CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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UNIT: UTECH

CLASS SPECIFICATION

FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC RECRUIT

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

A Firefighter Paramedic Recruit attends the City of Oceanside Fire Academy to learn the skills, techniques, policies, regulations, and procedures required to assume the role of a probationary Firefighter Paramedic with the City of Oceanside.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES – *Examples of duties performed by employees in this class may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.*

Under direct supervision, attends the City of Oceanside's Fire Academy. Participates in classroom training, drills, observation, physical training, and extensive hands-on practical application to acquire knowledge and skills in fire-fighting and emergency rescue operations, emergency life support services, fire codes, fire apparatus and equipment use, fire prevention and investigation methods, salvage and overhaul operations, public relations, physical fitness, and other associated topics, and performs other related duties as assigned. Note: Appointment to Firefighter Paramedic is contingent upon successful completion of the City of Oceanside's Fire Academy.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience: No experience required.

Education: High school diploma, G.E.D., or equivalent; and graduation from a California State Accredited Fire Academy.

License/Certifications: State of California Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (EMT-P) license or National Registry EMT-P certificate; a current Health Care Provider or an American Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) card; and a valid California driver's license. County of San Diego EMT-P accreditation may be required at time of appointment.

Knowledge of:

- Current firefighting principles, methods, techniques and strategies.
- Care, condition, and use of firefighting and emergency rescue apparatus, equipment, and pumps.
- Basic life support and advanced life support medical equipment.

- Command and inspection procedures.
- Alarm and communication procedures.

Ability to:

- Learn firefighting techniques and procedures through structured lectures, reading, oral instruction, observation, and practical application.
- Perform paramedic duties and maintain paramedic certification.
- Respond and act quickly in emergencies.
- Understand and follow verbal and written instructions.
- Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- Use discretion and good judgment in emergency situations.
- Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted during the course of training.
- Perform the full range of Firefighter/Paramedic duties.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions: Firehouse, outdoor and hazardous environments; exposure to smoke, heights, fire, fumes, heat, cold, emergency driving; frequent exposure to dangerous situations with medical emergencies; must wear and work in fire breathing apparatus; exposure to computer screens.

Physical Conditions: Essential and marginal functions requiring maintaining physical condition necessary for arduous work and frequent bending, turning, reaching, grasping, kneeling, standing, sitting, and walking; and moderate to heavy pushing, pulling, lifting and carrying; speaking and hearing to exchange information; visual acuity to read and interpret information.