



**City of Gulfport, Mississippi**  
Job Description

**Firefighter – Recruit**  
(FF)

Department: 290 – Fire

EEO Class:

FLSA Status: Fire

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**Position Overview**

This is an entry level firefighter position. Under close direction and successful graduate from the State of Mississippi Fire Academy the incumbent will be involved in the prevention, control and extinguishing of fires in order to protect life and property, rescuing persons from danger, in answering emergency calls and in operation and maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus and quarters.

**Essential Job Functions**

Essential duties and functions, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, May include the following. Other related duties may be assigned.

- Responds to emergencies with a fire company or rescue unit.
- Makes forced entries and rescues persons or assists in rescue operations as directed during fires or other emergencies.
- Maintains equipment and apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds and hydrants in clean and operable condition.
- May administer emergency first aid and may drive departmental vehicles under non-emergency conditions.
- Uses cutting tools, both manual, gas and powered.
- Responds to multi-story fires or rescues, working from ground ladder and aerial apparatus.
- Ventilates fires to release heat, smoke and gases in buildings, or aircrafts as directed.
- Participates in fire prevention, public education and inspection activities as assigned.

**Knowledge, Skills and Abilities**

Must possess required knowledge, skills, abilities and experience and be able to explain and demonstrate, with or without reasonable accommodations, that the essential functions of the job can be performed.

- Has basis knowledge of firefighting methods and modern fire prevention practices.
- Skilled in the operation and care of fire apparatus and equipment.
- Able to learn heavy motorized equipment operation and a variety of methods and tasks in firefighting, fire prevention, and related activities.
- Able to engage in moderate to strenuous physical activity and work long hours during emergency situations.

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, and the general public.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Able to read and interpret a variety of maps, plans, and diagrams.
- Able to perform detailed report and record maintenance duties.

### **Education and Experience**

High School graduate or equivalent. Although a previous firefighting experience is desirable it is not required.

### **Required Licenses or Certificates**

Must possess a valid Mississippi driver's license.

### **Physical Demands and Working Conditions**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Job includes frequent standing, walking and bending; using arm and back while performing functions of climbing, stooping, kneeling crouching, and occasional crawling. Must be able to routinely lift and/or move a minimum of 50 pounds. Visual acuity is required to see close, color, adjust to focus and depth perception. Hand and eye coordination and manual dexterity necessary to operate equipment. Good hearing ability is critical to adequately perform the functions of this job. Subject to sitting, standing, reaching, walking, twisting and kneeling to perform the essential functions.

Physical agility and fitness for performing duties that require potential exertion, i.e., moving victims, climbing ladders. Physical strength and endurance to move and handle objects over prolonged periods of time in hazardous weather, atmospheric, and environmental conditions.