

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

REVISED: SEPTEMBER 2016  
JOB CODE: FIRE03 (40 Hour)  
FIRE08 (56 Hour)  
UNIT: OFA

## **FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC**

*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**

Under general supervision, to provide basic and advanced life support to victims of injury or sudden illness, perform firefighting, rescue and fire prevention activities; drive and operate all types of fire apparatus and equipment; perform station, equipment and apparatus maintenance; participate in training activities and to perform related work as required.

**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.*

Responds to medical emergencies; assess medical patients and trauma victims and treat appropriately; operates emergency rescue vehicles; maintains and operates paramedic emergency equipment; responds to fire alarms with the fire company; connects and lays hose lines; enters burning buildings with hose lines; operates nozzles and directs a stream of water on fire; carries and operates chemical fire extinguishers of various types; raises, lowers and climbs ladders; makes forcible entry into buildings when necessary; ventilates buildings to eliminate smoke and gases; assists in operations to ensure that fire is completely extinguished; assists in overhaul operations; extricates and rescues victims; drives and operates a piece of auxiliary equipment; occasionally drives fire apparatus; cleans and services equipment; inspects and tests equipment carried on fire apparatus; performs fire prevention inspections in housing, industrial and commercial occupancies; gains compliance with federal, state and local laws, codes and ordinances; writes notices of hazards and makes re-inspections; conducts home safety checks in dwelling; presents fire and life safety education programs; assists in investigations of fire cause; assists in the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions in and about fire station; becomes familiar with fire department rules and regulations; and studies fire hazards and firefighting techniques.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **Experience and Training Guidelines**

**Experience:** No experience required

**Education:** Must be eligible to be California State Fire Marshal (CSFM) Firefighter I certified

**License/Cards:** Valid California Driver's license; current American Heart Association Healthcare Provider or American Red Cross CPR card; State of California EMT-P license; current San Diego County EMT-P accreditation.

**Knowledge of:**

- Current fire fighting principles, methods, techniques, and strategies;
- Operation and maintenance of current apparatus and equipment used in fire fighting activities;
- Operation and maintenance of basic life support and advanced life support medical equipment;
- Hazardous materials, fire prevention procedures and related codes;

**Ability to:**

- Perform paramedic duties and maintain paramedic certification
- Learn firefighting techniques and procedures;
- Perform mechanical maintenance and repair work as required in the operation of firefighting equipment;
- Learn to drive a fire truck and ambulance safely;
- Comprehend written materials in the field of firefighting;
- Analyze fire and driving situations and to adopt effective courses of action;
- Retain presence of mind in emergency situations; and
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions.

**Vision and Hearing:** Normal hearing and normal visual functions and visual acuity not less than 20/40 vision in each eye without correction and corrected to 20/20 in the better eye and not less than 20/25 in the lesser eye.

**WORKING CONDITIONS**

**Environmental Conditions:** Exposure to varying inside temperatures, correspondent with seasonal climate outside; exposure to smoke and hazardous material fumes, heat from fires, seasonal elements at emergency sites; exposure to communicable diseases (HIV, HBV, HCV, tuberculosis, meningococcal meningitis, various parasites, etc.)

**Physical Conditions:** Essential and marginal functions require 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.