



## **FIRE SERVICE WORKER**

**FC: MA330**  
**PG: MW-III**

**PC: 301**  
**BU: 01**  
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### **DEFINITION**

Under general supervision, inspects and services a variety of fire prevention and suppression equipment; instructs District staff on fire prevention and suppression techniques; performs related work as assigned.

### **CLASS CHARACTERISTICS**

This class is fully competent to inspect, service, and perform preventive maintenance on a variety of fire protection equipment found in District transit vehicles, fleet and facilities and to provide training in fire prevention and suppression techniques to District staff. This class is distinguished from the Emergency Vehicle Operator class in that the primary responsibility of the latter is to provide emergency response throughout the District revenue system.

### **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

1. Inspects, tests, services, and repairs a wide variety of fire prevention, detection, and suppression equipment including fire extinguishers of various types, hydrants, standpipes, sprinkler systems, hoses and suppression vehicles.
2. Ensures that fire extinguishers are of the proper type for the desired application and that they are fully charged and operational; recommends the repair of equipment by contract specialists as required.
3. Assists District staff in learning and using fire suppression techniques and specialized pumping and breathing apparatus.
4. Performs regularly scheduled fire prevention inspections of District properties and equipment.
5. Maintains inspection records of fire protection equipment and ensures the tagging of fire extinguishers throughout the District.
6. Maintains accurate records and prepares periodic reports of work performed.
7. Keeps informed of changing methods and techniques of fire prevention and suppression and recommends improvements for District facilities, work methods and procedures.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Knowledge of:**

Principles, practices and methods of fire prevention and suppression; operation, use and preventive maintenance of extinguishers, sprinkler system, and various fire suppression equipment; safety practices and procedures pertaining to the work; applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations.

### **Skill in:**

Making inspections, servicing and performing preventive maintenance on various fire prevention and suppression devices and equipment; applying emergency procedures and using fire protection equipment; maintaining accurate records and preparing clear and concise reports of work performed; working cooperatively with representatives of municipal fire agencies; analyzing fire prevention problems and recommending practical solutions; establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of the work; making sound independent decisions within established guidelines.

### **Other Requirements:**

Must possess a valid California driver's license and have a satisfactory driving record.

A typical way of gaining the knowledge and skills outlined above is:

Equivalent to graduation from high school and two years of experience in fire prevention and suppression, either as an Emergency Vehicle Operator with the District, a municipal fire fighter, or in another setting directly related to the work to be performed. College level course work in fire science is desirable.