

City of Mahtomedi
Job Description

POSITION: Full-time Firefighter/ Paramedic
DEPARTMENT: Fire/Ambulance
REPORTS TO: Fire Chief

SUMMARY

Performs firefighting, emergency medical aid, hazardous materials, and fire prevention duties. Maintains fire equipment, apparatus and facilities, and performs other duties as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB

Performs firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus and ambulances, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose and performing fire combat, containment, ventilation, and extinguishment tasks.

Performs emergency medical aid and rescue activities including administering first aid, operating EMS equipment such as monitor/defibrillator, portable suction units, etc., performing extrication, and providing other assistance as required.

Responds to emergencies in an effective and efficient manner.

Performs assigned duties in maintaining apparatus, equipment, building, quarters, and grounds.

Assist with preparation and conduct training drills.

Perform public service duties such as school visits, smoke detector checks, fire extinguisher training, CPR classes, etc.

Order supplies and keep up inventory.

Conduct daily, weekly and monthly equipment testing.

Prepare and update building fire pre-plans.

Performs other duties as assigned by Fire Chief.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

High School diploma or GED. Minnesota Fire Fighter I and II certificates, Nationally Registered Paramedic, and Haz-Mat Operation Level; minimum three years firefighting/EMS experience with a fire department either paid on call or full-time or equivalent combination of education and experience, are required of the position. Minnesota Fire Apparatus Operator Certification and/or FAO course completion, and Haz-Mat Technician Level is preferred.

OTHER KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Demonstrated ability and knowledge to perform various fire suppression techniques and operate fire service equipment. Maintains firefighter and Paramedic skill levels. Successfully pass periodic cardiovascular fitness evaluation, respiratory function test and physical ability evaluation as prescribed by Fire Department standards. Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective and continuing working relationships with other department members and the general public. Successful completion of required fire service and emergency medical service (EMS) training as prescribed by Fire Department policy.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Minnesota Firefighter 1 and 2.
Haz-Mat Operational Level
Valid Minnesota Drivers License.
Haz-Mat Technician Level is preferred.
Nationally Registered and State Certified Paramedic.
State of Minnesota Fire Apparatus Operator Certification and/or FAO course completion is preferred.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

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

Normal vision needed with or without correction. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Normal hearing needed. Firefighter must discriminate among similar sounds in environments with a great amount of background noise.

Must be able to communicate effectively both on paper and over a two-way radio.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 60 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 115 pounds. Must also be able to drag an object weighing 115 pounds or more.

Must be able to walk or crawl while carrying or lifting. Must be able to ascend and descend stairs or ladders. Must be able to balance and have the ability to steady oneself and keep from falling. Must be capable of reaching (extend the hands or arms in any direction); capable of utilizing both gross and fine muscle functions for the handling (seizing, holding, grasping, turning, or otherwise working with the hands); fingering (picking, pinching, or otherwise working with the fingers); and feeling (perceiving attributes of objects such as size, shape, temperature, or texture by means of receptors in skin, particularly those of the fingertips). Must be capable of applying a leg lock with either leg up on a ground ladder to provide a safe anchor when operating hose lines or performing rescue works. All lifting, dragging and/or walking/mobility requirements are to be met while in full protective gear, which weighs approximately 60 pounds.

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 employee regularly works in outside weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places or confined spaces, and is occasionally exposed to bloodborne pathogens, 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 fire fighting or Paramedic activities when noise levels may be loud.