

Medical Release to Fire & Rescue/EMS Duties Dallas Fire-Rescue Department

Listed below are routine fire ground duties that all firefighters are subject to performing, whether or not they are assigned to a mobile intensive care unit. A firefighter **should not be released to full duty if there would be any restriction placed on his performing any of the limited tasks.** While this list is not exhaustive, it does include a variety of typical duties. These duties are performed in all weather conditions, including extreme heat and cold, while wearing approximately 50 pounds (weight before saturation with water) of required protective clothing, including helmet, firefighting bunker pants and coat, and self-contained breathing apparatus. At a working fire, the listed duties normally would be performed for a minimum of 30 minutes and frequently last for several hours.

Typical Duties:

- Lifting, from both overhead and dead weight positions, a variety of equipment (e.g., hose, ladders, fans, rescue saws, portable lights). When assistance is available, one person’s share of weight load commonly would be 36-40 lbs.; however, it is not uncommon for a firefighter to have to carry equipment weighing 65 lbs. or more without assistance. (Weights cited are **in addition** to the 50 lbs. of protective clothing.)
- Climbing ladders with a charged hose line, another ladder (14'-16'), or other equipment weighing 30-40 lbs. in addition to the 50 lbs. of protective clothing.
- Wielding an axe, shoveling burned debris, moving furniture, bending, twisting, pushing and pulling, frequently from awkward positions.
- Assisting another firefighter in advancing 250 feet of 1-3/4" hose with 200 gallons/minute pressure (i.e., 101 lbs. of force at the nozzle and 360 lbs. weight from hose and water, in addition to the 50 lbs. of protective clothing).
- Upward thrusting of “pike poles” into ceilings to open up access to attics.
- Crawling through and performing tasks in confined spaces (e.g., scuttle holes, small window openings, attics).
- Walking on roofs and other (often wet) surfaces where footing is precarious and/or in smoke-charged rooms with very limited visibility carrying equipment and/or performing emergency tasks.
- Climbing several flights of stairs carrying hose, rescue saws, ladders, other equipment weighing as much as 65-75 lbs. per firefighter, in addition to the 50 lbs. of protective clothing.

FULL RELEASE AUTHORIZATION (to be completed by physician):

_____ (patient’s name) is released to fire and rescue duties without restriction beginning _____ (date).

(Physician’s signature)

(Date)

(Physician’s printed name and office phone number)

- 11-13 Fire and Rescue Officers are directly responsible to their immediate supervisor for the proper and efficient performance of duties. Fire and Rescue Officers:
- 11-13.1 Will perform the duties of their assignment and be governed by the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures applicable to their assignment.
 - 11-13.2 Will be prepared to respond to an alarm at anytime while on duty.
 - 11-13.3 Will have a thorough knowledge of their first-alarm district and a general knowledge of their greater-alarm district.
 - 11-13.4 Will be particularly responsible for heeding safety practices and procedures regarding the operation, use, care, cleanliness, upkeep, and safety integrity of all their personal protective clothing and equipment, including their protective breathing apparatus.
 - 11-13.5 Will diligently perform station duties that include standing watch, greeting the public, apparatus maintenance, equipment inventory, station housekeeping, physical fitness workouts, fire inspections, fire tactical information surveys, fire hydrant maintenance, training, drills, testing and evaluation, preparing meals, emergency response, first aid, and firefighting.
 - 11-13.6 Will be knowledgeable of current procedures, orders, directives, memos, or other Department activities that they will read in the departmental mail.
 - 11-13.7 Will perform such other duties as required by their supervisor.
 - 11-13.8 Will perform the duties and accept the responsibilities of a higher rank when so designated.

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Classification Specification

Title: Fire Captain
Application: CS
Supplemental/Code:
Status/Code: Classified-Uniform/2
Employees Supv:
Annual Operating Budget:
Document: 78P/29

Class Code: 44007
Established: 9/5/84
Revised: 9/15/87
F.L.S.A.: Non-Exempt
Physical: AC
Driver's License:
Special Req: Yes

Distinguishing Characteristics

Commanding officer of a fire station with variety of supervisory, training, and firefighting duties.

