Firefighter I

Fire

Position
Reporting to the Fire Chief, this position is responsible for assisting with fire suppression, emergency rescue, and other emergency response duties.

Salary: $44,362. to $51,977. Annually/DOQ

Posting: December 23, 2024 through January 23, 2025

Submit resume to Bartow County HR via email to cogginsm@bartowcountyga.gov, via mail to Bartow County Human Resources, 135 West Cherokee Avenue, St. 256, Cartersville, Ga. 30120. Also, you may fill out an application at the Human Resources Department.

MAJOR DUTIES

- Responds to fire alarms, traffic accidents, medical emergencies, rescue calls, and other emergencies as a member of a fire and rescue team.
- Selects hose nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs stream of water or chemicals into fire.
- Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings to rescue individuals from burning buildings.
- Creates openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance.
- Performs search and rescue operations.
- Assists in administering emergency medical treatment.
- Protects property from water and smoke by use of waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors, and other equipment.
- Tests and maintains power tools and equipment.
- Communicates with superior officers and other Firefighters during emergency calls by portable two-way radio and other communication devices.
- Contains, controls and decontaminates hazardous materials spills as certified.
- Performs a variety of salvage and clean-up operations, including removing water, chemicals and debris as certified.
- Supports inspections of buildings for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances.
- Makes presentations on fire safety, burn prevention and fire prevention to schools and community groups.
- Maintains apparatus, buildings, equipment, grounds and hydrants.
- Participates in drills, demonstrations and courses in hydraulics, pump operation and maintenance, and firefighting techniques.
- Drives and operates firefighting vehicles and equipment as certified.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY THE POSITION

- Knowledge of street, building, water system and physical layout of the county.
- Knowledge of all fire suppression equipment and its placement on vehicles.
- Knowledge of firefighting techniques, policies, procedures and practices.
- Skill in performing many and varied firefighting techniques and procedures.
- Skill in reacting quickly and calmly while under pressure.
- Skill in driving and operating fire vehicles, fire suppression equipment, medical equipment and tools in a safe and efficient manner.
- Skill in understanding and following oral and written instructions.
- Skill in establishing facts and drawing valid conclusions.
- Skill in performing prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions.
- Skill in driving fire apparatus over the road safely under emergency conditions.
- Skill in the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment.

SUPERVISORY CONTROLS

The supervisor assigns work in terms of general instructions. The supervisor spot-checks completed work for compliance with procedures and the nature and propriety of the final results.

GUIDELINES

Guidelines include county and department policies and procedures, life safety codes, and National Fire Protection Association standards. These guidelines require judgment, selection and interpretation in application.

COMPLEXITY/SCOPE OF WORK

- The work consists of related fire suppression and emergency rescue duties. The need to respond to emergency and life-threatening situations contributes to the complexity of the position.
- The purpose of this position is to assist with fire suppression and emergency response duties. Successful performance helps ensure the increased safety of life and property in Bartow County.

CONTACTS

- Contacts are typically with emergency medical personnel, law enforcement personnel, co-workers, and members of the general public.
- Contacts are typically to give or exchange information, to provide services and to resolve problems.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS/ WORK ENVIRONMENT

- The work is typically performed while intermittently sitting, standing, stooping, walking, bending or crouching. The employee frequently lifts light and heavy objects, climbs ladders, uses tools or equipment requiring a high degree of dexterity, distinguishes between shades of color, and utilizes the sense of smell.
- The work is typically performed in a fire station, but may also be performed outdoors and at the scene of emergency incidents. The employee may be exposed to noise, dust, dirt, grease, machinery with moving parts, contagious or infectious diseases, irritating chemicals, inclement weather conditions, fire, heat, and toxic gases. The work requires the use of protective devices, such as masks, goggles, or gloves.

SUPERVISORY AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

None.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- Knowledge and level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education.
- Sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid driver’s license issued by the State of Georgia for the type of vehicle or equipment operated.
- Must be certified Firefighter as set forth by the National Fire Protection Association and the Georgia Firefighter Standards and Training Act.
- Must possess or be able to attain a Georgia Department of Health Certification of EMT-Advanced within 3 years of date of hire.