



Airport Fire Lieutenant

Category: Classified
Pay Grade: F25
Job Code: 22610

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform the essential job functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the primary job functions herein described. Since every duty associated with this position may not be described herein, employees may be required to perform duties not specifically spelled out in the job description, but which may be reasonably considered to be incidental in the performing of their duties just as though they were actually written out in this job description.

JOB SUMMARY

Performs supervisory airport crash, fire, and rescue work protecting life and property at the St. Petersburg Clearwater International Airport; serves as uniformed airport firefighters, responding to actual or potential air crash emergencies, on and off the Airport; supervises a unit of Airport Firefighters during an assigned shift; oversees the proper operation and maintenance of station and crash, fire, and rescue equipment/rescue boat and in conducting crash, fire, and rescue training exercises; commands Aircraft incidents in the absence of the Airport Fire Chief.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS (examples, not all inclusive)

- Responds to airport standby, fire, and crash alarms and supervises and assists Firefighters at the fire scene;
- Inspects crash, fire, and rescue apparatus, equipment, station, fuel, and surrounding grounds to ensure proper order and condition;
- Drives aircraft firefighting and rescue vehicles to crash scenes or to prearranged runway positions in anticipation of disabled aircraft landing;
- Operates vehicle turret nozzles and pumping equipment to spray foam onto runway surface to minimize danger of explosion or fire upon impact and applies water and chemicals to aircraft after landing to prevent/ extinguish flames;
- Responds to water rescues;
- Rescues aircraft crewmembers and passengers from wreckage using specialized cutting equipment and administers first aid to the injured;
- Performs first response structural firefighting and rescue work on Airport property and establishes firelines to secure crash areas from unauthorized entry;
- Inspects and performs preventative maintenance on firefighting and rescue equipment, conducts training sessions and exercises, and reviews and prepares shift and incident records and reports;
- Monitors and operates Airport Protective Service radio and telephone communications equipment in accordance with federal, state and local regulations;
- Coordinates with other responding agencies in rescue and first aid efforts;
- Schedules leave for personnel and writes annual performance appraisals;
- Assists with scheduling and performing interviews and hiring of new personnel;
- Completes daily paperwork and reports;
- Performs other related job duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

Candidate must provide evidence by sworn affidavit to be a non-user of tobacco or tobacco products for at least one (1) year immediately preceding application plus possess and maintain a valid Florida Certification as a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) plus five (5) years of experience in airport crash/fire/rescue operations; or an equivalent combination of education, training, and/or experience.

Special Qualifications (May be required depending on area of assignment):

- Florida Driver's License or Florida Commercial Driver's License and endorsement, if any.
- Assignment to work a variety of work schedules including compulsory work periods in special, emergency, and/or disaster situations.
- Must obtain a Pinellas County EMT License within 6 months of employment.
- Rotating shifts, weekend, holiday and mandatory overtime schedules.
- Other knowledge, skills, abilities, and credentials required for a specific position.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of the principles and practices of aircraft and structural firefighting, rescue operations, and first aid methods and techniques;
- Knowledge of the proper operation and care of crash/fire/rescue equipment;
- Knowledge of the layout of the airport complex, including the location of roads, runways, taxiways, and hydrants;
- Skill in the operation of crash/fire/rescue vehicles and equipment;
- Ability to react quickly and calmly and effectively direct crash/fire/rescue operations under emergency conditions and possess sufficient physical strength and agility to perform arduous work under adverse conditions;
- Ability to command aircraft incidents;
- Ability to perform the duties of the Airport Fire Chief during his absence;
- Ability to prepare and maintain accurate records, reports, and logs;
- Ability to act in accordance with the National Incident Command System, and with departmental policies and procedures.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL DEMANDS

The work is very heavy work which requires exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Additionally, the following physical abilities are required:

- **Balancing:** Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling while walking, standing or crouching on narrow, slippery, or erratically moving surfaces. The amount of balancing exceeds that needed for ordinary locomotion and maintenance of body equilibrium.
- **Climbing:** Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles and the like, using feet and legs and/or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized.
- **Crawling:** Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet.
- **Crouching:** Bending the body downward and forward by bending leg and spine.
- **Feeling:** Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature or texture by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.
- **Fingering:** Picking, pinching, typing, or otherwise working, primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand as in handling.
- **Grasping:** Applying pressure to an object with the fingers and palm.
- **Handling:** Picking, holding, or otherwise working, primarily with the whole hand.
- **Kneeling:** Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees.
- **Lifting:** Raising objects from a lower to a higher position or moving objects horizontally from position-to-position. Occurs to a considerable degree and requires substantial use of upper extremities and back muscles.
- **Pulling:** Using upper extremities to exert force in order to draw, haul or tug objects in a sustained motion.

- Pushing: Using upper extremities to press against something with steady force in order to thrust forward, downward or outward.
- Reaching: Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
- Stooping: Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist. Occurs to a considerable degree and requires full motion of the lower extremities and back muscles.
- Visual ability: sufficient to effectively operate office equipment including copier, computer, etc.; and to read and write reports, correspondence, instructions, etc.
- Hearing ability: sufficient to hold a conversation with other individuals both in person and over a telephone; and to hear recordings on transcription device.
- Speaking ability: sufficient to communicate effectively with other individuals in person and over a telephone.
- Mental Acuity: Ability to make rational decisions through sound logic and deductive processes.
- Talking: Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word including those activities in which they must convey detailed or important spoken instructions to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.
- Repetitive Motion: Substantial movements (motions) of the wrist, hands, and/or fingers.
- Standing: Particularly for sustained periods of time.
- Walking: Moving about on foot to accomplish tasks, particularly for long distances or moving from one work site to another.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed in an environment with crisis situations that require major decisions involving people, resources, and property.