FIREFIGHTER CREW CHIEF

Nature of Work: Under general supervision performs advanced 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 employee works under the general supervision of the Assistant Fire Chief. Work at this level is characterized by project and team leader responsibility. While performing the same levels of work as those being supervised, the incumbent assigns specific tasks to those individuals and sets the pace and standards for the work.

Examples of Work

Makes daily crew assignments, clean-up assignments and other detail assignments as necessary.

Performs operator maintenance of firefighting vehicles, tools, equipment, protective clothing and maintaining station facilities. Oversees the performance of subordinate personnel when engaged in this activity.

Maintains and repairs portable fire extinguishers to include inspection, recharging and replacing parts.

Drives and operates crash/fire rescue vehicles, determines approaches, and positions crash, fire and rescue vehicles.

Operates firefighting tools and equipment.

Performs overhaul and salvage operations, airfield patrol surveillance, stand-bys and fuel spill clean-up.

Assists in evacuation of personnel from buildings.

Loads hose and hose load finishes.

Performs building inspections and pre-fire planning; maintenance and testing of all building alarm systems, wet and dry pipe sprinkler systems, deluge systems and other firefighting systems.

Effects entry by normal and emergency means in aircraft and buildings, shuts down aircraft engines and systems.

Participates and assists in conducting all training, classroom or practical, in accordance with current regulations and directives; assists in evaluating training performed by other firefighters.

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.

Operates alarm room in accordance with AFR 92-1 and ANGR 92-1.

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Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Knowledge of firefighting techniques and practices.

Knowledge of all assigned firefighting and rescue equipment.

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.

Ability to supervise and direct the work of others.

Ability to conduct training sessions.

Ability to conduct oneself in a professional manner and proper attitude.

Ability to make immediate decisions during emergency situations.

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: Three years 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.

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Minimum Qualifications (cont'd)

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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