

FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE

Nature of Work: Under direct supervision performs trainee level work providing emergency services in fire protection and rescue for the West Virginia Air National Guard (WVANG) and, upon request, civilian fire departments. Duties include learning the appropriate methods and techniques of aircraft crash and structural firefighting, rescue and administering first aid. Incumbent is subject to uncommon tours of duty, rotational shift assignments and 24-hour duty shifts. Performs related work as required.

Examples of Work

- Learns to operate firefighting tools and equipment.
- Learns to drive and operate crash/fire rescue vehicles.
- Learns to perform inspection and operator maintenance on firefighting vehicles, tools, equipment, protective clothing and station facilities in a safe and efficient manner following prescribed procedures.
- Learns to perform maintenance and testing of all building alarm systems and wet and dry pipe sprinkler systems.
- Learns to perform overhaul and salvage operations, airfield patrol surveillance, stand-bys and fuel spill cleanup.
- Learns to assist in evacuation of personnel from buildings.
- Learns to administer emergency first aid if necessary.
- Learns to load hose and make hose load finishes.
- Learns to perform fire alarm and communications center duties: alerts firefighting personnel and support agencies, dispatches equipment and informs personnel of location and nature of fires. Directs all incoming calls to appropriate personnel and/or takes messages.
- Participates in all training, classroom and practical, in accordance with current regulations and directives.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Ability to acquire knowledge of firefighting techniques and practices.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of ingress and safety procedures of all assigned military/civilian aircraft.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of all applicable regulations, directives, standards and operating instructions.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of all mission-related hazardous materials.
- Ability to acquire knowledge of operation of vehicles and radios around aircraft movement areas.
- Ability to acquire skill in operating all assigned firefighting and rescue equipment.
- Ability to make immediate decisions during emergency situations.
- Ability to meet physical demands required of the position

FIREFIGHTER TRAINEE (CONT'D)

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)

Ability to meet objectives on schedule and complete special projects as required.
Ability to work 24-hour shifts as needed.

Minimum Physical Fitness Requirements

Able to run 1 1/2 miles within 13 minutes or be able to walk 3 miles within 38 minutes.
Able to perform a minimum of 25 standard push-ups.
Able to lift, from the floor, a weight of 125 pounds and carry the weight 100 feet without stopping.
Able to climb the full length of the longest ground-ladder in the fire department.

Minimum Qualifications

Training: Graduation from a standard high school or the equivalent.

Experience: No experience necessary.

Special Requirements:

Must be a member or be eligible and willing to become a member of the WVANG with assignment to the Fire Protection Branch.

Must possess and maintain a state and government vehicle operators license. Loss of license may result in suspension or dismissal.

Note: Preference may be shown to those applicants who have completed a U.S. Air Force Fire Protection course and attained the U.S. Air Force AFSC or equivalent.

OR

Those applicants who have had advanced training in the various facets of firefighting from a qualified school.

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