

HARMONVILLE FIRE COMPANY No.1
CAREER FIREFIGHTER
Job Description

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs responsible protective service work in fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical; other related work as required. Some of the work is performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under regular supervision by Fire Company Board of Directors.

This is strenuous work requiring the exertion of 175 pounds of force occasionally, up to 100 pounds of force frequently, and up to 50 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Work requires considerable physical activity including climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, pushing, pulling, lifting, and repetitive motions. Sufficient vocal communication is required to accurately, loudly, and quickly convey detailed or important instructions to others. Must have adequate hearing sufficient to accurately perceive information at normal spoken word levels, to receive detailed information through oral communications, and/or to make fine distinctions in sound. Visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities. The worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions and hydrocarbons. Worker is subject to heavy smoke, fumes, and gases. Self-contained breathing apparatus will be worn when necessary and the worker must be fit tested and have appropriate medical evaluations for use of such equipment. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and will be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:

- Respond to fire & rescue emergencies and other related situations;
- Participate in fire suppression, rescue operations;
- Maintain equipment and facilitates;
- Continue training and instruction;
- Respond to alarms and assist in the suppression of fires; including rescue, forcible entry, ventilating, salvage work, containment of hazardous materials, traffic control, crowd control, etc;
- Answer telephones and communications on two way radios;
- Assist in maintaining fire apparatus and equipment and cleaning fire station and grounds;
- Participate in continuing training and instruction programs by individual study of technical material and attendance at scheduled drills and classes;
- Perform courtesy calls to install smoke detectors;
- Inspect, clean, and maintain fire hoses, pumps and related equipment;
- Assist in the preparation of required reports;
- Assist in presentation of fire safety programs for groups;
- Perform other firefighting and related emergency tasks
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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

The position requires the ability to attain/retain knowledge of:

- firefighting techniques, procedures, and mechanics as applied to fire suppression;
- principles of hydraulics as applied to fire suppression; and
- operation and general maintenance of firefighting equipment and apparatus

Other requirements include the ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction; the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow career employees, volunteers, and the public; and the ability to keep basic records and prepare reports.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or equivalent is required.

Minimum of 5 years' experience as a firefighter and emergency vehicle operator.

Firefighter II or equivalent

Pump II or equivalent

Vehicle Rescue Technician

Emergency Vehicle Operations Course

Hazardous Materials Operations and Annual Refresher

PREFERED EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Special Vehicle Rescue Technician

Engine Company Operations

Ladder Company Operations

Driver/Operator - Engine

Emergency Medical Technician – Basic

General Requirements for Technical Rescuer

PA CDL-B License