Typical Duties

1. Acts as commanding officer in a small (one company) or large (several companies with one or more Lieutenants) station as assigned; supervises one or more companies of firefighters performing maintenance and training duties at stations and firefighting duties at fires.
2. Performs variety of station duties such as supervising the cleaning and maintenance of physical properties of fire station, maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment at station, making up "watch list."
3. Conducts training classes for members of fire companies under command; plans and prepares schedules of activities such as hose drills, ladder drills, and "district" drills (training in proper routes to follow in -going to fires in district and locations of fire plugs).
4. At fires, assumes command, directs and actively participates in fighting fire with own company (four-five firefighters); at large multi-alarm fires assumes command until arrival of a superior officer.
5. Serves as shift duty officer in the Communication Division.
6. Performs other related duties, including special projects, as requested or required.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities Desired to Perform Work:

Demonstrated knowledge of firefighting techniques and practices and departmental rules, regulations, and procedures relative to size up and attack, specific fire causes and fire hazards, forcible entry, protection of exposures, use and care of equipment, ventilation, extinguishment practices, hose practices, pumping practices, ladder practices, overhaul and salvage, first aid, and rescue. Demonstrated knowledge of principles of supervision and departmental rules and regulations relative to personnel practices and procedures required to supervise a station.

Working Conditions and Hazards:

Performs variety of strenuous physical duties involved in fighting fires. Fights fires in all types of buildings and under hazardous conditions. Responds to alarms at any hour and in all weather conditions. Works under platoon system with 24-hours on duty and 48-hours off duty shifts. Subjected to injuries and potentially fatal hazards in firefighting work.

Special Requirements:

Pre-employment Phy I Examination-A-Class. Requires six and one-half years experience in Dallas Fire-Rescue Department including eighteen months as Fire Lieutenant.'

Career Series

Classification Specification

Title: Fire Lieutenant	Class Code: 44006
Application:	CS Established: 9/6/84
Supplemental/Code:	Revised: 9/16/87
Status/Code: Classified-Uniformed/2	F.L.S.A.: Non-Exempt
# Employees Supv:	Physical: AC
Annual Operating Budget:	Driver's License:
Document: 78P/53	Special Req: Yes

Distinguishing Characteristics

This is a Junior officer at a fire station with duties involved in assisting the Captain in details of station duties and training firefighters and in leading company of men in fighting fires.

Typical Duties

1. Assists Captain in supervising a group of firefighters performing maintenance and training duties at stations and firefighting duties at fires.
2. Performs station duties as assigned such as supervising the cleaning and maintenance of physical properties of fire station, maintaining inventory of supplies and equipment at station, and making up "watch list."
3. Assists Captain in conducting training classes for members of fire companies under command; plans and prepares schedules of training activities, such as hose drills, ladder drills, and "district" drills (training in proper routes to follow in going to fires in district and location of fire plugs).
4. At fires, assumes command until arrival of Superior officer; directs and actively participates in fighting fire with own fire company (four-five men).
5. Operates the fire mobile radio position and serves as shift Duty Officer in the absence of the Captain.
6. Performs other related duties, including special projects, as requested or required.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities Desired to Perform Work:

Must have knowledge of firefighting techniques, practices, and theory, including chemistry and physics of fire, hose practice, ladder practices, pumping practices, specific fire causes and fire hazards, extinguishment, protection of exposures, ventilation, size up and attack, overhaul and salvage, rescue operations and first aid; must have knowledge of vocabulary. English usage, spelling, mathematics, and report writing procedures required for promotion to higher rank; must have knowledge of basic principles of supervision and departmental rules and regulations relative to personnel practices and procedures; must have knowledge of public relations principles required to deal effectively with the public.

Abilities usually obtained through five years experience in Dallas Fire-Rescue Department, including six months as Driver Engineer.

Working Conditions and Hazards:

- Performs variety of strenuous physical duties involved in fighting fires.
- Operates pumping apparatus at fires; responds to alarms at any hour and in all weather conditions.
- Works under platoon system with 24-hours on duty and 48 off duty shifts.
- Subjected to possible injury when driving apparatus through City traffic and injuries and potentially fatal hazards inherent in firefighting work.

Special Requirements:

Pre-employment Physical Examination-A-Class

Career Series

Classification Specification

Title: Fire Battalion - Section Chief
Application: Cs
Supplemental/Code: Executive/O
Status/Code: Classified-Uniformed/2
Employees Supv:
Annual Operating Budget:
Document: 78P/43

Class Code: 44008
Established: 9/5/84
Revised: 9/16/87
F.L.S.A.: Exempt
Physical: AC
Driver's License:
Special Req: None

Distinguishing Characteristics

Commanding officer of a battalion district with variety of supervisory firefighting and administrative duties. The position may serve as the Administrative Aide to the Chief of the Dallas Fire-Rescue Department.

