

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FIRE FIGHTER/EMT

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under routine supervision, performs experienced protective service work in controlling, extinguishing and preventing fires, and performing Basic Life Support at emergency scenes. The work involves responding to hazardous and/or life threatening situations as a member of a Fire Rescue company. Firefighter/EMTs are part of a collective bargaining unit through the International Association of Firefighters, local 2969

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (Note: The listed duties are illustrative only and are not intended to describe each and every function which may be performed in the job class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment to the position.)

Responds to fire alarms. Enters premises in order to suppress fires, rescue victims and salvage structures. Ventilates burning buildings and removes debris.

Utilizes and operates fire trucks, ambulances, fire hoses, ladders, chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, radios, forcible entry tools, extrication equipment and related equipment.

Responds to emergency medical calls. Assists certified paramedics in assessing nature and extent of medical problem and in notifying medical facilities. Assists in releasing trapped patients and in lifting patients into vehicle. Provides assistance to the emergency staff of the attending medical facility, upon request.

Performs Basic Life Support techniques; such as, patient assessment, basic cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, splinting, obstetrical assistance, bandaging and oxygen administration in accordance with Brevard County Fire Rescue protocol.

Participates in fire drills. Attends classes in all areas of Fire Rescue; such as, fire fighting, medical technology and communications.

Prepares records and reports of emergency medical care given and vehicle operation during assigned operational period.

Inspects fire and emergency vehicles to ensure proper working order, cleanliness and adequate inventory of back up supplies. Observes and reports vehicle maintenance and repair needs. Replaces all used linens and supplies and sends reusable items to be sterilized. Procures medical equipment from hospitals.

Performs general maintenance and housekeeping duties to maintain a clean and safe work environment.

Conducts public awareness demonstrations of fire fighting and emergency medical care.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

Certificate of Completion from the State of Florida Division of the State Fire Marshal (a Certificate of Compliance must be obtained within one year of employment).

Certification as a Emergency Medical Technician by the State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in accordance with Section 401.27, Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code 64-E.

Certification in Basic Life Support and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

All required certifications must be kept current.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must obtain a valid Florida operator's license prior to employment.

Must satisfy employment requirements set by the State of Florida Division of the State Fire Marshal.

Must be of good moral character, as determined by investigation.

Must be in good physical condition, as determined by a medical examination given by a licensed physician as prescribed by NFPA 1582.

Must successfully complete a physical agility test and vision test as established by Brevard County.

Must have fingerprints on file with the State Fire Marshal or Brevard County.

Must be able to work irregular schedules.

Must not have been on probation for the conviction of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, as defined by law, within the last three years.

Must not have been convicted, or entered a guilty or nolo contendere plea, on charges of reckless driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, or had a driver's license suspended or revoked under the point system within the last three years.

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: (Note: The knowledge, skills and abilities identified in this class specification represent those needed to perform the duties of this class. Additional knowledge, skills and abilities may be applicable for individual positions.)

Good knowledge of the principles and procedures of modern rescue and fire fighting, including equipment and apparatus.

Good knowledge of Basic Life Support techniques.

Ability to learn the geographic area.

Ability to recognize safety hazards and act accordingly.

Ability to exercise sound judgment in making vital decisions during emergencies.

Ability to perform patient assessment timely and wisely.

Ability to apply all fire rescue and Basic Life Support techniques and procedures.

Ability to communicate clearly orally and in writing.

Ability to act calmly and decisively during emergencies and under adverse working conditions.

Ability to establish effective working relationships with other medical personnel and the public.

Ability to deal firmly and tactfully with the public.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: This is heavy physical work.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work involves exposure to extreme heat, wet, noise, odors, and hazardous conditions, often under adverse circumstances.

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