

CITY OF GARDEN CITY JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: FIRE FIGHTER

STATUS: IAFF

DEPARTMENTS: FIRE DEPARTMENT

OCCUPATION CODE: 33-2011

OCCUPATION SUMMARY:

Controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, maintains equipment, apparatus and facilities; participates in Emergency Medical System (EMS) operations, fire prevention and inspection activities as an employee of the City of Garden City.

TASK STATEMENTS which may be considered Essential Functions:

Responds to fire alarms, EMS alarms and other emergency calls.

Prepares required records and reports.

Operates hose nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire.

Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings or to assist individuals from burning structures.

Creates openings in buildings or vehicles for ventilation or entrance, or rescue using axe, chisel, crowbar, ventilation saws, core cutter and other power equipment.

Protects property from water and smoke by use of waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors and positive pressure blowers.

Administers Advanced Life Support (ALS) treatment as needed to sick and injured persons and those overcome by fire and smoke.

Communicates with superior during fire, using portable two-way radio.

Follows orders during emergency operation and other department related activities.

Performs assigned inspections of buildings for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention codes and ordinances and prepares pre-incident survey plans.

Performs assigned duties in maintaining apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds and hydrants.

Participates in drills, demonstrations, public education activities and courses in hydraulics, pump operation and maintenance, fire fighting and EMS techniques.

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Performs necessary work while wearing appropriate personal protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Drives and operates fire fighting vehicles, EMS vehicles, other fire department or city vehicles and equipment.

Selects and operates portable fire extinguishers.

May assist in investigation of fires to determine cause and origin along with evidence collection.

TASK STATEMENTS that may be Marginal Functions:

May issue forms to building owners, listing fire regulations or violations to be corrected.

Participates in preparation of meals.

Performs other related work as assigned.

SPECIFICATIONS:

1. Minimum Reasoning ability usually associated with this classification:

Ability to apply principles of rational systems (examples: recordkeeping, internal combustion engines, electric wiring systems, building construction, emergency medical system) to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of variables in situations where only limited standardization exists to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, diagrammatic or schedule form.

2. Minimum Math ability usually associated with this classification:

Ability to accurately add, subtract, multiply, and divide all units of measure; to perform the four operations with like or common decimal fractions; to compute ratio, rate and percent; to interpret graphs; to perform arithmetic operations involving all American monetary units.

3. Minimum Language ability usually associated with this classification.

Read: Ability to read a variety of books, magazines, atlases and encyclopedias; to read safety rules, fire codes and ordinances, instructions in the use and

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maintenance of tools and equipment and methods and procedures in mechanical drawing and layout work.

Write: Ability to write reports and letters with proper format, punctuation, spelling and grammar, using all parts of speech.

Speak: Ability to speak before audience with poise, voice control, and confidence, using correct English and well-modulated voice.

4. Minimum training and formal education, associated with this occupation in addition to the Reasoning, Math and Language abilities detailed above:

High school diploma or equivalent.

Valid State of Michigan vehicle operator's license.

Successful completion of Conference of Western Wayne Firefighter Testing Program.

Michigan Fire Fighters Training Council Firefighter I and II Certifications.

Any other certifications and/or licenses that may be required.

5. Minimum on-the-job training and/or skills associated with this occupation in addition to the Reasoning, Math and Language abilities detailed above:

Thorough knowledge of the city, streets and principle locations in the City of Garden City.

Thorough knowledge of traffic rules and regulations; skill in operating a motor vehicle.

Physically sound and active, mentally alert and must meet physical and psychological requirements as established by policy.

Mechanical aptitude.

Ability to follow instructions in oral or written form.

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Ability to work effectively with other employees.

6. Degree of Physical Demands (Strength) usually associated with the essential functions of this classification:

Very Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force frequently, or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical demand requirements are in excess of those for Heavy Work

7. Type of Physical Demands usually associated with the essential functions of this classification:

Climbing: Ascending or descending ladders, stairs, scaffolding, ramps, poles and the like, using feet and legs or hands and arms. Body agility is emphasized. Described in terms of height, steepness, duration, and type of structure climbed.

