

City of Cranbrook Full-Time Firefighter

Position Overview

Firefighters perform responsible service work in fire suppression, rescue, fire prevention and public education. Firefighters additionally perform related work as required to maintain the function of a municipal fire department.

Firefighters work as a team member on a shift with a regular schedule of two consecutive days followed by two consecutive nights, then four days off. Firefighters report directly to their Captains and will be deployed as appropriate and where needed on the emergency ground. In the event of an emergency, Firefighters are placed within an Incident Command System and maintain accountability inside that system.

A Firefighter's position is highly dynamic and can be stressful and demanding both physically and mentally. At times, a firefighter's duties will vary widely from one moment to the next, and they are required to maintain a state of physical conditioning and mental readiness that enables them to perform this work safely and effectively as required.

Work Performed

Responds to calls for service from the public in our response areas. Reduce suffering, mitigating hazardous conditions, and reducing corporate and departmental liability in the department of these duties.

Works as a firefighter or team leader, as required by our Service Level Policy set out by Council.

Performs fire safety inspections of commercial and non-commercial establishments within our service area and prepares pre-fire plans on high-risk occupancies.

Assists in maintaining and repairing fire apparatus and equipment. Assisting in the cleaning and maintaining of fire station, apparatus and grounds.

Participates in the certification of ongoing skills and maintenance required for the City to deliver our mandated services in a responsible manner.

Participates in public education sessions at the firehall and throughout the community promoting fire safety and the fire service.

Receives both emergency and non-emergency radio transmissions and telephone messages.

If available, responds to requests for service outside of normal working hours to aid in emergency response activities.

Performs related tasks as necessary.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

Firefighters are required to frequently utilize their judgement in carrying out their duties. Based on levels of training and knowledge, Firefighters can fit into numerous roles in the Incident Command System (ICS) structure. Placement in the ICS structure will often be determined through staffing levels, available manpower, incident specifics and order of arrival.

Firefighters must have the ability to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with fellow employees and the public; have general knowledge of firefighting principles and practices; general knowledge of rescue techniques; general knowledge of the street system and physical layout of the City; general knowledge of emergency care methods, techniques and equipment; understand and follow written and oral instructions; be able to keep simple records and prepare reports; possess a strong mechanical aptitude; perform heavy manual labor; and have proficiency in the operation of heavy emergency equipment.