

Job Description/Specifications

JOB TITLE: Explorer

SALARY GRADE: N/A

BRANCH: Fire

REPORTS TO: Explorer Advisors and/or Assigned Fire Officer

SUPERVISES: None

1. GENERAL FUNCTION:

- a. Under direct supervision, responds to fires or fire related emergencies within the Palmer response area to protect life, property and environment; carry out the full range of exterior zone fire-ground tasks and supports tasks and functions of the interior zone; fire prevention activities, station and equipment maintenance activities, and continual training activities; and to do other work as related.

2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. Don and doff personal protective clothing.
- b. Respond on apparatus to emergency scenes.
- c. Assist Engineers in spotting and backing apparatus.
- d. Select ropes and tie correct knots for hoisting tools and equipment.
- e. Set up ground ladders for various tasks.
- f. Extinguish fires from exterior at safe distance.
- g. Connect fire department apparatus to a water supply.
- h. Deploy water supply hose for forward and reverse hose lays.
- i. Load and off-load mobile water supply apparatus.
- j. Illuminate the emergency scene.

- k. Clean, check and maintain ladders, ropes and hand tools.
 - l. Clean, inspect and return fire hose to service.
3. EDUCATION AND TRAINING:
- a. Must be at least 14 years of age.
 - b. Must have completed the 8th grade, with documentation.
4. KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:
- a. No previous experience required. Skills and knowledge will be acquired through departmental training.
5. INITIATIVE AND JUDGMENT:
- a. Requires initiative in preparing for emergencies with training and maintenance activities. Should use his/her good judgment in performing all tasks and assignments following the Palmer Standard Operating Guidelines.
6. SUPERVISION:
- a. None. Work is performed under direct supervision.
7. PROPERTY AND RESOURCES:
- a. Expected to be familiar with the approved Standard Operating Guidelines for their level of training and role as a member within the department.
 - b. Expected to carry out, with supervision, a full range of exterior zone fire-ground tasks using a variety of resources and equipment.
 - c. Responsible for assistance with maintenance of stations, protective gear, and equipment needed to carry out assigned tasks.
8. CONTACTS:
- a. Regular contact with personnel, supervisors and the public requires effective oral and written communication, tact and courtesy. Must establish and maintain effective working relationships with personnel, public and private officials and the community members.
9. WORKING CONDITIONS:
- a. Work is on-call for emergencies and pre-scheduled for training. Work is performed in classrooms and out-of-doors involving essential firefighting functions as follows:
 - i. Operate as a team member at incidents of uncertain duration.
 - ii. Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements.

- iii. Work in wet, icy or muddy areas. Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces.
- iv. Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injuries is possible.
- v. Be exposed to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims.
- vi. Operate in environments of high noise and poor visibility.
- vii. Use manual tools in the performance of duties.

10. PHYSICAL EFFORT:

- a. Moderate physical exertion required in standing, walking, traveling between locations and performing explorer/support firefighter duties. Wear personal protective equipment that weighs approximately 60 lbs. while performing firefighting tasks. Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.



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