

**CITY OF STUART
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Title: FIREFIGHTER

Department: Fire Rescue

Job Code: 4120

Grade: F02

Exempt Status: Non-Exempt

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under the supervision of the Lieutenant or Battalion Chief and subordinate to the Fire Chief, Battalion Chief and Lieutenant, is responsible for extinguishing fires, rescuing persons and property from danger, and performing salvage and related follow-up work. Incumbents are also required to perform life-saving rescue techniques as part of a fire rescue operation or as part of other emergency operations. While emergency responses constitute the primary focus of a firefighter's responsibility, considerable time is spent in study, training, inspecting and maintaining equipment and apparatus, and in cleaning and maintaining quarters. Duties involve an element of personal danger and incumbents must be capable of functioning as an integral part of a work unit in order to ensure the safe and efficient performance of duties. Work is performed in accordance with the rules, regulations, procedures and other such authorities, which are applicable to the position. Work is reviewed through observation, verbally or through written reports for adherence to established policies and procedures. May assume responsibilities of Lieutenant in an acting assignment provided incumbent has met all promotional eligibility requirements for that position

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Responds to emergencies with a fire company or rescue unit; drives fire apparatus of other vehicles to and from fires and other emergencies.
2. Responds to fires and other emergencies; operates pumps, aerial ladders and mechanical accessories.
3. Answers medical emergencies as part of an engine company, as a basic life support unit or on a rescue unit as an advanced life support/transport unit.
4. Removes, extracts, and rescues persons from danger.

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5. Recognizes acute symptoms requiring immediate care; administers life-saving rescue procedures to injured or afflicted persons.
6. May be assigned to a rescue crew.
7. Prepares required paperwork and reports.
8. Connects hose to hydrants and pumps; joins hose sections and connects nozzles to hose; enters burning buildings with or without hose lines; operates nozzles and plays a stream of water or fog on fires.
9. Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment in extinguishing fires; raises and climbs ladders; ventilates burning buildings to remove smoke and gases.
10. Makes daily inspections of apparatus and equipment and notifies supervisor of defects; performs cleaning and maintenance tasks in and about assigned station; replenishes required supplies.
11. Aids in the mitigation of other emergencies as directed by supervisor.
12. Attends instruction sessions in emergency medical care, fire fighting methods, equipment operation, rescue procedures, hazardous materials mitigation, and related subjects, may conduct drills and classes in these and other areas.
13. Recognizes hazardous material situations; makes identification of unknown substances through the use of specialized testing equipment; sets up decontamination procedures; assists state agencies in the removal/disposal of hazardous material.
14. Provides educational information and lectures to community organizations and schools.
15. May supervise subordinate personnel such as probationary firefighters.

NOTE: The examples of essential functions as listed in this classification specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of an essential function of work does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

REQUIREMENTS

A. Training and Experience:

High School Diploma or GED; must have a State of Florida certification as a Firefighter and EMT; must have and maintain an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR certificate.

Must possess a valid State of Florida Class E Driver's License and certificate of completion of an approved Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC).

B. Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Knowledge of fire fighting principles and practices.

Knowledge of tools, equipment, and apparatus used in fire fighting.

Knowledge of skills in basic life support procedures as outlined in Department Emergency Medical Guidelines.

Ability to learn a wide variety of fire fighting and rescue duties.

Ability to work from ladders and aerial devices at elevated heights.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, subordinates and the general public.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

Ability to keep records and make reports.

Skill in the use of fire fighting and rescue tools and equipment.

C. Physical Requirements:

Task involves the regular and at times sustained performance of heavier physical tasks such as walking over rough or uneven surfaces, bending, climbing, stooping, reaching, or continuous operation of hand and power tools and the full range of shop equipment to very exacting tolerances, calling for full coordination of sensory and manipulative ability in order to achieve full production to acceptable standards. Task may involve occasional heavy lifting, pushing, pulling, carrying (100 pounds) or moving, but the emphasis is placed upon coordination and manipulation skills. Must meet Department Fitness requirements as indicated in the Fire Department Rules and Regulations. Ability to endure sustained acts of physical exhaustion and periods of duty under unfavorable and life threatening situations.

D. Environmental Requirements:

Task requires that work be performed in adverse environmental conditions, close quarters or limited space areas and possible hazardous conditions including: flames, fire, chemicals, smoke, heat, gases, moving vehicles, falling structures and debris, electricity, poor ventilation, poor lighting, and related hazards. Must be able to perform work in heavy and cumbersome personal protective equipment for extended periods. Environment may also include a biohazardous threat, which necessitates the use of proper infectious disease control measures, etc.

E. Sensory Requirements:

Task requires color perception and discrimination.
Task requires sound perception and discrimination.
Task requires odor perception and discrimination.
Task requires depth perception and discrimination.
Task requires texture perception and discrimination.
Task requires visual perception and discrimination.
Task requires oral communications ability.
Task requires written communications ability.

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Approved: _____ Date: _____
Human Resources Director

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Fire Chief

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Employee