

**FORT MYERS SHORES FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT**  
**JOB DESCRIPTION**  
**FIREFIGHTER / E.M.T.**

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**Nature of Work:**

This is general firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires during operations that protect life and property in the Fort Myers Shores Fire District as well as all mutual aid response areas.

The work involves responding to emergency incident scenes, fire prevention activities, station and equipment maintenance, driving and pump operations, along with search and rescue of trapped victims, and other various tasks. Specific orders and directions are received from a superior, but the work requires a knowledge and understanding of firefighting methods and techniques which is gained in the classroom, on the training ground, and by experience. The position within the Operations Division participates in activities including but not limited to fire suppression, training, technical rescue, Haz-Mat, and EMS activities of the department. A large portion of the time is spent in maintenance and care of property and equipment, and in related housekeeping duties.

Work performance is evaluated by attainment of shift and departmental objectives, review of activities, observed results and it is intended that an annual written review will be conducted by the Shift Captain. Each evaluation of the employee by the Shift Captain will be reviewed by the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and/or Operations Deputy Chief.

**Reporting Responsibilities:**

Shift Captain or Engineer.

**Illustrative Tasks:**

Responds to fire alarms; lays out, connects hose, and manages the fire hydrant operation; deploys nozzle and conducts water or foam operations; conducts forcible entry, search and rescue, vent enter search, part of the rapid intervention team, climbs ladders, uses extinguishers, axes, claw tools, ceiling hooks, gas and electric power equipment, and other equipment as directed.

Performs routine housekeeping duties around the station such as; cleaning apparatus bays, parking lots, windows, and floors; cares for, maintains, and tests apparatus and equipment; makes minor repairs to the stations; performs a variety of other manual tasks as assigned.

Participates in drills on such subjects as firefighting methods, equipment operation, EMS EMT level aid, becomes familiar with streets, businesses, residential neighborhoods and hydrant locations.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Ability to learn a wide variety of firefighting duties and methods including the inspection and operation of fire vehicles, equipment, and tools.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Mechanical aptitude.

Physical strength, agility, and ability to meet such specific physical requirements as may be established.

**Minimum Requirements:**

- A valid Florida Driver's License
- Florida State Certified Firefighter II
- Florida State Certified Emergency Medical Technician and/or Florida State Certified Paramedic.
- I.C.S. 100, 200, and 700
- DOF S-130 and S-190
- High School Diploma or GED.
- The nature of the work sometimes requires the ability to perform prolonged and arduous physical work under hazardous and adverse conditions; therefore, the employee must be in good physical condition.
- Pass an annual department physical examination.
- The probationary period for this position is one year.