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AIRPORT FIREFIGHTER

Non-Exempt Position that will require the employee to work rotating shifts, weekends, and holidays. May also be required to respond when not scheduled to support a weather or airfield related emergencies.

REPORTS TO: Airport Fire Chief

DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITIES:
Responsible for providing aircraft rescue, firefighting and related emergency services as a member of the Airport Fire Department. Primary responsibilities:
- Responds to all aircraft and other emergencies
- Performs firefighting, rescue, emergency medical services and other related duties
- Drives and operates fire apparatus as needed
- Participates in airfield safety inspections and activities including field condition and airfield lighting inspections, ramp safety inspections, bird/wildlife control, FOD and snow removal operations
- Performs periodic inspections of, fire extinguishers, fire alarm systems, aircraft fueling vehicles/facilities
- Performs terminal fire safety checks as directed
- Cooperates with federal, state and local authorities in the conduct of their duties as it relates to Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) activities
- Assists in the maintenance and housekeeping of station and facilities
- Assists in the maintenance and repair of Airport Fire Department apparatus and equipment
- Complies with Standard Operating Procedures
- Accountable for equipment assigned to his/her shift
- Utilizes manuals and technical publications
- Demonstrates care, maintenance, cleaning and the proper wear, to include the limitations of, personnel protective equipment (PPE) and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)
- Participates in departmental training functions as required
- May be required to provide security duties and or inspections during periods of heightened threat levels, in accordance with the level of training provided
- Performs other duties as assigned by the Airport Fire Chief

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE
- High school graduate or equivalent
- Two years of professional firefighting experience, preferably one year of which is in Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting or three years volunteer experience of which one year included
driving/operating fire apparatus
- Accredited Firefighter Two certification from Virginia state certified firefighter school
- Virginia State Airport Firefighter Certification Course--preferred or must be obtained within 12 months of date of hire
- Medical First Responders certified
- CPR qualified
- HAZMAT Awareness/Operations Course
- Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)

KNOWLEDGE
- Thorough knowledge of current NFPA requirements
- Thorough knowledge of FAA Part 139 Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting requirements
- Knowledge of characteristics and classification of flammable liquids and hazardous materials common to the airport and aircraft
- Knowledge of proper use, inspections, care and maintenance of portable fire extinguishers
- Knowledge in fire behavior characteristics, fire prevention, and compliance inspections
- Knowledge of aircraft types that use the airport
- Familiarization with taxiway/runway operations and identifications, the location of emergency access roads, airport security system and restricted access security areas, fuel distribution system, airport drainage system, building locations, functions of the air traffic control tower

SKILLS AND ABILITIES
- Ability to apply good judgment in emergency situations
- Ability to speak and write effectively and communicate clearly on the telephone and two-way radio
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with mutual aid responders, business executives, governmental officials, airport employees, tenants and the general public
- Perform as a team leader and supervisor
- Command a variety of situations, firmly, courteously and tactfully
- Use computers and related software

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS
- Professional qualifications required by the Commonwealth of Virginia for:
  - Firefighter II (NFPA 1001 2002 Standard)
  - Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (NFPA 1003 2002 Standard) – (Preferred but not required)
  - Hazardous Materials - Operations
  - Medical First Responder required (EMT or Paramedic preferred)
  - NIMS Certification– 100, 200, 700, 800 required (300 also preferred)
- A valid Virginia State drivers’ license

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:
- Performs fire-fighting tasks under stressful conditions while wearing PPE and SCBA to include, but not limited to, hose line operations, extensive crawling, lifting and carrying heavy objects, ventilating operations using power or hand tools, forcible entry, and rescue operations
- Wears SCBA, with positive pressure face piece or HEPA filter masks which requires the ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads
- Climbs flights of stairs while wearing fire protective ensemble weighing at least 50 lb. and carrying equipment/tools weighing at least 20 lbs. and may exceed 40 lbs.
- Wears fire protective ensemble that is encapsulating and insulated which can elevate core temperature to levels exceeding 102.2°F (39°C)
- Searches, finds, and rescue-drags or carries victims that may weigh over 200 lbs. in hazardous conditions and low visibility
- Advance water-filled hose lines up to 2.5 in. in diameter from fire apparatus to occupancy (approximately 150 ft.); can involve negotiating stairs, ladders, and other obstacles with hose
- Climbs ladders
- Operates from heights
- Walks or crawls in the dark along narrow and uneven surfaces, and operates in proximity to electrical lines and/or other hazards.
- Responds to unpredictable emergency requirements for prolonged periods of extreme physical exertion
- Operates fire apparatus or other vehicles in emergency mode with emergency lights and sirens
- Communicates (gives and comprehends verbal orders) while wearing PPE and SCBA under conditions of high background noise, poor visibility, and drenching from hose lines or fixed protection systems (sprinklers)

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:**
The employee frequently works outside in all weather conditions and while wearing protective firefighting gear. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally exposed to fumes or airborne particles. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and exposed to toxic or caustic chemicals. Noise level is moderate to high.