



FIRE APPARATUS TECHNICIAN

Job Announcement

Under general supervision, the Fire Apparatus Technician is responsible for performing repairs on various diesel and gasoline powered vehicles and equipment as well as fire pumps, small engines, and related components. Incumbents in this classification work and receive on-the-job training in the maintenance and repair shop, which includes inspecting, maintaining, and repairing fire apparatus and related equipment. Positions in this classification are characterized by their ability to perform assigned maintenance and repair and the ability to work independently with minimal supervision.

The Fire Apparatus Technician is an entry-level position in the fire equipment maintenance series. This class is distinguished from the next higher classification of Senior Fire Apparatus Technician in that the latter independently performs mechanic work of inspecting, maintaining, repairing fire apparatus and vehicles as well as performing welding and fabrication, while those in the Fire Apparatus Technician classification will receive on-the-job training in the full range of mechanic duties. By completion of the 12-month probationary period, employees are expected to perform all inspections and minor repairs and servicing of fire department vehicles. Within 24 months of appointment, employees are expected to be able to service, fix and repair fire apparatus. Within 36 months of employment, employees are expected to perform all previously mentioned duties as well as welding and fabrication.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Provide proof of eligibility to work in the United States.
- Possess and maintain a valid California C Driver's License. Possession of a valid California Commercial Class B Driver License, with all applicable endorsements (i.e., air brake and tanker endorsements), is required within six (6) months of appointment.

- Possession of a California State Fire Mechanic certification, level I or equivalent within two (2) years of employment.
- Obtain and maintain ASE Medium/Heavy Truck Technician certification within two (2) years of employment.
- Upon hire, must have personal hand tools suitable for the performance of duties.
- Maintain physical ability and stamina to meet position tasks and responsibilities. Physical abilities must be commensurate with the essential functions of the position. Reasonable accommodation can be made to enable people with disabilities to perform the described essential functions of the position.

NOTE: The education or experience requirements may be modified or waived at the sole discretion of the Fire Chief. At least one of the education or experience requirements must be met; both requirements cannot be modified or waived. An equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job is required.

Education and Experience:

Possession of a High School Diploma, or General Equivalency Diploma (GED), and One (1) year full time experience as a heavy-duty truck mechanic or completion of a heavy-duty, diesel, or industrial program from an automotive heavy-duty trade school. Experience must be within the last 4 years.

Typical Duties:

- Performs a variety of diagnostic, servicing, maintenance, and repair work involving all mechanical components, parts, and accessories, including any overhaul and rebuilding of components, tire mounting and repair, rewiring and installation of specialized equipment.
- Performs annual inspections on fire department vehicles and apparatus, which will include driving the vehicles and apparatus, checking the transmission, engine, and general drivability issues to ensure everything is in proper working condition and up to all safety standards.
- Conducts periodic inspections of vehicles, apparatus, and equipment in the fire stations to ensure everything is in compliance with all safety standards; if equipment is not in compliance, then repairs the equipment or reports issue to Senior Fire Apparatus Technician or the Fleet Services Manager.

- Uses a variety of diagnostic equipment to determine sources of problems and to ensure proper adjustment and operation of vehicle and apparatus systems.
- Operates welding and fabrication equipment in making minor repairs and fabricating parts and tools.
- Performs road tests and checking vehicles and apparatus for proper operation and for detecting the source of the problems.
- Provides guidance to agency personnel in basic equipment maintenance tasks and in the proper use and operation of equipment from a maintenance standpoint.
- May assist in providing input on vehicle specifications to the Apparatus Specification committee and on the redesigning of existing equipment.
- Attends training sessions and conferences to keep current with standard mechanic practices.
- May respond to emergency road service calls by assessing, repairing, and/or towing the fire apparatus and/or vehicles as assigned by the Senior Fire Apparatus Technician or the Fire Chief.
- Maintains and repairs shop equipment and cleans shop area.
- Performs other work as needed or directed.

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