

CITY OF ALAMOSA
JOB DISCRIPTION

FIREFIGHTER

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GENERAL DUTIES:

Firefighters are responsible for performing firefighting and rescue duties at emergency scenes.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Firefighters will work under the direct supervision of fire department officer and in some cases, a senior firefighter.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Responds to alarms, fire and emergency calls
- Performs fire suppression, salvage and overhaul of fire scenes
- Performs rescue operations
- Assists with the delivery of fire and life safety education programs
- Assists with fire inspections and pre-incident surveys
- Assists with building, apparatus, and equipment maintenance
- Attends department meetings, training sessions and other functions as requested

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Knowledge of the physical layout of Alamosa including city streets and the county road system
- Must be able to work in stressful situations
- Must be able to work safely without presenting a direct safety threat to self and others
- Must be able and willing to follow orders
- Must be able to establish and maintain effective working relations with superior, subordinates, outside agencies and the public.

REQUIERED PHYSICAL CAPABILITIES:

- Position requires sufficient strength and manual dexterity to grasp and use fire fighting and extrication equipment.
- Position requires the ability to stand, bend, stoop, reach and handle to perform firefighting activities, lifting, and carrying objects heavier than 50 pounds.
- Physical activities required to perform essential duties include hearing conversation and traffic, speaking in an understandable voice, see well enough to operate motor-driven equipment in traffic and off road, and use fire fighting equipment.

Duration ≡	Not at	Occasionally	1-3	4-6	7-8
Lift/Carry					
0-10 .lbs				Ω	
11-20 .lbs			Ω		
21-40 .lbs		Ω			
41-60 .lbs				Ω	
Push/Pull					
0-20 .lbs				Ω	
21-25 .lbs		Ω			
26-50 .lbs		Ω			
51-75 .lbs	Ω				
76-100 .lbs	Ω				
Bend					
		Ω			
Overhead Reach					
		Ω			
Twist/Turn					
		Ω			
Kneel/Squat					
		Ω			
Sit					
					Ω
Stand/Walk					
			Ω		
Climb Ladder/Stairs					
			Ω		

MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY USED:

Fire fighting equipment including fire engines, ladder trucks, rescue vehicle, extrication tools, hoses, ladders, chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, self contained breathing apparatus, and emergency communication equipment

WORKING ENVIRONMENT:

Approximately 90% of the essential duties/activities for this position are performed from a vehicle and on foot in adverse conditions: Approximately 10% of the essential duties are performed in a heated station environment. The working environment and the duties of the job itself subject this position to periods of high activity and stress under demanding conditions, including exposure to a confined work area for long periods of time and in inclement weather.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Must possess Colorado Class C operators and have and maintain a good driving record.
- Must pass all testing and screening requirements established at the time of application.
- Pass firefighter 1 certification within 24 months from date of hire.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

High school graduation or the equivalent