



Arvada Fire Protection District

Firefighter EMT & Paramedic Job Description

Minimum Requirements:

Firefighter EMT

- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- 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 CPR card at the Healthcare Provider/Professional Rescuer Level.
- Possess and maintain a current State of Colorado Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certification.
- Possess EMT-IV certification, or pass District approved IV training and skills check-off
- Possess National Incident Management System (NIMS) certifications 100, 200, 700 and 800.

Firefighter Paramedic

All requirements of Firefighter EMT plus:

- Possess and maintain a current State of Colorado EMT-P (Paramedic) and National Registry Paramedic Certifications or licenses.
- Possess and maintain a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) EP Certification.
- Possess and maintain a current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) Certification.

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

<http://arvadafireco.gov/>

Position Summary:

The Firefighter performs firefighting and emergency medical life support procedures in accordance with the District's rules, policies, procedures, and identified pre-hospital protocols including but not limited to, the Member Handbook and SOGs.

The Firefighter Paramedic performs firefighting and emergency medical services at the Paramedic level in accordance with the District's rules, policies, procedures, and identified pre-hospital protocols, including but not limited to, the Member Handbook and SOGs.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

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

- Demonstrate knowledge of, and compliance with, 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 Manual, and SOGs.
- Provide firefighting, rescue, and advanced and basic life support at emergency scenes.
- Assist in removal of victims from hazardous situations.
- Check all personal gear, assigned vehicles, equipment and tools to ensure safe and effective operation.

- Account for medical supplies, equipment and medication on assigned apparatus.
- 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 SOGs.
- Promptly and efficiently respond to the scene of an emergency with due regard to traffic safety and in accordance with State law and the District's rules, policies and procedures, including its SOGs, regarding the operation of emergency vehicles.
- Operate apparatus, including fire engines, ladder trucks, ambulances and brush units safely, efficiently and in accordance with the District's rules, policies, procedures and SOGs.
- Evaluate the signs and symptoms of fire and accident victims and perform ALS and BLS treatment in accordance with, and subject to the limitations of, the District's identified pre-hospital protocols, including but not limited to defibrillation, cardioversion, IV therapy, drug administration, cardiac monitoring, cricothyrotomy, chest decompression, pacing, and IO insertion.
- Prepare necessary reports after evaluating and treating patients.
- Comply with federal, state, and local licensing and certification statutes and regulations.
- Comply with the District's identified pre-hospital protocols regarding patient care and intervention.
- Perform emergency medical acts consistent with and not to exceed those defined in the Colorado Board of Health Rules including 6 CCR 1015-3 Emergency Medical Services Chapter 2.
- Work under the supervision and license of the District's Medical Director.
- Maintain familiarity with grid maps and related streets and roads within the District's service area.
- Participate in the exchange of information between off-going and on-coming shifts and in crew meetings as necessary.
- Participate in all scheduled and assigned training classes and prevention activities.
- Develop and maintain positive, effective working relationships with District employees, volunteers, 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.

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, carry, push and pull objects up to thirty (30) pounds frequently, and up to one-hundred (100) pounds periodically.
- 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 per NFPA 1582.
- Must have good close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus quickly.
- This position will involve frequent periods of high physical, mental and/or emotional stress.
- Must pass all required physical fitness, physical ability and medical evaluations as specified by the District's Member Handbook and SOGs.
- Must be able to wear all assigned personal protective equipment.