

Firefighter / Paramedic

Nature of Work

This is responsible emergency response work involving the rapid response to commercial and residential fires and medical emergency rescues occurring in Pigeon Forge and the surrounding area. Activities associated with the job include maintaining a constant state of readiness in the event of fires, natural disasters and/or emergency situations, responding when necessary to such events and ensuring the proper maintenance and operation of all emergency response vehicles and equipment. Additional activities include continuous training in emergency response practices and protocols, maintaining hydrants and other fire fighting equipment located in the community and participating in public education and safety awareness activities. Incumbents also respond to medical emergencies and administer first aid to individuals prior to transport to local medical clinics and/or hospitals. Job responsibilities require extensive training in fire fighting techniques, rescue practices, and first aid, sufficient strength and agility to perform the physically demanding aspects of the job in all types of weather conditions, good decision making skills and the ability to maintain a constant state of readiness and respond quickly to emergency situations. Job performance is reviewed by the Lieutenant, Captain, Training Officer, Deputy Fire Chief in consultation with the Fire Chief through review of fire fighting and emergency response capabilities, ability to appropriately respond to medical emergencies, decision making skills, physical capacity to perform job related duties and ability to interact effectively with co-workers, individuals in distress and the public.

Illustrative Examples of Work

- Maintains a constant state of readiness and responds immediately to emergency situations, residential and/or commercial fires and natural disasters.
- Responds to medical emergencies and administers basic life support procedures during transport to area hospitals and/or medical clinics.
- Completes run reports and prepares reports detailing all medical/fire/rescue procedures performed during emergency response operations.
- Ensures that all firefighting and emergency response vehicles, trucks and equipment are properly maintained and stored.
- Assists with maintaining fire hydrants located throughout the city and ensures that they are in proper working order.
- Cleans and maintains the fire hall and/or sub-station including the surrounding property where assigned.
- Participates in regularly scheduled first aid and emergency response training sessions to maintain certifications and learn about new emergency response and fire fighting equipment.
- Responds to commercial and/or residential fires, emergency situations and natural disasters as quickly as possible, assesses the situation and takes appropriate action to alleviate the emergency; rescues individuals in danger and prevents further loss of property and life.

- Performs water rescue, vehicle rescue and confined space rescue as required.
- Assists with securing the scene following fires, emergency situations and natural disasters and takes appropriate action to prevent re-kindling of fires.
- Administers emergency first aid to individuals in distress until the appropriate personnel arrive and/or they can be transported to an appropriate facility.
- Participates in public safety awareness events and provides information to school groups, civic organizations, church groups, etc. about fire prevention and safety.
- Responds to serious vehicle accidents and assists with the extrication of individuals trapped in their vehicle.
- Responds to hazardous materials spills and accidents and attempts to contain the hazardous agents.
- Assists with investigations to determine the cause and/or origin of fires and ensures that all evidence is properly maintained.
- Responds to fires along roadways, public areas, wooded areas and pasture land and extinguishes as soon as possible.
- Performs related duties as required and other duties as assigned.

Necessary Requirements of Work

Graduation from an accredited high school; successful completion of Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting training; training in pump and ladder operations; possession of a Paramedic certification; sufficient strength and agility to perform the physically demanding aspects of the job and operate all fire fighting and emergency response equipment; strong decision making and interpersonal skills; considerable knowledge of NFPA, OSHA, TOSHA and EPA regulations pertaining to fire fighting and hazardous materials; ability to respond to emergency situations in a timely and appropriate manner; or any equivalent combination of education and/or experience to provide the following knowledge, abilities and skills:

- Considerable knowledge of firefighting techniques and practices as prescribed by NFPA guidelines.
- Considerable knowledge of medical techniques, practices and protocols required for responding to medical emergencies and transporting individuals requiring medical assistance.
- Considerable knowledge of Standard Operating Procedures established for the Pigeon Forge Fire Department.
- Considerable knowledge of water rescue, trench, vehicle rescue and confined space rescue techniques and practices.
- Considerable knowledge of Universal Precautions required for exposure to bodily fluids.
- Considerable knowledge of emergency response and life saving practices and methods.
- Considerable knowledge of the proper use, maintenance and operation of fire fighting and emergency response equipment including turn out gear, hydraulic and air tools, extrication equipment and tools, air packs, fire hoses, ladders, pumping equipment, etc.
- Considerable knowledge of the types of fire extinguishing agents and their use for fighting fires of different origins and sources.
- Considerable knowledge of fire salvage techniques and practices.

- Considerable knowledge of established safety procedures and precautions for fighting commercial, residential and wild fires.
- Considerable knowledge of proper driver operating practices and procedures.
- Considerable knowledge of established practices and protocols for extricating individuals and fellow fire fighters from commercial and residential buildings.
- considerable knowledge of the proper methods for extricating individuals trapped in vehicles.
- Considerable knowledge of the dynamics associated with fires including back drafts, rates of combustion for various materials, hot spots, etc.
- Considerable knowledge the proper handling and disposal of various types of hazardous materials.
- Considerable knowledge of basic building and construction practices utilized for commercial and residential buildings.
- Considerable knowledge of TCA pertaining to fire fighting and emergency medical response activities, Pigeon Forge Municipal Codes, Standard Building Code, Standard Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Code.
- Considerable knowledge of all major roadways, thoroughfares, subdivisions, etc. located in Pigeon Forge and surrounding area.
- Ability to maintain a constant state of readiness and respond quickly to emergency situations, fires and natural disasters.
- Ability to make timely and appropriate decisions when responding to emergency medical situations to prevent further loss of life and/or property.
- Ability to perform the physically demanding aspects of the job in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to safely use and operate all emergency response and fire fighting equipment and tools.
- Ability to interact in an effective and appropriate manner with co-workers, supervisors and the public.
- Ability to maintain required certifications and acquire and utilize new job related information.
- Ability to make effective public presentations and perform various public relations activities related to fire prevention and safety.
- Skill in driving large fire fighting trucks and vehicles at high rates of speed when responding to fires and other emergency situations.
- Skill in utilizing fire fighting and emergency response tools and equipment.

Necessary Special Requirements

Meet all requirements of the Firefighter job description.

- Possession of Tennessee Paramedic and Firefighter certifications.
- Possession of a valid Tennessee Drivers' license and the ability to be insured at standard vehicle liability rates.
- Must reside in State of Tennessee no further than 30 road miles from the Pigeon Forge Fire Station #1 or Fire Station #2.
- Completion of Basic and Advanced Fire Fighting training.
- Maintenance of a current certification in CPR and Basic Life Support.

Physical Requirements

- This is very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects
- Work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions
- Vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly
- Hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or make fine distinctions in sound
- Visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arm's length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities
- The worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a respirator
- The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

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