



CERES EMERGENCY SERVICES
RESERVE FIREFIGHTER

DEFINITION

Under the general direction of a Fire Captain, a Reserve Firefighter may be required to effectively perform duties involving the protection of life and property from fire and other emergencies, while assigned to an engine, ladder or salvage company; maintain stations; inspect, test and maintain equipment and fire apparatus; and other duties as specified by an Officer.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

A Reserve Firefighter is responsible for the efficient and accurate completion of tasks assigned to him/her by their Captain and may at times be required to perform the duties of an Engineer. The Reserve Firefighter is recognized as a volunteer and not a member of the regular full time staff for City benefits or retention rights.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Responds to fires and other emergency alarms and assists in all operations necessary to ensure the confinement and extinguishment of fires or the elimination of other hazardous conditions;

Responds to fires or other emergency alarms by driving or riding on apparatus to the required location;

Assists in evacuation of endangered persons from hazardous locations;

Connects and lays hose lines;

Operates nozzles and other fire extinguishing appliances in an effective manner to reduce water and other damage;

Raises, lowers and climbs ladders;

Uses hand tools, performs salvage and overhaul operations;

Assists in medical treatment of injured persons when necessary;

Assists officers at emergency scenes with the delivery of messages, receiving reports and transmitting orders;

Assists in getting equipment and apparatus into a ready state in preparation for future alarms;

Protects the point of origin at fire scenes;

Assists visitors at the fire stations and provides answers as necessary;

Participates in classes, training sessions and drills;

May be required to assist in testing fire hose, fire hydrant maintenance, fire apparatus maintenance, equipment and grounds;

Perform routine station housekeeping duties;

Washes, polishes, services and repairs equipment used on emergency alarms;

Assumes responsibility for the condition of equipment used on alarms;

Assist in fire extinguishment by laying hose lines, laddering, ventilating and entering burning buildings, rescuing endangered persons, rendering medical aid and performing other regular fire ground operations;

May be required to compute and regulate proper water pressure for fire ground operations;

Locates pumper in proper relation to other apparatus, equipment and the emergency scene;

The above does not imply that he/she will be required to neglect his/her employment or family life.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Knowledge of:

Mathematics, science and the mechanics related to the fire service;

Basic medical skills and CPR;

Completion of recognized and adopted training standards.

Learn firefighting skills.

Establish and maintain courteous and cooperative relationships with fellow employees and the public.

Work under supervision or as a team member.

Perform required tasks using firefighting equipment.

Knowledge of: (cont.)

Insure, and under supervision, complete tasks in such areas as mechanical repairs, painting, basic manipulative skills, as related to the fire service.

The ability to perform required maintenance of firefighting equipment.

The ability to follow instructions issued, under supervision to complete tasks in such areas as Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Emergency Medical Technician, under California State and City of Ceres standards.

The ability to keep simple records and prepare reports.

MINIMUM BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Graduation from high school or equivalent. Some college courses, preferably in Fire Science and EMT is highly desirable. Successful completion of the following:

1. Physical agility test
2. Oral board
3. Background check

Candidate must possess or have the ability to obtain a valid California Class "C" Driver's License, and should be able after a period of twelve months to obtain a valid California Commercial Class "B" Driver's License.

Reserve Firefighters are expected to achieve and maintain established departmental guidelines regarding training and emergency response.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Must be 18 years of age or older at the time of filing the application.

Must have 20/70 vision in each eye corrected to 20/20 and free from color deficiency and permanent or progressive eye abnormalities.

Non-smoker.

Height proportional to weight.

Facial hair not to contact or interfere with the sealing surface of a self-contained breathing apparatus.

Physical fitness is required to be maintained during employment.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

Emergency medical aid unit, fire apparatus, fire pumps, hoses, and other standard firefighting equipment, ladders, first aid equipment, radio, pager, personal computer, phone.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by a Reserve Firefighter to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the Reserve Firefighter is frequently required to stand, walk, use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools or controls, and reach with hands and arms. The Reserve Firefighter is occasionally required to sit, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl, talk or hear, and taste or smell.

The Reserve Firefighter is required to climb ladders, work at various heights, in confined spaces above and below grade, occasionally working in total darkness, and lift, carry and/or pull heavy objects weighing in excess of 50 pounds.

The Reserve Firefighter must frequently lift/and or move up to 10 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the Reserve Firefighter regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMT activities when noise levels may be loud.

The duties listed above 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 the position.

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Reserve Firefighter (cont.)

WORK ENVIRONMENT (cont.)

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the City of Ceres and the Reserve Firefighter and is subject to change by the City of Ceres as the needs of the City of Ceres and requirements of the job change.

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

DIVISION: Emergency Services

BARGAINING UNIT: None

POSITION: Non-exempt

APPROVAL:
Approving Authority

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/02

REVISION: