

<p>Title: Driver/Engineer Supervisor: Lieutenant Division: Operations Effective Date: 06/19/2026</p>	<p>Black Forest Fire Rescue Job Description</p> <p>Approved By: David Rocco</p>	
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BASIC PURPOSE:

The Driver/Engineer position has all the job duties, responsibilities, and authority of a firefighter with additional duties and responsibilities as identified. The Driver/Engineer drives the apparatus on a daily basis emergent and non-emergent, he or she operates the apparatus at an emergency scene when necessary. The Driver/Engineer reports directly to the officer in his or her assigned station. The position is considered a technical grade rank.

The Fire Driver Engineer is deemed essential to the daily operation of the Black Forest Fire Rescue

JOB DUTIES:

- Acts as a firefighter in all capacities identified in the firefighter job description.
- Participates as a team member in hands on functions of emergency operations as called upon.
- Ensures that apparatus and equipment is clean, functional and well maintained.
- Knowledge of streets and water supplies in assigned district. Develop subordinates that aspire to be relief drivers.
- Conducts fire code and safety inspections, and public education programs.
- Assures personnel and equipment safety by compliance with BFFR Policy.
- Stands accountable for operating the apparatus in a safe and prudent manner
- Maintains and submits apparatus and equipment records.
- Communicates apparatus and equipment status to oncoming Driver/Engineer
- Performs minor maintenance and safety checks to apparatus and equipment
- Interacts with the public and other agencies, developing positive public relations as a representative of the Fire Department.
- Communicates with Fire Department Shop Foreman and mechanics regarding needed maintenance.
- Actively checks and develops Pre Fire Plans and maintains a working knowledge of Fire Department Connections (FDC) Cistern Operations and Tanker/Tender Operations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

All the minimum qualifications of firefighter as identified in that job description.

- High School Education
- Third Class Firefighter or higher in good standing.
- Maintain any policy designated professional certifications including Driver Operator, Firefighter II (certificate of Compliance where applicable) and Fire Instructor I or Fire and Life Safety Educator.
- Maintain Emergency Medical Technician Certification
- Knowledge of policies and procedures
- Possess Driver -Operator-Utility (DOU) and possess a working knowledge of streets, water supply and buildings in assigned district
- Ability to think clearly and react effectively under stressful conditions
- Ability to maneuver and operate apparatus in a safe and professional manner

PROBLEM SOLVING:

- The Driver/engineer must have the same capabilities and responsibility for problem solving as the Firefighter position.
- The Driver/Engineer must be capable of analyzing and solving any issue related to the safe operation of the apparatus under his or her responsibility.
- Ability to develop alternate water supplies in outlying neighborhoods, newly developed areas, or areas under construction.
- Develops incident action plans when acting in a higher capacity.

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ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Driver/Engineer reports directly to the company officer and is accountable to the chain of commands through that person.

The Driver/Engineer is responsible for the maintenance and serviceability of the apparatus and the equipment inventory assigned to that apparatus.

The Driver/Engineer is responsible for operating the apparatus at an emergency scene having complete knowledge of the scope of operation and all safety features of that apparatus.

The Driver/Engineer is required to know the streets, water supplies, and terrain in his or her assigned district.

The Driver/Engineer must be able to choose the best route to an incident to ensure that response times are kept to a minimum.

The Driver/Engineer is required to drive the assigned apparatus in a prudent manner, to observe all State laws, departmental policies and always provide for the safety of others.

ORGANIZATION:

See attached organization chart

WORKING CONDITIONS:

The working conditions of a Fire Driver/Engineer are essentially the same as those of Firefighter:

The Firefighter must perform duties in office, household and emergency scene environments. The Firefighters perform during daylight and night hours for extended periods with little rest or sleep. He/she operates in adverse weather conditions, natural disasters, extreme heat or cold, dense smoke, toxic or explosive atmospheres, extreme heights, structurally weakened buildings, traffic hazards, building, wildland, trash, and automobile fires, and with patients posing severe infectious disease hazards (e.g. tuberculosis, hepatitis, AIDS) to health.

The firefighter must be able to make quick, lucid decisions during physically and mentally stressful situations. The amount of hazardous exposure time varies with the number of emergency incidents responses, non-emergency activities, and assigned companies. Firefighters must maintain knowledge, skills, and abilities consistent with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1001, Standard For Firefighter Professional Qualifications.

Firefighters are required to work 24-hour shift assignments, living, eating, and sleeping at the station for the entire period, including weekends and holidays, and may be required to work overtime with little or no notice. Firefighters pay for their meals while on duty. Firefighters, male and female, sleep in dormitory style quarters. Due to the varied and unpredictable nature of the work, firefighters may also be required to work under the following conditions: wearing protective gear, carrying appropriate tools, and wearing self-contained breathing apparatus, weighing a combined total of up to or over 100 pounds, while performing emergency duties. Firefighters are exposed to a variety of weather conditions and are required to tolerate very hot and very cold temperatures.

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While performing emergency medical assistance and rescue activities, a firefighter may lift and carry victims and move equipment requiring the use of stomach and back muscles. Firefighters are required to have the ability to hear a variety of warning devices and alarm, gas leaks, or calls for help. Some rescue duties require the operation of mechanical rescue equipment and the monitoring of proper safety techniques. The tools used by a firefighter require precise arm-hand-eye coordination and movements, such as when operating a chain saw or rescue equipment. The operation of firefighting equipment often requires the coordinated movement of more than one limb simultaneously.

Emergency situations may require firefighters to work in small, cramped crawl spaces, areas where vision is limited, and/or at extreme heights including rooftops or on ladders. A firefighter must be able to distinguish among colors including the color of smoke and flame in order to determine the type or source of the fire, or to identify other potentially dangerous situations. Firefighters may be assigned to special operational teams that expose them to additional life-threatening hazards and dangers.

The fire service is paramilitary in nature and firefighters during emergency operations receive orders, which must be carried out promptly and without question, unless detrimental to their personal safety and welfare.

The firefighter job entails regular exposure to dangerous situations under disagreeable conditions, including smoke, heights, fire, fumes, heat, cold, emergency driving, exposure to dangerous situations with medical emergencies, long shifts, and the ability to wear and work in fire department breathing apparatus for extended periods of time.

The above job description is intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by firefighters. This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, and skills required of firefighters.