



Chatham Emergency Services

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Job Title:	Apparatus Operator 1 - Lateral	Job Category:	Non-Exempt
Department:	Fire	Position Type:	Full Time
Job Description			
OVERVIEW			
<p>The Apparatus Operator 1 - Lateral is a trainee-level classification and incumbents are required to successfully complete the entire Lateral Academy including physical fitness training sessions / evaluations, and obtain National Professional Qualifications (NPQ) certification of Apparatus Operator Pumper as a condition of continued employment.</p> <p>Upon successful completion of the Academy, incumbents are promoted to Apparatus Operator 1 an advanced-level fire prevention, suppression, and emergency medical response classification. Under the direction of a Fire Lieutenant, the Apparatus Operator 1 manages assigned fire apparatus, equipment, and station. As an advanced-level classification, the Apparatus Operator 1 supervises assigned subordinate fire department personnel in performing shift duties.</p>			
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in meeting agency mission and vision, department goals and objectives; establishes assigned station work priorities and coordinates work to be accomplished. Responsible for station daily log, inventory sheets, discrepancy tickets, and emergency call reports.• Follow department rules and regulations, protocols, general orders, and standard operating policies.• Responsible for cleanliness and maintenance of assigned station, apparatus, tools, and equipment.• Participates in daily training exercises and classroom lectures. Prepares and conducts shift training, when assigned.• Conducts fire inspections, pre-fire planning, hydrant inspections and flow test, equipment testing, etc.• Conducts demonstrations, tours and public speeches on fire prevention and safety, CPR, fire extinguishers, first aid and other subjects to the public.• Responds to general public complaints, requests for information and guidance.• Responds to alarms as an apparatus operator; performs a variety of firefighting functions, including Incident Command.• Responds to incidents to provide emergency medical care.• Conduct other duties, task, and coordinates programs as assigned.			
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledgeable in fire protection systems, water supply, building construction, fire and rescue operations, hazardous materials, extinguishment of combustible and flammable materials, crash victim extrication, driving and operations of fire apparatus, emergency medical care, and national, state and local laws and fire and safety codes, etc.• Skilled in report writing, use of computer, telephone, two-way radio, copy machine, fax machine, calculator, etc.			

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- Skilled in driving and operations of fire apparatus; fire inspections, firefighting, hazmat, rescue and emergency medical care techniques, and use of the incident command system.
- Ability to read, write, add and subtract; and to effectively communicate, oral and written, with supervisors, peers and public.
- Ability to understand and follow rules & regulations, protocols, general orders, and standard operating policies.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Wearing of personal protective equipment (helmet, gloves, coat, pants, hood, boots, etc.) and self-contained breathing apparatus and while on air complete various firefighter duties / task.
- Standing, running, walking, sitting, stooping, kneeling, crouching and crawling, climbing, balancing, bending/twisting; lifting, carrying, reaching, pushing/pulling of 100 pounds or more while completing physical fitness training or firefighter duties / tasks.
- Use of firefighting, rescue, and emergency medical care equipment such as fire hose, ladders, hydraulic, ropes, gas and electric power tools, and patient lifting devices, etc.
- Meet the medical standards established by the N.F.P.A. 1582.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Exposure to high humidity; extreme cold and hot temperature ranges; and severe weather conditions.
- Exposure to loud noise, and vibrations from tools, equipment, machinery, etc.
- Exposure to hazardous conditions such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, burns, explosives, heights, physical injury, fast-moving vehicles, and atmospheric conditions such as liquids, fumes, gases, odors, dust, particulates, and poor ventilation.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum two (2) years of consecutive full-time service in a career fire department. Experience must exhibit a consistent pattern of participation, personal and professional growth, and increasing organizational responsibility.
- Class F License (State of Georgia) or other equivalent state license
- Georgia Certified Firefighter (or must obtain within six (6) months of hire date)
- NPQ or IFSAC Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations for First Responders
- NPQ or IFSAC Firefighter 1 and 2
- National Registry Emergency Medical Technician and/or Georgia Emergency Medical Technician
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) 100, 200, 700, 800

PREFERRED SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- NPQ or IFSAC Apparatus Driver/Operator Pumper
- Georgia Emergency Medical Technician
- NPQ or IFSAC Fire Instructor 1
- Associate's Degree in a qualifying field of study related to emergency services)

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

Failure to maintain required certifications and licenses, or failure to obtain required certifications and licenses within the time limits will be cause for disciplinary actions up to termination.

BENEFITS

Chatham Emergency Services offers a wide variety of benefits to full-time employees including health, dental, life insurance, deferred compensation, and paid time off (PTO).