

FIRE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

(Promotional Class)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

This is responsible and skilled fire line work involving the operation of apparatus and equipment and the protection of life and property through fire prevention, rescue, and the extinguishing of fires. Work involves the protection of life and property, prevention of fire hazard, and general duties related to the care and use of departmental equipment and property. Employees of this class are responsible for driving fire equipment to and from the scene of a fire and for operating the pumps and other equipment as required. Fire equipment operators are under the direct supervision of the fire captain in charge of the station. They perform assigned routine tasks independently and all other decisions or work assignments are received from a superior. This class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only and are not intended to be inclusive or exclusive.

Performs a daily inventory of all assigned fire vehicles and attached equipment to see that all required equipment is present; if not, reports missing items to supervisor; checks all equipment such as air packs and fire extinguishers to see that it is ready for operation.

Performs a daily check of assigned fire vehicles to assure readiness for operation; checks radio, water, battery, tires, water level in tank, lights, etc.; may replace oil and water as well as light bulbs as needed; checks air break pressure; checks all hydraulic equipment by operating it; starts engine and checks all gauges, air pressure, water, oil, ampmeter, fuel; checks the general appearance of the vehicle to make sure it is clean.

Performs a daily check of the pumps on assigned vehicles by placing them in operation, checking pressure and gauges; makes sure valves are not leaking and the relief valve is operational.

Verbally reports on all daily checks to the station captain and makes entries on such in the log book.

When an emergency alarm is received, drives assigned vehicle to fire; following the orders of the captain, stops truck at nearest hydrant and makes sure firefighters have all equipment needed, then places truck as directed and puts pump in operation following standard procedures; assists firefighters in donning air packs, getting equipment from truck, etc., keeping track of all equipment taken; watches gauges and hooks up any additional lines required.

Position or spot pumper to supply hose lines; make determination of whether to pump in pressure or volume; calculate friction loss, nozzle or discharge pressures, water flow; determine the number of hose lines that can be added; carry out correct procedures for pumping;

Assists other equipment operators when needed; listens for any radio messages and relays messages to and from the commanding officer at the fire scene.

Participates in company and individual training when required.

Performs general firefighting and housekeeping duties.

Performs related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

After offer of promotion, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter with at least two years, after confirmation, prior to the closing date of applications.

Must possess the following certifications:

- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Hazardous Materials Awareness
- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Hazardous Materials Operations
- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Firefighter I
- EMT - B (For all employees hired after March 1, 2008)
- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Firefighter II

Must receive the following certifications during the working test period:

- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Driver Operator - Pumper

- IFSAC/LSU/ProBoard Driver Operator - Aerial

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