

## **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; 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; positions fire equipment and uses hand tools to control and extinguish fires; regulates water pressure at fire scene; makes forcible entry into buildings to evacuate occupants and ventilate structure; performs salvage and overhaul operations; performs extrication of trapped or injured occupants using appropriate tools and methods to gain entry to damaged motor vehicles.

Administers first aid and artificial respiration to injured persons and/or transportation of victim(s) to medical facility for treatment; assists medical personnel with initial on-site examination of victims such as vital signs and circumstances of emergency; participates in drills, classes and demonstrations in hydraulics, pump operation, equipment maintenance, and firefighting and emergency medical techniques; conducts presentations on fire safety, prevention and related fire service topics; drives and operates fire fighting vehicle and equipment.

Inspects building for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances; assists with hazardous material incidents, which may include identifying chemicals, controlling fires and spills providing evacuation assistance; inspects and maintains firefighting equipment, tools, facilities, water supply and fire detection systems; trains volunteers on rescue tools and firefighting equipment; prepares required reports; assists with related community activities; recruits new volunteers.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

Knowledge of the geography of the Navajo Nation.

Knowledge of the 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.

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 comprehending information

Skill in making clear and concise reports.

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

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- A high school diploma or GED; and two (2) year experience in fire and rescue services.
- Must be eighteen years or older.

### **PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) Certification or Emergency Medical Technician – Basic Certification.

THE NAVAJO NATION

Class Code: 2332  
Public Safety Series  
Fire Rescue Group  
Overtime Code: Non-Exempt  
Pay Grade: 59

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- 24-hour First Responder Haz-Mat Certification.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- A favorable background investigation.
- A Firefighter Level I certificate.
- Possess a valid state driver's license; pass a physical examination and a physical agility test as required by the National Fire Standard Form 1001.

**Supplemental Requirements:**

Incumbent must obtain a Navajo Nation Vehicle Operator's Permit, a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR) and a First Aid Certificate within 90 days of date of hire.

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.