



JOB OPPORTUNITY

THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH • CITY HALL-HUMAN RESOURCES
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Position Title:	Firefighter
Wage Rate:	\$10.73/hr (\$31,233.29/yr)
FLSA Status:	Non-Exempt Employee Subject To Overtime Provisions
Certifications Required:	<u>Firefighter I, Firefighter II, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operations, CPAT(must have been taken within one year of test date), EMT License.</u>
Test Date:	ALL required prior to application. See Human Resources for test dates.

Job Summary/Scope

Engages in fire suppression and fire prevention activities as a member of a fire company, to protect and safeguard lives and property. Performs rescue and First Responder medical assistance on a regular basis. Assists in the maintenance and repair of fire stations and equipment.

Supervisory Responsibility

No supervisory or budgetary responsibilities.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

1. PERFORMS first aid, CPR, automatic defibrillation, and medical assistance tasks as required.
2. PERFORMS all phases of fire suppression duties, including laying hose lines, operating nozzles and master-stream devices, raising and climbing ladders, ventilation work, and salvage and overhaul operations.
3. PERFORMS extrication and rescue operations to remove trapped victims from hazardous or life threatening situations.
4. PARTICIPATES in and CONDUCTS numerous types of training activities covering all phases of Department operations, including attendance at state and regional fire schools and seminars.
5. DRIVES fire apparatus, operates pump and aerial devices under both emergency and non-emergency conditions in the absence of the Driver Engineer.
6. PARTICIPATES in fire prevention activities by making fire prevention and fire safety inspections of schools, churches, hospitals, and other public and private business, commercial, and industrial facilities for fire hazards and fire code violations.
7. PERFORMS first responder duties for hazardous material calls.
8. CLEANS and PERFORMS routine maintenance on fire stations and grounds, apparatus, equipment, and tools.
9. ASSISTS other City Departments and citizens as necessary.

Other Duties and Responsibilities

1. PARTICIPATES in public fire safety education and public relations programs including tours at school and in fire stations.
2. PERFORMS duties of a Driver/Engineer or Captain in their absence
3. PERFORMS all other related duties as assigned.

Employee Behavior and Conduct

City employees shall conduct themselves in a professional manner and shall exhibit and extend such professional conduct appropriate for the circumstances to those with whom they come into contact both internally and externally during the performance of their duties. Examples of professional conduct include, but are not limited to, being communicative, informative, fair, honest, and respectful.

Required (Essential) Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

1. Must have Firefighter I, Firefighter II, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Hazardous Materials Operations, CPAT and EMT license prior to applying.
2. Skills in performing mechanical and physical tasks.
3. Ability to assume leadership duties during periods assigned Fire Captain duties and fire apparatus operation during periods assigned Driver Engineer duties.
4. Knowledge of fire behavior; hydraulic principles; fire suppression tactics; and department rules, policies and procedures.
5. Knowledge of City geography, principles of building construction, and basic first aid and life support.
6. Knowledge of reporting and record keeping systems.
7. Knowledge of hazardous materials.
8. Ability to operate heavy duty fire apparatus under emergency conditions.
9. Ability to react quickly and effectively, and to cope with stressful situations and function effectively in fire ground activities.
10. Skills in interpersonal communications. Must be able to understand and follow oral and written instructions, and establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
11. Valid Driver's License required.
12. Must meet "Qualifying Standards" as specified in Article 22 of Working Agreement with Local 77.

Material and Equipment Directly Used

Uses a variety of equipment including fire suppression equipment, emergency medical equipment, fire protection equipment, hand and power tools and communication equipment and other related equipment. Operation of various fire trucks and other motor vehicles. There may be times when use of personal vehicle may be required.

Working Conditions/Physical Requirements

Work is performed in indoor and outdoor settings under adverse and dangerous conditions and in the presence of extreme temperatures. Exposure to various hazards including elevated noise levels, vibrations from fire hoses, toxic fumes, odors, limited ventilation, hazardous materials, chemicals, body fluids including blood, hot fire gases, chilling, soaking, overheating, dust, dirt and hazards of fighting fires in general. Exposed to diesel fumes from fire trucks on a regular basis inside and outside the fire house. Visual acuity and color perception a must. Normal hearing ability essential. Must be able to stand for extended periods of time. Under emergency situations may go twenty four hours or more without sleep. Frequent lifting of 30 pounds, and able to carry 30 pounds or more for extended time periods. Occasional requirement to lift objects weighing as much as 60 pounds. Must be capable of lifting 100 + pounds. Must have physical capability of climbing, stooping, crawling, bending and other repetitive physical moves. Must be able to walk over uneven surfaces. Some overnight or day travel may be required for business purposes. Vacation and other leave scheduling shall be requested and approved by the appropriate supervisor.

Education

High school diploma or equivalent required. Associate's degree in Fire Science preferred.

Passing of a drug screening required prior to appointment.

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**The City is a Governmental entity subject to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
which requires that otherwise qualified handicapped individuals be protected from discrimination.**

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