



# RIVER DELTA FIRE DISTRICT

## FIREFIGHTER

*Class specifications are only intended to present a descriptive summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with specified positions. Therefore, specifications **may not include all** duties performed by individuals within a classification. In addition, specifications are intended to outline the **minimum** qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the qualifications of incumbents within the position.*

### **DEFINITION:**

This volunteer position is classified as a non-supervisory position under general supervision, performs the full array of duties assigned to Firefighters including but not limited to fire suppression, emergency medical services, and fire prevention activities, participates in training exercises, studies new firefighter techniques, assists in the maintenance and care of all stations, apparatus, and equipment, and performs all other duties as assigned by officers of the fire department.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

The ideal candidate will be one who has recently graduated a CSFM accredited fire academy and wishes to complete their California State Firefighter I and II Task books and obtain the required experience to obtain a career position in the fire service. Individuals must be highly motivated. You are required to work (1) 24-hour shift per week upon completing a (1-2) day orientation.

All staff members of River Delta are volunteer and at-will. Like most positions in River Delta, this position is designed to provide experience for those aspiring to promote or gain a career in the Fire Service. Career focus and progression is required.

### **SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED:**

General supervision is provided by the Fire Captain, Fire Lieutenant or Battalion Chief.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:** *(include but are not limited to the following)*

- Promote fire safety by organizing training sessions, talks, and seminars
- Review and implement safety policies and procedures at residential and commercial properties
- Provide company staff with demonstrations on how to effectively operate firefighting equipment
- Conduct practice drills to acquaint company personnel with emergency response procedures
- Ensure availability of water supply at emergency scene by testing fire hydrants to confirm they are operational
- Respond to emergency callouts by driving to fire scenes, operating firefighting equipment to extinguish fire, and rescuing people
- Follow manufacturer's instructions to complete preventive maintenance requirements to ensure equipment are in working order

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- Liaise with the police and ambulance service personnel to respond to emergency situations
- Undertake physical training in order to maintain fitness level required for the job
- Assess situations quickly to decide the best course of action
- Produce written reports of emergency incidents
- Participate in educational workshops, seminars, and programs to update job skill and knowledge
- Ensure fire scenes are cleaned up after an inferno by removing burnt items and debris
- Conduct inspection of fire scenes to identify the cause of an incident
- Provide emergency medical services to fire casualties in the absence of an ambulance.

Participates in the planning, development and implementation of department-wide training programs, under the direction of the Fire Captain/Lieutenant.

Other duties as assigned.

### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

The position may require performing strenuous tasks for extended periods of time, requiring lifting or carrying up to 45 pounds and over, pulling, pushing, reaching above the shoulder, crawling, kneeling, climbing and bending; making rapid transitions from rest to near exertion without warm-up periods; and working inside or outside. Incumbents perform physically demanding work wearing self-contained breathing apparatus and heavy personal protective equipment while performing firefighting tasks in hot, humid atmosphere; the incumbent may perform a variety of tasks on slippery, uneven, or hazardous surfaces, work on ladders and roofs, perform complex task during life-threatening emergencies, relying on senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic, and potentially life-threatening environment throughout the duration of the critical incident or emergency response; the incumbent may work closely with others, deal with people in trauma and risk exposure to blood-borne pathogens.

The position also requires individuals to operate a motor vehicle with lights and siren subjecting the incumbent to high noise, vibration, electrical energy, moving objects, and vehicles. The incumbent may be exposed to the elements outside, dusts, toxic chemicals, fumes, smoke and gases.

### **KNOWLEDGE / SKILLS / ABILITIES:**

*(The following are a representative sample of the minimum qualifications to perform essential duties of the position)*

#### **Knowledge of:**

Principles and practices in Firefighting Operations; principles, techniques, strategy, materials and equipment used in fire suppression, investigation and prevention, rescues and related emergency responses; methods and practices of providing emergency medical response at the basic life support level; hazardous material and chemical spill response, and applicable state and federal laws, codes, ordinances and regulations; safety practices and precautions pertaining to the work.

#### **Ability to:**

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Plan, organize, schedule daily activities; analyze emergency response and operations problems, drive and pump fire engines, brush patrols and rescues; maintain accurate records and prepare clear and concise reports and other written materials.

### **Training and Experience:**

A typical way of obtaining the knowledge is attendance at a local community college or university with major course work in fire science; one of experience as a firefighter.

### **Licenses, Certificates and Special Requirements:**

- A valid California Class C driver's license.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification (Healthcare provider CPR/AED).
- Title 22 Emergency First Responder.
- EMT-I certification (CA State) (preferred)
- Graduation from an accredited academy with a course completion certificate.
- California State Firefighter I (Preferred).
- Haz-Mat FRO.
- ICS 100/200 (preferred).
- Any combination of education and experience that would meet the minimum qualifications to perform in this position.

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