

PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 1

JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Firefighter/Paramedic

REPORTS TO: Shift Captain

GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

Protects life and property through prevention and suppression of fires; performs basic and advanced medical aid activities to reduce morbidity in cases of accidents, acute illness, or injury; responds to fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical aid calls on an assigned shift; maintains fire fighting equipment, medical apparatus, quarters and grounds.

SUPERVISORS:

Direct supervision is from the Shift Captain and is performed in accordance with established procedures, although individuals may exercise independent judgment in emergency situations. Paramedic treatment of patients may be under the direct or indirect supervision of a physician. Supervision is not normally a function of this classification, although incumbents may supervise emergency medical technicians at an emergency scene.

PRIMARY DUTIES:

Paramedic Duties

Responds to alarms as a member of the medic unit team and performs fire scene rescue or patient extrication as necessary, performs other medical duties per established department guidelines and protocols of the Medical Program Director.

Operates under written standing orders from a physician, initiates basic and/or advanced life support for requests for EMS service.

Consults via telephone or radio with the physician in emergency medical situations when the medical situation is beyond the scope of the standing orders.

Responds to alarms; provides patient care and transportation to appropriate facility for both emergency and non-emergency requests.

Completes accurate patient reports for use by the hospital emergency department staff, presents patients to the hospital staff and may assist with or continue patient care when emergency department staff is exceeded by patient load.

Attends classes and in-service training to maintain paramedic skills and certifications. Maintains current CPR and ACLS certifications.

Maintains, cleans and restocks ambulance and aid vehicle.

Instructs or assists in the instruction of classes for the general public and local schools on topics such as CPR, first aid and emergency medical treatment operations. Instructs or assists with OTEP training within the department.

Firefighter Duties

Responds to alarms with an engine company; lays and connects hose and nozzles and directs water streams; uses a variety of equipment in extinguishing fires; maintains radio contact with communications center and other emergency scene units. Ventilates burning structures; performs salvage operations such as placing salvage covers and removing water and other debris.

Participates in inspection of buildings and other structures as part of the fire prevention program.

Provide community education related to fire safety and injury prevention as part of a public education program.

Completes accurate reports of all emergency incidents during assigned shift.

Participates in drills and classes on fire fighting, disaster response, hydraulics, emergency medicine, fire prevention, fire investigation, equipment operations, building construction, fire ground safety and tactics, emergency vehicle accident prevention (EVAP) and other topics necessary to maintain the skills of the job.

Job Responsibilities Related to Patient Privacy

Protects the privacy of all patient information in accordance with PCFD#1 privacy policies, procedures, and practices, as required by federal and state law, and in accordance with general principles of professionalism as a health care provider.

Access protected health information and other patient information only to the extent that is necessary to complete job duties. Shares such information with those who have a need to know specific patient information to complete their job responsibilities related to treatment, payment, or other department operations.

Reports any concerns regarding PCFD#1's policies and procedures on patient privacy and any observed practices in violation of such policies to the District's Privacy Officer.

Participates in District privacy training and is required to communicate privacy policy information to co-workers, students, patients, and others in accordance with District policies.

General Duties

Performs general maintenance work on fire department buildings, vehicles, grounds and equipment; including but not limited to washing walls, floors, windows and vehicles. Assists

with projects related to building maintenance such as painting and minor repair. Performs or assists with the testing of fire department equipment such as hoses, ladders and pumps. Performs equipment and facilities checks and duties to assure that facilities are presentable to the public and all equipment and apparatus are in a constant state of readiness.

Performs routine maintenance and cleaning of meeting rooms, hallways, restrooms and showers, truck bays and ramps, public restrooms, office areas, station grounds and other areas as needed.

Maintain a level of physical fitness necessary to perform the duties of the job.

Attend weekly drill sessions when on duty and other training as assigned during on duty shifts.

Minimum Qualifications

Minimum one (1) year fire fighting experience with a volunteer or paid fire department.

Must have graduated from high school or obtained equivalent G.E.D.

Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

Must possess and maintain current Washington State Emergency Vehicle Accident Prevention certification or Washington equivalent.

Must possess and maintain current American Heart Association ACLS Provider certification.

Must possess and maintain current Washington State Paramedic certification.

Must possess and maintain IFSAC Firefighter I certification.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

The normal work week for assigned shift employees shall be fifty-six (56) hours per week annualized, consistent with the Modified Detroit shift schedule. Shifts are scheduled as twenty-four (24) hours on duty followed by twenty-four (24) hours off duty, twenty-four (24) hours on, twenty-four (24) off, twenty-four (24) on, ninety-six (96) hours off duty. The 56-hour work week shall be reduced by thirteen (13) days annually; thereby, reducing the work week to 50 hours on average.

The working conditions will consist of both indoor (office, meetings, training sessions) and outdoor environments. This individual may be subject to extreme heat, noise, toxic smoke and gases, hazardous chemicals, adverse weather conditions, communicable diseases, witnessing death and critical injuries and possible verbal and physical abuse from hostile or disoriented individuals. This individual may be required to perform strenuous physical activities while wearing heavy and hot protective gear with self-contained breathing apparatus.

When driving emergency response vehicles to EMS and fire incidents, must be able to navigate a variety of road and weather conditions at a steady speed, and react quickly to other driver's response to the emergency vehicle and siren.

It is preferred that the individual reside within a reasonable emergency response time to the District, in order to occasionally respond after normal hours to major fire and EMS incidents.

Disclaimer: The information provided in this job description has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by incumbents within this job. It is not designed to be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, qualifications and working conditions required of employees assigned to this job. Management has sole discretion to add or modify duties of the job and to designate other functions as essential at any time. This job description is not an employment agreement or contract.