

# BANKS COUNTY, GEORGIA CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

**CLASSIFICATION TITLE:                      FIREFIGHTER/EMT B/I - LEVEL ONE**

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## **PURPOSE OF CLASSIFICATION**

The purpose of this classification is to perform emergency response work in firefighting, emergency rescue, and hazardous material response to protect the lives and properties of the citizens of the County. Position is responsible for performing fire suppression, emergency rescue, and/or hazardous material containment or cleanup work in response to alarms; testing and maintaining fire equipment and apparatus; performing various maintenance and custodial duties at the assigned fire station; operating of fire engines, apparatus, and other emergency vehicles in responding to calls for assistance in such a manner as to ensure the timely and safe delivery of equipment and personnel in emergency response situations.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

**The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific duties and responsibilities does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.**

Responds to incidents requiring firefighting or emergency rescue; identifies hazardous materials; drives fire truck or emergency medical apparatus to the emergency response scene, ensuring that warning devices are in operation when necessary; operates and monitors equipment and apparatus, such as pumps, hoses, gauges, air compressors, ladders, aerial platforms, etc., at emergency response scenes; may make initial determination of necessary personnel, equipment and suppression or containment tactics until relieved by superior officer; encouraged to make recommendations that would improve safety and efficiency of the department.

Advances hose lines into fire area; selects hose nozzle, depending of type of fire; lays and connects hoses; holds nozzle and directs stream of water onto fire; raises and climbs ladders; creates openings in buildings for ventilation or entrance using various hand and power tools; enters premises for firefighting, rescue, and salvage operations; uses chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines and other equipment; performs vehicle extractions.

Provides emergency medical care in accordance with established protocols for Basic Life Support and level of certification in emergency medical service; administers necessary emergency medical care requiring the use of suction units, immobilization equipment, and oxygen delivery systems; provides CPR; resuscitates cardiac arrest victim; stabilizes trauma patients for transport to trauma center.

Inspects assigned emergency response apparatus and equipment daily to ensure efficient operating condition and readiness; cleans and maintains equipment, as necessary, after completion of emergency response operations.

Reads and upgrades maps.

Attends and participates in training sessions on such topics as fire suppression techniques, equipment techniques, emergency medical care, hazardous material containment, street layout and building and hydrant location, etc.

Prepares and maintains activity records, providing pertinent information to department personnel on following shift; reviews activity reports from previous shift and confers with personnel, as necessary.

## ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS

Shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a proper manner and shall not bring embarrassment upon the fire department or any member.

Shall be able to work as a team member.

Maintains cleanliness of fire station.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

High School Diploma or Equivalent with college-level coursework in fire science and emergency medical services; supplemented by one (1) year previous experience and/or training in fire, hazardous materials, and emergency medical procedures; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job. Must possess and maintain certification as a NPQ Firefighter 1 and EMT-B or EMT-I; CPR certification; and additional related certifications as required by Department policy. Must possess and maintain a valid Georgia driver's license.

## PERFORMANCE APTITUDES

**Data Utilization:** Requires the ability to calculate and/or tabulate data. Includes performing subsequent actions in relation to these computational operations.

**Human Interaction:** Requires the ability to provide guidance, assistance, and/or interpretation to others regarding the application of procedures and standards to specific situations.

**Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization:** Requires the ability to operate and control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools and/or materials requiring complex and rapid adjustments.

**Verbal Aptitude:** Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference, descriptive, and/or advisory data and information.

**Mathematical Aptitude:** Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; the ability to calculate decimals and percentages; the ability to utilize principles of fractions; and the ability to interpret graphs.

**Functional Reasoning:** Requires the ability to apply principles of rational systems; to interpret instructions furnished in written, oral, diagrammatic, or schedule form; and to exercise independent judgment to adopt or modify methods and standards to meet variations in assigned objectives.

**Situational Reasoning:** Requires the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving evaluation of information against measurable or verifiable criteria.

## ADA COMPLIANCE

**Physical Ability:** Tasks require the ability to exert heavy physical effort in heavy work, with greater emphasis on climbing and balancing, but typically also involving some combination of stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling, and the lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of moderately heavy objects and materials (up to 100 pounds); may occasionally involve heavier objects and materials (more than 100 pounds).

**Sensory Requirements:** Some tasks require the ability to perceive and discriminate colors or shades of colors, sounds, odor, depth, texture, and visual cues or signals. Some tasks require the ability to communicate orally.

**Environmental Factors:** Performance of essential functions may require exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, vibrations, electric currents, traffic hazards, toxic agents.

Banks County, Georgia is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the County will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.