

SENIOR FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION: Under general supervision, performs work of moderate difficulty involving fire and rescue duties by controlling and extinguishing fires, protecting life and property; maintaining supplies and equipment; providing emergency medical services and transportation; serves as crew chief or lead fire fighter at a fire scene or emergency incident; performs related work as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

TASKS:

Responds to fire alarms and other emergency calls in accordance with applicable policies and procedures and guidelines; performs fire fighter duties; directs and coordinates emergency scene activities in the absence of the Fire Captain; supervises search and rescue operations; coordinates the laying of hose lines, water pressure and use of water streams, ladder placements, and ventilation and extrication procedures; administers first aid and artificial respiration to injured persons and/or transports victim(s) to medical facility for treatment; assists medical personnel with initial on-site examination of victims such as vital signs and circumstance of emergency.

Participates in salvage and overhaul activities; prepares, presents, and participates in drills, training and demonstrations in hydraulics, pump operation, equipment maintenance, and fire/rescue techniques; conducts presentations on fire safety, prevention, firefighting principles, practices and procedures, and related fire service topics; drives and operates fire fighting vehicle and equipment; responds to hazardous material incidents, which may include identifying chemicals, controlling fires and spills providing evacuation assistance.

Inspects buildings for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances; maintains journal of all activities; directs or conducts inspections and maintenance of firefighting equipment, tools, and facilities; assigns or performs facility inspections, extinguisher maintenance, and assists in maintaining water supply and fire detection system; recruits volunteers; trains volunteers on rescue tools and firefighting equipment; prepares required reports; assists with related community activities.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of applicable fire codes and ordinances relating to fire prevention and life safety.

Knowledge of laws and regulations concerning hazardous materials planning and reporting requirements.

Knowledge of fire protection and prevention methods, equipment and terminology.

Knowledge of the geography of the Navajo Nation and surrounding areas including town, communities, highways and roads.

Knowledge of maintenance and preparation of emergency care equipment and supplies.

Knowledge of the principles and practices of emergency medical care at the Emergency Medical Technician-Basic level.

Skill in assessing situations and applying the appropriate action(s).

Skill in making instantaneous decisions.

Skill in care and maintenance of fire equipment.

Skill in making clear and concise reports.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work involves continual maintenance and repair of highly sophisticated equipment and strenuous efforts when fighting a fire.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A high school diploma or GED; a Fire Fighter Level I and II Certification; and three (3) years of experience in fire and rescue services.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Fire Instructor I Certification.
- Leadership I, II or III Certification.
- Hazardous Material Technician Level Certification.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A favorable background investigation.
- Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Certification,
- Possess a valid state driver's license and pass a physical examination and a physical agility test as required by the National Fire Standard Form 1001.
- Must have no traffic citations within the past three (3) years.

Supplemental Requirements:

Incumbent must obtain a Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permit, a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR) for the Professional Rescue, a First Aid Certificate and Arizona Fire Instructor I Certification within 90 days of date of hire. Additional licenses or certification may be required.

Depending upon the needs of the Nation, some incumbents may be required to demonstrate fluency in both the Navajo and English languages as a condition of employment.