

***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/PARAMEDIC

Grade: 26A- \$43,217.55(\$14.84hr.) - \$59,575.88 (\$20.46/hr.)

DEPARTMENT: FIRE RESCUE

DIVISION: PUBLIC SAFETY

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Skilled technical work in the County Public Safety department in the field of fire suppression, prevention and emergency medical services. Work is performed under the general direction of a superior officer.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Performs all duties in the Firefighter/EMT job description.
2. Responds with necessary equipment to requests for medical assistance, where life is endangered by illness or injury.
3. Administers basic and advanced life support at the scene of an emergency.
4. Transports victims to the closest appropriate medical facility according to protocol, unless turned over to a licensed transport agency with equal or higher medical authority.
5. Maintains basic and advanced life support apparatus and equipment.
6. Makes accurate reports of conditions and 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 positions of firefighter and driver engineer and the skills to perform the duties of each. Knowledge of the geography of the County with respect to streets, hydrants and building access information. Knowledge of the location and layout of all high risk and special hazard occupancies, and the problems encountered with each. Knowledge of the strategy and tactics of handling fire, rescue and medical emergencies and the ability to analyze and respond effectively under stress to each. Knowledge of the record keeping system in use, the components of the system, and the functions of each. Knowledge of paramedic principles, practices and techniques and how they are used in rescue operations. Ability to carry out orders and to see that department and County policies are adhered to. Ability to perform Firefighter and ALS duties effectively. Must work rotating shift assignment.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school graduation or possession of an acceptable equivalency diploma. Two (2) years experience as a Paramedic (Preferred).

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

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LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS OR REGISTRATIONS:

State of Florida Paramedic Certification.

State of Florida Firefighter Certification as authorized by F.S.S. 633.

Basic Trauma Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, and CPR instruction certification.

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, throwing.

Climbing (including ladders).

Walking, standing, crawling, kneeling, bending, balancing, stooping, jumping, running.

Smelling.

Driving heavy vehicles and equipment.

Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction).

Acceptable hearing (with or without correction).

Ability to communicate both orally and in writing.

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.

Heights.

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

Fire Rescue Application available on County website@ www.hardeecounty.net

***Applicants will be expected to sit for and pass Hardee County Fire Rescue's Firefighter and Paramedic 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 Paramedic
- State of Florida Firefighter II Certificate
- American Heart Association Basic Life Support Card (CPR card)
- Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS 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

Revised job description – approved by BOCC 10/03/2013