

## CITY OF MONROE



### Job Description

**Job Title:** Captain-Apparatus  
**Reports To:** Division Chief-Apparatus  
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**Department:** Fire  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt  
**Prepared Date:** 12-1-2011  
**Rank Indicator:** 2 Bugles

**Summary.** Assists Division Chief-Apparatus. Supervises and coordinates the emergency and nonemergency activities of a fire station on an assigned shift by performing the following duties.

**Essential Duties and Responsibilities** include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

Responds to fire alarms and determines from observation nature and extent of fire, condition of building, danger to adjacent buildings, and source of water supply, and directs firefighting crews accordingly.

Supervises staff during responses to emergency fire, medical aid, hazardous material, rescue, and other situations unless relieved by a superior officer.

Directs maintenance and drivers training activities in absence of Division Chief of Apparatus.

Plans, assigns, schedules, directs, and participates in station and equipment maintenance, fire prevention, and other assignments of the company.

Inspects station house, buildings, grounds, and facilities, and examines fire trucks and equipment, such as ladders and hoses, to ensure compliance with departmental maintenance standards.

Performs a wide variety of fire suppression and medical assistance tasks.

Contains, controls, and decontaminates hazardous materials spills.

Responsible for training of subordinates

Writes and submits proposal for new training programs or modification of existing training requirements to superiors.

Trains subordinates in use of equipment and apparatus

Evaluates the effectiveness of the Department Driver Training program.

Evaluates efficiency of personnel.

Compiles report of each fire call, listing location, type, probable cause, estimated damage, and disposition.

Conducts fire drills for occupants of buildings.

Supervises and coordinates activities of fire companies fighting multiple alarm fire until relieved by superiors.

Maintains keys for commercial buildings in area of responsibility

Requisitions and approves purchases within delegated authority.

Prepares and maintains a variety of records and reports.

### **Supervisory Responsibilities**

Manages one subordinate supervisor, the Apparatus Lieutenant, who supervises up to seven employees. Is responsible for the overall direction, coordination, and evaluation of the Fire Department Apparatus unit. Carries out supervisory responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and applicable laws. Responsibilities include interviewing, hiring, and training employees; planning, assigning, and directing work; appraising performance; rewarding and disciplining employees; addressing complaints and resolving problems.

### **Competencies**

To perform the job successfully, an individual should demonstrate the following competencies:

Technical Skills - Assesses own strengths and weaknesses; Pursues training and development opportunities; Strives to continuously build knowledge and skills; Shares expertise with others.

Customer Service - Manages difficult or emotional customer situations; Responds promptly to customer needs.

Interpersonal Skills - Maintains confidentiality; Keeps emotions under control.

Oral Communication - Speaks clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations; Listens and gets clarification; Responds well to questions.

Written Communication - Able to read and interpret written information.

Teamwork - Balances team and individual responsibilities; Exhibits objectivity and openness to others' views; Gives and welcomes feedback; Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Puts success of team above own interests; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives; Supports everyone's efforts to succeed.

Delegation - Delegates work assignments; Matches the responsibility to the person; Sets expectations and monitors delegated activities; Provides recognition for results.

Leadership - Exhibits confidence in self and others; Inspires and motivates others to perform well; Effectively influences actions and opinions of others; Accepts feedback from others; Gives appropriate recognition to others.

Managing People - Takes responsibility for subordinates' activities; Develops subordinates' skills and encourages growth; Fosters quality focus in others; Continually works to improve supervisory skills.

Organizational Support - Follows policies and procedures; Completes administrative tasks correctly and on time; Supports organization's goals and values.

Judgment - Displays willingness to make decisions; Exhibits sound and accurate judgment; Supports and explains reasoning for decisions; Includes appropriate people in decision-making process; Makes timely decisions.

Motivation - Sets and achieves challenging goals; Demonstrates persistence and overcomes obstacles; Measures self against standard of excellence.

Professionalism - Approaches others in a tactful manner; Reacts well under pressure; Treats others with respect and consideration regardless of their status or position; Accepts responsibility for own actions; Follows through on commitments.

Safety and Security - Observes safety and security procedures; Determines appropriate action beyond guidelines; Reports potentially unsafe conditions; Uses equipment and materials properly.

Adaptability - Adapts to changes in the work environment; Able to deal with frequent change, delays, or unexpected events.

Initiative - Volunteers readily; Undertakes self-development activities; Seeks increased responsibilities; Looks for and takes advantage of opportunities; Asks for and offers help when needed.

**Qualifications** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

### **Education and/or Experience**

High School diploma or GED; Three to six months related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience. At least 5 years of firefighting experience in an organized fire department.

*(All certifications may be waived or modified by Chief of Department)*

### **Language Skills**

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.

### **Mathematical Skills**

Ability to add, subtract, multiply, and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

### **Reasoning Ability**

Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.

### **Computer Skills**

To perform this job successfully, an individual should have knowledge of Word Processing software.

### **Certificates, Licenses, Registrations**

Firefighter II certification  
Driver/Operator-Pumper certification  
Driver/Operator- Aerial certification  
Cleared on all trucks  
Fire Officer I certification  
Fire Instructor 1 certification  
Wisconsin Emergency Medical Responder certification  
Valid Wisconsin driver's license

**Physical Demands** The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this Job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms and talk or hear. The employee is frequently required to taste or smell. The employee is occasionally required to sit; climb or balance and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must regularly lift and /or move up to 25 pounds, frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities

required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception and ability to adjust focus.

**Work Environment** The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this Job, the employee is frequently exposed to outside weather conditions. The employee is occasionally exposed to moving mechanical parts; high, precarious places; fumes or airborne particles; toxic or caustic chemicals and risk of electrical shock. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

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