

# City of Rapid City

## Job Description

<b>Job Title</b>	Firefighter Paramedic		
<b>Job Code:</b>		<b>Job Family:</b>	
<b>Pay Grade:</b>	FD16	<b>Date Revised:</b>	3/31/2021
<b>FLSA Status:</b>			

**General Summary:** This position is responsible for performing firefighting and emergency response activities, and participates in fire prevention role.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

*The intent of this job description is to provide a representative summary of the major duties and responsibilities performed by incumbents of this job. Incumbents may be requested to perform job-related tasks other than those specifically presented in this description.*

**All Levels:**

- Reads and interprets street maps, equipment diagram: signs, symbols, placards, and labels for hazardous material.
- Participates in structural, wild-land, aircraft, and other types of fire attack by constructing fire line around wild-land fires, connecting hydrant supply line, advancing and maneuvering fire hose and nozzle to extinguish fires, hoisting equipment using rope and selecting and tying knots in rope, carrying, positioning, and raising ground ladders, choosing and operating portable fire extinguishers, operating hand and power tools, and, other related activities.
- Performs fire and rescue operations to include carrying a victim, climbing ladders in excess of 100 feet in height while carrying tools, equipment, or a victim.
- Performs patient assessment, basic life support, medical care, basic airway management, and mouth to mask, or bag valve mask ventilation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic external defibrillation, splint fractures, and control of external bleeding.
- Wears, uses and maintains protective clothing, to include self-contained breathing apparatus.
- Operates two-way radios, light vehicles, brush trucks, large fire apparatus and water tenders.
- Performs routine maintenance of station, equipment, vehicles, and grounds.
- Performs various equipment related tests on fire hose, pumpers, aerial ladders, ground ladders, and hydrants.
- Prepares commercial occupancy fire pre-plans, fire/life safety inspection, and incident reports.
- Designs and delivers fire/life safety presentations.
- Accomplishes or assists others in accomplishing non-routine apparatus service and repair/remodeling of stations.
- Acts as officer in charge when assigned to the ambulance.
- Performs advanced patient assessment for medical and trauma calls.
- Provides advanced airway control, i.e. endotracheal intubation; surgical airway.
- Provides cardiac monitoring, interpretation of 12 lead EKG and manual defibrillation.
- Provides drug administration to include parenteral, IV push and IV drips.
- Performs needle thoracotomy and chest decompression.
- Maintains license through continuing education.

### **Apprentice Firefighter Paramedic I:**

- Performs rescue operations by using hand and power tools to extricate victims trapped in motor vehicles, accomplishing elevator, industrial, ice, and water rescues, and rescues in cave-ins and other below-grade/confined space emergencies, accomplishes rescues with ropes in low and high angle environments.
- Uses pumper trucks and hoses, select, produce, and maintain appropriate water supplies, pump and nozzle pressures.
- Chooses proper location and size of vent opening for ventilation and ventilates, in structure fires.
- Protects property from fire damage using covers, fans, and other salvage equipment.
- Performs ladder inspection and maintenance.
- Identifies signs of arson.

### **Apprentice Firefighter Paramedic II:**

- Predicts basic fire behavior and recognizes structural instability in various types of situations.
- Operates aerial ladder apparatus.
- Identifies basic commercial occupancy fire code violations.

### **Journeyman Firefighter Medic Journeyman:**

- Performs various equipment related tests on fire hose, pumpers, aerial ladders, ground ladders, and hydrants.
- Prepares commercial occupancy fire pre-plans, fire/life safety inspection, and incident reports.
- Designs and delivers fire/life safety presentations.
- Performs as company officer in the absence of lieutenant or captain.
- Assists the lieutenant or captain in administration of apprenticeship duties.

### **Assignments to Specialized Operations may include these Additional**

#### **(Haz-Mat)**

- Performs hazardous material risk assessment and mitigation.
- Performs hazardous material control operations within capabilities.
- Performs appropriate decontamination procedures.
- Uses basic monitoring equipment to classify and verify known and unknown materials.
- Understands basic chemical, biological and radiological terms and their behavior.

#### **(Water Rescue)**

- Performs under water rescue and recovery operations.
- Performs dive operations in a hazardous environment (i.e. night, polluted water, swift water, etc.)

#### **(Airport)**

- Attains certifications from a Federal Aviation Administration approved training facility for response to Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting.
- Provides Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) for airplane crashes and airplane emergencies.
- Provides fire and life safety protection for sir ambulance aircraft standbys.
- Performs quarterly safety inspections of fuel storage areas and fuel trucks in accordance with the FAR Part 13.

- Conducts inspections for vehicles entering the Airport Operations Area (AOA) and Secure Identification Display Area (SIDA) of the airport.
- Assists with Wildlife Hazard Management Plan issues when requested by Airport Operations.
- Assists Airport Operations with duties required by SIDA badge holders in resolving security breaches and alarms.
- Assists Airport Operations with enforcement of parking restrictions.

## Qualifications:

### Education and/or Experience:

**For entrance as Apprentice Firefighter – Paramedic:** High school diploma or GED equivalency; attain the age of 19 before hire date; be a citizen of the United States or declare intentions to become naturalized as required by the provisions of South Dakota Codified Law 314. Must possess a South Dakota Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P) certificate or, if not from South Dakota, must be a current Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic (EMT-P)

**Apprentice Firefighter Paramedic Level I:** High school diploma or GED equivalency; maintain South Dakota Paramedic Licensure and certification. Complete 16 months as a Rapid City Fire Department Firefighter Paramedic Recruit and demonstrates proficiency in departmental written, verbal, and/or manual skills exam.

**Apprentice Firefighter Paramedic Level II:** High school diploma or GED equivalency; maintain South Dakota Paramedic Licensure.

**Journeyman Firefighter Paramedic:** High school diploma or GED equivalency; maintain South Dakota Paramedic licensure and certification. Complete 48 months as a Rapid City Firefighter Paramedic and demonstrates proficiency in departmental written, verbal, and/or manual skills exam.

### Certificates, Licenses, Registrations:

Must possess a valid South Dakota driver's license or ability to obtain within 30 days from date of hire. Paramedic applicants must provide proof of current National Registry Paramedic certification or State of South Dakota Paramedic licensure and certification. All Paramedic applicants will be required to obtain a State of South Dakota licensure and certification by the end of the recruit training.

## Working Conditions:

*The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing 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 regularly exposed to outside weather conditions. The employee is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions and moving mechanical parts. The employee is occasionally exposed to high, precarious places; fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals; extreme cold; extreme heat; risk of electrical shock; explosives; risk of radiation and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

**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 stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl and taste or smell. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.