

**Paid on Call Firefighter
City of Albert Lea**

Title of Class: Paid on Call Firefighter
Effective Date: November 2016

Union: Non
FLSA: Non-Exempt

DESCRIPTION OF WORK

General Statement of Duties: Performs responsible fire prevention and suppression work involving the protection of life and property from fire and other hazards, the extinguishing of fires, the treatment of emergency medical problems and the inspection of property; performs related duties as required.

Supervision Received: Works under the general and technical supervision of the Fire Captain on duty and the general direction of the Deputy Fire Chief.

Supervision Exercised: None.

TYPICAL DUTIES PERFORMED

The listed examples may not include all duties performed by all positions in this class. Duties may vary somewhat from position to position within a class.

- *Responds to fires and emergency calls; connects and handles hose lines and nozzles; places or hoists ladders; turns water on and off; uses axes, bars, or hooks as appropriate; and utilizes chemical extinguishers or hoses to extinguish a fire.
- *Performs rescues as appropriate, including water rescues.
- *Ventilates burning buildings by opening or breaking doors or windows or cutting holes through walls, roofs or floors
- *Forces entry into buildings in emergencies by breaking glass, springing or forcing doors, windows, or gates, cutting locks, bars, or wire grating, or breaking walls.
- *Assists in crowd control in emergency situations.
- *Participates in initial arson investigation by preserving evidence and noting the location.
- *May perform fire engineer duties including driving vehicles to the scene and managing pump operations during fire suppression.
- *Participates in drills, demonstrations, and courses related to equipment use, firefighting techniques, and rescue procedures.
- *Participates in the cleaning, maintenance and care of quarters, equipment, tools, vehicles, apparatus, and grounds.
- *Assists in searches for missing persons and lost children as needed.
- *Lubricates, cleans, and polishes firefighting equipment.
- *May advising and teaching fire safety, evacuation procedures, and fire prevention;
- *Tests for carbon monoxide in homes, installs smoke detectors and changes batteries for elderly and others who need assistance as requested.

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- *Assists with fire prevention and fire safety activities such as Safety Days at nursing homes, presenting fire safety information to pre-school and school-age children, organizing poster contests, helping with Safety Camp, speaking to employees at the request of businesses, conducting fire extinguisher or other demonstrations and developing and presenting information for Radio Talk..

Assists in giving tours and demonstrations to the public.
Performs other duties as needed or required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- *Knowledge of firefighting and emergency rescue techniques and practices.
- *Knowledge of risks and standard safety practices related to firefighting and emergency rescue.
- *Knowledge of fire behavior.
- *Knowledge of emergency Management and the incident command system.
- *Knowledge of building construction, math, and hydraulics.
- *Working knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.
- *Skill in the operation and maintenance of a wide variety of fire fighting equipment, tools, and apparatus.
- *Skill in fire suppression and emergency rescue.
- *Ability to work at heights of over 10 feet, under adverse weather conditions, around smoke, heat, fire, hazardous materials, irritants, fumes, as well as exposure to electrical hazards and other adverse conditions.
- *Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- *Ability to frequently climb ladders and/or stairs, lift and maneuver equipment occasionally weighing up to 100 pounds and frequently weighing 40-50 pounds, and occasionally up to 150 pounds and to maintain balance with heavy loads and under adverse conditions.
- *Ability to communicate effectively with department staff and the general public.
- *Ability to react appropriately under pressure.
- *Ability to stand, walk, bend, stoop, crouch, kneel, twist, turn, perform repetitive movements, work in confined spaces, push, and pull while performing the regular duties of this position.
- *Ability to see, hear, touch, smell, and use both large and fine motor skills while performing the functions of this position.
- *Working ability to safely operate a motor vehicle or fire apparatus, sometimes under adverse conditions.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High School Diploma or equivalent, completion of an NFPA 1001 curriculum and/or MN Firefighter I certification or equivalent. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license.

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*Note: Asterisked items are essential to the job.