

FIRE APPARATUS ENGINEER/SHIFT SUPERVISOR

NATURE OF WORK

General firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires. Maintenance and repairs of firefighting equipment, apparatus and quarters. Acts as Shift Commander/Supervisor. Work involves responsibility for the protection of life and property through firefighting activities and the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions, which may require strenuous exertion under such handicaps as smoke, heat and cramped surroundings. Employee is assigned to the operation of motor equipment in responding to alarms, applying special skills learned on the job. A large part of time, however, is spent in the performance of routine duties in a fire station in the cleaning, maintenance and repair of property and equipment. Fire Apparatus Engineers provide support to the EMS Division. Work is normally performed under close supervision or within an established routine. Assignments are given by a superior officer, both in fighting fires and at the station.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervisory skills as a Shift Supervisor.
- Responds to Emergency and routine non-emergency calls as dispatched.
- Operates pumper, aerial, or other trucks; operates pumps and other auxiliary fire apparatus.
- Directs firefighting operations on the fireground until relieved by the Chief or other fire ground commander.
- Removes persons from danger and administers first aid to injured persons.
- Participates in fire drills and attends classes in firefighting, first aid and fire equipment and apparatus construction and operation. Assists or performs in firefighting instruction.
- Answers telephone, logs messages and sends out alarms for fire volunteers and rescue squad personnel.
- Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; cleans and washes walls and floors; makes minor repairs; washes, hangs and dries hose; washes, cleans, polishes and tests apparatus.
- Responds to EMS calls within city jurisdictional limits.
- Follows the Nebraska City Fire Rescue Guidelines, Work Rules and Policies.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Knowledge of the elementary principles of mechanics.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with superiors, other employees and the general public.
- Stamina and strength sufficient to perform arduous work in varying temperature conditions, occasionally with little sleep or rest.
- Ability to lift and carry up to one hundred (100) pounds of firefighting equipment.
- Ability to climb, balance, stoop, kneel and work in a crouched position for extended periods of time.
- Ability to speak clearly and precisely under emergency conditions in order to dispatch fire volunteers and rescue squad personnel.
- Ability to become Hazardous Material Operations Level Certified within one year of employment.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to be on-duty for twenty-four (24) hour periods of time.
- Ability to work varied hours, weekends and holidays; twenty-four (24) hours on and forty-eight (48) hours off and with occasional 24 on and 24 off shifts.
- Ability to answer emergency "call-backs" while off-duty.
- Must possess radio communication skills and record keeping ability.
- Must possess computer skills and knowledge.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

- Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.
- Must be 21 years of age and have a valid Nebraska driver's license.
- Must be a licensed Emergency Medical Technician in good standing per HHS Rule and Regulation Title 172 NAC 11 or able to successfully complete certification within one-year of employment.
- Must have Nebraska or NPQB Nationally Certified Fire Fighter I or able to successfully complete certification within one-year of employment.
- The Fire Apparatus Engineer must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Nebraska City within 90 days of employment.
- Must have knowledge of mechanics or the performance of work requiring manual skill and dexterity.