

South Adams County Fire Department
Firefighter/EMT-Basic Job Description



Firefighter Minimum Requirements:

- Possess a high school diploma or G.E.D.
- Possess and maintain a valid Colorado driver's license, and acceptable driving record.
- Possess and maintain a current State of Colorado or National Registry Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certification.
- Possess State of Colorado Firefighter I certification.
- Possess a State of Colorado Hazardous Material Operations certificate.
- Possess National Fire Academy N.I.M.S. program certifications as specified by the District (100,200,700,800).
- Possess and maintain current CPR certification.

For additional information about the department or minimum requirements please visit:

<http://sacfd.org/>

Position Summary:

The Firefighter performs firefighting and emergency medical life support procedures in accordance with state protocols, the District's rules, policies and procedures, including but not limited to, the Member Handbook and Standard Operating Guidelines.

Immediate Supervisor:

The Firefighter reports directly to the Shift Officer (assigned Shift Officer / Lieutenant).

Supervisory Responsibility:

None

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

The following duties are an overview of the primary duties and responsibilities of the Firefighter and should not be considered an all-inclusive list.

- Demonstrate knowledge of the District's rules, policies and procedures, as they pertain to the Operations Division specifically and the District generally, including but not limited to the rules, policies and procedures contained in the District's Member Handbook, Payroll Procedures Manual, and Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Provide firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical technician life support at emergency scenes.
- Assist in removal of victims from hazardous situations.
- Participate in the exchange of information between off-going and on-coming shifts and in crew meetings as necessary.
- Check all personal gear, assigned vehicles, equipment and tools to ensure safe and effective operation.
- Respond to alarms of fire or other emergency, including laying, connecting, and using hose and nozzles to direct a water stream, raising and climbing ladders, and using fire extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, pike poles, halligans, saws, extrication tools and appliances,

and other equipment safely, efficiently and in accordance with the District's rules, policies, procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines.

- May operate apparatus, including fire engines, ladder trucks and brush units safely, efficiently and in accordance with the District's rules, policies, procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Maintain familiarity with maps and related streets and roads within the District's service area.
- Participate in all scheduled and assigned training classes and prevention activities.
- Develop and maintain positive, effective working relationships with District employees, volunteers, reserves, District residents, other governmental agencies and the community.
- Maintain positive and constructive written and oral communication skills at all times.
- Work well in a progressive, team-oriented environment.
- Provide excellent service to the community.
- Have a positive attitude and be a self-starter.
- Promote a positive, professional image of the District at all times.
- Perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time.

Additional Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Knowledge of fire suppression principles, methods, techniques and practices.
- Knowledge of purpose and use of various tools, equipment and apparatuses used in fire suppression.
- Basic knowledge of fire codes and inspection practices.
- Knowledge of fire prevention topics and activities and presentation methods.
- Knowledge of street names and locations within the District's service area.
- Knowledge and understanding of the District's rules, policies and procedures as they pertain to the Operations Division specifically and the District generally, including but not limited to the rules, policies and procedures contained in the District's Member Handbook, Payroll Procedures Manual, and Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, routine correspondence, and memos, and ability to write basic reports and correspondence.
- Ability to effectively present information in one-on-one and small group situations to the public and other members of the organization.
- Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form.
- Ability to read, write, speak, and understand the English language at a level adequate to perform the duties of the position.

Work Environment and Physical Requirements:

This position requires work in a variety of locations and conditions, including living quarters and office areas, in and around a wide variety of automotive, mechanical, chemical and medical equipment or supplies, and emergency scenes of every type.

- Strenuous physical activity under extreme adverse conditions will be required frequently.
- Must be able to lift, move and carry objects up to one hundred (100) pounds.
- This position requires standing, running, walking, sitting, kneeling, stooping, bending, lifting, squatting, pushing, pulling, crawling, jumping, sliding, climbing, pinching, gripping digging, spraying, reaching over head, reaching away from body, and repetitive motion.
- Will be required to work in all weather conditions and in extreme temperatures.
- Work may be performed under dangerous, hazardous and adverse conditions, including,

but not limited to, weakened structures, slippery and uneven surfaces, proximity to moving mechanical equipment, burning structures, broken glass or other materials, electrical currents, high places, and confined spaces.

- Work may result in exposure to contaminated environments, including but not limited to, hazardous materials, smoke, gases, chemicals, fumes, odors, mists and dusts, which may require the use of Personal Protection Equipment.
- Work may result in exposure to individuals or blood carrying infectious diseases or illnesses, such as Hepatitis A, B or C, HIV, tuberculosis, small pox, etc.
- Work may result in exposure to high noise levels requiring the wearing of hearing protection.
- This position demands frequent use of sensory activities such as talking, seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling (identifying objects by touch), depth perception and color vision.
- This position will involve frequent periods of high physical, mental and/or emotional stress.
- Must pass the District's physical fitness test annually as required by the District's Member Handbook and Standard Operating Guidelines.
- Must have good close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus quickly. Must be able to wear all assigned personal protective