COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
Position Description

ARFF FIRE FIGHTER III - SIA

Code 304

Nature of Work

Highly Responsible for responding to aircraft rescue operations and combating fires.

The employee is responsible for emergency response to aircraft rescue operations and fire fighting activities of low difficulty to dangerous situations. Responsible for driving all assigned ARFF vehicles and having technical knowledge of operational capability to include trouble-shooting. Employee is under close supervision of supervisors and higher grade firefighters.

Examples of Duties (Illustrative)

1. Participates in classes, training sessions, drills and lectures for the purpose of learning advance methods and techniques of crash rescue, fire suppression and prevention.
2. Learns advance theories and methods appropriate to all types of fire fighting and specialized procedures and techniques required which shall include structural fires, aircraft fire fighting and rescue, fires involving unusual hazards, and fundamental principles of fire protection.
3. Develops advance skills in first-aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.
4. Drives and operates fire fighting vehicles of significant complexity (e.g. pumpers, aerial ladder trucks, crash rescue trucks).
5. Drives vehicle to scene of crash and/or fire following predetermined route, or selecting alternate route when necessary. Positions vehicle considering factors such as wind direction, hazards, location of aircraft, etc.
6. Assists in training other firefighters in the skills of driving and operating equipment.
7. Performs strenuous physical activities such as lifting heavy fire fighting equipment, climbing standard and aerial ladders, and lifting and carrying people and equipment for rescue and salvage.
8. Uses and maintains fire fighting equipment.
9. Participates in emergency drills.
10. Applies the theories necessary for effective fire fighting and equipment operation and the techniques of crash rescue and fighting fires.
11. Controls and extinguishes fires, operates apparatus, makes forced entries, ventilates structures, performs or assists in rescue operations including the administration of first aid to injured victims, and performs salvage and overhaul.
12. Uses a variety of hand tools, hydraulic tools and portable fire extinguishers.
13. Enters crashed and/or burning aircraft to free or rescue personnel.
14. Performs other related duties as assigned.

Code 304 continuation

Minimum Requirements of Work

1. Knowledge of the specific functions of the ARFF Department.
2. General knowledge of CPA as an autonomous agency.
3. Ability to apply principles and theories of aircraft rescue and fire fighting techniques while under training.
4. Ability organize routine work assignments and perform specific tasks as assigned.
5. Ability to complete the Basic Aircraft and Fire Fighting course.
6. Ability to establish and maintain a cooperative relationship with supervisors, crew members and other personnel.
7. Ability to be proficient in day to day ARFF operations, fire suppression and prevention.

Minimum Qualifications

Graduation from high school or equivalent (G.E.D.) and/or a certificate in Fire Science is desirable from an accredited U.S. college. Shall have no less than three (3) years of experience in aircraft rescue and fire fighting. Must be certified in Advanced First Aid (First Responder Level) and CPR by a recognized CPR trainer. Must not be over 35 years of age for new hires in accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1996.

Shall have no record of felony or criminal conviction.
National Fire Protection Association Standards #1003 regarding medical and health fitness requirements apply.

Pay Range

Pay Level: 11
Minimum: $946.45 bi-weekly or $11.83 per hour (PL11/1).
Maximum: $1,618.76 bi-weekly or $20.23 per hour (PL11/12).

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