

<b>SIUSLAW VALLEY FIRE &amp; RESCUE</b>	<b>SECTION NUMBER: 1.43</b>
<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/25/2014</b>
<b>DIVISION TITLE: ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES – JOB DESCRIPTIONS</b>	<b>REVISION DATE: 12/28/2021</b>
<b>SECTION TITLE: FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC</b>	<b>REVIEWED DATE:</b>

### GENERAL PURPOSE

Responds to fire alarms, medical emergencies, and other calls to protect life and property; participates in fire prevention, training, and station and equipment maintenance activities; receives general supervision from higher level supervisory and management staff and exercises functional and technical supervision over assigned staff.

### ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Respond to fire alarms with assigned company; lay and connect hose; operate pumping apparatus; hold nozzles and direct water streams; raise and climb ladders.
- Ventilate burning structures; enter buildings to evacuate occupants.
- Respond to a variety of general emergency rescue calls including auto accidents, gas system leaks and wildland and structural fires, search and rescue incidents.
- Operate a variety of portable firefighting equipment including extinguishers, pike poles, hand lines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, self-contained breathing apparatus, aerial ladder equipment, emergency medical and other rescue equipment.
- Serves as paramedic responding to emergency medical incidents, analyzing and taking command of patient care, with full responsibility for the patient(s) until relieved by proper medical personnel.
- The ability to perform and properly document all tasks expected of an EMS Provider.
- Administer medical aid at medical emergencies; applies techniques for the control of bleeding; and utilizes immobilization techniques to stabilize patient.
- Respond to hazardous materials incidents; secure hazardous material scenes and identifies spilled chemicals and other materials posing danger to the public; participate in hazardous materials mitigation activities.
- Participate in fire drills and attends training sessions which include firefighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
- Detect and preserve evidence at a fire scene and participates in determining fire origins and causes.
- Participate in station and vehicle maintenance work.
- Perform related duties and responsibilities as required.
- Demonstrates courteous and cooperative behavior when interacting with elected officials, public, and staff; acts in a manner that promotes a harmonious and effective workplace environment.

### PERIPHERAL DUTIES

- May act as the Company Officer, when necessary, and qualified.
- Assists in department administrative activities as assigned. Assists in supervising other firefighters as required.
- Assists in training new employees as assigned.

- Conducts basic fire inspections.

#### DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

##### Education and Experience:

- High School graduation or GED equivalent.
- Associates of Applied Sciences in EMS or related field from an accredited college (preferred), or a minimum of fifty credit hours from an accredited college towards a related field of study (highly desired).

##### Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of driver safety.
- Working knowledge of current emergency medical patient care practices.
- Ability to learn the operation of fire suppression and other emergency equipment.
- Ability to learn to apply standard firefighting, emergency aid, technical rescue, hazardous materials, and fire prevention techniques.
- Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical activities during emergency, training or station maintenance activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke.
- Ability to act effectively in emergency and stressful situations.
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions.
- Ability to effectively communicate in writing and verbally.
- Ability to establish effective working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the general public.
- Ability to make independent judgments which have considerable impacts on the organization.

#### REQUIRED CERTIFICATE, LICENSES, AND REGISTRATIONS:

- A valid Oregon Driver's License is required within six months of hire
- Current CPR certification
- Current ACLS card
- Current PALS certification
- Current PHTLS certification
- Valid Oregon or National Registry Paramedic certification. Candidate must have reciprocity with the State of Oregon established prior to hire date
- NFPA Firefighter 1 certification or higher
- NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations certification or higher
- ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The physical demands described herein are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Mobility to climb ladders and work at considerable heights
- Fight fires wearing an air pack and protective equipment weighing 58 pounds
- Use power driven tools
- Standing for extended periods of time, stooping, kneeling and walking on uneven terrain at fire scenes and uneven terrain, climbing ladders, scaffolding and stairs

- Vision to read printed materials and a computer screen, and hearing and speech to communicate in person or over the telephone
- Hear fire alarms, speakers, horns, and bells
- Regularly lift and carry up to 100 pounds
- Work is subject to performance under adverse environmental conditions in life threatening environments
- Exposure to bodily fluids, solvents, chemicals, fumes, smoke, electrical current and other hazardous substances

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the general supervision of a Company Officer.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None.