



# Central County Fire Department

## FIRE INSPECTOR

Bargaining Unit: Central County Firefighters' Union

Revision Date: 4/25/19

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt

### **DEFINITION**

Under the direction and supervision of the Fire Marshal or Deputy Fire Marshal, the Fire Inspector performs responsible, technical and specialized work in the fields of life safety inspection, fire investigation, and engineering and code enforcement.

### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

- May conduct public education presentations
- Resolve citizen complaints about fire related problems
- Assist in reviews of building construction plans and business emergency plans for compliance with state and local fire and life safety standards and regulations
- Provide technical assistance to fire companies
- Inspect residential, licensed care, commercial and industrial buildings, facilities and larger places of public assembly to determine and enforce compliance with local and state fire and life safety codes.
- Under supervision, interpret various federal, state and local fire and life safety codes for the public and make recommendations as needed
- Interpret policies, procedures and documents relating to business emergency plan requirements
- Review, evaluate and process business emergency plans
- Inspect, evaluate and grant fire safety clearances for state licensed care facilities
- Collect, analyze and evaluate data and prepare comprehensive reports
- Write reports based on field notes
- Issue "Notice and Order" and prepare summary information reports
- Investigate complaints from the public
- Assist in testing and accepting fixed detection and extinguishing systems
- Work with other governmental agencies for compliance and enforcement of building and fire codes and standards, the building development and planning process, weed and rubbish abatement
- Assist during fire investigation operations to determine origin and cause, collect and preserve evidence, and coordinate with authorities in detection, apprehension and prosecution of arsonists
- Perform related duties as required
- Subject to Emergency call back

### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

#### Knowledge of:

- Organization, procedures and operating details of City government
- Principles and Procedures of record keeping
- Microsoft Office and other software programs used in fire administration
- Department Policies and Procedures
- Pertinent federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations

Ability to:

- Understand, interpret and apply the International Fire Code, California Fire Code, California Building Code and other applicable federal, state and local laws
- Detect fire hazards and code violations and determine appropriate mitigation measures
- Plan and perform field work
- Read construction drawings and specifications, identifying necessary changes to bring project into compliance with appropriate building and fire codes
- Assist in fact finding investigations of fire incidents
- Effectively organize and document facts leading to criminal prosecution

Education and Experience:

- Successful completion of California State Board of Fire Services accredited courses Fire Inspector 1A, 1B, 1C, and 1D, or Certification of California State Fire Marshal Fire Prevention Officer I.
- Bachelor's Degree in Architecture, Criminal Justice, Engineering or Fire Protection is highly desirable.
- Completion of California State Board of Fire Services accredited courses Fire Protection 1C, Fire Investigation 1A and 1B, and a POST certified California Penal Code Section 832 course are highly desirable.

License or Certificate:

- Valid California State Driver's License
- Obtain certification of California State Fire Marshal Fire Inspector I within 18 months of employment
- Obtain certification of California State Fire Marshal Fire Inspector II within 5 years of employment

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Ability to crawl, crouch, twist upper body, sit, stand and walk for long periods of time; climb ladders and work at heights; ability to work in a hazardous environment including electrical and mechanical hazards; ability to work in confined spaces. Ability to analyze situations quickly and draw logical conclusions; to remain calm and follow instructions under pressure, stress and emergency situations. Work cooperatively with the public, other departments and all those encountered in the course of work. Communicate clearly on the phone, in person and in writing; deal calmly with irate citizens and contracts; enforce necessary regulations with firmness and tact. Possess the necessary visual and aural abilities as well as physical stamina and endurance required to perform aforementioned duties. There may be some chemical hazard exposure, but mechanical hazards are minor.

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Chief Administrative Officer

4/25/19  
Date