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MAJOR FUNCTION

This is a technical position concerning work in the protection of life and property of an emergency and hazardous nature. Additionally responsible for handling and treatment of patients in a manner conducive to their safety and comfort and adhering to instructions provided by the Medical Director, physicians, nurses or paramedics as established by hospital and County policies and procedures and level of training attained.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

The following statements describe the principal functions of this job and its scope of responsibility, but should not be considered an all-inclusive listing of work requirements. Individuals may perform other duties as assigned, including working in other functional areas to cover absences or relief, to equalize peak work periods or otherwise to balance the work load.

- Performs firefighting duties and emergency medical technician for the protection of life and property and operates fire equipment as emergencies and conditions demand. Performs all duties that are required of an Emergency Medical Technician.
- Learns, understands and abides by all Fire Department operations, procedures, rules and regulations, and County Personnel and Safety Rules and Regulations. Participates in training sessions dealing with rescue and emergency situations.
- Maintains vehicle in efficient operating condition and maintains clean and well-stocked rescue unit. Operates vehicle radios in compliance with accepted policies and procedures. Completes all necessary paperwork.
- Inspects buildings, facilities and properties for safety hazards upon request of owner or occupant.
- Takes regular turn in the housekeeping and maintenance of living quarters, groundskeeping of area around the assigned station, etc.
- Services and makes repairs to firefighting equipment as assigned, performing such duties as inspecting, cleaning and testing apparatus daily.
- Be able to determine and understand fire behavior, the burning process, heat transfer, products of combustion, classification of fires and the methods used for extinguishment. Operate and inspect a variety of types of fire extinguishers, how to tie and utilize ropes and knots for equipment and safety. Thorough understanding of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), types, how and when to use, inspection and care and safety precautions regarding the SCBA. Will use a 35 foot extension ladder that weighs up to 185 pounds and is lifted by a two-person team when necessary.
- Being able to use forcible entry tools, as well as understanding of types, care, maintenance, and safety usage of these tools.
- Required to report to work at the appointed hour, as scheduled, and to work the entire assigned shift.

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Performs the following:

Upon arrival at the scene of a major incident, may be required to lay supply line (fire hose) manually using both hands and pulls supply line from back of fire truck and wraps it around hydrant and visually monitors truck. Manually attaches fire hose to hydrant and manually uses hydrant wrench, turns hydrant to allow water to flow. Physical strength is required to turn on hydrant valve.

Reports and receives additional verbal instructions. Pulls 200 feet of pre-connected 1 3/4 inch attack line from side of vehicle and holding line with both hands, advances toward fire. Will assist in placement of utilization of heavy appliance (a device which allows the flow of large amounts of water.) Lifts line over shoulder and uses physical strength to continually pull line. Upon charging of attack line, proceeds to fire scene and stands and holds line to fire base, bends, stoops, but mainly crawls while inside of structures and pulls line along to put out fires. Due to circumstances of fires will remain inside putting out fires for periods of 15 to 30 minutes on a regular basis. Will also conduct search and rescue in 2 person teams or may work alone.

Upon emergency notice (an audible alarm) dons emergency equipment, weighing 85 pounds and climbs onto engine. Based on type of emergency, will perform a variety of tasks ranging from extrication, delivering of direct patient care, and firefighting duties. Physical agility, strength and stamina used during emergency situations. Will extricate by a variety of methods ranging from holding and using rescue saw (weighs 50 pounds), holding and using the hurst tool (weight 75 pounds), and applying physical strength to pry open doors, hoods, and separate heavy metal objects. Manually uses hux bars, pry bars, and applies physical strength to clear way to reach trapped and injured patients. Bends, stoops, crawls, leans, stands, reaches overhead to operate these tools. Visually and audibly alert to detect hazards for safety concerns. Remains calm and professional during emergency situations and constantly follows proper safety procedures.

With little or no visibility crawls throughout structure by hand, searches for potential victims. Upon finding persons, will physically remove them by dragging or carrying them out of structure to safety.

Performs ventilation of structure by carrying and placing ladders outside of structures. Climbs ladder to point above seat of fire and carries tools with them to designated location. Manually cuts roof open with ax, chain saw or rescue saw. Ladders will vary in length depending on structure. Ladders extend 85 feet above ground and agility and speed is required to reach designated areas and for some emergencies to physically remove victims from roofs and similar heights.

Ventilation systems, sprinkler systems and other types of water supplies. How and when to use alternative water supply source and location of and care of and general maintenance and usage of fire streams, extinguishing properties of water, types of water pressures, variety of foam and foam application Job functions require being able to bend and stoop, push, pull, reach overhead, be able to carry a 200 pound person from a building. Requires frequent standing and walking for extended periods of time.

NON-ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Performs other tasks as assigned.

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Direct service is provided to employees and the general public in person and by telephone. Anyone in need of emergency or medical care or fire protection.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Majority of duties are performed outside at varying heights and elevations in varying terrain with exposure to extreme weather conditions. Operations typically expose employees to a wide variety of adverse or hazardous environments. Employees are exposed to extreme temperature variations, loud noises, fumes, and noxious or airborne particles and potentially hazardous diseases and substances. The employee may occasionally be exposed to explosives, toxins, radiological particles (including mutagens and teratogens), and excessive vibration. Services are performed anywhere inside the particular zone as designated by Marion County Fire Department. This could be a fire station, Marion County streets, forest areas, or private homes. An employee in this position may be required to act without direct supervision and must be able to exercise judgment in meeting emergencies. General supervision is received from the Fire Chief, or his authorized representative. Work is performed on a rotating shift basis which may require the highest level of physical exertion and agility on a sustained basis. Emergency work after hours and on holidays may be required. Shift work involved and are 24 hours long. Other employees do this work at the same time at other locations.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

Minimum Experience.

High school graduate or its equivalent, at least 18 years of Age. State certified Emergency Medical Technician and certified Firefighter, as provided by Florida State statutes. Must have physical examination, prior to employment. Physical requirements as stipulated by Florida Statutes, Chapter 633.34 and satisfy requirements of NFPA 1582.

Job Skills:

- Ability to assess the patient's condition. Ability and skill in using appropriate emergency techniques and equipment during the transportation of the patient to the hospital
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to perform a wide variety of methods and procedures of emergency and rescue operations. Ability to react quickly and calmly during emergencies.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and supervisors.
- Ability to operate complex equipment mechanical aptitude, strength and ability to do manual and mechanical work under adverse conditions.
- Knowledge of firefighting techniques, methods and equipment and knowledge of emergency medical techniques.
- Ability to apply knowledge of Standing Orders and their interpretation. Ability to apply

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knowledge of Chapter 10D-66 and the interpretation on that rule. Ability to apply knowledge of Fire department rules and regulations. Ability to learn geographic territory.

- Physical requirements as stipulated by Florida Statutes, Chapter 633.34.
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations.
- The ability to take a teamwork approach to the job by cooperating with others, offering to help others when needed, and considering larger organization or team goals rather than individual concerns. Includes the ability to build a constructive team spirit where team members are committed to the goals and objectives of the team.

Professional Licenses:

Must possess a valid state of Florida Driver License. EVOC required before operating any County owned vehicles. Florida State Certified Firefighter, Florida State Certified EMT, American Heart Association or Red Cross CPR card, AIDS awareness course.

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