

FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC

NATURE OF WORK

This is technical work supporting fire department programs and projects, as assigned, within the Fire Department.

Work involves assisting the Chief Officers of the department in the planning and development of programs, and projects including: conducting fire department and urban search and rescue training at training sites and fire stations, urban search and rescue equipment management, geographic information system management and other assigned projects. Work also involves evaluating fire department personnel in the performance of drills; assisting in the administration of examinations for fire department personnel; maintaining daily training records and examination scores reflecting each employee's individual performance; and coordinating a variety of public awareness and public education programs. Supervision is received from a Chief Officer with work being reviewed in the form of the overall effectiveness of the delivery of firefighting, medical emergency services, ambulance services, and other services as assigned.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Assists a Chief Officer in the planning and development of the overall fire department and urban search and rescue training program.

Assists in researching, developing and implementing curriculum for desired training programs; conducts research on assigned subjects and prepares reports based on findings.

Conducts classroom training and simulated drill activities at training sites and fire stations. Assists in the development of public awareness and public educational programs; assists in the research and development of educational and informational materials.

Assists in evaluating fire department and urban search and rescue personnel in the performance of drills; assists in administering examinations to fire department personnel.

Maintains daily training records and examination scores for each member of the Fire Department and urban search and rescue.

Maintains urban search and rescue equipment and assets and documents for ongoing readiness of a FEMA task force.

Develops GIS data and maps as directed to support the mission of the department.

Responds to emergencies with engine or truck company; lays and connects fire hose; holds nozzles and directs water streams; ventilates buildings by opening windows, doors and roofs and through the use of positive pressure ventilation (PPV); raises and climbs ladders; and uses chemical extinguishers, forcible entry tools, ropes and other equipment in performing firefighting and rescue activities.

Responds to a variety of medical emergency calls including heart attacks and seizures as well as home, business and automobile accidents; administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation and related ALS

emergency medical care; obtains vital signs, patient's medical history and other pertinent information; and utilizes emergency medical equipment in providing emergency medical services.

Performs rescue and extrication operations including searching burning structure for trapped and/or unconscious victims, and operating power extrication tools and equipment.

Drives an engine company, truck company, or ambulance as assigned; operates water pump and regulates pressure in accordance with hydraulic principles and directions from a superior officer; and operates aerial ladder in accordance with fire scene needs and standard operating procedures.

Drives and operates specialized units such as air unit, Haz/Mat unit, and other support vehicles.

Inspects commercial buildings and premises to gain compliance with fire prevention laws and ordinances and to become familiar with the building, its contents, and the surrounding area.

Performs salvage operations including placing salvage covers over furniture and removing water and debris from building.

Participates in group and individual training and drill sessions related to firefighting, emergency medical services, rescue and related topic areas.

Develops and participates in a variety of public awareness and public educational programs including slide shows and other informational material regarding public fire education.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of assigned fire station including cleaning and washing walls and floors; washing and reloading fire hose; and cleaning and maintaining firefighting equipment and fire apparatus.

An employee in this class may be temporarily reassigned to a higher level classification as necessary.

Performs related work as required.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the street system, principal buildings, business districts, and physical layout of the City.

Ability to identify symptoms and provide ALS emergency medical care to victims of vehicular, fire, and other injury-causing accidents.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to learn and to apply a variety of firefighting principles and techniques, and to learn the operation of firefighting equipment and apparatus.

Ability to operate and maintain firefighting apparatus, equipment and tools.

Ability to think and act quickly, calmly, and appropriately in emergency situations.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Graduation from senior high school or equivalent supplemented by college coursework from an accredited vocational or technical college with a degree in fire science or technology plus some experience performing firefighting, hazardous materials response, and emergency medical activities. Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, or Technician certification is desired. Possession of a valid National Registry Para Medic certification.

Experience as a member of a FEMA US&R task force. Experience with databases and geographic information systems.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from senior high school or equivalent; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills. As per Lincoln Municipal Code section 2.76.220 (b), all applicants for this class must be at least nineteen years of age. Candidates must also meet such physical requirements as are established by the City.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Possession of State of Nebraska certification as a Fire Fighter I within 120 days of appointment.

Possession of a valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic license at the time of application and National Paramedic Certification (NRP) through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) within 180 days of appointment and successful completion of the Lincoln EMS system certification for ALS within one year of appointment is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.