



City of Kansas City, Missouri Job Class Specification

Job Title: FIREFIGHTER

Department: FIRE

Job Code: 3005

Status: NONEXEMPT

Grade: F-F

Summary

This is skilled firefighting work in preventing, combating, and extinguishing fires, in answering emergency calls, and in the operation of departmental equipment and the routine custodial maintenance of quarters.

Work involves training for and participating in duties of protecting life and property through the performance of firefighting, rescue and emergency medical activity. Employees of this class are required to learn and participate in the operation of apparatus and performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions, which may require strenuous exertion under such handicaps as smoke, fire, heat, and cramped surroundings. Although firefighting, emergency rescue work and emergency medical care constitute the primary and more responsible areas of work, the major portion of assigned work is spent drilling and studying firefighting methods, evolutions, and techniques, as well as routine duties in the custodial care and minor maintenance of departmental facilities, apparatus, and equipment. Work is usually performed in accordance with explicit instructions and well defined procedures; however, performance of the work requires initiative, thorough understanding of firefighting and prevention principles and methods, and emergency medical care.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Responds to alarms of fires or other emergencies with a pumper or ladder company; operates assigned pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary equipment; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles and directs fog, chemical, and water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, and related equipment.
- Responds to emergency calls for drowning's, inhalator cases, accidents and natural or other catastrophes; removes persons from danger; administers emergency medical care per procedures prescribed by Emergency Medical Services Director and to the individual's standard of training.
- Participates in fire drills and attends classes in firefighting, emergency medical care, and related subjects; inspects buildings and premises for compliance with fire prevention ordinances, for pre-planning and familiarization activities, and delivers public education material.
- Performs general custodial work in the upkeep of departmental apparatus, equipment and structures; cleans and washes walls and floors; washes, hangs, and dries hose; washes, cleans and polishes apparatus.
- Participates in special details for pumping flooded basements, tracing dangerous gas leaks or smoke.
- When assigned to airport duty as a member of the fire and rescue squad, responds to all aircraft emergencies, such as potential hazardous landings, aircraft fires, crashes, and airport structural fires; receives specialized training for aircraft familiarization and firefighting techniques applicable to combating aircraft fires and crashes.
- Performs related duties as required.

Technical Skills	Some knowledge of: The street system, physical layout, and principal buildings of Kansas City, Missouri. Ability to: Learn a variety of firefighting duties, evolutions, and methods, including the operation of firefighting apparatus within a reasonable working test period. Climb ladders and work at considerable heights. Understand and follow oral and written instructions. Establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees and the general public. Perform arduous tasks frequently under strenuous and adverse conditions.
Education and Experience	Requires high school diploma or GED.
Certificates/ Licenses/Special Requirements	Ability to meet such medical and physical standards as may be required at time of appointment. Must be at least 18 years of age by the application deadline. No person shall be appointed if such person is more than 30 years of age on the last date that applications are accepted by the Human Resource Department for such positions during the recruitment period that is prior to the assembling of an eligibility list for the position. In computing the age of a person, the total length of the time that the person has previously served as a member of the Fire Department may be deducted from the person's actual age. This shall not apply to a person over 45 years of age. Must possess a valid driver's license at time of application and within 9 months of employment must possess and maintain a valid state of Missouri driver's license. Must take and pass state Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) examination along with obtaining a Kansas City defibrillator license issued by the Kansas City, Missouri Health Department to graduate from the fire academy and maintain the currency of both licenses. • Must pass a pre-employment drug screen and post offer physical. • Must pass a background check as prescribed by the City
Supervisory Responsibility	None
Supervision Received	Work is performed under close supervision.
	Note: This job description should not be construed to imply that these requirements are the exclusive standards of the position. Incumbents will follow any other instructions, and perform any other related duties, as may be required. Reasonable accommodation will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities. The City of Kansas City has the right to revise this job description at any time. The job description is not to be construed as a contract for employment.
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