



## CENTRAL OREGON COAST FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT #7

### **JOB DESCRIPTION** **FIREFIGHTER / ENGINEER**

#### **1. Position Summary**

The duties of this position include firefighting, apparatus operations, emergency rescue, and fire prevention. The position requires a high level of training for firefighting activities. Firefighters are required to learn and participate in the operation of equipment and apparatus, and the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions, which may require strenuous exertion in environments involving smoke, fire, heat, and cramped surroundings. In addition to firefighting and emergency rescue, primary duties include participation in drills and classes studying techniques and procedures for firefighting, emergency rescue and response to hazardous materials incidents. Duties also include custodial care and a wide variety of maintenance of District facilities, apparatus, and equipment. Performance of the work requires initiative and the exercise of independent judgment. The duties of the position are performed under the general supervision of the Lieutenant Shift Supervisor or other officers of the District. The Firefighter shall contribute to a professional and positive work environment to promote District goals and objectives.

#### **2. Supervision Received**

Works under the general supervision of the assigned Lieutenant Shift Supervisor who assigns approved programs, goals and general duties, and who evaluates the effectiveness and conformance with identified District policy and organizational goals.

#### **3. Supervision Exercised**

Is expected to exercise independent judgment, in the interest of the District. Is responsible for completing duties as assigned in a manner that promotes a positive environment amongst their peers.

#### **4. Abilities**

1. In addition to those physical and mental functions required to perform the duties set forth above, this position requires the following:
  - a. Ability to carry a ladder weighing approximately 75 pounds, to raise and extend the ladder, to assist victims down ladders, and to carry fire hose and other heavy equipment up and down ladders or stairs.
  - b. Ability to move and advance a charged hose line, into a burning building while standing or crawling on the floor. Ability to hold a flowing hose line



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- for long periods of time, and to shut off a flowing line while maintaining control of the hose line.
- c. Ability to enter a building under adverse fire conditions which might include smoke, extreme heat, and no visibility, in full protective clothing including air pack with face piece. Ability to search for fire victims (sometimes searching by feel only), walking or crawling, and if victim is found, to drag or carry the victim to safety.
  - d. Ability to work in high open places, and confined places.
  - e. Ability to operate a power saw in awkward positions, such as overhead cutting, cutting on a sloping roof, and cutting from a ladder.
  - f. Ability to use a variety of tools to remove walls and ceilings, requiring pulling and pushing motions with arms extended overhead for long periods of time, or to force entry into a building.
  - g. Ability to perform firefighting and rescue duties while exposed to extreme cold and/or wet environmental elements.
  - h. Ability to operate power extrication equipment to assist in patient removal from motor vehicles. The ability to lift and carry patients over rough or uneven terrain for considerable distances. Ability to bend, strain, stretch, contort, push, pull, twist, carry, walk with weight, or lift to remove a victim from a motor vehicle and place the victim on stretcher.
  - i. Ability to drive and operate all equipment, pump, and tools of a medic unit or large fire apparatus during both the day and night, using depth perception and peripheral vision in emergency situations involving speeds in excess of posted limits, congested traffic, and unsafe road conditions caused by factors such as fog, rain, ice, and snow.
  - j. Ability to complete fire fighter and emergency rescue functions and tasks which are very physically demanding over a period of time without breaks, recovering quickly when given a short break.
  - k. Ability to respond to an alarm, wake, and go from a sound sleep to full activity and exertion in a matter of minutes.
  - l. Ability to maintain composure and confront stressful situations and withstand the effects of repeated exposure to traumatic situations.
  - m. Ability to hear and orally respond to verbal orders, calls for assistance, and radio communications, as well as the ability to identify and appropriately respond to various sounds in an environment of substantial background noises, such as sounds produced by structural collapses, backdrafts, breaking glass, fire, other firefighters, sirens, traffic, and victims. Ability to shout orders, warnings, and responses when necessary.
  - n. Ability to read, learn and remember new and updated detailed complex information, such as hazardous materials information, medical information, or changes in policy or procedures. Ability to apply information in a logical manner.
  - o. Ability to identify hazardous materials codes by color.



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- p. Ability to communicate with a diverse range of people and deal with verbal and physical confrontations.
- q. Ability to interview people and to gather information on their medical history or circumstances surrounding an incident.
- r. Ability to prepare incident reports, inspection reports and medical reports either by hand or computer, using proper, detailed descriptions and appropriate grammar.

#### 5. Residency Requirements

Firefighters are not required to live within the District boundaries.

#### 6. Minimum Qualification

- NFPA Firefighter I or higher
- NFPA Apparatus Operator Equipped with a Pump
- Wildland Interface Firefighter Type II or higher
- Possess a valid Oregon driver's license (at time of employment)
- Pass a pre-employment NFPA 1982 medical examination
- Pass a pre-employment background check
- NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations or:
  - NFPA First Responder Operations
- EMT Basic (Oregon Health Division or NREMT certification)
- NIMS 100, 200, 700, 800

#### 7. Preferred Qualifications

- EMT Paramedic (Oregon Health Division certification)
- Surface Water Rescue or higher
- NFPA Apparatus Operator Mobile Water Supply
- Wildland Interface Firefighter Type 1

#### 8. Job Description Approval

Fire Chief: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_