

**BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
CLASS DESCRIPTION
2004**

CLASS TITLE: FIREFIGHTER

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF CLASS

The purpose of the class is to respond to fire alarms and other emergency calls as required, and perform the necessary functions and operations to efficiently and effectively protect the lives and property of those in need of assistance; to operate fire apparatus at the scene of emergencies and provide medical assistance at the EMT level as necessary, and to perform related work as required. This class works according to set procedures under close supervision.

REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES

Lieutenants

SUPERVISORY REONSIBILITIES

NONE

ESSENTIAL TASKS

The tasks listed below are those that represent the majority of the time spent working in this class. Management may assign additional tasks related to the type of work of the class as necessary.

Performs equipment apparatus checks; repairs malfunctions and/or reports defective equipment to appropriate department/person for repair.

Keeps equipment and apparatus in clean condition; washes and waxes vehicles, washes ladders.

Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls; performs needed rescues, life saving operations and firefighting activities.

Selects appropriate hose nozzle type, lays hose line, connects to pump and/or fire hydrants, directs water or chemicals onto fire.

Participates in department training and practices street drills.

Learns street and fire hydrant locations; becomes familiar with area and road networks.

Participates in fire prevention and inspection activities relevant to firefighting activities.

Performs station housekeeping and ground keeping duties incidental to other firefighting responsibilities.

May drive and operate motor driven firefighting equipment.

Safely operates firefighting vehicles and equipment; drives apparatus to fire or emergency scene; prepares pumping operation; ensures fire hydrants are located, connections made and equipment properly deployed.

Ensures water is pumped to fire at designated pressure; suction hose and fire hoses are properly located; checks condition of motor and equipment during operation; makes necessary adjustments and/or changes.

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Performs equipment and apparatus checks; inspects and checks pumping equipment, ignition, batteries and brakes; repairs malfunctions and/or reports defective equipment to appropriate personnel for repair.

Completes and maintains logs, forms and reports of activities, according to department guidelines and accepted record keeping practices.

Participates in pre-fire planning and other fire prevention activities and programs as schedule permits.

Participates in fire hydrant maintenance, testing and mapping program.

Ventilates fires to release heat and smoke; places salvage covers to prevent water damage; prevents fires from re-kindling.

Performs advanced life support procedures when privileges have been obtained and when assigned.

Shall maintain proficiencies of assigned areas.

Must be able to work rotating shift assignments.

Performs other job-related duties as required by supervisors.

INVOLVEMENT WITH DATA, PEOPLE, AND THINGS

DATA INVOLVEMENT:

Requires copying, transcribing, entering or posting data or information.

PEOPLE INVOLVEMENT:

Requires speaking or signaling to people to convey or exchange information of a general nature.

INVOLVEMENT WITH THINGS:

Requires leading, operating or repairing complex machinery or equipment that requires extended training and experience, such as fire engines, fire suppression equipment, rescue equipment, medical equipment, etc.; may involve installation and testing. Involves operations of limited scope.

COGNITIVE REQUIREMENTS

REASONING REQUIREMENTS:

Requires performing skilled work involving rules/systems with almost constant problem-solving.

MATHEMATICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Requires using basic algebra involving variables and formulas and/or basic geometry involving plane and solid figures, circumferences, areas and volumes.

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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Requires reading technical instructions, procedures, manuals and charts to solve practical problems; composing routine reports and specialized reports, forms and business letters with proper format; speaking compound sentences using normal grammar and word form.

MENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Requires doing clerical, manual or technical tasks requiring a wide range of procedures and requiring intensive understanding of a restricted field or complete familiarity with the functions of a unit or small division of an operating agency; requires normal attention with short periods of concentration for accurate results or occasional exposure to unusual pressure.

VOCATIONAL/EDUCATIONAL AND EXPERIENCE PREPARATION

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Requires high school diploma or GED equivalent.

SPECIAL CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES:

Must possess a valid Class "D" state driver's license, with "E" Endorsement.

Must meet requirements of F.S. 633.34 and 633.35.

May be required to comply with Chapter 401 and HRS 10D66 and medical directors requirements. This requirement will apply to those employees currently certified as Paramedics and those enrolled in the Paramedic program. Any currently enrolled employee who does not successfully complete the program will not be required to comply with this requirement.

Must possess state Firefighter, EMT certifications.

EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

No experience required.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL AND DEXTERITY REQUIREMENTS:

Requires heavy work that involves walking, standing, climbing, balancing, stooping, crouching, crawling, kneeling, reaching, and lifting, pushing or raising objects, exerting between 50 and 75 pounds of force on a recurring basis and over 100 pounds of force on a frequent basis. Must have the ability to perform prolonged and arduous physical work under adverse and hazardous conditions.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS:

The job may risk exposure to fire hazards, extreme heat and/or cold, wet or humid conditions, extreme noise levels, vibration, fumes and/or noxious odors, airborne particles, traffic, moving machinery, electrical shock, heights, confined spaces, disease/pathogens, toxic/caustic chemicals, explosives.

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SENSORY REQUIREMENTS:

The job requires normal visual acuity, depth perception and field of vision, hearing and speaking ability, color perception, odor perception.

JUDGMENTS AND DECISIONS

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Responsible for guiding others, requiring frequent decisions affecting co-workers and others who depend on the service or product; works in a somewhat fluid environment with rules and procedures but with many variations from the routine.

ADA COMPLIANCE

Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the District to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are invited to discuss accommodations.