

FIRE INVESTIGATOR II

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This is responsible technical work in the investigation of the causes of fires of undetermined origin, analyzing the incidence of fires as a basis for preventive measures, and performing advanced educational and informational work in fire prevention. Work involves assisting, guiding, and training lower level employees; preparing records and reports; and conducting fire prevention programs. In addition to the more responsible duties of this class, the employee also performs the duties of the lower class but at a higher skill level and with a greater degree of discretion and independent judgement. This class differs from the lower class because of the greater responsibilities which may include some supervisory responsibilities during the absence of the divisional chief. Work is supervised and evaluated by the Fire Prevention Chief through observation, inspections, discussions, and reports.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Investigates fires where responsible chief officer is unable to determine fire origin or cause; investigates fire scene; searches for and secures evidence reflecting possible cause; if incendiary in origin, establishes events leading to the fire, characteristics of the fire itself and circumstances and behavior following the occurrence; identifies, interviews, and interrogates witnesses; photographs scene; prepares report to the District Attorney's office.

Makes arrests; prefers charges; appears in court as a witness.

Analyzes fires and fire losses by nature, location, cause, and other circumstances; notifies law enforcement authorities of the need for special patrol services; identifies premises likely subject to arson attempts.

Cooperates with other law enforcement agencies in gathering and exchanging intelligence about arson attempts and arsonists; develops informants for use in investigations.

Conducts information and educational activities directed at reducing fire losses, with special reference to arson attempts; investigates bomb threats; investigates fire hazard complaint calls.

Conducts background investigations of employment applicants.

Conducts internal affairs investigations as assigned by the Fire Chief.

Maintains skill and proficiency in the handling and firing of firearms.

Responds to fire alarms or other emergencies as required.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the test.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Fire Investigator with at least three (3) years in that class immediately preceding the closing date for application to the board.

After offer of either employment or promotion to a position must meet and maintain any medical and physical fitness standards designed to demonstrate good health and the physical ability to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation, as determined by a qualified medical physician and administered by the Appointing Authority.

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