

***All Applications are accepted in the Human Resources Department, 205 Hanchey Road, Wauchula, FL 33873, Phone:(863) 773-2161. Position is open until filled.**

**JOB OPENING
FIREFIGHTER/EMT**

Grade 24A: \$37,751.13 (\$12.96/hr.) - \$52,040.34 (\$17.87/hr.)

DEPARTMENT: FIRE RESCUE

DIVISION: PUBLIC SAFETY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Professional firefighting/EMT duties of a varied nature under the direction of superior officer.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Lays, connects and places hose line in operation. Raises and climbs ladders. Enters building and other fire involved areas. Uses extinguisher, bars, hooks, lines and axes and other hand equipment. Ventilates burning buildings and structures. Throws salvage covers and removes debris.
2. Makes regular inspections of apparatus and equipment and notifies supervisor of defects. Conducts routine maintenance and apparatus check-out as required.
3. Drives and operates all rescue equipment as directed.
4. Makes visual and physical inspections of buildings to locate fire hazards.
5. Rescues and removes individuals from danger. Administers emergency medical treatment to sick, injured or afflicted persons.
6. Makes periodic inspections of buildings to locate fire hazards.
7. Performs physical cleaning and maintenance tasks on department buildings and equipment using brooms, mops, vacuum cleaners, etc. Performs hydrant maintenance.
8. Attends training and drill sessions in such subjects as firefighting and inspection methods, equipment operations and emergency medical treatment.

(These essential job functions are not to be construed as a complete statement of all duties performed. Employees will be required to perform other job related marginal duties as required.)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

Knowledge of the street locations, geography and types of construction in the County. Knowledge of Emergency Medical procedures, practices and techniques. Knowledge of the various types of fire hazards of the County. Knowledge and skill in the use of emergency medical treatment practices. Knowledge of firefighting techniques, policies, procedures and practices. Ability to learn and perform many and varied firefighting techniques and procedures. Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions. Ability to perform prolonged and arduous work under adverse conditions. Ability to work at heights. Ability to drive fire apparatus over the road safely under emergency conditions. Skill in the use and maintenance of firefighting equipment.

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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school graduation or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Completion of minimum standards as required by the State of Florida. Successful completion of all medical and fitness requirements.

(A comparable amount of training, education or experience can be substituted for the minimum qualifications.)

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS OR REGISTRATIONS:

Florida Certification as a Firefighter as authorized by F.S.S. 633

Florida and certification as an EMT.

Must possess a valid Florida Class "E" driver's license and must have a clean driving record.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS:

- Meet physical requirements as indicated for State certification.
- Must endure sustained acts of physical exhaustion and endure periods of duty under unfavorable and life threatening situations.
- Heavy (45 pounds and over) lifting and carrying.
- Reaching, pulling, pushing, balancing, smelling, throwing.
- Climbing (including ladders).
- Ability to communicate orally.
- Walking, standing, crawling, kneeling, bending, stooping, jumping, running.
- Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction).
- Acceptable hearing (with or without correction).
- Driving heavy vehicles and equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

Hazardous conditions: flames, fire, chemicals, smoke, heat, gases, moving vehicles, falling structures and debris, electricity, poor ventilation, poor lighting and related hazardous. Stressful situations and heights.

(Reasonable accommodations will be made in accordance with existing ADA requirements for otherwise qualified individuals with a disability.)

**** Applicants will be expected to sit for and pass the Hardee County Fire Rescue's Firefighter and EMT exams. Administration of testing will be made available to applicants when process is finalized.**

***All applicants must have the following current certifications attached with application:**

- **State of Florida Certified EMT.**
- **State of Florida Firefighter II Certificate.**
- **American Heart Association Basic Life Support Card (CPR card).**
- **Valid Florida Class "E" driver's license.**
- **Emergency Vehicle Operators 16 - hour Course Certificate (EVOC).**
- **High School Diploma or GED.**

Approved by BOCC 3/6/03