Typical Duties

1. Supervises a battalion district; makes regular inspections of men and uniforms, stations, apparatus, equipment, and records to assure compliance with rules, regulations, and procedures of department and to have available at all times men and equipment ready to meet any fire call; makes temporary transfer of men among companies to assure well-balanced companies at each station.
2. Maintains order and discipline among men under command; if circumstances warrant may suspend subordinate who has committed an offense under rules, regulations, and procedures of department; prefers charge against suspended offender to Chief, Fire-Rescue Department.
3. Assumes command at all fires in district, including small routine fires having suspicious origin or other unusual circumstances requiring attention of a Battalion Chief and multi-alarm fires until the arrival of Assistant Chief or Chief; at fire, directs operations and determines best method to extinguish fire with least danger to public and firefighters and least loss or damage of property; based upon knowledge and experience concerning factors, such as direction and velocity of wind, type of structure, availability of water supply, type of fire (electrical, oil, or chemical), and available equipment; assigns duties and issues orders to combat fire; orders additional apparatus if circumstances warrant; determines when fire is under control, and notifies dispatching office.
4. Submits report of each fire in district, including statistical data concerning circumstances of fire; submits monthly report of activities in district; reviews, approves, and transmits to Assistant Chief of Operations all reports submitted by company commanders concerning personnel and equipment in each company.
5. Talks to citizens in field and office in person and by telephone; answers questions, gathers information about circumstance of fires, explains actions of firefighters, and handles complaints.
6. Periodically makes building surveys to become acquainted with physical layout of various buildings in district; checks entrances and exits, distances to fire plug, sprinkler systems, means of approach by vehicle, and other factors pertaining to fire control; reports fire hazards to Fire Marshall; becomes familiar with new streets, new construction, new water mains, and fire plugs in district.
7. Performs assignments given directly by the Chief and represents the Chief in both intradepartmental and external tasks.
8. Performs other related duties, including special projects, as requested or required.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities Desired to Perform Work:

- Must have knowledge of firefighting techniques, practices, and theory including chemistry and physics of fire, hose practices, ladder practices, specific fire causes and fire hazards, extinguishment, protection of exposures, ventilation, size up and attack, overhaul and salvage, rescue operations and first aid
- Must have knowledge of vocabulary, English usage, spelling, mathematics, and report writing procedures required for promotion to high rank.
- Must have knowledge of principles of supervision and departmental rules and regulations relative to personnel practices and procedures required to supervise a battalion district.
- Must have knowledge of public relations principles required to deal effectively with the public.
- Abilities usually acquired through ten years experience in Dallas Fire-Rescue Department including two years as Fire Captain.

Working Conditions and Hazards:

- Commands firefighting operations in all types of buildings and under hazardous conditions.
- Makes frequent inspection trips to stations in district.
- Performs occasional strenuous physical duties when in command at fires. Responds to alarms at any hour and in all weather conditions.
- Works under platoon system with 24-hour on duty and 48-hour off duty shifts.
- Subjected to injuries and potentially fatal hazards inherent in firefighting work.

Special Requirements:

- Pre-employment Physical Examination-A-Class
- Pre-employment Physical

Career Series

Classification Specification

Title: Fire Driver Engineer
Application: CS
Supplemental/Code: Obsolete/7
Status/Code: Classified-Uniformed/2
Employees Supv: 0
Annual Operating Budget: 0
Document: 78P/49

Class Code: 44004
Established: 9/5/84
Revised: 9/16/87
F.L.S.A.: Non-Exempt
Physical: ACDP
Driver's License: Yes
Special Req: Yes

Distinguishing Characteristics

Driver and operator of variety of firefighting apparatus; may assume command at fires during emergency or absence of superior officer.

Typical Duties

1. May drive pumper and transport one officer and firefighting company (four-five men) to fires; operates pumper at fires to supply proper amount of water to feed hose layout prescribed by officer; makes regular inspections to keep equipment in good operating condition; checks oil, gasoline, water, and tires during each shift; changes oil and charges battery as required and notifies supervisor of repairs or adjustments requiring services of skilled mechanic; as assigned by Battalion Chief may assume supervisory responsibility for a firefighting company during emergencies or absence of superior officer.
2. May drive ladder truck and transport one officer and firefighting company (four-five men) to fires; maneuvers truck to proper position to raise aerial ladders as directed (six trucks equipped with aerial ladders); may operate small pump to supply water from tank as required; performs regular firefighting duties after placing ladders; checks equipment each shift, changes oil and charges battery as required and notifies supervisor of repairs and adjustments required.
3. May chauffeur a Battalion Chief to fires and during daily inspections; acts as aide to Battalion Chief at fires to transmit messages and orders, observe and informs supervisor of conditions, and to assist in securing information at scene of fire for reports; checks Chief's car each shift, changes oil and charges battery as required and notifies supervisor of repairs and adjustments required.
4. May act as tillerman to steer tiller wheels of tractor-drawn aerial ladder trucks; releases lock and swings windshield, steering gear, and seat out of way for ladder operation at scene of fire; performs regular firefighting duties.
5. May drive crash truck to answer all fire alarms at Love Field Airport; operates 250-horsepower motor to pump water from 1,000 gallon tank or operates with pumper to mix chemicals in water used to control gasoline or oil fires; keeps truck in good operating order.
6. May drive salvage truck carrying 40 tarpaulins and an officer and company of men to answer all alarms from central station; may be dispatched to other districts when extra tarpaulins are required; works with company to spread tarpaulins at fires; keeps truck in good operating order.
7. May drive supply truck to deliver station equipment, such as oil, kerosene, paint, and tarpaulins; makes service calls to deliver and change tires, exchange batteries, and replace tail lights; delivers gasoline and oil to apparatus in operation at fires.
8. May be assigned to the emergency ambulance service to serve as a Paramedic after completion of required training.

