

## SEASONAL FIREFIGHTER II

### **Definition:**

Under supervision serves as a moderately skilled crew member of a wildland fire suppression crew.

### **Distinguishing Characteristics**

The Seasonal Firefighter II is the journey level in the Seasonal Firefighter series and has a good working knowledge of fire behavior and fire control and suppression techniques. Assignments are often carried out independently without specific instructions. Problems involving unfamiliar conditions are referred to the crew leader for guidance.

### **Essential Functions:**

- Performs assignments to develop knowledge of fuels management and fire suppression techniques and practices such as fireline construction, backfiring methods, safety rules, and fire and fuels management terminology.
- Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump.
- Moves dirt, chops brush, or fells small trees to build fireline using hand tools such as an axe, shovel, Pulaski, McLeod and chainsaw to control wildland fire and to prepare lines prior to controlled burning; chops, carries and piles brush and timber slash.
- Patrols the fireline to locate and extinguish sparks, flare-ups, and hot spot fires that may threaten loss of control of the fireline developed for controlled burning or to control wildfire.
- Cleans, reconditions and stores hand tools and equipment.
- Performs other job-related duties as assigned.

### **Employment Standards:**

Successful completion of one (1) fire season as a Seasonal Firefighter I with the Kern County Fire Department or a comparable position in another agency.

OR

Successful completion of an accredited Firefighter I academy.

OR

Completion of fifteen (15) semester or thirty (30) quarter units from an accredited college or university in Fire Technology.

**Knowledge of:** standard forestry practices and techniques, including accepted fire suppression and controlled burning methods to be used in various types of fuels and under a variety of weather conditions and terrain, fire behavior and fire control techniques to carry out assigned fuels and wildland fire tasks.

**Ability to:** understand fireline terminology to communicate with other crew member, including the use of two-way radios; use hand tools such as an axe, shovel, Pulaski, McLeod and chainsaws to build fireline and extinguish burning materials.

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 50 pounds or more.

Because of the strenuous nature of this job, the employee will be required to maintain fitness through daily physical training as determined by the crew supervisor.

The work is performed in a wildland 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. The hazardous nature of the position requires that protective clothing (boots, hard hats, gloves, 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.

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