

CITY OF MT. SHASTA

CLASS TITLE: FIRE CAPTAIN

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under the direction of the Fire Battalion Chief, participate in and oversee fire activities, including emergency medical, fire suppression and fire prevention services to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property due to fire and emergency medical situations. Participate in and oversee fire prevention and inspection activities, equipment and station maintenance, and training dealing with all phases of fire suppression, prevention, inspection, rescue and emergency operation. Exercise general and direct supervision over assigned staff.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Respond to and serve as the line officer in responsible command of emergency medical, fire suppression and fire prevention calls to prevent or minimize the loss of life and property, while complying with established standards, requirements, laws, codes, regulations, ordinances, policies and procedures.

Direct and coordinate emergency scene activity unless and until relieved of command by a supervisor.

Coordinate and participate in engine and fire hose hook-up at scene of fire; lay connector hose; hold nozzle and direct water stream to combat fire; direct pressure and use of water streams; raise and climb ladders; use chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, ropes and other equipment to suppress and extinguish fires.

Supervise and respond to emergency calls for specialized service such as hazardous materials, confined space rescue, extrication and technical rescues that include high angle, below grade, swift water, trench and collapse rescues.

Participate in non-emergency calls such as, but not limited to, infant car seat installations, Africanized bee complaints and fire prevention demonstrations.

Provide first aid, CPR and emergency medical services as needed.

Direct and perform ventilation procedures and salvage operations to minimize property damage by moving and/or covering furnishings, sweeping water and removing debris and smoke.

Assist victims and relatives of victims of traumatic events when necessary.

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Supervise and participate in the cleaning and inspection of equipment and apparatus; testing of hoses, hydrants and other apparatus and equipment to assure proper functioning; maintenance and repair of Fire Department equipment as needed.

Operate a variety of specialized equipment including hand and power tools; drive Fire Department vehicles as needed in emergency situations; utilize a computer and assigned software.

Supervise and participate in the inspection of equipment and apparatus in order to notify the Chief Officer of any defects.

Assure that fire stations, equipment and grounds are kept in a clean and orderly condition.

Participate in mandatory weekly training activities and instruction sessions.

Attend in-service classes in firefighting and emergency medical service.

Acquire and retain a thorough knowledge of the local area, including streets, buildings, water supply, unusual hazards and related items.

Instruct and drill employees in firefighting and emergency medical service techniques to ensure minimum standards are maintained.

Perform various public information and education tasks.

Participate in the inspection of fire hydrants.

Enter inspection, training and fire and emergency medical service calls into the records management system as instructed.

Write reports of fires and related emergency activities, and reports concerning the use and condition of apparatus, related equipment and supplies.

OTHER DUTIES:

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

Local street system, location of hydrants, the layout and location of public utilities, potentially hazardous materials and emergency treatment facilities.

Principles, practices, materials, equipment, techniques, terminology and procedures of fire prevention, fire suppression, fire salvage and overhaul, and emergency medical services.

Applicable building codes, ordinances, fire regulations and safety precautions.

Technical operation, use and maintenance of specialized fire apparatus and equipment.

Principles, practices and technical aspects of fire science, hydraulics and water flow capacity.

Applicable laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures.

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Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
Principles and practices of supervision and training.
Operation of a computer and assigned software.
CPR and emergency medical practices and procedures.
Oral and written communication skills.
English usage, spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Basic math

ABILITY TO:

Operate pumps, hoses, hydrants, compressors and a variety of hydraulic and electronic equipment.
Operate a computer and assigned software and office equipment.
Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
Meet schedules and time lines.
Administer first aid and CPR.
Remain calm and be capable of making decisions while working in extremely stressful situations that may present a threat to life and property.
Work within a command structure requiring strict adherence to the following of orders.
Quickly learn and put to use new skills and knowledge brought about by rapidly changing information and/or technology.
Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
Oversee, direct, and coordinate the work of lower level staff.
Train and evaluate the performance of assigned personnel.
Collect, analyze and evaluate data and be able to prepare and deliver clear and concise written and oral reports.
Work safely without presenting a direct threat to self or others.
Carry out specific and general instructions with minimum supervision.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to: a high school diploma or GED and at least five years of firefighting experience and training which provides the knowledge and abilities to perform the work.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Valid California Class B driver's license with tank and air brake endorsements.
Valid First Responder and CPR certification.
Valid Firefighter I and II certification.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

ENVIRONMENT:

Indoor and outdoor environment.
Adverse weather conditions.
Evening or variable hours and emergency call-out.

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Driving a vehicle to conduct work.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Dexterity of hands and fingers to utilize hand and power tools for medical and fire emergencies.

Lifting, carrying, pushing or pulling heavy objects (40 pounds or more) or individuals as assigned by the position.

Walking and running over wet, slippery, steep, rough, rocky or uneven surfaces.

Bending at the waist, stooping, crawling, kneeling or crouching.

Hearing and speaking to exchange information.

Reaching overhead, above the shoulders and horizontally.

Seeing to fight fires and read a variety of materials.

Perceiving red, yellow, and blue colors to recognize hazards identified by fire diamonds.

Standing and walking for extended periods of time.

Physical agility and stamina.

Climbing ladders.

Maintain the level of physical fitness necessary to carry out all of the duties of a firefighter.

Moving heavy objects (50 pounds or more) long distances (more than 20 feet).

Tolerating extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing job duties.

Working for long periods of time requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.

Using Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and protective clothing to prevent exposure to hazardous materials and infectious diseases.

HAZARDS:

Smoke and fume inhalation including toxic gases.

Working at heights and in confined spaces.

Falling objects.

Possible exposure to hazardous materials.

Working around and with machinery having moving parts.

Working on ladders or scaffolding.

Possible exposure to contagious diseases, blood and blood borne pathogens.

Extreme heat and fire.

Various immediate dangers to life or health.