



FIRE BATTALION CHIEF

DEFINITION

Under general direction, manages major emergencies and structure fire incidents exercising complete control and coordination of staff and strategies to address emergency; may serve as Fire Chief in his/her absence.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

Exercises direct supervision of fire captains.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Duties may include but are not limited to:

Manage subordinate personnel in response to fire calls for service; directs and assumes responsibility for all staff, strategies and activities at the scene of an emergency.

Develop and implement specific operational plans to meet a variety of emergency situations and scenarios.

Ensure safety of personnel during emergency operations.

Direct rescue, clean up and salvage work; ventilate buildings.

Direct response to emergency medical calls for service, follow State and local protocols in treatment of sick and injured persons administering First Aid, CPR and other emergency medical procedures.

Manage maintenance of inventory of emergency medical supplies and equipment.

Manage maintenance of fire facilities, equipment and apparatus.

Review and approve reports of daily activities of company promptly reporting accidents and injuries to superiors.

Enforce policies, procedures, rule and regulations.

May be called in on 2nd alarm fires when off duty.

Assist and cooperate with other public safety agencies.

Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Knowledge of:

Federal, State, and local laws and radio communications procedures.

City's geography, water systems, location of hydrants and those of the surrounding area.

Public safety agencies as related to fire and emergency medical services functions.

Knowledge of basic hydraulics.

Knowledge of fire prevention and inspection methods, fire hazards and educational fire prevention techniques and programs.

Principles used in emergency scene management.

Ability and Skill to:

Read and understand technical material, rules and regulations related to firefighting, rescue techniques and emergency medical incidents.

Ability to analyze emergency situations and address with an effective course of action.

Train, supervise, evaluate and discipline subordinate personnel.

Direct and manage fire personnel engaged in fire suppression or other emergency.

Tactfully interact with members of the public.

Safely operate and use fire vehicles and equipment.

Communicate clearly both orally and in writing.

QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of education and experience that would provide the required knowledge, abilities and skills is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the qualifications would be:

BA/BS in business or public administration, fire service or related field and seven (7) years firefighting experience including three (3) years as Captain. MA/MS desirable.

LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE

Valid Class A, B or Firefighter's Class B California Driver's License with firefighter endorsement and good driving record. Possession of a current EMT-1 in San Bernardino County and a current CPR certification.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS/A.D.A.

Essential job functions and A.D.A. requirements include:

Ability to operate computer, calculator, telephone, portable radio, copying machine and equipment used in fire suppression and emergency medical services

Ability to understand and respond to the public's and staff's requests for assistance both on the phone and in person

Ability to prepare reports, perform mathematical calculations and sort/file documents

Ability to sit, stand, walk for two hours at a time and engage in fire suppression activities

Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions including hot with extreme sun exposure, cold and wet

Ability to lift, drag or pull up to 150 pounds

Ability to climb, stoop, bend, reach, twist, squat, grasp, run, jump, kneel and lift, drag and pull heavy objects.

Ability to get from one location to another in the course of doing business