



## City of Grants

### POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Firefighter I - II

DEPARTMENT: Fire Department

PAY SCALE: Grade II – III-A

REPORTS TO: Lieutenant/Shift Supervisor

SUPERVISES: N/A

**POSITION SUMMARY:** The purpose of this position is to respond to emergency calls and to fight/suppress fires. Responsibilities include responding to fire/rescue/medical emergency calls for protection of life and property, driving/operating fire apparatus, controlling/extinguishing fires, performing search/rescue, providing basic life support to sick/injured persons, and maintaining department apparatus/equipment in a state of readiness. Reports to the Fire Lieutenant and/or Shift Commander.

#### PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES/REQUIREMENTS:

The list of essential functions, as outlined herein, is intended to be representative of the tasks performed within this classification. It is not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the classification. The omission of an essential function does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

The Firefighter I - II must be able to perform, but not limited to, the following essential job duties, with or without reasonable accommodation:

- Be familiar with all Grants Fire Department (GFD) rules, regulations, policies and operating guidelines applicable to the efficient operation of the Department.
- Attend and participate in GFD meetings and training sessions; meeting requirements to remain knowledgeable of GFD operations and to promote job safety and performance.
- Appropriately wear all assigned protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus for its intended purpose. Completes regular checks and reports any irregularities or broken items for repair and/or replacement to assigned supervisor.
- Responds to emergency and non-emergency alarm calls to protect lives and property through the prevention and the extinguishments of fires.
- Performs emergency medical care when needed - up to level of training.
- Responds to emergency and non-emergency alarm calls and properly perform all basic firefighting functions according to GFD training standards which may include, but not limited to the following:
  - Select and properly operate the use of fire service tools and equipment
  - Raising and lowering of ladders; climbing up and down ladders
  - Use of extinguishers
  - Lay and connect fire hose
  - Ventilate burning structures
  - Maneuver and direct water streams
  - Perform search and rescue operations
  - Work to complete salvage and overhaul operations
- Assist in maintaining apparatus, equipment, and tools in a clean and serviceable condition.
- Assist, as necessary, in maintaining the cleanliness and safety of the fire stations.
- Monitors and communicates effectively and coherently over radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications; exchanges information with Emergency Communications Center dispatchers and other GFD personnel.
- Implement emergency techniques when trapped or disoriented.
- Incorporate continuous quality improvement principles in daily activities.
- Maintain good interpersonal relationships with all members of GFD and Citizens we serve.
- Provides support and assistance to police officers, rural fire agencies, and city employees. Takes appropriate action in emergency situations.
- Participates in training. Must attend all mandatory training required by the Fire Department and the City.
- Uses or maintains equipment, including specialized equipment, i.e. computer, fire truck, radio, etc.

**PRINCIPLE RESPONSIBILITIES/REQUIREMENTS - CONTINUED:**

- Communicates verbally and in writing; in person and by two-way radio and telephone, occasionally under stressful conditions.
- Perform all job functions with special attention to good public relations, safety, health, and proper procedures.
- Utilize proper safety precautions related to all work performed.
- Understand City of Grants Policy and Procedures as related to the job.
- Regular and consistent attendance for the assigned work hours is essential.
- Follow a specific work schedule as directed.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- High School diploma, GED or equivalent.
- Must have oral and written communication skills in the English Language.
- No experience necessary.
- Must be able to successfully pass probationary/initial training period which includes: Attendance in 75% of off-duty emergency calls and all in-house training unless on approved leave; and completion of Introduction to Firefighter training I-II within first year of employment.
- Must possess or be able to acquire a standard New Mexico Driver's License, have and maintain a good driving record.
- Must be able to acquire a New Mexico Driver's License – Class E.
- Must pass a pre-employment drug test; extensive background check and physical assessment.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:**

- Knowledge of modern fire prevention, methods, principles and techniques.
- Knowledge of operation, maintenance, and mechanics of firefighting equipment.
- Knowledge of basic emergency medical care, practices and techniques.
- Skills in the care to operate emergency equipment skillfully and safely, abiding by all established Fire Department policies.
- Skills in the care to operate a personal motor vehicle safely when in use for Fire Department response.
- Skills in the care and safe operation of motorized vehicles, even under adverse conditions.
- Ability to learn and follow the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures of the City of Grants Fire Department and the City of Grants, especially in relation to the job position, safety, and health.
- Ability to skillfully utilize fire suppression and prevention methods and techniques.
- Ability to analyze situations quickly and objectively and determine proper courses of action within the established framework of policies and procedures.
- Ability to learn the geography of the City and surrounding areas.
- Ability to maintain composure under emergency situations, and work effectively under stressful conditions.
- Ability to perform all designated firefighting and disaster response tasks under hazardous conditions that may require a high level of physical exertion.
- Ability to learn and adapt to changing technologies and practices.
- Ability to maintain minimum certifications and qualifications as established by State, Federal, and Fire Department Policy.
- Ability to meet the Fire Departments established minimum criteria for emergency response and training.
- Ability to meet the physical requirements necessary to safely and effectively perform the assigned duties; and maintain adequate level of fitness to perform essential job functions.
- Ability to obtain a class E driver's license and have/maintain a good driving record.
- Ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions.
- Ability to exercise discretion, deal tactfully, courteously, and effectively in assisting the general public and cooperating agencies.
- Ability to write job-related documentation and reports with proper format, punctuation, spelling and grammar, using all parts of speech.
- Ability to move hands easily and skillfully to handle/operate tools and/or machines necessary to perform required tasks.
- Ability to perform heavy manual tasks for extended periods of time; as needed during emergency situations.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

Residency: Employee must reside within reasonable commuting distance of the worksite.

