

## FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC

### **SUMMARY:**

Under close supervision, provides basic and advanced life support care; performs fire suppression and fire prevention duties to protect life and property; provides emergency rescue; utilizes various tools and power equipment in rescue operations; maintains department equipment, vehicles and facilities; 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. Provides emergency medical treatment to injured persons involving the application of modern EMS techniques. Administers advanced first aid at medical emergencies, applies techniques for the control of bleeding, utilizes immobilization techniques to stabilize patient, performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
2. Responds to fire alarms with assigned company; lays and connects hose; maintains pumping apparatus; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders; assist in freeing victims from situations in which they are physically trapped; utilize and maintain self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
3. Operates all types of fire fighting and rescue equipment such as portable fire extinguishers, power tools, hand tools and related equipment such as smoke ejectors, forcible entry tools, pike poles and axes.
4. Administers first aid; assist paramedics at medical emergencies; applies techniques for the control of bleeding; utilize immobilization techniques to stabilize patient; perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
5. Participates in fire and life safety inspection activities and other fire prevention and public education activities as assigned. Maintains appropriate records and files.
6. Attends training sessions that include fire fighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
7. Performs various duties in the maintenance of station facilities and auxiliary equipment. Washes, dries, polishes, and cleans fire department apparatus and equipment.
8. Inspects fire equipment to ensure proper operation.
9. Acts as Driver/Engineer as required.

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

- Knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of modern fire fighting.
- Knowledge of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- Knowledge of Uniform Fire Code and Uniform Building Code.
- Knowledge of 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 decontamination procedures.
- Skill in advanced life support.
- Skill in basic fire fighting techniques.
- 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.
- Skill in effectively dealing with people under stress.

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**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:** High School Diploma or GED, and one (1) year firefighting experience. This position requires firefighter, Paramedic, ACLS, EMT and CPR certification.