

DESCRIPTION: Under general supervision, enforces all state laws relating to the suppression of arson and investigation of cause, origin, and circumstances of fires; promotes fire safety; investigates for fire safety in various facilities and premises; performs related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (A position may not be assigned all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all the duties that may be assigned.)

Investigates fires for cause, circumstances, and the possibility of arson to determine cause and gather evidence for possible court appearance in potential arson cases.

Promotes safety by conducting fire safety programs for civic clubs, industry, and institutions and conducts fire drills in schools to reduce losses by fires and comply with regulations.

Inspects premises and facilities including but not limited to liquor establishments, child care facilities, hospitals, nursing facilities, institutions, fire works stands, and mobile home parks to prevent fires and comply with relevant rules and regulations.

Writes and submits reports regarding all inspections and investigations to ensure proper records are maintained in compliance with established rules, regulations, and procedures and to document investigations.

Interprets State and federal regulations to provide local fire departments, institutions, and the public with technical assistance in all areas of fire prevention.

Serves as a witness in arson cases to prosecute offenders.

Disseminates fire prevention information to local fire departments, institutions, and the public to provide them with current state of the art information, to get their feedback, and create goodwill.

Complies with superior officers directions to respond to any type of emergency.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: (These are needed to perform the work assigned.)

Knowledge of: investigation and inspection procedures; the English language; storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles and explosives; electrical wiring and hearing equipment; structural safeguards; design, construction, location, installation, and operation of equipment for storing, handling, and utilizing liquefied petroleum gases; relevant codes, rules and regulations; basic law enforcement.

Ability to: communicate effectively with individuals and groups; understand and apply instructions; establish and maintain good working relationships; apply the required knowledge to complete fire and arson investigations and fire prevention inspections; write complete, accurate, and concise reports.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: (Applicants will be screened for possession of these qualifications. Applicants who need assistance in the selection process should request this in advance.)

Training or experience in fire service, fire science, building construction, code enforcement, regulation enforcement, engineering or architecture AND a valid driver's license or the ability to provide independent authorized transportation. Some positions in this class may require law enforcement certification.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

For positions that require law enforcement certification, applicants must meet the following requirements (set forth in state statute 81-1410 and Title 79, Chapter 8 of the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Rules and Regulations) for admission to the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Academy:

- must be a U.S. Citizen prior to completion of certification training;
- reach the age of 21 prior to completion of training;
- be fingerprinted to permit search for and disclosure of any criminal record;
- possess valid motor vehicle operator or chauffer license;
- have vision correctable to 20/30 and no evidence of irreversible disease which will affect person's sight;
- pardoned from or free of conviction by any state, the United States or foreign government of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a penitentiary for a term of one year or more or has had such conviction overturned or reversed by court of competent jurisdiction; possess good character as determined by thorough background investigation;
- is a (i) a high school graduate or (ii) possess a general educational development certificate and (iii) is able to read, write and understand the English language at the eleventh grade level;
- not been convicted of driving while intoxicated or under the influence in the two years immediately preceding admission;
- has been examined by a licensed physician within one year prior to admission and certified by the physician to have met the physical requirements, as determined by the Police Standards Advisory Council, necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of a law enforcement officer and successfully complete the requirements for training;
- has not worked as a law enforcement officer for the current law enforcement agency for more than one year including the time required for certification training, or has been granted a waiver based on extreme hardship by the Police Standards Advisory Council;
- has not received a punitive discharge from the United States Armed Forces;
- has not been denied certification status or had certification revoked or currently suspended in this state or another jurisdiction;
- has not been convicted of any crime involving the threat of or actual use of physical violence that would constitute a Class I misdemeanor in this state;
- has not been convicted of any crime involving the threat of or actual sexual assault or abuse;
- has not been convicted of any crime of physical violence or sexual assault against a child or children;
- has not been adjudged or convicted of a crime of domestic violence as defined in the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. 922(g)(9), that would disqualify him/her from possessing a firearm.

SPECIAL NOTE:

State agencies are responsible to evaluate each of their positions to determine overtime eligibility status as required by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).