

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

FIRE CONTROL WORKER SENIOR

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DEFINITION: Under immediate supervision, a Fire Control Worker Senior acts as a lead worker over crews responsible for performing a full range of strenuous physical tasks related to fire suppression, fireline construction, fireline and burn area improvement and rehabilitation; mopping up fire hotspots using water and hand tools to stop the spread of fire, operating chainsaws for tree felling; cutting and removing brush from roadsides; creating fire roads and fuel breaks; using hand and power tools; responding to fire alarms and other emergency calls to protect life and property; occasionally working in hazardous conditions; and performing related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS: The Senior Fire Control Worker class acts as a lead worker over crews involved in the suppression of wildland fires.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

1. Acts as a lead worker over a crew, guiding, checking, correcting and reporting on the work of a crew while working with them.
2. Performs various types of semi-skilled labor in support of fire prevention and suppression of wildland fires; constructs firelines; cuts and removes brush from roadsides, fire roads, and fuel breaks using hand and power tools.
3. Performs various types of wildland fire prevention duties such as constructing fire control lines for prescribed fires, assisting with prescribed fire planning and implementation, performing fuel sample collection, performing maintenance duties on Remote Automated Weather Stations (RAWS), and assisting with defensible space inspections.
4. Performs maintenance work such as landscaping, carpentry, masonry, concrete, plumbing, fabrication, demolition, painting, welding, electrical, tree trimming, fence repair, and routine janitorial work.
5. Performs maintenance work on fire department equipment and minor vehicle service and repair.
6. Completes fuel reduction projects; assembles tools and equipment; drives personnel to work sites; and supervises the operation of power equipment.
7. Performs small engine repair and operates a handheld GPS unit.
8. Operates vehicles and specialized equipment and may work as a Fire Equipment Operator's aide.
9. Performs flood control activities such as trenching, sandbagging and debris removal.
10. Trains crews involved in the suppression of wildland fires.
11. May be transported to emergency work sites by various means, including rotary aircraft.
12. Successfully participates in the department's physical fitness program.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

1. High School Diploma or General Education Diploma (GED); and,
2. One (1) year of experience working on a wildland firefighting hand crew that included operating chainsaws and other gas-powered tools.

Additional Qualifications:

- Possession of a valid California Firefighter restricted Class C or California Class B Commercial Driver's license by the time of appointment; and
- Applicants hired after December 26, 1988 shall be disqualified from further employment consideration if they use tobacco products in any form on or off duty.

Knowledge of: the principles and practices of Wildland Fire Science; firefighting methods; fireline tools and proper fireline placement methods; fire mop-up techniques; wildland fuels reduction models, methods, and procedures; and the proper operation and maintenance of fire vehicle apparatus and equipment.

Ability to: lead, guide, check, correct, and report on the work of a crew while working with them; analyze fire and emergency situations quickly and accurately and take appropriate action; operate chainsaws and gas-powered weed whips; use fireline tools, field weather devices, GPS units, and compasses; understand and follow oral and written directions; effectively communicate orally; work under a structured organization that will require emotional and physical stability under stress; work in an outdoor environment; perform moderate and heavy physical activities for prolonged periods; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work; and occasionally lift and/or move up to 150 pounds.

Desirable Qualifications:

1. Current National Registry or State of California Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license
2. Current CPR card
3. Fire Fighter I certification issued by the California State Board of Fire Services; or Graduation from a State of California Certified Fire Fighter I Academy; or completion of the following:
 - NWCG Firefighter 1 Task Book
 - The following certifications:
 - I-100 Basic ICS
 - L-180 Human Factors
 - S-130 Firefighter Training
 - S-190 Intro to Fire Behavior
 - S-212 (A) Chainsaws
 - S-270 Basic Air Ops
 - S-219 Ignition Operations
 - Certified B-Faller or Faller 1 or Faller 2
 - S-131 Advanced Firefighting
 - S-290 Intermediate Fire Behavior
 - Verifiable skills in: Small engine repair, Electrical, Concrete, Masonry, Landscaping, Brush Removal / Tree Trimming, Painting, Carpentry, Plumbing, Fence Repair, Janitorial, Fabrication, Demolition, and Welding

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