

CITY OF PARIS  
POSITION DESCRIPTION

**Position:** Firefighter (EMT OR MEDIC)

Department: 123

Reports to: Fire Lieutenant

**Characters of the Class:** Under close supervision, performs EMS, firefighting, fire prevention and operating duties and does related work as required.

**Examples of Duties:** Responds to fire alarms and EMS calls. Lays out and connects hoses. Holds nozzles and directs water streams. Raises and climbs ladders. Uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and other equipment. Removes persons from danger; administers first aid to injured persons. Performs salvage operations such as throwing salvage covers, sweeping water and removing debris. Participates in fire drills and attends training in firefighting, first aid and related subjects. Performs general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire department property; cleans and washes walls, windows and floors; makes minor repairs, washes, hangs and dries hose; washes cleans and polishes apparatus fire and EMS. On assignment may participate in one of several trades in maintaining, remodeling, and construction, altering or repairing buildings, grounds, facilities and equipment. Responds to public service calls. Conducts tours of station and assist in public relations.

**Minimum Qualifications**

**Training and Experience:** Graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent (GED). Must have a current Commonwealth of Kentucky EMT or EMT-P certification. Must have a valid vehicle operator's license issued by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**Special Necessary Requirement:** Completion of all required annual fire and EMS training.

**Special Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:** Some knowledge of the street and physical layout of the city. Working knowledge of firefighting and EMS principles and techniques. Fitness and the ability to perform arduous tasks under adverse conditions. Ability to perform the mechanical work involved in operating and maintaining firefighting and EMS apparatus, equipment and tools. Ability to understand and follow instructions. Ability to establish and maintain effective work relationships with superior, other employees and the public. Alertness. Dependability. Integrity.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are 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.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit; talk or hear; stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl while carrying a load; and taste or smell.

- Could wear personal protective equipment that weighs in excess of 75 pounds.
- Make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up period.
- Works for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- Rely on senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic and potentially life-threatening environment.
- The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 175 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move greater than 175 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

## **WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee may encounter 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 primarily in office, vehicles, and outdoor settings, in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and night shifts. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. Individual is exposed to hearing alarms and hazards associated with emergency scenes, including noxious odors, fumes, chemicals and smoke.

The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet in office settings, and loud at an emergency scene.

Spends extensive time exposed to severe and inclement weather conditions including extreme fluctuations of temperature, and performing tasks in wet, icy, muddy, and on unlevel terrain.

Operates in environments of high noise, poor visibility, and limited mobility at heights and in closed in spaces due to nature of emergency and weather conditions.

The examples of duties are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.