

## FIRE INSPECTOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is important work involving responsibility for inspecting buildings for compliance with the requirements of fire prevention ordinances and the building code as it relates to fire safety. The work requires close attention to detail since errors in judgment might endanger lives and property. Work is performed under the general direction of the Fire Chief with considerable leeway for the use of independent judgment in planning and carrying out details of the work. Supervision of other employees is not normally a responsibility of the incumbent. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only) Inspects schools, churches, housing projects, hotels, manufacturing plants, institutions and places of public assembly for compliance with fire prevention laws and ordinances; Investigates complaints of fire hazards and endeavors to correct irregularities; Instructs in the proper use of fire extinguishers; Issues and records all burning permits, explosive and blasting permits and permits for the installation of underground storage tanks; Inspects all underground tank installations for fuel, oil and gasoline; Supervises fire drills at schools; Responds to alarms while on duty and assists with rescue and firefighting activities; Coordinate the work of fire prevention with that of Building Inspectors and Ordinances Enforcement Officers; Keeps records and prepares reports of activities; Performs special details as assigned, including speaking engagements.

FULL PERFORMANCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of local fire prevention laws and ordinances; Working knowledge of state and local building codes; Working knowledge of modern firefighting and prevention methods; Good knowledge of the geography of the city; Ability to recognize fire hazards; Firmness; Tact; Good powers of observation; Good judgment; Good physical condition.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: EITHER:

- A. Five years of active membership in a volunteer fire company; OR
- B. Three years of full-time public and private employment as a paid Firefighter or Safety Officer; OR
- C. Any equivalent combination of training and experience.

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