

# FIREFIGHTER



## **Description:**

Under general supervision, performs a full range of firefighting duties to include the suppression of various types of fires, emergency medical services, fire training, prevention and public relations activities, fire station, equipment and apparatus maintenance; performs related duties as required.

## **Distinguishing Characteristics:**

Incumbents in this class perform the full range of firefighting duties under the supervision of a Captain and may provide technical supervision over Limited Term Firefighters. Employees may perform paramedic duties and receive special compensation.

## **Duties may include, but are not limited to:**

1. Responds to fire alarms, rescue alarms, medical emergency and other emergency calls to protect life and property; lays and connects hoses; holds nozzle and directs water streams in the control and extinguishing of fires in structures; uses forcible entry tools, bars, hooks, life lines, aerial ladders, chemical extinguishers, and other auxiliary equipment.
2. Raises and climbs ladders; ventilates structures using such techniques as opening windows and cutting or chopping holes through the roof; accomplishes rescue work; removes persons from danger; accomplishes salvage operations such as placing or throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.
3. Responds to requests for medical emergencies to provide immediate care; observes and reports vital signs, cares for victims of accidents or illness; administers medical treatment to injured or ill persons; provides emergency care at the scene; operates emergency vehicles in compliance with County Fire Operations Directives, Local, State and Federal rules and regulations; works 24-hour shifts and overtime unless otherwise assigned; may be recalled to duty in cases of emergency.
4. Responds to emergency paramedical calls; operates emergency equipment; relays vital signs by radio to a doctor and gives emergency treatment and medication under doctor's orders; immobilizes and transports the patient to an emergency medical facility. (For paramedic assignments only).
5. Serves as a substitute fire engineer under special instructions and limited conditions on a relief or training basis; operates and maintains motorized fire fighting equipment; operates and adjusts pump controls and other mechanical equipment to maintain correct water pressure consistent with the type of fire; operates ladder mechanism on an aerial truck; places truck to best advantage to facilitate fire fighting; operates a two-way radio to communicate with the communications center.
6. Accomplishes preventive maintenance and daily inspections on fire apparatus and equipment; inspects fire apparatus after each operation to ensure proper and efficient operating condition; participates in routine daily housekeeping and maintenance of fire facilities; cleans, washes, and services fire apparatus; tests, washes, hangs, and dries hoses; changes hoses on fire apparatus; reports worn, damaged, or lost parts and tools.

7. Completes and maintains various records and reports; participates in fire inspection, prevention, and suppression training programs to maintain occupational skills; attends drills and training classes regarding fire fighting techniques, operation of specialized fire fighting equipment, design and construction of buildings, location of exits, entrances, fire alarm boxes, fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, and other related topics; assists with public education programs.
8. Studies technical material on modern fire fighting techniques and water systems; accomplishes general maintenance work in the upkeep of the fire station and grounds, accomplishes routine housekeeping chores such as sweeping, mopping, cooking, washing and cleaning.
9. Secures and maintains all certifications and licenses as required by County Fire.
10. Provides vacation and temporary relief as required.
11. Provides other duties as required.

**Typical Qualifications:**

Must possess and maintain a California State Paramedic License. Must possess and maintain a valid class "C" Driver's License. Must have a California State Fire Marshals (SFM) Firefighter I (FFI) Certificate or California State Fire Marshal accredited Firefighter Academy. Requires a recent DMV Printout. Must have a recent CPAT test or timed Biddle test. Must have and maintain a current CPR and ACLS Certification.

**Health and Physical Condition:**

Persons seeking appointment to this class must meet the safety health and physical condition standards deemed necessary and proper for performance of the duties established by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

**The statements in this class specification are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by incumbents assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, qualifications, and skills required of personnel so classified.**

**Job Code:** 47112

**Salary Range:** 893

**Representation Unit:** Firefighter Local 935

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