

FIREFIGHTER/EMT

JOB PURPOSE:

Performs professional protective service work providing emergency and non-emergency rescue services; does related work as required. Work is performed under regular supervision.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TASKS PERFORMED:

Responds to alarms of fires, hazardous material incidents, medical and other emergencies with other career and volunteer staff; maintaining records and files; preparing reports.

- Examines patients, provides care and reports finding to an emergency department physician.
- Conducts fire safety inspections and pre-fire planning for commercial buildings.
- Drives/operates various types of fire/medical apparatus.
- Assures that emergency vehicles are completely stocked and in good running order.
- Provides leadership depending upon the nature of the incident and the affiliation and certification of response personnel.
- Maintains cleanliness, state of readiness of stations, apparatus and all related equipment.
- Performs community service activities, including fire safety education/prevention programs.
- Completes all required reports of runs made by crew.
- Attends training sessions as required.
- Assist with operations during emergency management activities.
- Performs related tasks as required.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:

High school diploma or equivalent required. Related education, experience, and training desired. Certifications in EMT-B, Firefighter I, Haz-mat Operations and EVOC preferred.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge in fire, rescue, Haz-mat and emergency service delivery; ability to think and act quickly and appropriately in all situations; Extensive knowledge of the geography of the county, including street system and physical layout; ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions; ability to prepare clear and concise written and electronic reports; ability to work with related agencies and departments on local, state, and federal levels, i.e., law enforcement, forestry, environmental protection, health and emergency services; ability to function as a leader, follower, or advisor based on the prevailing situation at the scene of an emergency and in the stations; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the general public.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must be at least 21 years of age; Valid Commonwealth of Virginia Driver's license; Criminal records check driving records check; Pre-employment physical exam; NWCG Pack test; May not serve as administrative or operational officer in a Shenandoah County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department; Will not be assigned to a volunteer station where you are a member; Work beyond normal work schedule; Must obtain EMT-B, Firefighter I and EVOC within time frames as specified in conditions of employment.

PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

This is medium work requiring the exertion of up to 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and a negligible amount of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, stooping, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, and grasping; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for depth perception, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, 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, hazards, oils, and wearing a self contained breathing apparatus. The worker may be placed in stressful and extremely hazardous situations including but not limited to disaster, fire, hazardous material and other related incident sites as required. The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

This is a class description and not an individualized job specification. The class description defines the general character and scope of duties, responsibilities, and requirements of all positions in one job classification, but is not all inclusive or totally restrictive. Reasonably related duties and responsibilities may be assigned as necessary at the discretion of management. Employees will be immediately notified of any changes. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable qualified individuals with a disability to perform the essential functions.