

**CITY OF UNION CITY  
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**Title: Firefighter**

DEPARTMENT: FIRE DEPARTMENT

DATE: JULY 2005

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**SUMMARY:** This is skilled work in performing fire prevention, fire suppression and emergency response activities. Duties are performed when fighting a fire or performing emergency medical operations under specific orders and directions but the work requires an understanding of modern firefighting and emergency medical techniques. This classification has no supervisory responsibilities.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Performs fire rescue and suppression duties which may include: connecting and laying hose lines; entering burning buildings with hose lines to operate nozzles and place streams of water on fires as directed; ventilation burning buildings; searching and rescuing persons at the scene; raising and climbing ladders; holding nozzles and directing water and chemical streams; and performing salvage and overhaul operations, operating department fire apparatus, operating fire pumps etc.

Performs emergency medical duties which may include: assessment of patients, treatment of patients illness and injuries to the level of training as of Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic, participating in rescue and extrications activities, assisting with a patients respirations and maintaining a patient airway, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, operating monitors/defibrillators, administration of intravenous fluid and emergency medications appropriate to level of training as an Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic, etc.

Inspects, cleans and maintains equipment, operate tools and vehicles; performs preventative maintenance work on vehicles and equipment in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.

Performs custodial and grounds maintenance work on assigned shift at designated fire station.

Inspects and maintains fire hydrants; duties include checking and measuring water flow and static pressure if necessary; clears area around hydrants for easy access; lubricates and paint hydrants as needed.

Conducts territory tours to become familiar with residential and commercial areas, new developments, streets and intersections, etc.

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Participates in in-service training activities, physical fitness exercises, drills and demonstrations to maintain and update fire service and emergency medical skills and education.

Assist in developing plans for special assignments such as emergency preparedness, hazardous materials conditions, communications, training programs, firefighting, and emergency medical activities.

Prepare and maintain a wide variety of departmental records and reports in compliance with departmental and legal policies and procedures; prepare and files thorough written incident reports.

Participates in the inspection of buildings and other structures in the fire prevention programs.

Perform emergency medical activities including administering first aid and providing other assistance as required; to level of emergency medical training.

Perform salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris as required.

Present programs to the community on safety, medical and fire prevention topics.

Attends classes to maintain certification as a certified firefighter and emergency medical technician or higher.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:** High school diploma or general education degree (GED).

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

Must be a citizen of the United States or legally qualified to work in the United States.

Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older

Must have no felony convictions within the past ten (10) years.

Ability to pass a pre-employment physical examination..

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Ability to pass a pre-employment drug screening

Ability to pass a pre-employment psychological test and a polygraph test.

Ability to pass an extensive background check.

Must have the ability to pass the minimum physical fitness requirements as set forth by Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training Council.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS:** Possession of a valid Georgia driver's license (Class B) and a satisfactory motor vehicle record (MVR).

Must have completed and maintained a Basic Firefighter Certification course that is set forth by the Georgia Firefighters Standard and Training Council.

Must have completed and maintained a Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic Course set forth by State of Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** Knowledge of the principles and practices of firefighting, fire ground safety, hydraulics, emergency response, rope and rescue operations etc.

Knowledge of general federal, state, and local criminal, traffic and juvenile laws and legal procedures; and the rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the Union City Fire Department and City of Union City.

Knowledge of state traffic laws for emergency vehicles.

Knowledge of all fire suppression, emergency response and emergency medical, equipment, and its placement on vehicles.

Knowledge of the tactics and risks involved in this profession.

Ability to learn to apply standard firefighting tactics, emergency medical, hazardous materials, and fire prevention techniques.

Ability to perform strenuous or peak physical effort during emergencies, training or station activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold or smoke conditions.

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Must have a working knowledge as a certified Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic level.

Knowledge of or ability to learn assigned territory including major commercial and public buildings, major residential areas, streets, and fire hydrant locations.

Ability to react quickly and calmly while under pressure in emergency situations and life threatening situations.

Ability to read and comprehend instructions, agency correspondence, policies and procedures, and evidentiary documents; to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions.

Ability to deal professionally and fairly in interactions with the general public; to effectively communicate with the public; and to establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, other city departments and employees as well as with city officials.

Ability to establish facts and to draw valid conclusions.

Ability to successfully complete an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course.

Ability to retain valid certification as a Certified Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician or higher on an annual basis.

Skill in performing rope rescue utilizing rappelling abilities.

Skill in using Hurst tools to extricate victims from damaged vehicles

**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 regularly required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to reach with hands to arms; to carry, pull or lift; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste and smell.

The employee may be required to use hands, feet and physical contact to overcome and secure individuals. Also the employee must frequently lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

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**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing 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 regularly works in outside weather conditions; very hazardous conditions caused by fire or explosives and are regularly exposed to extreme heat. The employee frequently works near moving mechanical parts and high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to fumes or airborne particles and toxic or caustic chemicals. The employee occasionally works with explosives and is occasionally exposed to risk of electrical shock. Work is performed in both daylight and at night any may be required to travel speeds in excess of posted limits through areas of varying population densities and traffic congestion, and in inclement weather conditions.

The noise level in the work environment is often very loud when fighting a fire.

Work involves an exposure to personal danger and psychological stress.

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