

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

The FIREFIGHTER works as a member of a team or crew to suppress fires, give emergency medical assistance, respond to hazardous materials incidents and assist with aircraft and vehicle accidents and other emergency situations.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

This is the first level of a three-level series. At this level, employees receive direct guidance from higher level staff when responding to emergencies.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The duties listed below are not inclusive but characteristics of the type and level of work associated with this class. Individual positions may perform all or some combination of the duties listed below as well as other related duties.

1. Emergency Response

As a member of a team or crew, responds to fire and other emergency calls. Following written policies and procedures and specific instruction of Team Leaders, positions fire equipment and uses hand tools to control and extinguish fires. Makes forcible entry into buildings to evacuate occupants and ventilate structure. Administers first aid or transports injured persons. Assists with salvage and overhaul operations as instructed.

Responds to actual or potential air-crash emergencies to prevent or extinguish fires and rescue plane crew and passengers. Following instructions of Team leaders, takes action to minimize fire and explosion danger and to control the situation following impact. Participates in removing trapped or injured crewmembers and passengers using appropriate tools and methods to gain entry to damaged craft. Participates in removing or neutralizing explosive ordnance material when military aircraft is involved.

Respond to hazardous materials incidents following instruction from Team or crew leaders to control environmental exposure.

2. Training

Participates in drills, demonstrations, and classroom and practical training on rescue techniques, hazardous materials response, first aid, fire prevention, fire safety inspections, and the use of various suppressants, tools and equipment. Documents training as required. May assist in preparing and presenting training exercises.

3. Maintenance and Inspection

Inspects and maintains fire fighting equipment. Inspects facilities for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances. Performs maintenance and house keeping duties in station and on grounds, maintains fire extinguishers and assists in maintaining the water supply and fire detection systems.

4. Miscellaneous

Writes and files reports as required. Acts as alarm room operator or dispatcher in emergencies, as required.

RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

Employees in this class have regular in person/telephone/radio and or written contact with various military and civilian personnel. Contacts involve providing emergency services, system inspections, delivery of services and training.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Employees in this class receive direction from Captain/Team Leaders on a daily basis. The Captain/Team Leader schedules and reviews the work of the employee for compliance with established guidelines.

Employees in this class use a variety of department policies and procedures, Federal regulations, State and local guidelines, codes and standards which provide general, specific and technical guidance to perform the duties of the class.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Employees in this class work on a Military Installation. Work is performed on an active airfield subject to hazards such as explosives, chemicals and fuels, and high levels of noise and aircraft exhaust. Employment in this class requires a willingness to work the hours and days assigned. Personnel are subject to recall on or off duty and to work weekends and Holidays. Employees sometimes work under extreme pressure and must make critical, split second decisions.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS (KS)

Basic knowledge of fire protection systems and extinguishers.
Basic knowledge of fire protection and prevention methods, equipment and terminology.
Basic knowledge of emergency response methods, map reading and communication procedures.
Basic knowledge of Fire Codes and Ordinances relating to fire prevention and life safety
Basic knowledge of First Aid and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

Skill in use of hand tools, protective breathing apparatus and related equipment
Skill in search and rescue procedures, evacuation techniques and caring for and transporting victims.
Skill in reading blueprints.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Valid Oregon Driver's License.
Military Department "secret" security clearance.
Satisfactory annual physical examination.
Military Department regulation also requires satisfactory completion of an annual physical assessment.

NOTE: The KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS are required for initial consideration. Some duties performed by positions in this class may require different KS's. No attempt is made to describe every KS required for **all** positions in this class. Additional KS requirements will be explained on the recruiting announcement.

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