



Klamath County Fire District 1

Job Description

STUDENT FIREFIGHTER/INTERN

SALARY: *Non-Paid Internship*
GROUP: *None*
DIVISION: *Suppression*
REPORTS TO: *Student Supervisor*
and Student Coordinator

FLSA STATUS: *N/A*
CLASSIFICATION: *Non-Management*
STATUS: *Full-Time*
LOCATION: *Varies*

POSITION OVERVIEW

This position is responsible for carrying out the duties assigned by the Student Supervisor and Student Coordinator. Student Firefighter/Interns are required to work in strict compliance with all rules and regulations that govern Klamath County Fire District No. 1 (KCFD1). **For the purpose of training** this position responds to a variety of emergent and non-emergent incidents including calls for structural and wildland fire suppression, rescue, BLS and ALS emergency medical services, inter facility transports, mass casualty incidents and man-made and natural disasters; Operates KCFD1 vehicles, specialized equipment and tools; assists in routine maintenance, cleaning and inspection of KCFD1 vehicles, equipment, facilities and tools; and is responsible for project work, as assigned.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

For the purpose of training the essential job duties will include the following:

1. Responds to emergencies with assigned company to control and extinguish fires, lays and connects hose lines, operates nozzles, directs water streams, raises and climbs ladders, ventilates fire, performs salvage and overhaul, utilizes fire extinguishers, utilizes a variety of hand tools and operates power equipment and tools.
2. Responds to medical emergency scenes and provides patient care functions, including, but not limited to: the extrication of patients, performing triage, gathering patient information, performing patient exams, formulating treatment plans, rendering treatment consistent with patient care protocols, directing medical activities at multiple patient scenes or mass casualty incidents and coordinating medical transportation of the sick and injured, including inter-facility transports.
3. Responds to other emergencies including hazardous materials incidents, public assists and rescue operations.
4. Maintains ability to perform the essential job tasks as outlined in NFPA 1582 Chapter 5.
5. Understand and perform duties within the Incident Command System (ICS), Standard Operating Guidelines and the Accountability System adopted by KCFD1.
6. Maintains an in depth knowledge of street names, layout, physical conditions, block numbers, and target hazards within the KCFD1 service area.
7. While wearing PPE, search, find, rescue, drag, or carry victims ranging from newborns to adults weighing over 200 pounds to safety despite hazardous conditions and low visibility.

8. Must be able to solve complex problems in critical, time-sensitive situations during physical exertion in stressful, hazardous environments, including hot, dark, tightly enclosed spaces that is further aggravated by fatigue, flashing lights, sirens and other distractions.
9. Must be able to communicate while wearing PPE under conditions of high background noise and poor visibility.
10. Completes required records, reports, and forms in an accurate and timely manner.
11. Performs a variety of duties which include: daily apparatus checks, housekeeping, routine station maintenance and minor vehicle repair. Performs preventative maintenance and inspections of fire apparatus, fire hydrants, fire hose and other fire department equipment.
12. Participates in daily training activities as prescribed by the District including instructing all related topics that are assigned.
13. Maintains proficiency in EMS skills as applicable to the scope of EMT certification.
14. Participates in various internal committees and groups working toward increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the departmental operations.
15. Participates in Fire, EMS and Public Education activities as assigned, including station tours and providing information to visitors; assists the public with questions and concerns relating to KCFD1 services.
16. Performs other duties as assigned.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by a Student/Firefighter Intern to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the Student/Firefighter Intern is frequently required to talk, hear, sit, stand, smell, walk, use hands to finger, handle or operate objects, tools, or controls, and reach with hands and arms. The Student/Firefighter Intern is required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. Strenuous physical exertion may be necessary and performance of duties may go for long periods without rest cycles or meal periods.

This position can be physically demanding, requiring good health and physical condition to adequately perform job duties. Student/Firefighter Interns must successfully pass an annual fit for duty exam based on NFPA 1582. Student/Firefighter Interns may be required to lift and/or move up to 100 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move heavier loads. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and the ability to adjust focus.

JOB CONDITIONS

This position is assigned to a shift that shall be 48/96 working the established and published A, B, C shift schedule.

It is the attendance standards of Klamath County Fire District No. 1 that all Student Firefighters/Interns are present and on time each shift they are scheduled to work. Failure to maintain an adequate work schedule shall be cause for termination of the Internship.

Job requires the use of office equipment including, but not limited to, computers with Microsoft Office, fire-based reporting and staffing programs and internet; tablets, telephones, cell phones, two-way radios, pagers, copy machines and fax machines.

Position requires responding to alarms, which occur at any time.

The work environment includes indoor, outdoor, residential, commercial and industrial settings near moving machinery and traffic.

All types of weather conditions may be encountered, including temperature extremes, wet, dry, hot and below freezing weather, during day and night in stressful emergency situations.

Exposure to noxious odors, toxic fumes, irritants, particulates, biological and non-biological hazards, heated gases; risk of electrical shock and vibration, with potential exposure to bodily fluids; airborne, blood borne and other communicable diseases.

Noises levels from quiet office setting to extreme levels at an emergency scene.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Ability to work in close quarters and maintain a harmonious relationship with all other employees and the general public even under stress.

Must have the ability to communicate effectively, both in oral and written form.

Must have the ability to understand and follow oral and/or written instructions during stressful and non-stressful conditions.

TRAINING PERIOD

The required training period for Student Firefighter/Interns shall not exceed 24 months or 2 school/calendar years. During this training period the Student/Firefighter Intern will complete:

- College Accredited Firefighter 1 Academy and/or class.
- EMT Certification
- ICS 100/200/700
- DPSST Firefighter 1/ NFPA Driver/NFPA Apparatus Operator with a Fire Pump
- Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Education

- High School Diploma or GED

Certifications/licenses

- Oregon Driver's License

Other

Computer proficiency with an emphasis in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint and work in a networked environment.

Under Oregon Revised Statute 659A.350, the position of Student Firefighter/Intern is a non-paid position with no compensation promised or implied.

This signed job description serves as a written agreement under the aforementioned ORS 659A.350 that the Student Firefighter/Intern performing the work is not entitled to wages for the work performed; **and** the work performed:

- Supplements training given in an educational environment that may enhance employability.
- Provides experience for the benefit of the person performing the work.
- Does not displace regular employees.
- Is performed under the close supervision of existing staff; **and**
- Provides no immediate advantage to the employer providing the training and may occasionally impede the operations of the employer.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Employment for this position is contingent on clearance of the following:

- ☒ Pre-Employment Drug Screen
- ☒ Background Investigation
- ☒ Physical Examination
- ☐ Psychological Evaluation

ADA/EEO STATEMENT

In accordance with federal and state laws, Klamath County Fire District No. 1 is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, KCDF1 will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

JOB DESCRIPTION APPROVAL

I concur with the job duties and listed elements as defined in this job description.

Fire Chief Signature

Date

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

This job description is intended to provide an overview of the requirements of the position. As such, it is not necessarily all inclusive, and the job may require other essential and/or non-essential functions, tasks, duties, or responsibilities not listed herein. Management reserves the sole right to add, modify, or exclude any essential or non-essential requirement at any time with or without notice. Nothing in this job description, or by the completion of any requirement of the job by the Student/Firefighter Intern, is intended to create a contract of employment of any type.

My signature below confirms I have received and understand this job description and acknowledgement.

Student/Firefighter Intern Signature

Date