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**POCATELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

Subject: Firefighter - I

To: All Personnel

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POSITIONS PURPOSE:

This position is accountable for the protection of life and property through the timely and effective response to fire and medical emergencies using the most advanced techniques and equipment available

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES:

1. Extinguish fires by using suppression and extinguishing agents such as water, foam, and chemicals.
2. Maintain necessary levels of physical stamina and endurance through the completion of prescribed physical fitness programs and evaluations.
3. Maintain knowledge of fire suppression and life-saving procedures by participating in on-the-job training sessions and completing self-study courses.
4. Ensure the fire prevention codes and regulations are adhered to by the general public by completing standardized fire inspections and maintaining pre-fire plans.
5. Assist in fire cause determination and arson detection.
6. Contribute to the overall effective operation of plant and equipment by performing periodic maintenance of equipment and station house as assigned.
7. Contribute to the availability of required personnel by standing-by during periods of non-emergency activity.
8. Provide emergency medical assistance to the injured through the use of EMT skills and completion of EMS reports.
9. Provide on-the-job instruction and examples to non-Level III Firefighters by performing the more complex and difficult assignments.
10. As assigned, drives and operates motor driven firefighting equipment in the capacity of Acting Driver/ Operator.

11. Produce and present public education information dealing with both fire and medical topics under a variety of circumstances as necessary.
12. Complete and maintain necessary skills to be certified as EMT with the State of Idaho.
13. Must maintain a valid State of Idaho Driver's License while on duty.
14. Performs related work as assigned by the Captain.

NATURE AND SCOPE:

The minimum requirements necessary to fill this position is completion of two years in the job, Pocatello Firefighter Level I & II requirements, and Pocatello Fire Step-up Driver/ Operator requirements. This position is assigned to a platoon within the respective fire station, reporting to a captain, along with paramedics, driver operator, and other firefighters. This position may also serve in a lead role by providing on-the-job guidance to other firefighters.

The primary function of this position is to provide basic life support to victims of accident or illness and the suppression and/or extinguishment of fires through the use of more complex and difficult procedures.

Challenges include a working knowledge of fire pumpers, ladder trucks, brush trucks, and rescue truck; firefighting equipment such as: nozzles, hoses, ventilation fans, hand tools, extrication equipment, ladders, water vacuums, personal safety gear, air compressors, communication equipment, air monitors, and protective breathing apparatus. In emergency medical situations a working knowledge of the ambulance, including basic life-support systems.

Response challenges encountered by this position include rescues, patient assessment of emergency scenes, extinguishing fires and avoiding hazardous materials and the safe extrication of people from accident situations.

The conditions under which this position performs its basic function include all types of weather, exposure to toxic atmospheres, lifting equipment, and/or victims in cramped or awkward positions, exposure to electrical shock, building collapse and other similar hazards.

Emergency situations usually have standard operating procedures that outline a course of action. Within these procedures this position would have the maximum range of authority as identified in these procedures. Situations not covered by procedure or standing work orders would be referred to a ranking officer for resolution.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

Fire Chief

Date

Union Representative

Date