

FF/EMT TRAINEE

MAJOR FUNCTION

This is specialized public safety work in the protection of life and property through performance of general fighting duties and responsibilities of an emergency and hazardous nature. An employee in this position is in training.

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. As a trainee the employee will participate in training to complete the following essential functions. 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.

- Learns, understands and abides by all Fire Department Standard Operational Procedures Manual and general orders. Participates in training sessions dealing with rescue and emergency situations and maintains a high level of job proficiency.
- Will learn how to operate fire, rescue, and emergency medical equipment as emergencies and conditions demand. Will learn how to service and makes repairs to firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical equipment as assigned, performing such duties as inspecting, cleaning and testing apparatus daily.
- Will be trained to complete all necessary paperwork. Will develop an understanding of fire behavior, the burning process, heat transfer, products of combustion, classification of fires and the methods used for extinguishment.
- Will learn to operate and inspect a variety of types of fire extinguishers, how to tie and utilize ropes and knots for equipment and safety. Will gain a thorough understanding of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), types, how and when to use, inspection and care and safety precautions regarding the SCBA. Will be trained to use ladders when necessary. Will be trained 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.
- Will learn ventilation systems, sprinkler systems and other types of water supplies. Will learn how and when to use alternative water supply source and location of, care of, general maintenance, and usage of fire streams, extinguishing properties of water, types of water pressures, and variety of foam and foam application. The 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.
- Will be trained to access and manage ill or injured victims of various medical and

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traumatic accidents. Will be trained to operate various pieces of emergency medical

equipment such as splints, airways, manual ventilators, oxygen delivery systems, suction units, automated defibrillators, patient lifting and moving equipment. Will learn to perform various stabilization and basic life support techniques.

SECONDARY FUNCTIONS

- Performs other tasks as assigned.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

This is a front-line position for providing excellent customer service to members of the general public and other County employees. Personal contact occurs with other employees of the unit, employees of other departments in the County, citizens, and customers of the department. Close interaction with representatives from environmental regulatory agencies of the State and occasionally Federal governments. Service is provided in person or by phone contact.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, LICENCES, CERTIFICATIONS

Education and Experience

High School graduate or its equivalent; at least 18 years of age. Must have physical examination, including an EKG prior to employment. Physical requirements as stipulated by Florida Statutes, Chapter 633.34 and satisfy requirements of NFPA 1582.

License

Must possess a valid state of Florida Driver License.

Certifications

None required at time of hire into trainee position. Will be required to successfully complete Firefighter "Minimum Standards" training and EMT training and pass all required certification testing.

JOB SKILLS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed here are representative of the knowledge, skills, and ability required.

Specialized Skills and Abilities

- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Knowledge of a wide variety of methods and procedures of emergency and rescue operations.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly during emergencies.

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- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and supervisor.
- Ability to operate complex equipment; possession of mechanical aptitude, strength and ability to do manual and mechanical work under adverse conditions.
- Ability to operate heavy emergency equipment safely and efficiently. Ability to complete correct calculations of engine pressures required for necessary hookups.
- Knowledge of firefighter techniques, methods and equipment.
- 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.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Diversified work environment ranging from tasks performed inside assigned station and off-site at emergency scenes. 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 Service. This could be a fire station, Marion County streets, forest areas, or private homes. An employee in this position must be able to act without direct supervision and exercise judgment in meeting emergencies. General supervision is received from the Fire Services

Administrator, or his authorized representative. Work is performed during the normal work day shift, however emergency work after hours and on holidays may be required. Shift work is involved. Other employees do this work at the same time at other locations.

* This section of the job description is not intended to be a comprehensive list of duties and responsibilities of the position. The omission of a specific job function does not absolve an employee from being required to perform additional tasks incidental to or inherent in the job.

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