling structures and debris, electricity, poor ventilation, poor lighting and related hazardous.
- Stressful situations and heights.