



# RIVER DELTA FIRE DISTRICT

## DRIVER OPERATOR

*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 responsible for the Operations of all District Fire Apparatus on a Shift/Day. Under supervision, performs the full array of duties assigned including driving/operating fire apparatus, routine vehicle checks, medical response and care for injured or ill persons; combats fires; protects life and property; operates and maintains firefighting equipment and fire stations; and participates in fire prevention activities.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This position is distinguished from a Firefighter due to the responsibilities of Fire Apparatus operation and the required training associated with that responsibility.

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 or Fire Chief.

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

Apparatus driving and operations during routine and emergency operations. May assist or assume activities any of the fire activities of Suppression Company during emergency response and administrative activities on an assigned 24-hour shift (day). Driver Operators must meet all requirements of Firefighter.

Plans, schedules, assigns and participates in equipment and station maintenance, company drills and training, company fire inspections and other operational and administrative functions.

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

Other duties as assigned.

### **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

The position may require performing strenuous tasks for extended periods of time, requiring

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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 Fire Apparatus 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:**

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; and Driver Operator 1A & 1B; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

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

- A valid California driver's license with Firefighter Endorsement (or) Class B-Commercial, with all the proper endorsements.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation certification (CPR).
- EMT-I certification (CA State)
- California State Firefighter I (Preferred)

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- Haz-Mat FRO
- Driver Operator 1A & 1B (preferred)
- Any combination of education and experience that would meet the minimum qualifications to perform in this position

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