

# PAID CALL FIREFIGHTER



## **Description:**

Under direction, responds to medical aids, rescues and other emergency and non-emergency incidents as required. Participates in fire station activities and attends regular and special training sessions.

## **Distinguishing Characteristics:**

Incumbents in this class are extra-help, part-time volunteers who are assigned to Fire Battalions to augment minimum staffing levels. Paid Call Firefighters are expected to perform the full range of firefighting duties under closer supervision than a Firefighter, while acquiring the experience and skill of a Firefighter.

## **Duties may include, but are not limited to:**

1. Responds to fire alarms, rescue alarms, medical emergency and other emergency calls to protect life and property; lays and connects hoses; holds nozzles and directs water streams in the control of extinguishing of fires in structures; uses forcible entry tools, bars, hooks, life lines, aerial ladders, chemical extinguishers and other equipment.
2. Responds to request for medical emergencies to provide immediate care; observes and reports vital signs, cares for victims of accidents or illness; administers medical treatment to injured or ill persons; provides emergency care at the scene; operates emergency vehicles in compliance with County Fire Operations Directives, Local, State and Federal rules and regulations; works 24 hour shifts and overtime unless otherwise assigned; may be recalled to duty in cases of emergency.
3. Responds to emergency paramedical calls; operates emergency equipment; relays vital signs by radio to a doctor and gives emergency treatment and medication under doctor's orders; immobilizes and transports the patient to an emergency medical facility. (For paramedic assignments only).
4. Raises and climbs ladders; ventilates structures using such techniques as opening windows and cutting or chopping holes through the roof; accomplishes rescue work; removes persons from danger; accomplishes salvage operations such as placing or throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris.
5. Accomplishes preventive maintenance and daily inspections on fire apparatus and equipment; inspects fire apparatus after each operation to ensure proper and efficient operating condition; cleans, washes and services fire apparatus; tests, washes, hangs, and dries hoses; changes hoses on fire apparatus; reports worn, damaged or lost parts and tools; participates in routine daily and periodic station housekeeping and maintenance..
6. Completes and maintains various records and reports; participates in fire inspection, prevention and suppression training programs to maintain occupational skills; attends drills and training classes regarding fire fighting techniques, operations of specialized fire fighting equipment, design and construction of buildings, location of exits, entrances, fire alarm boxes, fire hydrants, sprinkler systems, and other related topics; assists with public education programs.

7. Secures and maintains all certifications and licenses as required by County Fire.
8. Provides vacation and temporary relief as required.
9. Provides other duties as required.

**Typical Qualifications:**

**Health and Physical Condition:**

Persons seeking appointment to this class must meet the safety health and physical condition standards deemed necessary and proper for performance of the duties established by the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

**The statements in this class specification are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by incumbents assigned to this classification. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, qualifications, and skills required of personnel so classified.**

**Job Code:** Varies

**Salary Range:** Varies

**Representation Unit:** None

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