

CITY OF SAVANNAH JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: **FIREFIGHTER**

DEPARTMENT: Fire

CLASSIFICATION: Non-Exempt/Regular Full-Time

REPORTS TO: Fire Chief

PREPARATION DATE: March 15, 1995

REVISION DATE: January 1, 2020

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.

A large part of duty time is taken up in city-wide inspections, performing supervised training, and maintaining equipment and quarters and other city related duties as assigned.

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:

Prevents fire damage by conducting surveys and inspections for hazards; enforcing codes.

Prepares citizens to prevent fire damage by developing and conducting educational and training programs.

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 Firefighter I within (18) months of employment.

Must be able to pass a physical and a drug test by a licensed physician.

Must be a resident of Hardin County or relocate within one year of employment.