**DISCLAIMER**

**This job description is provided for general informational purposes, may not apply to your city's specific situation and should not be considered a comprehensive description of the job position. It should be used for comparative purposes only. The job description should be tailored to reflect the actual qualifications and job duties relevant for this position in the context of your city. You should consult with a human resources professional and your city attorney before taking any action based on this job description.**

**Population: 10,000 – 24,999**

**Firefighter**

Department: Fire

**Job Summary:**

This position is responsible for protecting lives and property endangered by fire and other emergency situations.

**Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Core duties and responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned
* Uses fire suppression equipment and tools to assist in the extinguishing of structure fires, wood fires, and vehicle fires.
* Extricates victims from vehicles at collision sites.
* Provides on-site 1st Responder care.
* Assists emergency medical staff with medical/trauma patients.
* Attends safety and fire suppression training to ensure current and accurate emergency management skills.
* Provides fire safety education to schools and civic groups.
* Inspects, cleans, and maintains tools and equipment.
* Performs general custodial and maintenance duties at fire station facilities.
* Maintains a sufficient level of physical fitness.
* Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Required Abilities and Skills:**

* Knowledge of standard fire prevention and suppression principles, techniques, terminology, equipment, and materials.
* Knowledge of standard emergency management principles, techniques, terminology, equipment, and materials, including extrication, search and rescue.
* Knowledge of department, local, state, and federal ordinances, codes, rules, and regulations governing department activity.
* Knowledge of local, state, and federal legislation in the field of fire prevention and suppression.
* Knowledge of building codes.
* Knowledge of county street layout and location of fire hydrants.
* Knowledge of hazardous materials.
* Knowledge of safety rules and regulations.
* Knowledge of basic physics, hydraulics, chemistry, and medical skills and concepts.
* Knowledge in the operation and maintenance of specialized emergency equipment, including rams, window punches, and the Jaws of Life.
* Skilled in the performance of 1st Responder techniques, including CPR, first aid, and calming techniques.
* Skilled in extrication techniques.
* Skilled in performing basic mathematical calculations.
* Skilled in oral and written communication.

**Physical Demands:**

The work is typically performed while sitting, standing, walking, bending, crouching, or stooping. The employee must frequently lift light and heavy objects, climb ladders, use tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, and distinguish between shades of color; must be able to lift or drag over 150 lbs.

**Work Environment:**

The work is typically performed in a fire station, training facility, and in the community except while at emergency scenes. The employee is exposed to inclement weather, fire, smoke, excessive noise, dust, dirt, grease, contagious or infectious diseases, irritating chemicals, hazardous and life threatening situations, and machinery with moving parts. Work requires the use of personal protective equipment such as coat, pants, boots, helmet, masks, self-contained breathing apparatus, goggles, or gloves.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

* Must have high school diploma (or GED equivalent).
* Ability to read, write and perform basic mathematical calculations at a level commonly associated with the completion of high school or equivalent.
* No experience requirements.
* Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid Class B or Class F driver's license issued by the State of Georgia for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
* Ability to meet current requirements set forth by the Fire Department, City, National Fire Protection Association, the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Council and the Insurance Services Office (ISO).