

# ***City of Groves*** ***JOB OPENING***

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| <b><i>DEPARTMENT:</i></b>              | Fire Department  |
| <b><i>POSITION:</i></b>                | Firefighter  |
| <b><i>PAY RATE:</i></b>                | Salary: \$21.17 - \$28.37/hr. (based upon 2912 hrs./yr.) – Depending upon experience |
| <b><i>DATE AND TIME OF POSTING</i></b> | 2/5/24   |
| <b><i>DATE AND TIME OF CLOSING</i></b> | <i>Until Filled</i>  |

## **JOB DESCRIPTION**

This is skilled firefighting work in combating, extinguishing, and preventing fires to protect life and property. Work also involves the operation and custodial maintenance of fire department equipment, apparatus, and quarters. Employees learn and participate in the operation of apparatus and the performance of hazardous tasks under emergency conditions, which may require strenuous exertion under such handicaps as fire, heat, smoke, and cramped surroundings. Work is usually performed by explicit instructions and well-defined procedures under the command of the Shift Captain or Shift Lieutenant. Work is reviewed in progress and upon completion.

**NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:** A combination of education, experience, and professional skills that best meets the needs of this position will be considered. Some considerations are:

- Knowledge of modern firefighting principles, practices, and procedures including hydraulics.
- Knowledge of the operating and maintenance requirements of the various types of apparatus and equipment used in firefighting activities.
- Knowledge of the physical layout of the city, including fire hydrant and street locations in the district to which assigned. Knowledge of first aid and rescue procedures.
- Ability to drive and operate all emergency and motor vehicles.
- Ability to operate hand tools used during suppression activities, including power saws, axes, ventilator fans, and forcible entry tools.
- Ability to enter data into the computer.
- Ability to perform limited mechanical work involved in maintaining fire apparatus, equipment, and tools.
- Ability to communicate over the radio and telephone and express ideas clearly during suppression activities.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to advance charge hand lines horizontally and vertically and effectively operate the nozzle.
- Ability to deploy and climb ground ladders. Ability to operate apparatus and establish a water supply.
- Ability to perform salvage and overhaul operations.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.
- Ability to obtain and maintain continuing education hours required for renewal of certification as a firefighter as defined by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Standards and Education and the Texas Department of Health.

## **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

- High school diploma or GED A combination of experience and training that provides the knowledge and abilities necessary to perform the duties outlined would be helpful.
- Must be at least 18 years of age to make the application.

## **CERTIFICATES AND LICENSES REQUIRED:**

- Possession of a valid Texas Operator's License. Ability to obtain a Class B exemption (non-CDL).
- Basic Certification as a Firefighter by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standards and Education is required and must be able to maintain certification.
- Emergency Medical Technician Basic Certification or higher from the Texas Department of State Health Services and must be able to maintain certification.

**Passage of the Groves Fire Department New Hire Physical Agility Test is mandatory for employment.**

Each employee of the City of Groves Fire Department is identified by the city to be part of the Emergency Management Response Team (EMRT) before, during, and/or after any emergency or disaster. EMRT personnel are required to work before, during, and/or immediately after an emergency or disaster.