

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION: **FIRE CREW MEMBER** **LICENSED:** No
(Seasonal)

DEPARTMENT: Saginaw Chippewa Fire Crew

STATUS: Non-Exempt

REPORTS TO: Crew Boss/Squad Boss

POSITION SUMMARY:

The purpose of the position is wildland fire suppression/management/control, as a skilled firefighter on an engine or hand crew. Other wildland fire related duties might involve fire prevention, patrol, detection, or prescribed burning.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

1. Serves as a skilled crew member on an engine or hand crew. Utilizes a variety of specialized tools, equipment, and techniques while actively suppressing wildfires, such as a pulaski, shovel, McLeod, axe and chainsaw to control the spread of wildfire.
2. As an assistant on a wildland fire engine, works as a trainee engine operator driving the engine, operating the pump and making hose lays under the direction of the engine foreman.
3. Operates a variety of motor vehicles to transport equipment, supplies, and crew members.
4. Performs basic fireline activities such as line construction, hose layout, operations of pumps and accessories, lopping and scattering fuels using hand tools and holding, patrolling, monitoring, and mop-up operations. Moves dirt, chops brush, small trees, etc. to construct fire line.
5. Cleans, maintains, reconditions, and stores firefighting tools and equipment. Inventories fire supplies and equipment.
6. Participates in fire and safety training in the techniques, practices and methods of fire suppression and in the safe, efficient operation and use of tools and, equipment and vehicles used in fire line activities, with emphasis on those used in the particular function to which assigned.
7. Other duties as assigned within the scope and complexity of this position's essential functions.
8. Must attend all mandatory trainings designated by the Crew boss /or Department Director.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Duties involve rigorous fieldwork requiring above average physical performance, endurance and superior conditioning. Work requires prolonged standing, walking over uneven ground, and recurring bending, reaching, lifting and carrying of items weighing over 50 pounds and shared lifting and carrying of heavier items, and similar strenuous activities requiring at least average agility and dexterity.

Duties and demands for strenuous activities in emergencies under adverse environmental conditions and over extended periods of time. Operation of some specialized fire equipment can place extended physical stress on incumbent during fire activities.

Work is primarily performed in the forest and desert environments. Risks include dust and smoke inhalation and exposure to extreme weather elements. The hazardous nature of the work requires that personal protective equipment be worn (boots, hardhat, gloves, flame resistant clothing, etc.).

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be 18 years of age.
2. Must Be Pass Basic Wildland fire training
3. Must Be able to obtain a DOI “ Department of Interior operator’s License
4. Deployments may be up to 21 days

5. Required to have a Valid Michigan Driver’s License and be insurable to drive without restrictions.
6. Will be subject to mandatory drug screens, medical screenings
7. Must be able to PASS a work capacity test— A 3 mile walk with a 45 pound weight vest in UNDER 45 minutes
8. Oral and written communication skills sufficient to effectively interact with people at levels, internal and external to the organization, including the public.
9. Must possess the ability to verbally communicate sufficiently to work as a member of the team.
10. Ability to perform duties under stressful and adverse operating conditions, such as long work hours, heavy workloads, emergency situations, adverse working and environmental conditions.
11. To perform this position successfully, an individual must be able to satisfactorily perform each function listed under the essential functions and physical demands categories of this position description.