

Mountain View Fire Protection District

Firefighter EMT

Firefighter Paramedic



Firefighter Minimum Requirements:

Education & Experience:

- High school diploma or GED. (Associates Degree from an accredited college or university highly desirable)
- Successfully complete testing requirements established for progression through the levels.

Licensing/Certification Requirements:

- Firefighter EMT/Firefighter Paramedic Grade IV:
 - Possess and maintain EMT-B & EMT-P certificate issued by the State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health.
 - Possess and maintain a valid Colorado driver's license. Possess and maintain I.V certification issued by the State of Colorado Dept. of Public Health, as required for EMT-B.
 - Possess and maintain CPR and ACLS certifications, as required for EMT-B or EMT-P.
 - Approval to practice EMS under the District's Medical Services Director's license.
 - Members will perform to the highest level of certification currently held in each field.

Additional information about the department or minimum requirements please visit:

<http://www.mvfpd.org/>

Summary:

The following job description is established by the District Fire Chief of the Mountain View Fire Protection District to outline the basic duties and responsibilities of the above captioned position. This position is not exempt from the minimum wage and overtime requirements of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Under direct supervision, performs technical and labor work required to protect life and/or property from the dangers of fire, medical emergency, accident, natural disaster, etc., using a variety of fire fighting, medical skills, and emergency techniques and equipment. Attends training classes to maintain and improve performance in firefighting and emergency medical skills.

Positions in this class are flexibly staffed and are normally filled by advancement from Grade IV or, when filled from the outside, require previous and directly related experience. Progression through levels is dependent on years of experience, education, and successful completion of all testing, certification and licensing requirements. Serves in introductory status for a period of at least twelve (12), but no more than eighteen (18), months.

Firefighter EMT/Firefighter Paramedic Grade

IV:

This is the entry-level class in the Firefighter EMT/Firefighter Paramedic series. Incumbents entering this class may have limited related work experience. Incumbents are expected to learn fire suppression, equipment usage, emergency medical skills, emergency procedures, and fire inspection activities and will participate in classroom and field training activities during a significant part of the first year of employment. Work is observed and reviewed during performance and upon completion.

Essential Functions:

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Responds to fire and emergency calls as a member of an engine company, aerial/truck company, specialty company, medic unit, or a rescue company.

- Drives motor vehicles safely and lawfully in emergency and non-emergency situations.
- Performs a variety of technical and manual labor duties required to locate, control and extinguish fires, including: catching fire hydrants; connecting hoses and nozzles; laying in supply and attack hoses; using visual, sensory, judgmental and education and training criteria to locate fire sources; applying fire streams, including water, chemical, and/or portable extinguishers, on fire sources; carrying, positioning and raising ground ladders; and using a variety of handheld and powered tools, including axes, pike poles, saws, etc.
- Performs forcible entry operations to gain access into structures using a variety of tools.
- Performs salvage and operations to prevent damage to property.
- Performs tasks to extricate individuals safely from wrecked vehicles, structures, earth cave-ins, etc.
- Performs search and rescue operations to locate and remove individuals and victims from fire and emergency situations.
- Performs emergency medical procedures to victims of fire and other emergencies.
- Inspects commercial and public property as assigned, in part to: ensure compliance with Fire Codes and Life Safety Codes; locate and assure proper storage of hazardous materials; become familiar with structures; inform persons of the need for fire prevention, etc.
- Participates in the fire pre-planning of structures in conjunction with inspection activities.
- Participates in training classes and drills to maintain and increase fire fighting and emergency techniques and responses.
- Maintains, cleans, services, inspects and loads fire fighting and/or emergency equipment, tools, etc., on company apparatus. Maintains, performs minor repairs and cleans assigned fire station quarters, apparatus rooms, etc.
- Assists in developing and presenting a public education program for the department.
- Assists in developing and providing a training program for the department.
- Demonstrates behavior that sets a positive example for personal accountability, integrity and professionalism.
- Serves as driver/operator on medic unit, brush or staff vehicle as required. Serves in other positions in the department as deemed necessary.
- Works a varying schedule and/or shift, including nights, weekends and holidays. Required to work overtime if mandatory.
- Prepares departmental reports. Performs other duties as assigned.

Firefighter Paramedic

In addition to previous requirements:

- Performs necessary medical procedures relating to all major body systems, including the neurological system, cardiovascular system, respiratory system and skeletal system.
- Follows medical procedures and guidelines established by medical professionals and communicated by hospital emergency room personnel via radio communication.

- Examines victims to determine probable or possible injury or medical disorder. Takes and records vital signs including pulse, blood pressure, respiration, reflexes, etc., and transmits necessary data to hospital emergency room personnel.
- Receives orders from hospital medical personnel or follows standard procedures to treat victims.
- Performs a variety of medical procedures required to stabilize, immobilize, maintain, or restore basic vital signs including administration of drugs, heart or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, oxygen administration, and obstetrical care.
- Applies first aid procedures on minor injuries prior to release of persons.
- Continues medical procedures and monitoring during transit of victims to medical care facilities. Maintains records of medical activities for departmental and medical care facility records. Maintains supplies and equipment.

Additional Qualifications:

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Knowledge of and the ability to apply the policies, procedures and goals of the Mountain View Fire Protection District.
- Knowledge of the boundaries, streets, neighborhoods, and business areas of the Mountain View Fire Protection District.
- Knowledge of the uses, maintenance requirements, and location of all firefighting and emergency equipment, tools and apparatus used by the Mountain View Fire Protection District.
- Knowledge of all firefighting and emergency techniques and procedures, including medical skills, evolutions, etc. authorized by the Mountain View Fire Protection District.
- Knowledge of and the ability to apply the Incident Command system used by the Mountain View Fire Protection District.
- Skill in working at heights.
- Skill in learning a wide variety of firefighting and emergency medical duties, methods and procedures, as well as a wide variety of apparatus, equipment, tools, supplies, etc.
- Skill in the safe and lawful operation of apparatus.
- Skill in physical ability and endurance to efficiently and effectively perform strenuous physical labor in threatening and stressful conditions.
- Ability to work under threatening and stressful conditions.
- Ability to make decisions quickly and decisively and to communicate those decisions during emergency situations.
- Ability to listen well and communicate effectively orally and in writing with various audiences.
- Ability to use standard office equipment, personal computer and job-related computer applications including electronic mail.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow District members, the District Board, other agencies, the business community, and the public.

Working Conditions and Physical Requirements:

Work is conducted both inside and outside with exposure to extreme weather conditions and high hazard situations. Exposure to extremes of heat, sun, water, temperature changes, noise and vibration, odors, grease/oils, toxic substances (such as hydrogen cyanide, acids, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalants or skin contact), smoke, fumes and gases, electrical energy, carcinogenic dusts (such as asbestos), poor ventilation as well as to contagious diseases does occur. Physically demanding work utilizes muscular strength and endurance, aerobic capacity, flexibility, equilibrium and anaerobic power. Work involves heavy (50 lbs. and over) lifting and carrying, sitting, standing, walking, pulling, pushing, crawling, bending, kneeling, and climbing to widely varying degrees depending on circumstances. Must be able to meet the physical requirements established by the District. Must be able to operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, slippery, and/or uneven walking surfaces, at heights and move within open as well as confined spaces. Job requires eye-hand coordination to operate fire and rescue equipment. Must be able to work under pressure/stress in emergency and non-emergency situations, intermittent intense stress and response factors.

NOTE: This job description is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all duties, responsibilities, or qualifications associated with the job.