



Thornton Fire District Employment Opportunity Job Description Volunteer Firefighter

Definition: Volunteer Firefighter

The Volunteer Firefighter is an entry level position and will be assigned to three 24-hour shifts a month. The Volunteer Firefighter will work with the staff on shift and be directly supervised and work under the direction of the Company Officer.

Job Summary:

Under general direction, the Volunteer Firefighter responds to various types of non-emergency and emergency calls, including but not limited to structure, wildland and vehicle fires, medical emergencies, hazardous material incidents, vehicle accidents, public service incidents, community service events including but not limited to fire prevention and awareness.

Duties:

The duties listed below 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 this class.

- Respond to alarms in a wide variety of emergency situations as a member of an assigned crew.
- Perform modern fire suppression operations in a safe and effective manner, using hose lines, fire streams, raising ladders, ventilation tactics, and salvage/overhaul operations.
- Provide emergency medical care to patients and/or victims of accidents, injury or illness and perform patient assessments as determined by protocol
- Rescue and/or extricate trapped victims using tools and equipment including but not limited to hydraulic spreaders, cutters, rams, and airbags.
- Assists in maintenance of fire vehicles, rescue units and other apparatus and equipment.
- Assists in the cleaning and/or maintenance of fire station and other fire district property
- Attends drills and classes; studies technical periodicals and publications and maintains all current certifications as required by the State of California.

- Inspects business establishments, residences, public buildings, warehouses, and other buildings in the enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to fire prevention as specified by state and local fire code.
- Conducts public education activities.
- Does related work as required or assigned.

- **Ability to:**
- The abilities listed below are intended to illustrate the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of abilities does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to this class.
- Read and understand technical materials relating to firefighting, prevention, and departmental regulations and guidelines.
- Apply elementary principles of chemistry and physics to firefighting problems.
- Understand and follow written and verbal directions under both routine and stressful conditions.
- Work effectively under emergency conditions and use sound judgment under hazardous circumstances.
- Work independently and as a team member.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with members of the district and surrounding agencies.
- Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Work effectively and courteously with the public.
- Meet and maintain physical endurance and agility.
- Write simple reports.
- Climb ladders, which require lifting arms above shoulder level and working at heights greater than 10 feet.
- Maintain certifications required by the Fire District and other local and/or state.

Requirements for Volunteer Firefighter per SOG#1-3:1:

- Highschool Diploma or GED
- Must be eighteen (18) years of age, prior to appointment.
- Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License.
- Valid American Heart Association CPR certification
- Valid CPAT within 1 year prior to appointment
- Must reside within a reasonable radius from the district

Desired Qualifications for Volunteer Firefighter:

- OSFM Accredited Fire Academy
- OSFM Firefighter 1
- Fire Science college courses

Incentives:

The Thornton Fire District will cover the cost of any certifications and/or classes required by the district. Additional certifications and/or classes may also be covered, pending approval by the Fire Chief.

Physical Requirements:

This position is involved in active public safety duties, which include the incumbents engaging in moderate physical exertion, associated with the ability to but is not limited to, lifting and/or dragging of heavy weight, bending, stretching, stooping, squatting, climbing, balancing, kneeling, crouching, crawling, running, jumping, pushing, pulling, twisting, and other forms of moderate to extreme physical. This position also requires extensive and repetitive physical activity involving the arms, wrists, and hands. It also requires physical abilities associated with the ability to read, write, and communicate in a work environment

Working Conditions:

Positions in this class require the incumbents to be able to:

- Work various shifts, overtime, weekends, holidays non-routine hours.
- Work outside in all types of climatic conditions including inclement and very hot weather, road hazards, substantial heights, vibration, confined spaces, chemicals, mechanical and/or electrical hazards, and hazardous physical substances and fumes