

FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs responsible protective service work in fire suppression and rescue operations; does related work as required. Work is often performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under immediate supervision.

This is heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects, and some very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for depth perception, night vision, peripheral vision, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a respirator. The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS / TYPICAL TASKS:

- Operate and follow the proper Chain of Command of the Gallatin Fire Department
- Participates in fire attack by connecting hydrant supply line and advancing and maneuvering fire hose/nozzle to extinguish fires; hoisting equipment using rope and selecting/tying knots in rope; carrying, positioning, and raising ground ladders; choosing and operating portable fire extinguishers; operating hand and power tools; and other related activities;
- Reads and interprets street maps, equipment diagrams, signs, symbols, placards, and labels for hazardous materials;
- Performs fire rescue operations, including climbing ladders up to 100 feet in height while carrying tools, equipment, and victims; dragging and carrying victims; high angle operations using rope and repelling techniques; and other related activities;
- Performs patient assessment, basic life support medical care. Simple airway management, mask-to-mouth ventilation, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, fracture splinting, external bleeding control and related activities;
- Wears, uses, and maintains Personal Protective clothing and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus;
- Operates two-way radio equipment during emergency and non-emergency calls;
- Operates fire department vehicles and other light vehicles as needed;
- Conducts rescue operations using hand and power tools to extricate victims trapped in motor vehicles; conduct industrial, elevator, water and collapse rescues and other related activities;
- Operates pumper truck; uses hoses, nozzles, and appliances to select, produce, and maintain appropriate water supply, pump, and nozzle pressure;
- During structure fires, performs ventilation, protects property from fire damage, predict basic behavior and recognizes structural instability;
- Operates aerial ladder apparatus;

- Performs test of fire hose, pumper apparatus, ground ladders;
- Operates within the incident command system when on emergency scenes;
- Conducts maintenance and cleaning of fire station, equipment, vehicles and grounds;
- Assists with non-routine apparatus service and repair/remodeling of stations;
- Assists other City departments or outside agencies as required;
- Uses computer equipment to complete reports in a timely manner to document call responses;
- Conducts and/or assists with public fire safety and education training;
- Firefighter is responsible for attending required training needed to maintain current and future, valid licenses and certifications.
- Other duties as assigned by officer.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

General knowledge of firefighting techniques and procedures as applied to fire suppression; general knowledge of fire prevention strategies and techniques; knowledge of emergency medical techniques and procedures; ability to learn technical firefighting principles and techniques, and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression; ability to learn the street system and physical layout of the City; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the general public; ability to keep simple records and prepare reports; possession of mechanical aptitude; physical endurance and agility.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school. Certification from accredited fire school*.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of Tennessee.
- Shall possess a minimum of Basic Firefighting and Live Burn training (with copy of live burn verification sheet) *.
- Shall have minimum medical certification as TN Medical First Responder or higher*.
- Shall be certified at the Firefighter I level with the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting within 12 months of hire.
- Shall be certified at the Firefighter II level with the Tennessee Commission on Firefighting within 24 months of employment.
- Shall be able to respond to Fire Station #1 within 45 minutes in case of call back for emergency service.
- Shall complete FEMA online courses IS-100 and IS-700 within six months of employment.

* Firefighters hired without this certification(s) will be required to obtain the certification(s) within 12 months of hire. Prior to the successful completion of this training, the employee will be paid two grades below the starting grade for the position.