

## **FIREFIGHTER**

### **Job Summary**

Under the general supervision of a Fire Officer, a Firefighter may be required to efficiently perform, at some bodily risk, duties involving the protection of life and property from fires or other emergencies. Generally assigned to an engine or ladder, the Firefighter may be required to conduct pre-fire planning surveys and present the findings; perform fire prevention, public education and code enforcement duties; maintain fire stations, fire apparatus and fire protection systems; act as fire apparatus operator, perform independent operations when situations dictate; and perform other duties as directed.

### **Distinguishing Features of the Class**

A Firefighter is responsible for the efficient, accurate and rapid completion of all tasks assigned by the company commander and may perform duties in fire suppression, rescue, ventilation and other fire ground activities. Firefighters work closely with other personnel in the normal performance of duties, although frequent independent decisions and actions affecting life and property may be required. These duties require a knowledge and understanding of the fire suppression and fire prevention principles, practices and methods used in the operation of a modern fire department. A Firefighter may be expected to direct and assist small personnel units at selected times during emergencies and may assume other duties as situations dictate.

### **Representative Duties**

Responds to fire, aircraft standby, and other emergency alarms and assists in all operations necessary to insure the confinement and extinguishment of fires or the elimination of other hazardous conditions; assists in the evacuation of endangered persons from hazardous locales; connects and lays hose lines; operates hose nozzles and other fire extinguishing appliances in an efficient manner to reduce water or other damage; raises, lowers, and climbs ladders; uses hand and power tools; makes forcible entry into buildings or other property; opens up walls and other structures; enters burning buildings or other locations; protects property through salvage and clean-up operations by using salvage covers, brooms, mops, shovels and similar equipment; replaces broken or ruptured sprinkler heads to prevent unnecessary water damage; operates rescue equipment and administers first aid and CPR; assists chief officers at the scene of a fire or other locale by delivery of messages, receiving reports and transmitting orders; assists in getting equipment and apparatus prepared for further alarms after a fire or emergency; assists as needed in investigations of fires to determine their origin; inspects commercial and residential structures to insure compliance with federal, state and local fire prevention laws, codes and ordinances; provides court testimony in cases involving violation of fire regulations; conducts fire prevention education programs in schools; gives talks and demonstrations to various adult groups; serves on special duty at public gatherings and other occasions; gives information and assists visitors at the fire stations; attends instruction classes, training sessions, and drills; studies technical periodicals and publications; studies local conditions and factors affecting fire

operations; assists in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, stations, and ground; performs routine housekeeping duties; washes, polishes, services and repairs equipment; assists in hydrant maintenance; under direction, performs simple administrative duties such as research, report writing and record keeping.

### **Minimum Qualifications**

EMT-B Certification or ability to successfully obtain an EMT-B Certification prior to start date.

Successful Completion of Montana's Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT).

### **Work Environment**

(The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee will encounter while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

1. While performing the duties of this job the employee constantly works around others, works with the public and works inside. The employee frequently works with others and works in confined areas. Infrequently the employee works alone, works around noise and works near moving objects.
2. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

### **Mental/Motor Demands**

(The mental/motor demands described here are representative of those an employee will encounter while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

1. While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently has co-worker support available. The employee frequently exercises flexibility (the ability to shift from one task to another). Guidance and reinforcement are frequently available. Frequently the employee performs routine work and maintains attentiveness duration. The employee infrequently works within time constraints and maintains attentiveness intensity. The employee is constantly involved in social interactions which constantly require oral communications and occasionally require written communications.
2. Memory, reasoning, problem solving and exercising judgment are frequently used/required on the job. Mathematics and estimating are infrequently used/required on the job.