



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Title: Fire Equipment Operator/EMT-Paramedic
Status: Full & Part Time Openings Available
Application Deadline: Applications Accepted Until Filled

The Town of Oak Island is accepting applications for the position of Fire Equipment Operator/EMT-Paramedic. This position is responsible for fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical response on an assigned shift in the Fire Department.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class participates in the operations of fire suppression, rescue, emergency medical life support and other incident response; and fire education and prevention. The employee works on a 12 or 24-hour shift and participates as part of a team in the maintenance of facilities, equipment, and apparatus. The employee shares responsibility for driving fire apparatus or EMS vehicle to response scenes and for operating pumping equipment, preparing vehicles for response, and preparing records of incidents. The employee also participates in pre-incident planning, inspections, maintenance of records, and training for increased proficiency. Work is performed under stressful emergency conditions and involves personal hazards. Work requires that the employee stay abreast of state-of-the-art fire suppression, medical response, and rescue procedures, techniques, and equipment. The employee is subject to the hazards associated with incidence response work including working in inside and outside environments, working at heights, in extreme hot and cold temperatures, loud noise, vibration, moving parts, high heat, chemicals, fumes, odors, dusts, gases, poor ventilation, oils, and may require wearing respirators, and working in close quarters. The employee is also subject to the final OSHA standards on blood borne pathogens. Work is performed under regular supervision and is evaluated through observation, conferences, and written reports concerning the quality and effectiveness of work completed.

Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Duties and Tasks

- Participates in incident response; responds to alarms and participates in the suppression of fires including forcible entry, ventilation, victim extrication and rescue, and salvage work including operation of fire apparatus and other equipment as required; responds and participates in containment of chemical spills, hazardous materials, and other related incidents.
- Provides responses to emergency medical calls and administers emergency medical care appropriate to credentials which may include advanced life support such as CPR, airway management, bandaging wounds, immobilizing broken bones, controlling hemorrhaging, defibrillation, intubation, drug therapy, suctioning, IV access, and oxygen administration; transports patients to hospitals.

- Drives fire apparatus to incident scene; properly places apparatus to establish water supply or other needs; ensures proper operation and pressure of hoses; issues equipment and monitors radio traffic for necessary response; returns fire apparatus and related equipment to service after incident response.
- Performs light/general/routine maintenance and cleaning of fire apparatus, equipment, station building, and related facilities; Inspects station and equipment for proper appearance and condition; maintains equipment and re-stocks supplies; washes, waxes and refuels rolling stock; checks fuel and oil levels; cleans and dries hoses and personal gear.
- Maintains and tests fire hoses, pumpers, hydrants, etc. and other related activities to ensure readiness.
- Participates in and assists with related activities in support of fire and emergency medical operations including fire pre-planning, fire education and prevention programs, fire inspections, technology support, etc.
- Assists with the preparation of fire and medical response reports; participates in special projects as required; participates in training to maintain or enhance skills.
- Performs additional related duties as required

Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Considerable knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices, and procedures.
- Considerable knowledge of the hazards of firefighting and appropriate safety precautions.
- Considerable knowledge of basic and advanced life support protocols and procedures.
- Working knowledge of modern methods of attacking fire emergencies and of the use and maintenance of firefighting apparatus and equipment.
- Working knowledge of incident response including response to structure and vehicle fires, hazardous materials spills, water and general rescue techniques, and emergency medical service calls.
- Working knowledge of departmental rules and regulations.
- Working knowledge of Town streets and layout.
- Ability to operate all department equipment and apparatus.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, coworkers, volunteers, officials, and members of the public.
- Ability to respond appropriately to emergency medical calls as an EMT at the Paramedic level of advanced life saving care.
- Ability to prepare records of work activities.

Physical Requirements

- Must be able to physically perform the basic life functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, talking, and hearing.
- Must be able to perform very heavy work exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.
- Must possess visual acuity to size up the color, volume, and extent of fire involvement at fire scenes, to operate heavy fire apparatus in emergency situations, to observe and diagnose medical emergencies, and to prepare records and reports.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school supplemented by completion of courses and seminars in fire service. EMT-Paramedic level preferred, or an equivalent combination of experience and education.

Special Requirements

Firefighter II certification; Class B North Carolina Driver's License; Technical Rescue Certification; NIMS 100, 200, 300, 400, 700, 800 certification, EMT-Paramedic.

Applicants should submit a completed employment application via US Mail, email or fax to:

Via US Mail: Town of Oak Island
 Attn: Human Resources
 4601 E Oak Island Dr.
 Oak Island, NC 28465
Email: bbray@ci.oak-island.nc.us
Fax: 910-278-9542

Applications can be found on the Town website at www.oakislandnc.com.

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