



Fire Apparatus Operator

Fire & EMS

FIRE-EMS/17 - 781

JOB SUMMARY

This position is responsible for operating assigned fire apparatus and for performing firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical duties.

MAJOR DUTIES

1. Responds to calls involving emergency medical and trauma, fire, and hazmat incidents; responds to non-emergency service calls to assist the public; takes appropriate actions to minimize the loss of life and property.
2. Operates fire apparatus to transport personnel to and from calls in a safe manner.
3. Operates apparatus at incident scenes according to procedures and practices.
4. Operates pumps on fire apparatus and brush truck; operates hand tools, fans, extrication tools, and light sets.
5. Secures roadway scenes for safety around apparatus and incident.
6. Maintains current EMS and fire certifications through continuing education.
7. Inspects, tests, and cleans assigned vehicles and equipment. Firefighter reports any hazards or maintenance issues to Station Officer.
8. Inputs information in regard to incidents, patient care reports, apparatus reports, training hours.
9. Participates in public Fire and EMS education programs; includes assisting with station tours, CPR training of the public, standing by at public relations events.
10. Performs fire hydrant service by measuring water flow and pressures, cutting grass, cleaning, and painting.
11. Conducts pre-planning surveys of businesses to identify physical layout, hazards, and contact information prior to a fire incident.
12. Conducts annual hose and pump tests.
13. Maintains station facilities and grounds by performing light and heavy general cleaning and maintenance; mows grass.
14. Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

1. Knowledge of the current principles, practices, and techniques of fire and emergency medical operations.
2. Knowledge of county geography, streets, roads, and buildings.
3. Knowledge of emergency medical protocols, procedures, tools, and equipment.
4. Skill in the provision of emergency medical care.
5. Skill in the operation of specialized and job related vehicles, equipment, and tools.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The Fire Captain or Lieutenant assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures, accuracy, and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include county policies and procedures; departmental policies and procedures; local, state, and federal laws; medical protocols and standing orders; national EMT standards, and county ordinances. These guidelines are generally clear and specific, but may require some interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of firefighting duties, operation of both aerial and pumper fire apparatus and emergency medical duties. Potentially life-threatening situations contribute to the complexity of the position.

- The purpose of this position is to operate assigned fire apparatus, and provide firefighting and emergency medical care. Success in this position contributes to the safety and well-being of the public.

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with co-workers, law enforcement personnel, health care professionals, representatives of other emergency response agencies, and members of the general public.
- Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, resolve problems and provide services.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is performed while intermittently sitting, standing, bending, crouching, climbing stairs, stooping all while dressed in work uniform or wearing PPE and could be carrying additional equipment. The employee occasionally lifts light and heavy objects including medical patients, climbs ladders up to 100+ feet in height, and uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity.
- The work is typically performed in an office, stockroom, outdoors, and at the scene of emergency incidents. The employee may be exposed to fire, smoke, noise, dust, dirt, grease, machinery with moving parts, contagious or infectious diseases or pathogens, confined spaces, toxic atmosphere, low visibility, irritating chemicals, and occasional hot, cold or inclement weather. The work requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, gloves, and all protective clothing associated with Fire and EMS operations.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

This position has functional supervision over assigned personnel at incident scenes.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- Possession of a valid State of Georgia driver's license (Class F) and a satisfactory Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) in compliance with County Safety and Loss Control Guidelines. Completion of the State of Georgia Department of Transportation Defensive Driving Course and/or Emergency Vehicle Operation Certification within twelve (12) months of employment.

ADA COMPLIANCE

- Fayette County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the County to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are invited to discuss accommodations.

HIPAA COMPLIANCE

- The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended, requires employees to protect the security of Protected Health Information (PHI) however it is obtained, handled, learned, heard or viewed in the course of their work.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE

- In accordance of Fayette County's Substance Abuse Policy of 1996, as amended, all job applicants offered employment will undergo testing for the presence of illegal drugs and alcohol as a condition of employment. In the course of employment, employees are subject to random, reasonable suspicion, post-accident, and routine fitness for duty testing for illegal drugs and alcohol abuse. Employees are prohibited to work under the influence, to possess, to distribute, or to sell illegal drugs in the work place or abuse alcohol on the job. Confirmed positive is reason for denial of employment and/or termination.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of Fire and EMS, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education or GED
- Possession of a valid driver's licenses issued by the State of Georgia for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
- Meets current requirements set forth by the National Fire Protection Association as a Firefighter 4, 2, Pumper and Aerial Operator, meet the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Act, complete the NIMS 200 course and other course requirements as per position promotional policy.
- Current Licensure and functions as a State of Georgia and National Registry AEMT or Paramedic.