

DEFINITION

Under direction of the Deputy Chief of Operations, the Volunteer Fire Captain coordinates all fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical activities of one or more companies; functions as station commanding officer and ensures effective compliance with departmental policies and directives; assigns, oversees and or participates in extinguishing and preventing fires, emergency medical services, training, public fire education, and fire prevention activities.

The Volunteer Fire Captain is a volunteer position and is responsible for the overall command of a station, and has responsibility for training, coaching, assigning duties, and record keeping for all station personnel.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The Volunteer Fire Captain will report directly to the Department Shift Commander. The Volunteer Fire Captain's chain of command will be the Department Shift Commander, Deputy Chief of Operations and Fire Chief.

ESSENTIAL POSITION FUNCTIONS

1. Plans and oversees the daily activities (emergency and non-emergency) of a station involving one or more firefighting companies; enforces established departmental guidelines and regulations. Holds regular meetings with crew.
2. Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls, provides incident command as first arriving officer until relieved by a Shift Commander or Chief Officer. Responsible for following appropriate rules, policies, and guidelines, and ensuring that safe practices are followed; evaluating situations, deciding on appropriate actions and allocating resources. Assists higher-level officer(s) as required.
3. Oversees and or participates in fire suppression, EMS, rescue, overhaul, salvage, ventilation, and safety activities of assigned companies; provides guidance to crew during incidents.
4. Oversees and or participates in fire cause investigations; assesses need to call for expertise of a senior officer. May do preliminary investigation of incident (such as fire origin); may testify in court if required.
5. Maintains discipline within assigned crew and ensures the safety of station team members and operations.
6. May oversee and participate in the preventative maintenance, care, operation and upkeep of the company's fire apparatus, tools and equipment, inspections and routine maintenance of equipment. Evaluates effectiveness of assigned company and allocates tasks according to skill/training levels.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

- Meet all requirements and qualifications of a volunteer firefighter or Fire Medic.

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- Successfully completed the Strategy and Tactics class.
 - Knowledge of Incident Command System.
 - Knowledge of basic principles and properties of hydraulics.
 - Location of hydrants and other water systems of the district.
 - Knowledge of geography of the area and local streets, highways and forest road systems.
 - Working knowledge of department pager, two-way radios and a variety of heavy hand tools, hand operated equipment and power operated mechanical equipment, with training where required.
 - Must possess NFPA Firefighter 1, NFPA Pump Operator, EVOC, and Incident Safety Officer Certifications.
 - Completed Wildland Task books for NIMMS FF2, FF1, CRWB (Engine).
 - Must possess a current Oregon Driver's License.
 - Must be insurable by the District.
 - Must successfully pass a physical exam, background check and drug test as required.
 - Must live within the boundaries and time limits of the District. A waiver may be obtained from the Board on a case-by-case basis.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit; talk or hear; walk; use hands and fingers to handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crawl, and smell.

The employee frequently must lift and move up to 10 pounds and occasionally move up to 150 pounds. Vision abilities required are close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. The employee must pass a hearing test within normal range.

The employee must meet the physical requirements as outlined in the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire District Medical Release Form.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable

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Work is primarily performed in offices, vehicles and outdoor settings in all weather conditions including temperature extremes during day and night. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. The individual is exposed to hearing alarms and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistance including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents or oils. During firefighting activities, an employee is exposed to restricted environment with temperature variance and periods of extreme physical exertion.

The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in highly precarious places and is exposed to wet or very dry conditions, fumes, airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals and a risk of electrical shock and vibration.

The noise level is usually quiet in the office setting and loud at the emergency scene.