

**JOB DESCRIPTION
CITY OF SPRINGFIELD**

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYMENT AND
COMPENSATION DIVISION**

Job Title	<u>Battalion Chief</u>
Sch & Grade	<u>FPS-9</u>
Class Code	<u>BI85</u>
FLSA Status	<u>Exempt</u>
Bargain Unit Elig.	<u>Not Eligible</u>
Occupational Group	<u>Fire</u>

PRIMARY PURPOSE:

Supervises firefighting, emergency medical services and rescue activities for assigned personnel with coordination and assimilation of department inspection, investigation and public education responsibilities.

SUPERVISION:

Under the general supervision of an Assistant Fire Chief; directly supervises assigned Fire Captains, Training Captains, and Fire Marshals.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Supervises a large number of firefighting, emergency medical services and rescue personnel for one of the two established city districts as assigned for a 24-hour shift and frequently supervises both districts when fire emergencies occur.
2. Supervises all special operations teams and Training Division personnel as assigned for a 10-hour shift
3. Oversees fire station operations, which includes the maintenance of equipment, grounds, and buildings.
4. Responds to potentially serious fires and other emergencies as assigned.
5. Takes command and directs the utilization of resources including personnel, equipment, supplies, etc. at major fires and emergencies as appropriate under the Incident Command System.
6. Completes daily and long-range staffing for assigned stations and apparatus to ensure required staffing needs are met to accomplish multiple activities, still maintaining operational readiness.
7. Participates in planning associated with assigned Division.
8. Handles anticipated emergencies as required.
9. Coordinates a variety of intercompany and/or interdepartmental activities.
10. Plans, assists, presents, and participates in the training to ensure readiness of assigned personnel and teams as well as personal readiness.
11. Prepares and presents clear, accurate and detailed written reports, including yearly reports for each assigned area of emphasis.
12. Reads and interprets a variety of information including records, reports, manuals, etc. and utilizes information as necessary to determine such things as schedules and activities.
13. Participates in the development and implementation of departmental policies and makes recommendations for policy changes, project priorities and systems to administer the Fire Department programs.
14. Plans, coordinates and discusses departmental issues and services with a wide variety of individuals and groups including citizens, City Utilities, other agencies and City staff members.
15. Operates a variety of vehicle types and drives to different fire stations locations fire scenes, etc.
16. Develops and implements programs to enhance activity levels department-wide for assigned areas of concentration consistent with departmental benchmarks.
17. Directs, coordinates and participates in public education and inspection activities, as assigned.
18. Provides quality assurance for all investigation and reporting activities as assigned.

IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS:

1. Utilizes, creates reports, and maintains necessary computer applications such as Firehouse reporting software, word processing and database.
2. Performs office administration tasks such as copying, faxing, etc. as required.
3. Responds as Fire Department representative to media as required.
4. Participates in citizen educational programs designed to reduce fire incidents; makes recommendations to improve educational programs.
5. Attends conferences, workshops, seminars and other training for professional development purposes.

Performs related work as required.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

Any combination of education, training, and experience providing the following knowledge, skills, and abilities:

Knowledge

Thorough knowledge of principles, methods and procedures involving firefighting, emergency medical services, special operations, rescue and salvage; fire prevention, training, and fire administration;; interpersonal skills and communication; modern management techniques.

Abilities

Effectively plan, organize, supervise, instruct and review work of fire operations and training personnel; direct the use and maintenance of equipment, buildings, grounds, and supplies; assume command responsibility as required and handle all serious fires and emergencies; possess a high degree of integrity and strong work ethic with the ability to detect and avoid conflicts of interest; reacts calmly under stress using appropriate and independent judgment; set a proper tone for the functioning of the organization and serve as a role model in behavior, practice and word; display a high degree of integrity and professionalism in action and word; effectively de-escalate tense situations and mediate interpersonal conflict between individuals, makes responsible decisions and recommendations; observe situations analytically and objectively and reports them clearly and accurately; formulate and articulate plans, policies and programs to focus available resources; prepare and present clear, accurate, and detailed written reports; write and coordinate news releases; read and interpret a variety of information; understand and apply elementary fire code applications; follow oral and written instructions; communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; ensure homogenous delivery of education and inspection services by all personnel in the Fire Department; cultivate and demonstrate positive, cooperative relationships with other City departments such as Building Development Services, Health Department, and other code related agencies; deal effectively and courteously with supervisors, co-workers, outside agencies, customers, and the general public; maintains a mentoring relationship with senior chief officers; model and promote acceptance and respect for differences among employees and citizens; performs effectively as a member of the team in carrying out the City's stated mission and philosophy; perform the essential functions of the job without posing a direct threat to the health and safety of others.

Experience, Education, and Training

Satisfactory completion of at least 30 credit hours at an accredited college or university, plus seven years of continuous service in the Springfield Fire Department, two years of which must have been in the position of Fire Captain, Truck Company Captain, Fire Training Captain or Fire Marshal.

Physical Requirements

Visual defects cannot exceed 20/100 in both eyes and vision must be corrected to 20/30 in both eyes; successful long-term soft contact lens wearers shall not be subject to the uncorrected criterion; must be able to distinguish primary colors; must be able to pass a post offer medical examination including a hearing test.

Frequently/Routinely:

- Walk; climb ladders and stairways; sit for long periods of time; stand for long periods of time; bend, squat, kneel, twist; reach to ground level and overhead; hold and grip objects.

Rarely/Seldom:

- Run; crawl; jump; lift, carry, push or pull weight up to 125 lbs., and work at heights of 100 feet or higher as required by emergency situations.

Working Environment

Primarily indoors with heating and cooling regulated; may be exposed to extreme weather conditions, poor visibility, constant and extreme noise, fumes, and smoke when responding to fire scenes; subject to a variety of safety hazards as well as life threatening conditions and situations associated with firefighting, fire investigations, bomb squad activities, and rescue work.

Licensing/Certification

Must possess a valid Missouri Motor Vehicle Operator's License. If appointed to the position of Firefighter after January, 1998, must maintain Emergency Medical Technician certifications throughout appointment as Battalion Chief. Must obtain and maintain approved Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Officer I and Fire Officer II certification through the Missouri Division of Fire Safety.

Miscellaneous Requirements

Subject to emergency call-in. Shift and City section assignment may vary depending on department requirements.

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I have read the foregoing job description in its entirety and understand its contents. I can perform the essential functions outlined with or without reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act.		
Signed: _____	Date: _____	