



The Star
In East Texas

THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE

POSITION: FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC DEPARTMENT: FIRE

GENERAL DEFINITION: This position is responsible for administering appropriate emergency medical treatment to victims of accidents and other life-threatening situations, including transport of patients, assisting with fire fighting tasks, maintaining emergency medical equipment and vehicles, and assisting with emergency medical training.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: The shift supervisor or commanding officer assigns work in terms of general instructions requiring the use of judgment. The employee typically works independently, relying on training and past experience to assess medical situations and provide emergency care.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: The position has no functional supervisory responsibility except that necessitated by the medical treatment of patients.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES include the following, as well as other duties as assigned.

- Render emergency and lifesaving medical assistance to those in need.
- Respond to fires, emergency medical, and other life-threatening situations.
- Ensure the proper functioning of all emergency medical and fire equipment and vehicles through regular checks.
- Ensure adequate inventory supply aboard emergency medical vehicles.
- Transport injured or sick people to the appropriate care facility.
- Extricate victims in accidents.
- Prepare and complete required reports.
- Respond to fire and medical calls and performs duties of a firefighter and paramedic.
- Maintain current state certification through continuing education,
- Perform related work as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Those medical skills learned in paramedic school.
- Those skills learned and mastered in the fire academy.
- Knowledge of the geography of City of Jacksonville and the road system
- Skill in driving emergency vehicles.

COMPLEXITY

This position is responsible for patient care, driving to and from the scenes of emergencies, and fire fighting duties; also, the knowledge of algebraic hydraulic formulas for pump operations, quick analysis of complex information in emergency or dangerous situations, as well as making quick life and death decisions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The work is dangerous and typically involves sitting, standing, walking, stooping, bending, or crouching in often smoky confined conditions. Considerable physical activity is required in the lifting of light and heavy objects. The occasional climbing of ladders is required, as is the use of equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity and the ability to distinguish between shades of color.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work is often completed in dangerous, highly stressful outdoor and indoor situations that expose the incumbent to hot, cold or inclement weather, contagious and infectious diseases, and noisy environments. Work requires the use of protective devices such as air packs, masks, helmets, and surgical gloves.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

- High school graduate or GED equivalency
- Certification as a Texas paramedic
- Certification as a Texas Firefighter, or the ability to gain certification from Texas Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education.
- Must have a valid Texas driver's license.
- Must satisfactorily pass department written and physical exams and oral interviews.
- Must continually complete annual certification hour requirements

Starting Salary:

Salaries for this position are based on an average of 2,912 hours of work per year, with 2,669 hours being at regular time and 243 hours of overtime. This equates to approximately 121.6 – 24 hour shifts per year.

Starting salary is: \$30k-35k annually