

## **DEPUTY FIRE MARSHAL (PUBLIC SAFETY)**

### **Definition**

Under direction perform supervisory, technical, administrative and physical work as required to: prevent emergency situations or reduce their potential impact to cause property damage, life loss or environment damage; related duties as required.

### **Example of Duties**

May include, but not limited to the following: Under direction, conducts work and assists in the supervision, development and administration of the City's fire prevention program as follows; Train, coordinate and technically supervise departmental inspection programs; develop, implement and conduct public education programs for fire and life safety; implements coordinates with other City departments and technically supervised weed abatement programs; inspects structures and checks plans for fire and life safety to obtain compliance of Federal, State and Local laws; inspects fire protection systems for effective maintenance, design, and code compliance; responds to fires and other emergencies and conducts investigation and prevention activities; investigates fires for cause and origin and pursues or coordinates investigation of malicious and arson fires; complies with laws regarding the collection and preservation of evidence, arrest, search and seizure; testifies in court, as required; maintains records, issues permits and prepares reports, studies and correspondence; checks plans and consults with architects, developers and builders to achieve compliance with appropriate laws and fire protection needs; coordinates fire protection matters with other city departments or agencies; responds to public inquiries and complaints; administers engine company inspection program; assists with strategic planning and development of the department; obtain and maintain professional qualifications required to perform duties; maintain a positive working relationship during the performance of duties; supervise and perform other duties as assigned; acts as the Division head when assigned.

### **Employment Standards**

#### **Education and Experience**

Any combination equivalent to experience and education that likely provides the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Any combination equivalent to graduation from high school and five (5) years of fire protection or building inspection experience, supplemented by college courses in fire protection, building inspection and fire investigation.

Certification by the State of California as a Fire Prevention Officer I, Fire Investigator I, and completion of PC 832 is highly desirable. An Associate degree in Fire Science or related field is highly desirable.

### **Knowledge and Abilities**

*Knowledge of:* Fire Prevention and related building codes, city ordinances, laws and nationally recognized standards, principles and practices; principals, practices, techniques and procedures of fire prevention, supervision, administration, budgeting, personnel management, training and computer operations; knowledge of effective public presentation techniques; knowledge of laws regarding personnel and the workplace; inspection techniques; arson laws, laws of arrest, search and seizure, rules of evidence and court procedures; investigation methods to determine fire cause and origin; research, statistical and analytical study methods; elementary physics, chemistry and mechanics; construction design standards, fire control and extinguishing systems; the mechanics of chemistry, and related characteristics of a wide variety of flammable, explosive and hazardous materials; principles, practices and methods of handling transporting and storing hazardous materials;

*Ability to:* Make effective use of personnel to accomplish assignments; instruct effectively; recognize and identify potential fire and structural hazards in special processes or facilities including industrial, commercial, residential buildings and other occupancies; clearly communicate orally and through written reports; conduct public lectures; interpret and effectively apply all related codes ordinances and laws relating to fire protection work; effectively use a computer system to complete reports to send or receive electronic communications, and to retrieve or enter data; ability to read and interpret blueprints and other construction plans submitted for evaluation; conduct effective training courses; conduct fact-finding investigations and enforce policies, directives, and practices firmly, tactfully, and impartially; learn and apply city and department policies, directives, regulations, local laws relating to fire department operations, city geography, water systems and hazards; maintain physical fitness; promote a positive, productive and proactive work environment.

### **License Required**

Valid California Class C drivers license.