

## FIRE LIEUTENANT

### **SUMMARY:**

Under general supervision, directs and supervises a fire company, or performs fire prevention duties (e.g., inspection, education, investigation, etc.); performs fire suppression and fire prevention duties to protect life and property; provides emergency rescue and basic medical as required; utilizes various tools and power equipment in rescue operations; maintains department equipment, vehicles and facilities.

When assigned as a paramedic, performs basic and advanced life support care, fire suppression and prevention activities; maintains life support equipment and vehicles and completes appropriate reports; and performs related duties as assigned.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** *(Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.)*

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** *(which are not in any hierarchical order)*

1. Supervises and direct fire ground and emergency operations for assigned company.
2. Supervises, trains and evaluates assigned personnel. Oversees assigned personnel in daily work schedule and routine station duties including maintenance of vehicles and apparatus.
3. Maintains and enforces departmental rules and regulations.
4. Conducts fire, occupational license and complaint inspections and re-inspections.
5. Conducts fire investigations and prepares related reports.
6. Responds to fire alarms with assigned company. Performs all activities associated with extinguishing fires and with medical treatment at emergency scenes. Utilizes and maintains self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
7. Administers first aid; assist paramedics at medical emergencies; applies techniques for the control of bleeding; utilize immobilization techniques to stabilize patient; perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
8. Participates in life safety inspection activities and other fire prevention and public education activities as assigned. Maintains appropriate records and files.
9. Attends training sessions that include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
10. Oversees and performs various duties in the maintenance of station facilities and auxiliary equipment.
11. Inspects fire equipment to ensure proper operation.
12. Acts as Fire Captain as required.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:**

- Knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of modern fire fighting.
- Knowledge of supervisory principles and practices.
- Knowledge of laws and ordinances related to fire prevention, public safety and arson investigation.
- Knowledge of Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Building Code.
- Knowledge of fire hydraulics, fire apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, facilities and the proper use and maintenance.
- Knowledge of principles and practices of emergency medical procedures such as advanced first aid, CPR and other medical assistance techniques.
- Knowledge of city geography and hydrant locations.
- Knowledge of decontamination procedures.
- Skill in basic fire fighting techniques.
- Skill in operating fire suppression pumper and aerial apparatus.
- Skill in operating and maintaining fire department equipment and tools, including minor repairs.
- Skill in operating and maintaining voice radio equipment.
- Skill in selecting and applying appropriate emergency treatment and using specialized equipment and apparatus.
- Skill in analyzing fire and emergency situations and providing an effective course of action.

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- Skill in effectively dealing with people under stress.

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:** Work involves potentially extreme work setting. There is frequent need to stand, walk, sit, talk or hear, use hands to finger, handle or feel and perform other similar actions during the course of the workday. There is also the risk of exposure to blood borne pathogens, chemicals, mechanical parts and other hazards. The City of West Palm Beach promotes a drug/alcohol free work environment through the use of mandatory pre-employment drug testing.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Associate degree, and five (5) years fire experience. This position requires firefighter, EMT and CPR certification. A valid State of Florida driver's license, Class D with an E endorsement, is required.