

**City of La Feria
FIREFIGHTER
Job Description**

Dept.: FIRE
Reports to: Fire Chief

QUALIFICATIONS:

Applicants, at time of filing application, **must** possess the following qualifications.

- High school diploma or GED
- Valid Texas Driver's License with an acceptable driving record
- Upon or within 6 months of being hired, must possess a valid Texas "Class B" driver's license
- Current Basic Fire Fighter Certification from Texas Commission on Fire Protection.
- Upon hire or within 6 months must possess Texas Dept. of Health Certification as an Emergency Care Attendant of higher.
- Upon hire or within 1 year must possess an EMT certification.

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Under the general direction of the Fire Chief, controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, and maintains equipment as an employee of the City of la Feria by performing the following duties for the municipality: Responds to fire alarms, hazardous materials incidents, medical emergencies and other emergency calls; Selects hose nozzle, depending on type of fire, and directs stream of water or chemicals onto fire; Positions and climbs ladders to gain access to upper levels of buildings or to assist individuals from burning structures; Creates openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance; Searches buildings and rescues victims from structures and vehicles; Protects property from water and smoke by use of waterproof salvage covers, smoke ejectors, and deodorants; Provides first-aid and CPR to injured persons and those overcome by fire and smoke; Tests and maintains power tools and equipment; Communicates with superior during fire by two-way radio; Rescues individuals and animals from situations in which they are physically trapped; Contains, controls and decontaminates hazardous material spills; Performs a variety of salvage and clean-up operations including removing water, chemicals and debris; Inspects buildings for fire hazards and compliance with fire prevention ordinances; Makes presentations on fire safety, burn prevention and fire prevention to schools and community groups; Maintains apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment grounds, and hydrants; Participates in drills, demonstrations, and courses in hydraulic, pump operation and maintenance and firefighting techniques; Drives and operates firefighting vehicles and equipment as needed; Responds to all call-in/call-back efforts, as required; Maintains ECA certification or higher; Pursues training opportunities to continually develop as a professional firefighter; Pursues and maintains good relations with citizens, other City of La Feria departments, elected officials, civic groups, other governmental agencies, private entities and media representatives at all times in a tactful manner; Markets the department in a way that reflects positively and supports the department's mission.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

- Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals;
- Ability to write routine reports and correspondence;
- Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization.
- Ability to add, subtract, multiply and divide in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals;
- Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs;
- Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, diagram form; and
- Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations.