Rescue Specialist III

Salary Group: B21
Class Code: 2763

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs advanced or supervisory (senior-level) fire fighting, fire prevention, and rescue work. Work involves overseeing and/or serving as a crew member in controlling and extinguishing fires and administering emergency first aid. May supervise the work of others. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Oversees fire protection activities and responses; and directs fire fighting forces during rescue, suppression, ventilation, salvage, and overhaul operations.

Oversees hazardous operation standbys and airfield surveillance operations.

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

Directs vehicle response and positioning.

Develops and coordinates preincident plans and mutual aid agreements.

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

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.

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 direct and perform duties on a hazardous materials response team.
May supervise the work of others.

Performs related work as assigned.

**GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

**EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

Experience in an organized fire department or in a supervisory capacity in connection with fire fighting, fire protection, or fire prevention. 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 supervise the work of 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.