

COUNTY OF TEHAMA

CLASS TITLE: VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTER

BASIC FUNCTION: Under supervision, as a member of a volunteer fire company, performs a full range of all-risk duties including structure, vegetation, and vehicle fire suppression, medical aids, traffic collisions, and other related emergencies. Assists in facility, grounds, and equipment maintenance.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

1. *Responds as a member of a volunteer fire company on fire apparatus such as water tenders, fire engines and squads.
2. *Assists in moving heavy or awkward objects such as injured or unconscious persons.
3. *Connects, lays and operates hose lines.
4. *Enters burning areas and structures with charged hose lines.
5. *Operates and climbs ladders.
6. *Makes forcible entry into buildings.
7. *Uses hand tools and fire equipment to contain and suppress fires.
8. *Assists in rescue and salvage operations as a crewmember of a rescue truck/squad.
9. *Responds to medical emergencies such as vehicle accidents, heart attacks, etc.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be 18 years of age and possess a valid class "C" California driver's license.

REQUIRED TRAINING: Prior to responding to incidents: 32 hour Public Safety-First Aid (includes CPR/AED), 24 hour Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational, 32 hour Basic Operations Course, 4 hour Communicable Disease Awareness, and 2 hour Defensive Driver. Must attend ongoing trainings and complete annual recertifications.

EQUIPMENT USED: Structure and Wildland Personal Protective Equipment, breathing apparatus, fire extinguishers, back pumps, fire hose, fire engine and pump, flashlight, shovel, McLeod tool, fire axe, tow chain, extension ladder, roof ladder, jack and tools, bolt cutters, safety lines and other fire and rescue equipment.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES: Ability to respond quickly to oral and written commands or signals in all-hazard emergency situations, work safely with others and exercise good judgment.

PHYSICAL EFFORT: Requires the ability to occasionally exert a considerable amount of force to lift, carry, push, pull, or otherwise move objects; stoop, crouch, climb and lift in performance of manual labor; operate a variety of tools, equipment and vehicles used in performance of tasks. Requires the ability to maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception required for making observations and communicating with others.

WORKING CONDITIONS: Tasks require frequent and/or constant exposure to above average noise, extreme temperatures, electrical currents, hazardous materials including biohazards, harsh chemicals/cleaning agents, fumes/smoke, adverse weather conditions, equipment and vehicle hazards, etc.

Physical Standards for Tehama County Volunteer Fire Fighter

Equipment Used: Dry charge extinguisher, back pumps, fire hose, hard hats, turnout coats, pants and boots, goggles and gloves, fire engine and pump, flashlight, hand tools to include but no limited to; shovel, McLeod, Pulaski, fire axe, tow chain, extension ladder, roof ladder, jack, bolt cutters, breathing apparatus, safety lines and other fire and rescue equipment.

Environmental Conditions: Work is performed both indoors and outdoors in both quiet and noisy environments (such as highway traffic, sirens, voices raised in conversation and radio transmissions) with occasional work performed in cramped confined spaces. Temperature extremes vary depending on seasonal exposure (from 0 degrees Fahrenheit to 120 degrees Fahrenheit depending of season fluctuations). There is exposure to body fluids and infectious agents including bloodborne and airborne pathogens, which can produce chronic diseases or death. There exists a potential for exposure to toxic fumes such as those found in smoke from burning buildings; dust and airborne particles, windy conditions while working outdoors; environmental allergens such as *poison oak, dust grasses, insect bites); sunshine for extended period of time, functioning under limited lighting conditions in the middle of the night in isolated areas. Equipment used and tasks performed present risk of body injuries (lacerations, sprains, strains, and contusions).

Mental Requirements: The following mental abilities are required: Alertness, concentration, judgement, patience, memory, and ability to work effectively in high stress and emergency situations where immediate action is required. Respond quickly to oral commands or signals in emergency situations sufficient to operate tools and equipment listed above.

Physical Demands:

VISION: Visual acuity (Snellen) of not less than 20/100 without correction. Corrected to not less than 20/30 in one eye.

Normal vision acuity; peripheral vision greater than 45 degrees on either side; normal eye exam with no abnormalities; requirement to pass a depth perception test, if candidate has monocular vision, this condition shall pre-exist for a minimum of 6 months prior to eye examination.

Color vision sufficient to successfully perform the job as measured by the Ishihara Pseudo-Chromatic Plate test. For persons failing the Ishihara, the Farnsworth D-15 Arrangement Test.

HEARING: Adequacy within normal speech frequencies (uncorrected).

DEXTERITY AND COORDINATION: Normal use of both hands and feet sufficient to operate tools and equipment listed above. Work safely with others.

PHYSICAL STRENGTH: Must have muscle strength to lift 100lbs. Ability to climb ladders, up and down hills as a result of uneven terrain.

***OTHER:** No more than mildly susceptible to poison oak.
