

**CITY OF CHATTANOOGA**  
**Classification Specification Title: Senior Firefighter**

**Department: Fire**

**Pay Grade: FD.2A**

**Supervision Received From: Fire Captain**

**FLSA Status: Non-Exempt**

**Supervisory Responsibility For: None**

**Established: 6/29/07**

**Revision Dates: 4/4/25;  
10/20/23**

**CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY**

Incumbents in this classification are responsible for participating in firefighting and emergency response activities; complying with department policies and procedures along with city, state and federal laws; operating front-line apparatus in the absence of a driver; training and maintenance on applicable tools, equipment, and apparatus; participating in inspections of district hydrants, hoses, and buildings; and interacting with the public. Work is typically performed under the supervision of the company officer or another superior officer.

**SERIES LEVEL:** The Firefighter Senior is a promoted position and is the fourth level in a ten-level fire series.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

*(The following duties ARE NOT intended to serve as a comprehensive list of all duties performed by all employees in this classification, only a representative summary of the primary duties and responsibilities. Incumbent(s) may not be required to perform all duties listed and may be required to perform additional, position-specific duties.)*

Carries out specific orders and directions as received from a superior officer. It is also expected that the Senior Firefighter be able to operate without constant guidance as the Senior Firefighter should be capable of independent action.

Experience level, training, exposure, and personal investment create a gradient where independence is concerned.

Considerable independence of judgment and action is allowed in circumstances of extreme urgency where referral to a supervisor for instruction is not possible.

Responds to and participates in fire suppression and other emergency activities including extrication operations, hazardous materials operations, specialized rescue operations, and emergency medical care at a basic or advanced life support level (up to EMT-A level of care); the level of participation is dependent on his or her applied level of certification, licensure and training.

Performs routine personal protective equipment checks to ensure familiarization, cleanliness, and maintenance. Identifies, isolates, and contains hazardous materials in a safe and effective manner.

Ensures familiarization with and the proper condition, maintenance, and appearance of apparatus, equipment, and tools; prepares and ensures vehicles, apparatus, equipment, and tools are ready for immediate response.

Periodically operates front-line apparatus in the absence of a driver.

Drives emergency vehicles and operates related apparatus in order to respond to emergency calls and scenes; upon proper training, may drive and operate a boat or other department vehicles/equipment in emergency situations.

Participates in on-going training and education sessions.

Participates in the day-to-day activities of an assigned fire station to include basic cleaning and housekeeping tasks associated with maintaining fire station, grounds, and related facilities.

Completes and submits incident reports as required.

Verifies the accuracy and completeness of data and makes appropriate corrections or modifications.

Participates in a variety of meetings, sessions, seminars, and workshops in order to receive and/or convey information.

Participates in the inspection of buildings and facilities for pre-incident planning and to identify fire hazards.

Participates in the inspection and testing of hydrants and hoses as directed.

Participates in public relations and fire safety/prevention programs, tours of the fire station, and/or apparatus; also, participates in school visitations.

May provide limited work direction to lower level or less experienced personnel in this classification.

May fill the role and perform the functions of a company officer, when staffing dictates; shall perform all tasks associated with this role, including commanding, mitigating, and reporting on any emergencies of which they are in command.

Must meet regular attendance requirements.

Must be able to maintain good interpersonal relationships with staff, co-workers, managers, and citizens.

Must accomplish the essential functions of the job, with or without reasonable accommodations, in a timely manner.

Performs other duties as assigned.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High School Diploma or GED and three (3) years continuous service as a sworn employee with the Chattanooga Fire Department. Shall have met all the requirements. Refer to the CFD Rank Requirements and Promotional Procedures Policy (103.01; Section 7.1) for specifics on eligibility to sign-up or "sit".

#### LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS

Valid Driver's License with F endorsement or higher, TN EMR, EMT, AEMT or Paramedic Certification, Hazardous Materials Awareness, Operations, or Technician TN Firefighter ITN Firefighter IITN Fire Apparatus Operator (FAO) or Pumper Driver/Operator (PDO) and Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator (AADO)

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

#### KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Knowledge of modern firefighting and rescue principles and tactics; vehicle extrication principles and tactics; HAZMAT principles and tactics; building construction; fire inspection principles; emergency medical care; vehicle, equipment, and apparatus maintenance principles and techniques; City geography; customer service principles. Skill in understanding and following oral and written instructions promptly while under duress and strain; providing emergency medical care; suppressing fires; using a computer and related software applications; maintaining vehicles, buildings, equipment, and apparatus; reading and interpreting maps and diagrams; preparing and maintaining reports; providing customer service; identifying and isolating hazardous materials; driving emergency fire and rescue vehicles and communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, and the general public, sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

#### PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Positions in this class typically require climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing, and seeing. Ability to tolerate increased respiratory workloads while wearing personal protective equipment, including SCBA or HEPA filter mask.

#### WORK ENVIRONMENT

Very Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Incumbents may be subjected to fumes, odors, dusts, gasses, poor ventilation, chemicals, oils, extreme temperatures, inadequate lighting, workspace restrictions, intense noises, and infectious diseases.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Safety Sensitive: Y

Department of Transportation - CDL: N

Child Sensitive: N

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