Code of Conduct: Employee is accountable for being informed of and complying with the City's Code of Conduct.

Attitude: Employee is expected to exhibit a positive, constructive and cooperative attitude in the workplace and with the general public.

Initiative: Employee must exhibit high levels of personal initiative; mature self-direction, responsibility, and leadership are expected of the employee in this position.

Travel: Job performance is subject to moderate in-City vehicular travel and occasional external travel.

Limitations: Employee is responsible for informing the employer of any physical, mental or other factors which may substantially affect or limit ability to meet the demands of the position.

Availability: In addition to working odd hours at the station, the employee is expected to be available, and to respond to, emergency calls within the City whenever possible; and at other times as directed by the Fire Chief or Lieutenants.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:**

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: The physical demands described here are a 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.

Essential functions require maintaining physical condition necessary for significant physical activity while wearing a self-contained breathing apparatus such as: sitting, standing, walking, running, kneeling, crouching/stooping/squatting, crawling, twisting upper and lower body, climbing, balancing, pushing, pulling, swimming; driving a motor vehicle at high rates of speed; operating heavy equipment; regularly lifting and or maneuvering up to 50 pounds and occasionally lifting and maneuvering up to and over 175 pounds; pushing or dragging of equipment and supplies in excess of 100 pounds. The work can require exposure to conditions that may be hazardous or unpleasant.

Position requires working in the field, outdoors, in all weather conditions and involves walking on level and uneven or slippery surfaces, climbing ladders, working in confined spaces, handling noise producing tools and equipment; kneeling, squatting, stooping, turning, bending, lifting, and upper body twisting, in the performance of daily activities; as well as sit in motor vehicles for prolonged periods of time.

The use of the senses of smell and hearing are needed in detecting and responding to emergency conditions and situations. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, far vision, depth perception, spatial awareness, and the ability to adjust focus while making visual checks of facilities. Some tasks require manual dexterity, in addition to visual and hearing acuity. Tasks may involve identifying and distinguishing colors.

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.

Work is performed in both indoor and outdoor environments. Significant exposure to undesirable working conditions such as outside weather, dust, dirt, fumes, odors, airborne particles, vibrations, moving mechanical parts, high and precarious places, wetness, humidity, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, extreme heat (non-weather), working at night, poor ventilation, self-contained breathing apparatus, working while wearing heavy equipment, extreme cold (non-weather), work with explosives, risk of radiation, risk of blood borne pathogens, and varying and constant noise levels. Work on slippery or uneven surfaces; and work with water is highly likely. Potential exposure to chemicals, sharp and dull objects, domestic and wild animals may occur. Employee may come in contact with a variety of potentially dangerous working situations that require a combination of good judgement, field knowledge of potential problems, problem identification and solutions. May be exposed to electrical and mechanical hazards and a variety of hazardous chemicals or contaminants. Incumbents also work around moving equipment.

Employee must possess ability to: adapt to inclement weather conditions and/or varying emergency situations, and maintain ability to drive in various weather conditions; perform duties and adapt to flexible work schedules as established by supervisor which includes irregular schedule, occasional weekends, holidays, and scheduled work hours beyond normal business hours, as well as potential on-call schedules.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate; but can reach loud volumes, and may remain at consistent levels of frequency.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT - CONTINUED:**

EXAMPLES OF WORK EQUIPMENT: Hand tools, motor vehicles, and heavy equipment/machinery may be utilized in various weather and environmental conditions upon emergencies. Noise and vibration of electrical/mechanical equipment may occur. Self-contained breathing apparatus is used when responding to imminent emergencies.

The employee will have frequent contact with other employees in the assigned department, and may be required to interact with employees outside of the department, and must remain calm and professional in tense, emotionally charged, and stressful situations. The employee is constantly required to change tasks frequently and to perform tedious exacting work. The employee may face difficult and stressful situations, and may be required to work under time pressures to meet deadlines, to perform multiple tasks simultaneously, and to work closely with others as part of a team.

**THIS JOB DESCRIPTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT.**

Nothing in this job description restricts ability to assign, reassign, or eliminate duties and responsibilities of this job at any time. It does not prescribe or restrict the tasks that may be assigned. This job description describes the City's current assignment of essential functions. Those functions may change at any time as the needs of the City change or for other reasons deemed appropriate by the City.

**CITY MANAGER'S SIGNATURE:** *the following signature indicates that the City Manager has approved this position description as of the date of signature.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City Manager*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**EMPLOYEE'S SIGNATURE:** *the following signature indicates that the employee has read and understood the terms of this position description as of the date of signature:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Employee*

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*Date*