



WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 4

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PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER

JOB DESCRIPTION

RESPONSIBILITIES: Drives or rides in fire apparatus while responding to fire alarms; places equipment, lays and connects hose, operates high-capacity pumps and directs water streams; raises, climbs and lowers ladders; uses chemical extinguisher, and uses self-contained breathing apparatus. Enters burning buildings as part of a fire suppression team. Performs ventilation tasks; carries heavy objects and equipment and carries others during rescue. Responds to requests for pre-hospital emergency medical care; sets up and/or operates oxygen and auto-defibrillation equipment; administers pre-hospital emergency medical care to sick or injured patients. Responds to hazardous material, rescue and other non-fire emergency incidents. Provides necessary support activities. Participates in training drills; attends school and departmental classes on fire fighting, hydraulics, first aid and emergency medical procedures, fire equipment and apparatus and other classes associated with recognized firefighter and EMT standards. Participates in the District's duty/sleeper program. Performs protective inspections of structures both, commercial and residential in the community for fire hazards and pre-incident surveys for tactical planning. Conducts fire safety / prevention classes. Assists in updating map books for new additions, streets and complexes for use in emergencies. Services and operates department equipment and apparatus; performs necessary maintenance, testing and care of fire hoses, trucks, ladders and auxiliary equipment and apparatus. Participates in various work groups and/or committees. Performs general station maintenance and minor repairs, as well as routine station housecleaning duties as assigned. Work as a member of a team under supervision.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- High School diploma or GED equivalent.
- Working knowledge of driver safety.
- Pass a physical exam given by the District's Physician
- Pass a Physical Ability Test.
- Ability to learn or perform the following:

*Fire suppression operations
Hazardous materials handling and identification
Emergency Medical Services (EMT)*



PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here represent those that must be met by a firefighter to successfully perform the essential functions of the job:

- Stand, walk, run, swim, sit, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, talk, hear, taste and smell.

- Lift 50 pounds to chest; be able to move 175 pounds, be capable to crawl while carrying or lifting, and have the ability to steady yourself and maintain balance to keep from falling.
- Be able to see 20/40 or better with or without corrected vision. Vision requirements are not limited to close vision, distance vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- Must be capable of reaching (extend hands or arms in any direction); handling (seizing, holding, grasping, turning or otherwise working with the hands); fingering (picking, pinching or otherwise working with the fingers); and feeling (perceiving attributes of objects such as size, shape, temperature or texture by means of receptors in skin, particularly those of the fingertips).

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Work is performed in the fire station and the surrounding district area, with required response time to emergencies as they occur. Firefighters are exposed to physically and mentally stressful situations, including trauma, illness, death, contagious diseases, cramped surroundings and contaminated environments. Work involves responding to emergency calls in inclement weather, with temperatures sufficiently low or high enough, to cause marked bodily discomfort/reactions. Frequent encounter with vibration/noise exceeding 80 decibels, constant or intermittent, may cause notable distraction or possible hearing loss. Limited visibility, exposure to hazardous or toxic chemicals and gases, smoke inhalation, exposure to burns and radiant energy, electrical shock, as well as subjection to blood borne and air borne pathogens may occur. Falling objects at incident scenes, hazards from equipment, traffic and working in high, confining or restrictive places may pose additional physical risks.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

NOTHING CONTAINED IN THESE JOB DESCRIPTIONS OR ANY OTHER WRITTEN POLICY OF THE DISTRICT IS INTENDED TO BE PART OF ANY EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP OR CONTRACT. OUR JOB DESCRIPTIONS OR ANY OTHER WRITTEN POLICY OF THE DISTRICT ARE MERELY STATEMENTS OF DISTRICT POLICY AND DO NOT AMOUNT TO PROMISES OF SPECIFIC TREATMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE AFOREMENTIONED JOB DESCRIPTION AND DISTRICT POLICIES AT ANY TIME.

“Whatcom County Fire District 4 is an Equal Employment Opportunity agency. Decisions regarding selection, promotion and tenure shall be free from restrictions based on physical, cultural religious or other characteristics that are not directly related to the qualifications and ability of an individual to perform the requirements of the position.”

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