Rescue Specialist II

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Performs complex (journey-level) fire fighting, fire prevention, and rescue work. Work involves serving as a crew member in controlling and extinguishing fires and administering emergency first aid. May provide guidance to others. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

Responds to alarms; controls and extinguishes structural and aerospace vehicle fires; and performs ventilation, overhaul, and salvage operations.

Coordinates rescue operations for aircraft, structural, confined space, and hazardous materials incidents.

Performs and organizes hazardous operation standbys and airfield surveillance operations.

Oversees and/or maintains fire station grounds and facilities.

Alerts fire fighting personnel and support agencies, dispatches equipment, and informs personnel of the location and nature of an emergency.

Identifies hazardous materials and takes actions to contain hazardous materials.

Maintains, cleans, and inspects fire fighting equipment, tools, protective clothing, and vehicles.

Maintains fire station logs; monitors, receives, and records information from normal or emergency communication systems; and maintains maps, charts, and status boards.

Operates fire fighting apparatus and support vehicles.

Shuts off building utilities, evacuates personnel from buildings, protects exposures, and operates specialized equipment.

Shuts down aircraft and secures aircraft fuel, electrical, egress, and weapons systems.

Rescues victims and administers emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Protects and preserves evidence at the scene of an emergency.
May assist in overseeing fire department activities.

May provide to guidance to others.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in developing fire fighting and fire prevention procedures and standards, in combating fires, and in rescuing crew and passengers. Experience with airfield operations, crashes, and accidents is generally preferred. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of emergency medical care principles, fire fighting techniques, and fire suppression and prevention methods.

Skill in the operation of heavy emergency and fire fighting equipment and vehicles, and in the use of a computer and applicable software.

Ability to respond with good judgment under stress in hazardous situations; to direct and control all activities during various types of fires, crashes, or related threats to human life; to meet the requirements of the Fire Fighter Wellness and Fitness Program; to communicate effectively; and to provide guidance to others.

REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE

Must possess a valid driver’s license.

May require certification in structure fire protection, aircraft rescue fire protection, hazardous materials, fire service instruction, or a related area of specialization.