

# CITY OF LOS BANOS

## Job Description

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| <b>POSITION TITLE</b>      | FIRE ENGINEER |
| <b>DEPARTMENT</b>          | FIRE          |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT CATEGORY</b> | REGULAR       |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT LEVEL</b>    | STAFF         |

### **DEFINITION**

To operate a variety of fire apparatus and firefighting equipment; to respond to fire alarms, medical emergencies and other emergency calls to protect life and property; and to conduct a full range of basic fire services including fire suppression, rescue, vehicle extractions, medical aid, hazardous material containment, building inspection, public education and other activities to safeguard life and property.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED**

Receives direction from a Captain and general direction from Assistant Fire Chief or Fire Chief.

### **EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Reliable and dependable attendance and punctuality.
- Drive and operate various fire apparatus to alarms; connect and lay hose lines; enter burning areas or buildings with hose lines; assist in operating nozzles and direct a stream of water on fires; carry and operate chemical fire extinguishers; raise, lower and climb ladders; make forcible entry into buildings when necessary.
- Perform daily checks and maintain vehicles, equipment and personal protective gear.
- Ventilate buildings; administer first aid; assist in rescue, overhauling, salvage and clean-up.
- Respond to hazardous material leaks; contain hazardous materials.
- Drive and maintain trucks and other emergency vehicles; operate engine pumping equipment and apparatus.
- Assist in the maintenance of clean and orderly conditions of fire station and grounds.
- Participate in fire investigation activities; identify, collect and preserve evidence at fire scene.
- Attend special events to provide public education regarding fire prevention and protection of life and property.
- Participate in building plan reviews to ensure conformance with fire codes and fire prevention requirements; respond to questions and provides direction to developers, architects, engineers and contractors; make field inspections as required.

- Build and maintain positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees and the public using principles of good customer service.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

**Knowledge of:**

- Principles, practices, methods and techniques of modern fire suppression and life safety activities.
- Principles of mechanics and hydraulics.
- Operation, maintenance and uses of firefighting apparatus and equipment.
- Advanced first aid and CPR.
- Principles and practices of work safety.
- Local geography, including the location of water mains and hydrants.
- Building codes and regulations.

**Ability to:**

- Understand and follow both oral and written instructions.
- Remain calm and focused during emergency situations.
- Apply principles, practices and procedures of modern firefighting and protection of life and property.
- On a continuous basis, know and understand all aspects of the job and observe safety rules; intermittently analyze problem equipment; identify safety hazards; locate equipment; interpret work orders; remember how to operate equipment; explain work to other employees.
- Intermittently, sit while driving equipment; stand, walk, bend, twist, kneel, squat and climb ladders or up on equipment; perform simple power grasping, pushing, pulling and fine manipulation; lift or carry weight of 100 pounds or less.
- Maintain a physical condition and endurance equal to the needs of this position. This includes a full range of motion and physical abilities, including lifting, carrying, driving, etc.
- Safely drive, operate and maintain fire vehicles, equipment and apparatus.
- Understand and act in accordance with departmental policies, rules, and regulations.
- Analyze situations and adopt effective courses of action.
- Think and act quickly and effectively in emergencies.
- Establish and maintain a high level of integrity and trust.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Work rotating shift assignments.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be age eighteen (18) by date of application.
- Equivalent to completion of the twelfth grade.
- Two (2) years experience in public fire suppression as a career firefighter.
- Possession of a California Class C driver license with Firefighter Endorsement or Commercial Class A or B with Endorsement.

- Possession of a Firefighter I Certificate by date of application.
- Possession of an EMT-1 Certificate by date of application.

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