

Title: Firefighter/Paramedic Supervisor: Lieutenant Division: Operations Effective Date: 2/4/2020	Black Forest Fire Rescue Job Description Approved By: /s/ PJ Langmaid	
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The primary function of a Black Forest Fire Rescue Firefighter is to protect the community from disaster situations, including house and building fires, and promote an environment of public safety within the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection Districts response area. This position also participates in fire prevention and inspection activities, equipment and quarters maintenance, and training dealing with all phases of fire suppression, prevention, inspection, rescue and emergency operation. An employee in this classification performs the duties of other employees in the Black Forest Fire Rescue when so assigned.

Essential Functions

Essential functions are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills. They are intended to be accurate summaries of what the job classification involves and what is required to perform it. Employees are responsible for all other duties as assigned.

- Responds to fire alarms, active fire reports, smoke investigations and extinguishes fire in structure, wildland, and miscellaneous situations;
- Responds to calls for emergency medical services, and renders appropriate life support;
- Ensures ambulance(s) in service on their shift are mission ready;
- Verifies presence of narcotics in ambulances and safe, restocks after use of narcotics according to department policy;
- Performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris;
- Responds to and renders assistance in emergency situations;
- Cleans and inspects equipment and apparatus after returning from a fire;
- Inspects equipment and apparatus and notifies superior officer of any defects;
- Makes minor repairs to equipment and apparatus, performs routine preventative maintenance tasks, and keeps records of such action;
- Keeps fire station, equipment and grounds in a clean and orderly condition;
- Participates in training activities and instruction sessions;
- Acquires and retains a thorough knowledge of the District, including streets, buildings, water supply, unusual hazards and related items;
- Performs various public information or education tasks;
- Enters inspection, training and (on occasion) fire and emergency medical service calls into the records management systems;
- Performs all work duties and activities in accordance with District policies and procedures;
- Works in a safe manner and reports unsafe activity and conditions. Follows District safety policy and practices and adheres to responsibilities concerning safety prevention, reporting and monitoring;
- Follows the chain-of-command as written in the District policy manual;
- Maintains all necessary certifications for medical, fire, wildland and hazmat;

Other Duties and Responsibilities:

- May respond to emergency calls for specialized service such as hazardous materials, extrication and technical rescues that include, below grade, water, trench and animals;
- May respond to non-emergency calls for infant car seat installations, fire prevention demos, Firewise assessments and assorted community activities;

- Deals with social service-related areas of emergency response by assisting victims and relatives of victims of traumatic events.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of:

- The geography of the Black Forest and surrounding areas, (or the ability to quickly learn this information), including the streets system, hydrant locations, the layout and location of public utilities and potentially hazardous materials or substances;
- Specialized fire fighting vehicles and equipment;
- Current strategies for all types of fire such as wildland, commercial, residential, flammable and combustible liquids, vehicle, etc.;
- Paramedic techniques and related medical equipment;
- Basic mathematical and science skills;
- Emergency response records systems, communications equipment and use, fire computer applications and incident reporting procedures;
- Computers and related software.

Ability to:

- Make determinations as to the best course of action for fighting fires or responding to other related emergency situations;
- Work under extremely stressful situations, day and night, which result from a fire and other emergencies, including the responsibility for remaining calm and carrying out all duties with the recognition of the threat to life and property;
- Make immediate and logical decisions based on changing scene conditions that provide for the safety of the firefighters and public.
- Successfully complete the Black Forest Fire Rescue Fire Protection District's Fit for duty requirements;
- Work within a command structure requiring strict adherence to the following of orders;
- Work in a team environment under extremely stressful situations;
- Quickly learn and use, new skills and knowledge brought about by rapidly changing information and/or technology;
- Learn and correctly apply routine district policies and procedures;
- Read, comprehend, and follow simple oral and written instructions; and to understand and apply available guidelines to varied operational requirements;
- Perform a wide variety of duties and responsibilities with accuracy and speed under the pressure of time-sensitive deadlines;
- Demonstrate integrity, ingenuity and inventiveness in the performance of assigned tasks;
- Operate a personal computer using program applications appropriate to assigned duties;
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing, with the public and other employees.

Supervision Received:

- The work is performed under the direct supervision of a Company Officer.

Supervision Exercised:

- EMT crew members on medical scenes and transports

Minimum Qualifications

High school diploma or GED equivalency; and

- Must be at least 21 years of age at the time of application;
- State of Colorado Paramedic Certification;
- BLS, ACLS, certified
- Firefighter I certification;
- Hazmat Awareness/Operations certification;
- NWCG S-130/190
- NIMS Current 100, 200, 700, 800
- Colorado Driver's License, or obtain within 30 days
- Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the knowledge and abilities necessary to perform the work.

Desirable Qualifications:

PALS, Trauma life support

Essential Physical Abilities

The primary duties of this position are performed in a work environment in which the employee is subject to potential personal danger. Therefore, the following physical abilities are deemed essential:

- Strenuous physical activity under extreme adverse conditions will be required periodically.
- This position requires standing, running, walking, sitting, kneeling, stooping, bending, lifting, squatting, pushing, pulling, crawling, jumping, sliding, climbing, pinching, gripping, digging, spraying, reaching over head, reaching away from the body and repetitive motion.
- Vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- The employee may be required to push, pull, lift, and/or carry up to 50 pounds.
- Work may result in exposure to high noise levels requiring the wearing of hearing protection.
- Work may periodically require the employee to climb, balance, bend, stoop, kneel, crouch, and/or crawl.
- The employee may be required to work in outside weather conditions, in wet and/or humid condition, cold to below freezing, or in high, precarious places, near moving mechanical parts, near fumes, airborne particles, and/or toxic or caustic chemicals, near risk of electrical shock and/or vibration.
- Work may result in exposure to infectious diseases or illness, such as Hepatitis A, B, or C, HIV, tuberculosis, smallpox, etc.
- This position demands frequent use of sensory activities such as talking, seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling (identifying objects by touch), depth perception and color vision.
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