

SEASONAL FIRE SUPERVISOR

Definition:

Under supervision, serves as supervisor of a wildland fire suppression crew.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The Seasonal Fire Supervisor exercises the full range of supervisory duties by assigning, directing, and reviewing the work of a seasonal fire crew. The incumbent is expected to work independently, use good judgment and initiative in the performance of duties. It is distinguished from the Seasonal Firefighter III level by its responsibility to supervise fire crews.

Essential Functions:

- Supervises seasonal firefighter crews on a local agency initial attack, helitack crew or an inter-agency hotshot crew.
- Plans, assigns, coordinates and evaluates the work, of staff assigned; ensures adherence to rules, regulations and department policies and procedures; ensures safe work conditions; and resolves complaints.
- Determines best method of attack, makes judgments regarding location and width of fire line in relation to fuel types and topography.
- Supervises and performs, fire suppression efforts using such firefighting tools as an axe, shovel, Pulaski, McLeod, chainsaws.
- Supervises the cleaning, reconditioning, and storing of specialized fire tools and equipment as prescribed.
- Ensures assigned vehicles are cleaned and maintained; and initiates repair request as necessary.
- Supervises fuels reduction and modification projects, slash disposal, prescribed burning projects and firebreak construction and maintenance.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

Employment Standards:

Successful completion of two (2) fire seasons as a Seasonal Firefighter III with the Kern County Fire Department or a comparable position in another jurisdiction.

OR

Completion of 60 semester or 90 quarter units from an accredited college or university in a Fire Technology.

Knowledge of: standard forestry practices and techniques, including accepted fire suppression and controlled burning methods to be used in various type of fuels and under a variety of conditions of weather conditions and terrain; fire behavior, fire organizations, and fire equipment to suppress and direct suppression of fires under various conditions of fuel, weather, and terrain; fire terminology; use of radios; and safety techniques.

Ability to: understand fire line terminology to communicate with other crew members, including the use of two-way radios; use of hand tools such as Pulaski, McLeod, shovel, axe, power tools including chain saw and portable pumps to build fire line and control wildfires; drive crew assigned vehicles; supervise and provide instructions to subordinates.

The work requires strenuous physical exertion for extended periods including, but not limited to, walking, climbing, shoveling, chopping, throwing, lifting, and frequently carrying objects weighing over 50 pounds.

Because of the strenuous nature of this position, the employee will be required to maintain physical fitness through daily physical training as determined by the Crew Boss.

The work is performed in a forest environment in steep uneven, rocky terrain, covered with thick tangled vegetation. Temperatures are frequently extreme, due to weather and/or fire conditions. Smoke and dust conditions are frequently severe and employee may be exposed to weather borne illnesses. Hazardous nature of the work requires that protective clothing (boots, hardhat, gloves, and fire resistive clothing must be worn. Hazards may include, but are not limited to, falling or rolling materials.

A background check may be conducted for this classification.

All Kern County employees are designated "Disaster Service Workers" through state and local laws (CA Government Code Sec.3100-3109 and Ordinance Code Title 2-Administration, Ch. 2.66 Emergency Services). As Disaster Service Workers, all County employees are expected to remain at work, or to report for work as soon as practicable, following a significant emergency or disaster.