

**CITY OF ALVA
JOB DESCRIPTION**

TITLE:	Firefighter I
DEPARTMENT:	Fire
REPORTS TO:	Fire Chief
FLSA STATUS:	Non-Exempt
GRADE:	6
SALARY:	30,162 to 38,208

NATURE OF WORK

This is a non-exempt position performing fire suppression, prevention, life safety duties, and driving apparatus in the fire department.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- * Performs firefighting duties such as combating, extinguishing and preventing fires, and answering emergency calls with an engine, ladder or miscellaneous vehicles. Lays and connects hoses, direct water onto burning structures, raises and climbs ladders; uses other firefighting techniques such as ventilating burning buildings (chopping holes in floors or roofs); administers first aid to injured persons; performs salvage operations; and inspects assigned district to assure knowledge of access, fire hazards, etc.

- * Trains for, and participates in the protection of life and property by firefighting and rescue activities. Participates in fire drills and attends training classes in firefighting, first aid and related subjects.

- * Handles routine custodial maintenance of the fire department equipment (such as oxygen breathing equipment, resuscitation equipment, etc.), apparatus and quarters.

- * Conforms to the safety requirement of the department.

- * Performs other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Since this is an entry level classification, most of the qualifications include the ability to: learn firefighting skills, first aid, apparatus and equipment maintenance, etc. The applicant is required to pass a state required physical examination.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITY

None

SPECIAL CERTIFICATES, REGISTRATIONS, LICENSES REQUIRED

Must possess a valid driver's/chauffeurs license and have a driving record acceptable to City's insurance carrier.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Operate both as a member of a team and independently at incidents of uncertain duration.
- Perform physically demanding work while wearing positive pressure breathing equipment with 1.5 inches of water column resistance to exhalation at a flow of 40 liters per minute.
- Perform complex tasks during life-threatening emergencies.
- Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- Face life or death decisions during emergency conditions.
- Exposed to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims.
- Make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up periods.
- Operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, limited mobility, at heights, and in enclosed or confined spaces.
- Use manual and power tools in the performance of duties.
- Rely on speech, as well as 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 throughout the duration of the operation.
- Lift varying weights and carry said weights, without stopping, for various distances.
- Drives assigned piece of firefighting or rescue apparatus to fires and other emergencies, transporting emergency personnel; operates pumps and other mechanical equipment.
- Relays and receives radio messages from superior to fire dispatchers
- Cleans and services the assigned apparatus; reports mechanical failures to superior.

PHYSICAL/MENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Wear personal protective equipment that weighs approximately 50 pounds while performing work related tasks.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AND SAFETY CONCERNS

- Spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements
- Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties. Must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400° F), humid (up to 100%) atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body cooling mechanisms
- Experience frequent transition from hot to cold and from humid to dry atmospheres.
- Work in wet, icy, or muddy areas.
- Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as on roof tops or from ladders.
- Work in areas where sustaining traumatic or thermal injuries is possible.
- Face exposure to carcinogenic dusts such as asbestos, toxic substances such as hydrogen cyanide, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalation or skin contact.
- Face exposure to infectious agents such as hepatitis B or HIV.