

AVRA VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
JOB DESCRIPTION
FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

GENERAL SUMMARY

Responds to alarms and protects life and property by performing firefighting, emergency medicine, hazard control and other duties as assigned. Maintains fire and emergency medicine equipment, apparatus, and facilities.

SUPERVISISON RECEIVED

Works under the supervision of a Fire Captain, or his/her assigned representative in the absence of the Fire Captain.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Responds to any emergency calls as dispatched within the AVFD and on mutual aid assignments.

Provides basic and/or advanced life support and first aid treatment in accordance with Arizona laws, Arizona Department of Health Services rules and regulations, regional protocols, and base hospital directions.

Operates under written standing orders from a physician; initiates basic and/or life support for requests for EMS services.

Consults via telephone or radio with the physician in emergency medical situations when the medical situation is beyond the scope of standing orders.

Completes accurate patient reports for use by the hospital emergency department staff, presents patients to the hospital staff; may assist with or continue patient care when emergency staff is exceeded by patient load.

Performs firefighting activities including driving fire apparatus, operating pumps and related equipment, laying hose, and performing fire combat, containment, extinguishments and overhaul.

Performs salvage operations including throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.

Writes reports accurately and in a timely manner, documenting incident data, patient assessment and patient treatment.

Receives fire and/or emergency medical calls and alarms.

Operates radio and other communication equipment.

Participates in inspections of buildings, hydrants and other structures in preplans.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire and emergency medical equipment, apparatus, and facilities.

Presents programs to public on safety, emergency medicine, and fire prevention and suppression topics.

Participates in fire drills, and attends classes in firefighting, emergency medical service, and other related areas.

Maintains required driver's license and certifications in fire and emergency medicine.

Maintains positive working relationships.

Any other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- 18 years of age or older at time of hire
- High School diploma or G.E.D. equivalent
- valid Arizona driver's license
- Arizona Firefighter I and II certification or NFPA 1001 equivalent
- Arizona Certified Emergency Paramedic
- Healthcare Provider Level CPR
- ACLS
- PALS
- Hazardous Materials First Responder; Operations Level
- Basic Wildland certification
- Speak, read, and write the English language
- Meet AVFD physical standards
- Meet insurability requirements of the District's insurance carrier

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Completion of NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Working knowledge of:

- Fire suppression and prevention principles
- Emergency medical and rescue techniques and their applications

Ability to:

- Apply standard firefighting and emergency medical techniques
- Follow verbal and written instructions
- Handle the arduous physical requirements of the job under stressful and adverse conditions
- Take effect decisive actions under stressful and adverse conditions
- Effectively communicate in both written and verbal format

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described are representative of those that must be met by all personnel to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with qualifying disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, personnel are frequently required to stand, sit, walk, talk, hear, use hands to finger, handle or operate objects, tools or controls, and reach with hands and arms. Personnel are frequently required to climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, and smell. Personnel must be able to frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move up to 150 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance, color, and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described herein are representative of those which personnel encounter while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. Work is performed in an office, vehicle or outdoor setting in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. Personnel are exposed to sirens and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistance, including infectious substances, smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents and oils. Personnel occasionally work near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and are occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, radiation, risk of electrical shock and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMS activities when noise levels may be loud.