

JOB SPECIFICATION

GRADE: Firefighter
DEPARTMENT: City Fire Brigade
RESPONSIBLE TO: Leading Firefighter

CONDITIONS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The main purpose of a Firefighter is to respond to fires, road traffic accidents, floodings or any other calamities. Work within the community to increase the awareness of prevention. A Firefighter will be required to promote the Brigade's safety messages, whether it be at schools, homes or voluntary organisations. May also be called upon to carry out many forms of rescue work such as extricate persons under collapsed buildings or trapped in vehicles following road traffic accidents, carry out rescue at incidents where dangerous gasses are present and deal with incidents involving dangerous chemicals.

Additionally a Firefighter will also need to discharge functions relating to the ambulance service.

On appointment, recruits must pass a training course in the basic duties of a Firefighter. This principally entails the use of Fire Brigade appliances and equipment, rescue work and First Aid, prior to being posted to shift work. This training will be carried out at a fire service training centre in the United Kingdom. The course lasts approximately 14 weeks.

Fire Service personnel are subject to the Fire Service Discipline Code and Government General Orders.

Main functions of the post:

- Operational duties as directed (inclusive of diving and cliff rescue).
- Comply with all orders and instructions from time to time issued by the Brigade.
- Participation in all training exercises.
- Comply with Fire Brigade, Health and Safety Policy and instructions.

- Take part in continuous training and learning programmes by attending lectures, exercises, simulated incidents, practice drill sessions and other forms of training to achieve and maintain competence levels (inclusive of overseas courses).
- Preparation and giving of instruction as directed.
- Maintain an appropriate standard of physical fitness to enable efficient and safe operation on the fireground.
- Driving of Brigade appliances and vehicles as directed (must obtain driving licences 'C' and 'C1').
- Inspection of risks and be knowledgeable with local topography.
- Hydrant testing and inspections.
- Fire safety training, inspections and plan drawing.
- Fire safety education. Advise and educate the community on all aspects of fire safety, in the home, workplace or school, to increase awareness and reduce the number of casualties and damage to property caused by fire.
- Ensure that operational appliances, firefighting equipment and Brigade vehicles are always ready for use to allow a rapid and safe response.
- Undertake routine inspections of premises as part of direct or indirect fire safety legislative requirements.
- Undertake routine administration tasks and Fire Safety administration as required.
- Undertake any other duties appropriate to the grade, as required by the Chief Fire Officer or his representative.

Additional Functions:

Perform ambulance duties equivalent to the Gibraltar Health Authority ambulance service. However, training level to First Responder competence will be provided.