

## IMPERIAL COUNTY

### CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER I

#### BASIC FUNCTION:

Under close supervision of an assigned Fire Captain, performs a variety of duties in the suppression of fires; performs driver/operator duties; maintains fire department equipment, apparatuses and facilities; provides emergency medical care for sick and injured individuals.

#### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Firefighter I is the entry level of the fire suppression series. Incumbents perform routine fire suppression duties at an assigned facility while learning to perform the full range of fire suppression activities. Firefighter II is the advanced level classification in the series and is distinguished from the Firefighter I by performing more technical equipment operation, providing training, guidance and work direction to assigned personnel, and works with greater independence with which an incumbent is expected to operate.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Respond to fire alarms and extinguish fires including structural, automotive, aircraft and petroleum fires; apply appropriate suppression agent.

Operate a variety of specialized tools and equipment commonly used in fire suppression.

Receive training in areas such as fire suppression, equipment operation, hazardous materials, first aid and radio communications.

Perform routine maintenance of firefighting equipment, apparatuses, quarters and grounds; perform operational checks of machinery, vehicles and equipment; report malfunctions according to established procedures.

Maintain fire station by wet mopping and waxing floors, changing lights, cutting grass, painting and dusting as assigned.

Maintain fire trucks by checking water, oil, belts, tires, batteries, pumps, engine drive train, water hose equipment and radios; wash, wax and detail engines and equipment.

Provide emergency medical treatment for sick and injured individuals in accordance with Imperial County EMS policies and procedures within the scope of their practice; rescue and evacuate persons in dangerous or life-threatening situations including earthquakes and floods.

Respond to emergency calls and request additional resources such as law enforcement, ambulance or utility services personnel; notify hospital of incoming patients in accordance with established procedures.

Prepare and maintain a variety of records and reports related to fire suppression, inspection activities, hose testing, and medical treatment and testing.

Participate in fire drills and attend classes in firefighting techniques and emergency medical treatment procedures.

Train and provide instruction to hourly and volunteer personnel.

Perform related duties as assigned.

**KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

**KNOWLEDGE OF:**

Technical operation, use and maintenance of specialized fire apparatuses, vehicles and medical equipment.

Basic pump and hydraulic operations.

Methods, materials and equipment used in fire suppression.

Principles and practices of fire science.

Rescue and evacuation techniques.

Appropriate medical treatment in emergency situations.

Emergency medical treatment for sick and injured individuals in accordance with Imperial County EMS policies and procedures.

California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal-OSHA) fire requirements and regulations.

Proper tool and equipment usage and maintenance of firefighter equipment.

Principles of training and providing work direction.

Firefighting procedures such as hose and ladder practices, forcible entry, ventilation, salvage and overhaul procedures.

Proper oral and written communication skills.

Professional and organized record keeping techniques.

Appropriate interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.

**ABILITY TO:**

Train and provide work direction to others.

Utilize effective oral and written communication skills using tact, patience and courtesy.

Respond to fire alarms and extinguish structural, automotive, aircraft and other fires.

Operate and maintain a wide variety of specialized fire suppression equipment.

Respond to emergency medical calls and provide treatment for sick and injured persons.

Utilize appropriate fire suppression agents and techniques.

Properly supply water to attack lines at fire scene.

Learn, interpret, apply and explain codes, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.

Rescue, dragging or carrying, victims ranging from newborns to adults weighing over 200 pounds.

Maintain records and prepare reports.

Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.

Perform prolonged and strenuous work in adverse conditions.

Perform heavy physical labor.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

High School Diploma or GED and sufficient training and experience to demonstrate the knowledge and abilities listed above.

**LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

Valid California Class C Driver's License with all the proper firefighter endorsements within three (3) months of employment. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certificate issued by an EMS authority agency and/or National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician certification.

Incumbents must successfully complete Firefighter I certification within one (1) year of appointment.

**WORKING CONDITIONS:**

**ENVIRONMENT:**

Requires working in indoor and outdoor environments and adverse weather conditions; subject to shift work, evening or variable hours and emergency call-out.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

Requires heavy lifting, climbing, and standing for extended periods of times, physical agility and stamina, heavy physical labor, dexterity of hands and fingers to operate firefighting equipment, and bending at the waist.

**HAZARDS:**

Incumbents may be exposed to extreme heat, toxic smoke and gases, noise, chemicals and hazardous materials, come in contact with blood and body fluids, wear a self-contained breathing apparatus, and drive emergency vehicles in adverse weather conditions.