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POCATELLO FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Subject: Firefighter - Probationary

To: All Personnel

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POSITION 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 more basic equipment and procedures and under direct supervision of company officers and more experienced firefighters.

PRINCIPLE 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 including Pocatello Firefighter Level I requirements.
4. Assure the fire prevention codes and regulations are adhered to by the general public by completing standardized fire inspections and maintaining pre-fire plans.
5. Contribute to the overall effective operation of plant and equipment by performing periodic maintenance of equipment and station house as assigned.
6. Contribute to the availability of required personnel by standing-by during periods of non-emergency activity.
7. Provide emergency medical assistance to the injured through the use of EMT skills and completion of EMS reports.
8. Produce and present public education information dealing with both fire and medical topics under a variety of circumstances as necessary.
9. Complete and maintain necessary skills and training to be certified as EMT with the State of Idaho.
10. Complete all training requirements to be advanced to FF II status by the end of first year.
11. Must maintain a valid State of Idaho Driver's License while on duty.
12. Performs related work as assigned by Captain.

NATURE AND SCOPE:

The Probationary Firefighter is assigned to a platoon within the respective fire station, reporting to a captain, along with paramedics, driver operators, and other firefighters.

This is a probationary, entry level position. 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 using the fundamental firefighting equipment, techniques and apparatus.

Challenges include some 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 is necessary.

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 a minor range of authority unless closely and directly supervised. 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