

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

PAID CALL FIRE FIGHTER (PCF) MENTAL/STRESS JOB DESCRIPTION

A description is given below of the physical and mental stresses to which a paid call fire fighter (PCF) is subjected to in the San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. Your judgment is needed as to the PCF's capacity to perform the required duties. In your conclusion, take into account the long-range outlook for continued performance, and the PCF's ability to safely perform these duties without significant risk of injury to self or others because of medical condition.

A PCF responds to fires, rescues, and other emergencies as the driver or crew member on fire engines, rescue units, and other vehicles; uses equipment and tools performing such procedures as: raise, climb, and lower ladders; extend and advance hose lines into burning buildings; cut holes in buildings with axe or other tools; fight wildland fires, using shovel, axe, McLeod, Pulaski, back pump, and other tools; and performs other fire fighting duties and operates other tools as is necessary.

A PCF must have visual acuity (Snellen) of not less than 20/100 without correction in each eye corrected to not less than 20/30 in one eye; hearing adequacy within speech frequencies (uncorrected); full use of both hands and feet; must have the necessary strength and agility required for extensive bending, stooping, and squatting. The PCF must be able to work in conditions where there is intense heat; may be exposed to heavy smoke and dust.

ARDUOUS PHYSICAL WORK:

Duties involve field work requiring physical performance calling for above-average ability, endurance, and superior condition, including occasional demand for extraordinarily strenuous activities in emergencies, under adverse environmental conditions and overextended periods of time; requires running walking, difficult climbing, jumping twisting, bending and lifting over 25 pounds; pace of work is typically set by the emergency situation.