



FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC

Apparatus Operator

Definition:

Under direction, respond to: fires, emergency medical incidents, rescue problems, hazardous materials spills and other emergencies to protect life and property; perform assigned service and maintenance of apparatus, equipment and stations; perform fire prevention, public education and public relations duties; perform community services and other duties that fall within the guidelines of the mission and goals of the department.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum age of 18 years at the time of appointment.
- High school diploma or GED.
- Provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States
- Possession of a valid California driver's license; ability to attain any specialized license to drive departmental apparatus within 6 months of request by the Fire Chief; ability to maintain required driver's license requirements as established by the Fire Chief, and pass an "insurability" check by the District's insurance carrier
- Ability to meet and maintain standards of physical conditions as prescribed in NFPA 1582-1992.
- Upon completion of probation period, possession of Hazardous Materials First Responder (Operations) and ICS 200 Certification, and State Driver/Operator 1A and 1B Certifications.
- Possess and maintain a valid State of California Paramedic License and accreditation from Santa Cruz County (EMT-P).
- Possess and maintain a valid Basic Life Support (BLS), and Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Certification card.

Typical Duties:

- Responds to fire, medical, and other emergencies.
- Perform fire, rescue and hazardous materials evolutions and operate equipment necessary to deal with the emergency situation within the District standards and within the firefighter 1 certification.
- Provide emergency medical treatment as a Paramedic
- Perform fire prevention, pre-fire planning, public education, public relations efforts, and hydrant maintenance.
- Drives and operates all fire apparatus and, if qualified, the Districts' aerial in a safe manner and with due regard for the welfare of the public and the District.
- Maintains familiarity of streets, topography, physical conditions, and other matters affecting response in the District.
- Maintains familiarity with the District policies, procedures, and programs.
- Maintains proficiency in basic firefighting and rescue techniques and participates in District training programs.
- Perform routine apparatus, equipment and station maintenance and cleaning.

Knowledge of:

- Written English language in order to complete records and reports.
- Spoken English language in order to communicate effectively in emergency situations.
- Basic mathematics and mechanical principles that demonstrate the ability to learn technical concepts, procedures, and equipment operation.
- Basic Life Support pre-hospital emergency medical care techniques, principles, and practices.

Ability to:

- Ability to work 48-hour shifts and work planned and unplanned backfill.

- Work extended hours beyond routine assignment in the event of a local, county, state, and/or federally declared emergency, disaster, and/or catastrophe; or the activation of the California Master Mutual Aid system as directed by the Governor's office/Office of Emergency Services.
- Ability to work within the chain of command system, accept constructive criticism, react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Ability to effectively communicate and maintain positive working relationships with peers, superiors and other public safety personnel and members of the public in a professional and appropriate manner.
- Requires standing, stooping, kneeling, sitting, crouching, and walking for extended periods of time. Requires agility, balance, and stamina in responding to emergency situations that includes climbing, crawling, and walking in steep, slippery, and confined spaces, or similar adverse environments. Requires the ability to lift, carry, push, pull, grasp, and lift different sized objects, equipment and apparatus weighing up to 100 pounds during both routine and emergency situations. Requires the ability to lift, carry, push, pull, grasp, and lift trapped, injured, or deceased persons. Requires the ability to operate fire suppression equipment such as ladders, axes, chain saws, hoses and general maintenance equipment. Requires the ability to drive and operate emergency response vehicles. Requires the ability to effectively and efficiently evaluate emergency situations and determine the appropriate response; implement the appropriate incident action plan; to remain calm and decisive in chaotic and confusing situations. Requires the ability to visually inspect fire equipment and apparatus; to function in atmospheres where vision is impaired; to differentiate between colors to assist in determining proper course of action to mitigate emergencies. Requires normal manual dexterity and eye-hand coordination; corrected hearing and vision to normal range.
- Respond to emergency medical calls.
- Take and monitor vital signs.
- Evaluate condition of patient based on medical evaluation, history, protocol, and orders.
- Effectively communicate with base hospital Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICNs) and E.R. physicians.
- Interview patients and witnesses.
- Observe evidence at scene.
- Coordinate with transport personnel.
- Oversee and coordinate patient care.

- Complete patient care reports and other related paperwork associated with Advanced Life Support (ALS).
- Ensure that all medical equipment, supplies, and medications are accounted for, and in good working order.
- Train with company personnel so as to provide expeditious ALS care.