NATURE OF WORK IN THIS CLASS

This is routine fire suppression, prevention, rescue, and ambulance operations work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires. Work involves duties of protecting life and property under the direction and supervision of a Fire Service Specialist or above.

Employees in this class learn and participate in the operation of fire equipment and apparatus and perform hazardous tasks under emergency conditions which may require strenuous exertion under such handicaps as smoke, collapsed structures, intense heat, toxic environments, cramped surroundings, or under the possible threat of being infected with communicable diseases during ambulance operations. Specific orders and directions are given by superior officers, however, the work requires individual employees to show initiative and a thorough understanding of fire equipment and apparatus and rescue and ambulance methods and procedures. Work in this class is reviewed through on-the-scene observations, frequent inspections, examinations, discussions, and submission of reports.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK: (These examples do not list all the duties which may be assigned; any one position may not include all the duties listed.)

Attends on-the-job and refresher training classes on fire suppression, prevention, rescue, and ambulance operations.

Participates in fire drills and receives on-the-job training in all fire suppression positions except as a driver/operator.

Responds to all emergency/non-emergency alarms with assigned company; lays and connects hoses; holds nozzles; directs fog or water streams; raises and climbs ladders; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, and other equipment.

Responds to emergency medical calls by ambulance; checks pulse and respiration of persons to determine whether circulation and respiration are functional; treats range of injuries on persons involved in accidents using first aid and emergency medical technician (EMT) techniques; administers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); transports sick or injured persons by ambulance to medical facilities.

Ventilates burning buildings by opening windows and walls or by chopping holes in roofs and floors; removes persons from danger; holds life nets; performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water, and removing debris.

Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; cleans walls and floors; makes minor repairs to property and equipment; washes and hangs hoses; cleans and secures test apparatus.

Relays instructions, orders, and information; gives location of alarms from dispatcher.

Performs related duties as required.
MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of the physical layout of villages throughout the Territory of Guam.

Knowledge of the technical aspects of fire suppression, prevention, rescue, and ambulance operations.

Knowledge of first aid principles, practices, and techniques.

Ability to work effectively with the public and employees.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to communicate effectively.

Skill in the use, operation, and care of fire suppression equipment and apparatus.

MINIMUM EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Automatic upgrading from Fire Fighter Recruit/Apprentice to Fire Fighter I upon attaining permanent status and successful completion of Fire Academy Training.

NECESSARY SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS:

A. Must possess a valid Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) certification (10 GCA §72105.4).

B. Must possess a valid driver's license.

In addition to meeting the NSQs above, the following Certifications below are required. [NOTE: All certifications listed below with the exception of the (NREMT) EMT (Basic) Certification must be from the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (ProBoard), or the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) accredited:

National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) EMT (Basic) Certification

Hazardous Material Operation

Firefighter I

Firefighter II

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