

## **CITY OF SAVANNAH JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:**                    **ASSOCIATE FIREFIGHTER**

**DEPARTMENT:**                Fire

**CLASSIFICATION:**        Non-Exempt/Regular Part-Time

**REPORTS TO:**                Fire Chief

**PREPARATION DATE:**    January 1, 2020

**REVISION DATE:**

**DEFINITION:**

The employee is responsible for work performed in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires, and protection of life and property through firefighting activities. Duties also include any other city related assigned tasks under supervision of the Fire Chief or their designee. Independent judgment is used according to the situation and sometimes different courses of action must be considered to complete the task.

**EQUIPMENT/JOB LOCATION:**

The employee will operate firefighting equipment to include: nozzles, hoses, self-contained breathing apparatus, power tools, generators and vehicles.

All firefighting and emergency operations must be performed during all kinds of weather conditions.

The employee is exposed to extreme heat, smoke, hazardous chemicals, and falling materials.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE JOB:**

Ensures availability of water at fire scene by testing hydrants; requesting and expediting repairs; verifying repair.

Minimizes fire damage by responding to alarms; driving and operating equipment; regulating water pressure; combating and extinguishing fires; rescuing and reviving people.

Ensures operation of equipment by completing preventive maintenance requirements; following manufacturer's instructions; troubleshooting malfunctions; notifying supervisor of needed repairs; evaluating new equipment and techniques.

Maintains operations by following policies and procedures; reporting needed changes.

Provides information by completing reports.

Maintains technical knowledge by attending educational workshops; studying publications; participating in scheduled drills.

Maintains fire station building, grounds, and related equipment by completing maintenance schedules.

Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:**

Knowledge of fire prevention and State and City regulations as applied to firefighting and prevention.

Knowledge of geographic area of the City.

Knowledge of general first aid.

Knowledge of firefighting equipment and its intended uses.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in an emergency situation and to determine the proper course of action.

Ability to learn to operate a variety of firefighting equipment.

Ability to learn to operate a large truck safely.

Ability to work under extreme weather conditions and dangerous heights.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instruction.

Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with the public and other employees.

Ability to wear heavy protective clothing for extended periods of time.

Ability to climb ladders.

Ability to operate power equipment.

Ability to physically, mentally climb to different heights and function in close quarters.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must have high school diploma or equivalent.

Must possess a valid Tennessee driver's license.

Must complete recognized training courses as prescribed by Fire Chief.

Must complete requirements as outlined by State Fire Commission for Live Firefighting within 12 months of employment.

Must pass a medical examination and drug screen from a licensed physician.

Must be a resident of Hardin County.

**EMPLOYEE RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

This job description reflects the general duties and responsibilities of this position and is not all-inclusive. The employee may be assigned other duties that are not specifically included.

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Employee Signature

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Date