

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES  
CLASS SPECIFICATION

FACILITY FIREFIGHTER

POSITION CODE: 14439

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direct supervision, inspects buildings and grounds for fire hazards; inspects fire fighting apparatus and equipment; maintains equipment in condition for immediate and effective use; fights fires; assists in the instruction of facility personnel in the use of first aid fire fighting equipment and in fire safety practices and methods.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Inspects fire exits, escapes, extinguishers, alarm systems, suppression systems, hydrants, trucks, hoses, pumps, ladders and all other apparatus and equipment connected with the control of fire and the protection of life and property from fire; cleans fire station and equipment; makes minor repairs to fire apparatus and equipment, when necessary to maintain equipment in condition for immediate and effective use.
2. Inspects buildings and grounds for fire hazards and for proper ventilation; checks exits and fire escapes in each building. Reports any existing fire hazards to Facility Fire Chief or the Facility Assistant Fire Chief.
3. Receives instruction from supervisor and attends training classes and activities in fire fighting procedures, methods, and techniques, and in the use of equipment and apparatus; attends classes for instructions in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and basic life support procedures.
4. Demonstrates under supervision of Facility Fire Chief or Facility Assistant Fire Chief, most rapid method of reporting fires, evacuating buildings in case of fire, placement and use of fire extinguishers and other fire fighting equipment located in their immediate working area; explains what is expected of facility personnel in case of fire emergency and hazards.
5. Stands fire guard at facility recreational activities, and at temporary, fire-hazardous, activities held on the facility property, such as, construction work, cutting and welding operations, etc.

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6. Operates an emergency ambulance and performs the necessary lifesaving procedures normally provided by an ambulance crew.
7. Assists in the investigation of fires to determine causes, takes and carries out instructions from supervisor.
8. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

## DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

### Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to the completion of four years of high school.

### Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires working knowledge of fire fighting equipment, methods and techniques.

Requires ability to be certified as a Firefighter I by the State Fire Marshal's Office within six months after appointment where training courses are available.

Requires ability to continue to take available training until certified by the State Fire Marshal's Office as a Firefighter II.

Requires ability to take training and receive certification for emergency technician-ambulance (EMT-A) when serving as crew for an ambulance transporting patients.

Requires the ability to take training and receive certification as emergency technician-intermediate (EMT-I) before starting emergency IV's under radio direction of project medical director.

Requires the ability to meet and maintain a level of physical fitness and readiness conditioning sufficient to carry out the duties of a firefighter.

Requires ability to demonstrate to facility personnel how to report a fire, the use of first aid fire fighting equipment and how to evacuate buildings.

Requires ability to maintain fire-fighting equipment in proper condition for immediate and effective use.

Requires ability to enforce departmental fire rules and regulations.

Requires ability to make clear and accurate reports.

Requires ability to detect fire hazards.

Requires ability to follow instructions under pressure or fire emergency.

Requires an appropriate valid commercial driver's license - class B.

Some positions which operate combination vehicles may require a higher class.