Frequency: Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.

Balancing: Maintaining body equilibrium to prevent falling when climbing, walking, standing, crouching, or running on narrow, slippery, or erratically moving surfaces. Described in terms of type of condition of surface and activities during which balance must be maintained.

Frequency: Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.

Stooping: Bending body downward and forward by bending spine at the waist, requiring full use of the lower extremities and back muscles. Described in terms of duration

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Kneeling:	Bending legs at knee to come to a rest on knee or knees. Described in terms of duration
Frequency:	Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.
Crouching:	Bending the body downward and forward by bending legs and spine. Described in terms of duration
Frequency:	Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.
Crawling:	Moving about on hands and knees or hands and feet. Described in terms of duration
Frequency:	Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.
Reaching:	Extending hand(s) and arm(s) in any direction.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 2/3 of the time.
Handling:	Seizing, holding, grasping, turning or otherwise working with hand or hands. Fingers are involved only to the extent that they are an extension of the hand, such as to turn a switch or shift automobile gears.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.
Fingering:	Picking, pinching, or otherwise working primarily with fingers rather than with the whole hand or arm as in handling.
Frequency:	Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.

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Feeling:	Perceiving attributes of objects, such as size, shape, temperature, or texture, by touching with skin, particularly that of fingertips.
Frequency:	Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.
Talking:	Expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word to impart oral information to clients or to the public and to convey detailed spoken instruction to other workers accurately, loudly, or quickly.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.
Hearing:	Perceiving the nature of sounds by ear.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.
Near Acuity:	Clarity of vision at 20 inches or less.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.
Far Acuity:	Clarity of vision at 20 feet or more.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.
Depth Perception:	Three-dimensional vision. Ability to judge distances and special relationships so as to see objects where and as they actually are.
Frequency:	Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.
Accommodations:	Adjustment of lens of eye to bring an object into sharp focus. This factor is important when doing near point work at varying distances from the eye.
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Color Vision: Ability to identify and distinguish colors.
Frequency: Frequently – Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

Field of Vision: Observing an area that can be seen up and down or right or left while eyes are fixed on a given point.
Frequency: Frequently – Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

7. Environmental Conditions usually associated with this classification:

Exposure to Weather: Exposure to outside atmospheric conditions.
Frequency: Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.

Extreme Heat: Exposure to non-weather related hot temperatures.
Frequency: Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

Wet and/or Humid: Contact with water or other liquids or exposure to non-weather related humid conditions.
Frequency: Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

Noise: The noise intensity level to which the worker is exposed in the job environment.
Level: Loud

Atmospheric Conditions: Exposure to conditions such as fumes, noxious odors, dust, mist, gases and poor ventilation that affect the respiratory systems, eyes or skin.
Frequency: Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

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Exposure to Electric Shocks: Exposure to possible bodily injury from electrical shock.

Frequency: Occasionally - Activity exists up to 1/3 of the time.

Working in High,
Exposed Places:

Frequency: Exposure to possible bodily injury from falling.
Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

Working with Explosives:
Frequency:

Exposure to possible injury from explosions.
Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

Exposure to Toxic or
Caustic Chemicals:

Frequency: Exposure to possible injury from toxic or caustic chemicals
Frequently - Activity exists up to 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.

8. Machines, Tools, Equipment, and Work Aids that may be representative but not all inclusive, of those commonly associated with this type of work.

Vehicles, Smoke Ejectors, Axe, Chisel, Crowbar, Restraints, Hose Nozzle, Alarms, Camera, Typewriters, Computers, Office Equipment, Hydrant, Radio, EMS Equipment, Telephone Equipment, Caution Signs, Seat Belts, Ladder, Map, Protective Clothing, Fire Hose, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, Positive Pressure Blowers, Generators, Hydraulically Powered Equipment, Air Powered Equipment and Electrically Powered Equipment.