

**FIREFIGHTER**

**Nature of Work:** Under general supervision performs full-performance level work providing emergency services in fire protection and rescue for the West Virginia Air National Guard (WVANG) and, upon request, civilian fire departments. Incumbent is subject to uncommon tours of duty, rotational shift assignments and 24-hour duty shifts. Performs related work as required.

**Distinguishing Characteristics:** The incumbent in this classification has at least one year of firefighting experience and performs at the full performance level. This position is not assigned project and team leader responsibility.

**Examples of Work**

- Operates firefighting tools and equipment.
- Drives and operates crash/fire rescue vehicles.
- Performs inspection and operator maintenance on firefighting vehicles, tools, equipment, protective clothing and station facilities in a safe and efficient manner following prescribed procedures.
- Performs maintenance and testing of all building alarm systems and wet and dry pipe sprinkler systems.
- Performs overhaul and salvage operations, airfield patrol surveillance, stand-bys and fuel spill cleanup.
- Assists in evacuation of personnel from buildings.
- Administers emergency first aid if necessary.
- Loads hose and makes hose load finishes.
- Performs 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**

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

**FIREFIGHTER (CONT'D)**

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (cont'd)**

- Ability to meet physical demands required of the position (see below).
- 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:** One year of full-time or equivalent part-time paid experience with a military or organized civilian fire department which included exposure to the characteristics, range, and effectiveness of various extinguishing agents, combustible materials, fire alarm systems, fire aid, firefighting apparatus and allied equipment, firefighting and rescue techniques, and other operations peculiar to crash/fire rescue.

**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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