

**TITLE:** Firefighter I – First Responder

**PG:** FAA

**DEPARTMENT:** Fire Department

**REPORTS TO:** Fire Lieutenant or Fire Captain (Depending on Assignment)

**REVISION DATE:** JUNE 2015

**PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

Performs protective service work in fire suppression and rescue operations. Work is often performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

*The following duties are normal for this position. These are not to be construed as exclusive or all-inclusive. Other duties may be required and assigned.*

1. Operates and follows the proper Chain of Command of the Gallatin Fire Department.
2. Participates in fire attack by connecting hydrant supply line and advancing and maneuvering fire hose/nozzle to extinguish fires; hoisting equipment using rope and selecting/tying knots in rope; carrying, positioning, and raising ground ladders; choosing and operating portable fire extinguishers; operating hand and power tools; and other related activities.
3. Reads and interprets street maps, equipment diagrams, signs, symbols, placards, and labels for hazardous materials.
4. Performs fire rescue operations, including climbing ladders up to 100 feet in height while carrying tools, equipment, and victims; dragging and carrying victims; high angle operations using rope and repelling techniques; and other related activities.
5. Performs patient assessment, basic life support medical care. Simple airway management, mask-to-mouth ventilation, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, fracture splinting, external bleeding control and related activities.
6. Wears, uses, and maintains Personal Protective clothing and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
7. Operates two-way radio equipment during emergency and non-emergency calls.
8. Operates fire department vehicles and other light vehicles as needed.
9. Conducts rescue operations using hand and power tools to extricate victims trapped in motor vehicles; conduct industrial, elevator, water and collapse rescues and other related activities.
10. Operates pumper truck; uses hoses, nozzles, and appliances to select, produce, and maintain appropriate water supply, pump, and nozzle pressure.
11. During structure fires, performs ventilation, protects property from fire damage, predict basic behavior and recognizes structural instability.
12. Operates aerial ladder apparatus.
13. Performs test of fire hose, pumper apparatus, and ground ladders.
14. Operates within the incident command system when on emergency scenes.
15. Conducts maintenance and cleaning of fire station, equipment, vehicles and grounds.
16. Assists with non-routine apparatus service and repair/remodeling of stations.
17. Assists other City departments or outside agencies as required.
18. Uses computer equipment to complete reports in a timely manner to document call responses.
19. Conducts and/or assists with public fire safety and education training.
20. Firefighter is responsible for attending required training needed to maintain current and future, valid licenses and certifications.
21. Other duties as assigned.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school diploma/diploma.

Must be able to respond to the assigned Fire Station within 45 minutes in case of call back for emergency service.

Must complete FEMA online courses IS-100 and IS-700 within six months of employment.

Must have valid driver's license.

Must meet physical standards established by the Gallatin Fire Department.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:**

- General knowledge of firefighting techniques and procedures as applied to fire suppression.
- General knowledge of fire prevention strategies and techniques.
- Knowledge of emergency medical techniques and procedures.
- Ability to learn technical firefighting principles and techniques, and principles of hydraulics applied to fire suppression.
- Ability to learn the street system and physical layout of the City.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the general public.
- Ability to keep simple records and prepare reports.
- Possession of mechanical aptitude.
- Physical endurance and agility.
- Knowledge of Tennessee fire safety laws.
- Ability to operate a variety of fire equipment.
- Ability to exercise good judgment in evaluation situations and making decisions.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations and to determine proper course of action.
- Ability to exercise good judgment in evaluation and mediation of situations. Ability to maintain simple records and prepare reports, manual or computerized.
- Ability to make decisions to accomplish specific tasks and operations within the scope of the position.
- Ability to interact with the public effectively, professionally and politely, and with discretion.
- Ability to effectively communicate with and establish and maintain an effective working relationship with department staff and other personnel.
- Ability to understand and effectively carry out written and oral instructions.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards involved and safety precautions.
- Must have ability to work accurately with attention to detail.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to work the allocated hours of the position.

## **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

This is heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects, and some very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels; visual acuity is required for depth perception, night vision, peripheral vision, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities.

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions. The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment. May be exposed to extreme outdoor elements for an extended period of time. May come in contact with bio-hazardous materials and waste, second hand smoke, narcotics, hostile individuals, and individuals with contagious disease. May be exposed to extreme situations including direct exposure to fire, chemicals, poorly lighting, and hazardous sites.

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.*