

Position Description
The City of Talladega, Alabama

Pay Grade 7

Job Title: Firefighter

Code: 420

NATURE OF WORK:

This is general duty fire fighting work in combating, extinguishing and preventing fires and operating fire-fighting apparatus.

Employees in this class are responsible for the protection of life and property through fire fighting activities usually performed under close supervision. Work requires performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions, which may involve strenuous exertion under such handicap as smoke and cramped surroundings. Employees may be assigned to the operation of automotive equipment in responding to alarms, employing special skills learned on the job. Work involves supervised training, inspection and maintenance of equipment, and cleaning and maintaining quarters. Work is normally performed under close supervision in accordance with well-defined procedures and assignments are received from departmental superiors both in fighting fires and at stations. This position is classified as NON-EXEMPT.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

(Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all tasks which may be found in positions of this class).

Responded to fire alarms with a company; lays and connects hose; holds nozzles and directs water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and other equipment. Drives pump and ladder trucks, operates pumps, aerial ladders and auxiliary fire apparatus. Removes persons from danger; holds life nets; administers first aid to injured persons; performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris.

Participates in fire drills and attends classes in fire fighting, first aid and related subjects; attends public gatherings to insure observance of fire safety requirement.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of Fire Department property; cleans and washes walls and floors; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans, polishes and tests apparatus.

As a special assignment, may operate departmental alarm switchboard; receive alarms and notify appropriate companies.

Performs related work as assigned or required.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK:

Some knowledge of the street system and physical geography of the City, or ability to acquire this knowledge rapidly.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to learn a wide variety of fire fighting duties and methods, including the operation of fire fighting apparatus, within a reasonable working test period.

Ability to perform the mechanical work involved in operating and maintaining fire fighting apparatus, equipment, and tools.

Competent authority may establish physical strength and agility and freedom from disabling defects; and ability to meet specific physical requirements.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from a senior high school or equivalent.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Must be at least 19 years of age at time of appointment. (Approved CC 7-10-95 / CSB 7-13-95).
2. Must possess a valid State of Alabama Driver's License.
3. Must successfully complete the firefighter minimum standard 240-hours course for the State of Alabama within specified time of initial appointment.