

West Point Fire Department

Firefighter

General Summary:

The firefighter performs responsible service work in fire profession and prevention; does related work as required. Work is performed under the regular supervision of a company and/or shift commander.

Major Duties and Responsibilities:

Responds to alarms, drives and operates equipment and related apparatus and assists in the suppression of fires, including rescue, advancing lines, entry, ventilation and salvage work, extrication and emergency medical care of victims.

Performs cleanup and overhaul work, establishes temporary utility services

Assists in maintaining and repairing fire apparatus and equipment, and cleaning fire stations and grounds

Check fire hydrant flows.

Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls, inspects for gas leaks, secures vehicle accidents, inspects chimneys, etc.

Participates in continuing training and instruction programs by individual study of technical material and attendance at scheduled drills and classes

Conducts station tours for the public, school, and community demonstrations and programs

Performs dispatching, monitors alarm boards, receives and transmits radio and telephone messages

Performs related task as necessary

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

General knowledge of technical firefighting principles and techniques; and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression; general knowledge of the street system and physical layout of the city; general knowledge of emergency care methods, techniques and equipment; ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions; ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with fellow employees and the public; ability to keep simple records and prepare reports; possess a strong mechanical aptitude; ability to perform heavy manual labor; skill in operation of heavy emergency equipment.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to graduation from high school

Special Requirements:

Possession of a valid driver license issued by the State of Mississippi

Future Requirements at One Year of Service

NFPA 1001 Firefighter Level II