Class Title: Fire Driver Engineer

Class Code: 44004

9. May operate the station radio position.
10. Performs other related duties, including special projects, as requested or required.

Skills, Knowledge & Abilities Desired to Perform Work:

Must have knowledge of firefighting techniques, practices, and theory including chemistry and physics of fire, use and care of equipment, hose practices, ladder practices, rope practices, pumping practices, specific fire causes and fire hazards, extinguishment, protection of exposures, ventilation, size up and attack, overhaul and salvage, rescue operations and first aid; must have knowledge of vocabulary, English usage, spelling, mathematics and report writing procedures required for promotion to higher rank; must have knowledge of public relations principles required to deal effectively with the public.

Abilities usually acquired through three years experience in Dallas Fire-Rescue Department including six months as Second Driver.

Working Conditions and Hazards:

- Drives firefighting apparatus to fires and operates apparatus at fires.
- May perform variety of strenuous physical duties involved in fighting fires.
- Subjected to possible injury when driving apparatus through city traffic.
- Subjected to possible burns, cuts, bruises, and lung irritation from smoke.
- On duty 24-hours, off 48 hours.

Special Requirements:

Pre-employment Physical Examination-A-Class, Driver Regular. Must be certified under the City of Dallas Driver's Safety Program.

Career Series

Classification Specification

Classification: Fire Second Driver
Class Type: Classified-Uniformed
Physical: ACDS
Document: 02601/46

Class Code: 44020
D.O.T. Code: 373.364
Application: CS
F.L.S.A. Nonexempt

Distinguishing Characteristics

Relief driver for Driver Engineer performing essentially the same duties as Driver Engineer after period of on-job training. Performs basic fire fighting duties when not serving as relief driver.

Typical Duties

1. Learns-through observation and on-job training to perform regular duties assigned a Driver Engineer in a firefighting company consisting of four-five men; assists in stringing hose and connecting with pumping equipment.
2. When acting as relief for Driver Engineer performs variety of duties including driving and operating pumper, driving and operating pumper, driving ladder truck, chauffeuring Battalion Chiefs and acting as aide, steering tiller wheels on aerial ladder trucks; .acts as relief during vacations and sickness.
3. Performs basic fire fighting work when assigned to a team in an engine company or truck company.
4. May be assigned to the emergency ambulance service to serve as a Paramedic after completion of required training.
5. May operate the Mobile Intensive Car Unit (MICU) radio position.
6. Performs related duties as-assigned.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities Required to Perform Work:

Must have knowledge of firefighting techniques, practices, and theory including chemistry and physics of fire, use and care of equipment, hose practices, ladder practices, rope practices, pumping practices, specific fire causes and fire hazards, extinguishment, protection of exposures, ventilation, size up and attack, overhaul and salvage, rescue operations and first aid; must have knowledge of vocabulary, English usage, spelling, mathematics, and report writing procedures required for promotion to higher rank; must have knowledge of public relations principles required to deal effectively with the public.

Abilities usually acquired through eighteen months experience in Dallas Fire-Rescue Department including six months in the Bureau of Special Services, Bureau of Administration, or Fire Control and Rescue Operations Bureau immediately prior to examination.

Working Conditions and Hazards:

Drives firefighting apparatus to fires and operates apparatus at fires when acting as relief for Driver-Engineer; as assigned may perform variety of strenuous physical duties involved in fighting fires; responds to alarms at any hour and in all weather conditions; on duty 24 hours, off 48 hours; subjected to possible injury when driving apparatus through City traffic and injuries and potentially fatal hazards inherent in firefighting work.

Special Requirements:

Pre-employment Physical Examination-A-Class, Driver Secondary Must be certified under the City of Dallas Driver's Safety Program.

Promotes From: Fire and Rescue Officer

Promotes to: Driver-Engineer

Approved: Personnel Department - T. A. Miller (Rv)

Date: 9-5-84

Civil Service Minimum Examining Requirements: 0260L/56