

UTAH COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION

CLASS TITLE: STRIKE TEAM - BASIC
CLASS CODE: 114003

FLSA STATUS: NON-EXEMPT
SUPERVISORY STATUS: NONE

EFFECTIVE DATE: 7/12/2011
DEPARTMENT: SHERIFF

JOB SUMMARY

Under direct to general supervision, performs wildland fire suppression, management, and control activities as part of an engine, helitack, module, or hand crew. Other wildland fire related duties involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, and/or prescribed burning.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Serves as a member of a fire crew assigned to suppress the full range of wildland fires. Develops a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology related to fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustments for the effective use of water and additives, working in and around aircraft such as helicopters, safety rules, and basic fire behavior.

Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump, etc.

Chops brush, fells small trees, and moves dirt to construct fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaskis, McLeods, and may use poser tools including chainsaws and portable pumps to control spreading of wildland fire and/or to prepare control lines prior to burning.

Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish embers, flare-ups, and hotspot fires that may threaten developed firelines.

Cleans, reconditions, and stores fire tools and equipment.

May assist trained personnel in more specialized assignments such as backfire and burnout, mobile and stationary engine attack, construction of helispot, helitack operations, and performing hover backups.

Participates in fire and safety training in the techniques, practices, and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools, equipment and vehicles used in fireline activities. Participates in crew proficiency checks and drills. Participates in safety sessions and fire critiques. Ensures own and others' welfare and safety in all aspects of the assignments.

May be assigned to a fire lookout to provide detection and reporting of wildfires.

May perform project work such as fuel inventory, preparing associated reports, and hazard fuel reduction projects.

May perform project work such as road and trail maintenance, habitat manipulation, and miscellaneous equipment and facilities maintenance.

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: standard wildland fire management program requirements, suppression tactics, methods and procedures; fire behavior hazards, and accepted fire safety practices and procedures to prevent injury and loss of life; agency and interagency qualifications, position task book requirements, and certification standards and procedures adopted by the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG).

Skill in: using and maintaining wildland firefighting hand tools, pumps and hoses, and chainsaws.

Ability to: maintain cooperative working relationships with contacted during the course of work activities; effectively communicate; ability to perform duties under stressful and adverse operating conditions such as long work hours, heavy workloads, emergency situations, and adverse environmental and other conditions.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Duties regularly involve rigorous fieldwork requiring above average physical performance, endurance, and superior conditioning. Work regularly requires prolonged standing and walking over uneven ground. Work regularly requires recurring bending, reaching, and lifting and carrying of items weighing over 50 pounds and shared lifting and carrying of heavier items.

Accommodation may be made for some of these physical demands for otherwise qualified individuals who require and request such accommodation.

WORKING CONDITIONS

The work is primarily performed in forest and desert environments including those with steep terrain in which surfaces may be extremely uneven, rocky, and/or covered with thick tangled vegetation. The work exposes the incumbent to unknown and dangerous situations such as snake bites and insect stings, smoke inhalation, fire entrapment, and falling or rolling material. The work exposes the incumbent to excessive machinery noise. The work may expose the incumbent to extreme weather and other unpredictable situations which lead to poor bivouac and eating situations. The hazardous nature of the work requires that protective equipment such as boots, hard hat, gloves, flame resistant clothing etc. be worn.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1. Applicants must have the ability to pass the Work Capacity Test or “pack test” with an arduous rating. This requires successfully completing a 3 mile hike carrying a 45 pound pack in under 45 minutes.
2. Applicants must possess a current valid driver’s license.
3. Applicants must possess or have the ability to obtain certificates S-130, S-190, and L-180, or Wildland Fire Certification before June 1st or prior to a start date being issued if after June 1st.
4. Applicants must be 18 years of age prior to a start date being issued.
5. Selected applicants are subject to, and must successfully pass, a background check.

This description lists the major duties and requirements of the job and is not all-inclusive. Incumbent(s) may be expected to perform job-related duties other than those contained in this document and may be required to have specific job-related knowledge and skills.