



CLASSIFICATION TITLE: Fire Chief	JOB NUMBER: 7066	AFFILIATION: Unaffiliated (Non-Union)
REPORTS TO: City Manager	PAY GRADE: 34	FLSA STATUS: Exempt "At Will"

GENERAL SUMMARY

Performs complex executive work planning, organizing, and directing the activities, personnel, resources and operations of the Richland Fire Department, and related work as apparent or assigned. Work involves setting policies and goals under the direction of the City Manager ("supervisor"). Departmental supervision is exercised over assigned personnel.

CORE VALUES

All employees are expected to model and foster the City of Richland's core values in the performance of their duties and their interactions while representing the City. The values of *Teamwork*, *Integrity*, and *Excellence* promote and maintain a high level of morale and productivity, and are the tie that binds all City employees together, across all functions.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

To be successful in this position, an individual must be able to perform each essential function satisfactorily. Additional duties of a similar nature and level may also be assigned. The City may make reasonable accommodations to enable a qualified individual with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Plans, organizes, controls, and directs the activities and personnel of the Richland Fire Department; researches, formulates, and develops long and short-range plans, goals, and objectives for the Department; assesses progress and performance in achieving established goals; prepares department annual operating budgets; controls and monitor expenses within budgets; ensures fiscal responsibility and cost consciousness, including managing the City's ambulance utility.
- Supervises assigned staff; evaluates and reviews work performance; works with employees to correct deficiencies; plans, coordinates, and arranges for appropriate training of subordinates; documents corrective action and applies City policy, as needed; participates in the interview and selection process of new

employees; recommends merit increases, reassignment, and promotions according to established guidelines.

- Directs utilization of rescue and emergency medical equipment and personnel, including ambulance and paramedic services, in response to emergencies, which threaten destruction of property and/or injury or death to citizens of the community.
- Directs the investigations of all fires; assists and consults with law enforcement agencies and outside special investigators; assists in the charging or prosecution of offenders.
- Develops and implements departmental policies, rules, regulations, and general orders designed to prevent and minimize the loss of life and property in major emergency situations; analyzes staffing needs and apportions work among the divisions; defines reporting relationships and delegates authority as needed to accomplish Fire Department mission and strategic goals.
- Plans and organizes Fire Department operations and activities with respect to equipment, apparatus, and personnel to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness.
- Responds to major emergency incidents and assumes or delegates command; directs appropriate actions to protect life and property and control fire spread.
- Formulates, prepares, directs, and implements plans for continual improvement of the Department in community risk reduction, fire suppression, and emergency medical services; recommends laws, ordinances, and agreements; provides special analysis and reports concerning zoning, planning, and community risk profiles.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required to successfully perform the essential functions of the position.

Knowledge of:

- Applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, codes, and regulations related to assigned activities.
- Development of long-range plans and objectives for a large organization.
- Fire Department organization, policies, rules, and regulations.
- City organization, operations, policies, and objectives.
- Principles and practices of modern firefighting, community risk reduction, and modern emergency services.
- Principles and practices of budget development and administration.
- Maintenance, repair, purchase, and operation of a variety of emergency services equipment and apparatus.
- Incident Command System (ICS) use for 'all hazard' mitigation.
- Fire suppression strategies, tactics, and procedures.

- Correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and vocabulary.
- Administrative principles and practices of municipal fire department administration, including program development, implementation, and evaluation, project management and supervision of staff, either directly or through subordinate levels of supervision.
- Modern office practices, methods, procedures, and equipment.
- Record-keeping principles, procedures, and techniques.
- Public speaking techniques

Skills and Abilities to:

- Plan and organize diversified programs in fire department administration, training, and community risk reduction.
- Formulate, develop, and implement policies, plans and strategic goals in a large emergency response organization.
- Manage and direct emergency incident operations.
- Prepare and manage the Fire Department's budget.
- Prepare a Community Risk Profile and direct personnel and resources to develop community risk mitigation strategies.
- Enforce, Federal, State, and City Fire codes, laws and ordinances.
- Respond to major emergency situations and assume or delegate command.
- Direct the maintenance and repair of Fire Department property, equipment, and apparatus.
- Physically participate in fire suppression and emergency command activities as needed.
- Learn, read, interpret, apply, and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Analyze situations accurately and adopt an effective course of action.
- Train, supervise, and evaluate assigned staff.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing; comprehend and use English effectively including producing all forms of communications in a clear, concise, and understandable manner to intended audiences.
- Organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; work independently with little or no direction, set priorities and meet critical time deadlines.
- Operate modern office equipment including personal computer equipment using standard or customized software application programs appropriate to assigned tasks.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence, and independent judgment within general policy, procedural and legal guidelines.
- Establish, maintain and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Complete Washington state Hazardous Materials Incident Command training within six (6) months of hire.
- Obtain I-700 and I-800 National Incident Management System Certificates within one (1) year of hire.
- Valid driver's license.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree with coursework in fire science, public administration, or related field and six (6) or more years experience in fire and emergency operations, including five (5) years in a senior management role, or equivalent combination of education and experience.

COMPETENCIES

Executive

- Manage to the future: Understands and communicates a clear vision and path to the future and takes appropriate steps to guide the organization in that direction.
- Have a global perspective: Recognizes and addresses issues that are outside departmental or municipal scope. Views issues without any preset biases or limitations. Takes information objectively, utilizing a broad framework in discussing and formulating opinions on current topics. Sees the "big picture."
- Display political and business acumen: Manages operations and initiatives with an understanding of the agendas and perspectives of others. Recognizes and balances the interests and needs of one's own group in the context of the broader organization and community. Effectively translates business terms into concepts that can be understood by the organization and the public.

Managerial

- Develop Effective Intra- and Inter-Departmental Relationships: Works collaboratively with partners within the City and outside of the City to accomplish the best possible outcomes for all parties.
- Manage Resources Effectively: Effectively applies the organization's assets. Makes efficient use of time, money, people, and other resources to accomplish the organization's goals. Provides direction, guidance, and expectations for resource allocation to ensure service is balanced with fiscal responsibility.
- Think and Plan Strategically: Champions new ideas and initiatives and creates an environment that supports continuous improvement. Considers the City's strategic plan when establishing work unit goals and priorities.

Supervisory

- Foster Teamwork: Builds effective teams committed to organizational goals. Fosters collaboration among team members and among teams. Uses teams to address relevant issues.
- Prioritize Work and Commitments: Develops short- and long-range plans that are appropriately comprehensive, realistic, and effective in meeting goals. Focuses on the most important tasks first and directs others to focus on those tasks. Integrates planning efforts across work units to ensure the most critical work gets done first.
- Drive for Team Results: Demonstrates and fosters a sense of urgency and strong commitment to achieving goals. Encourages others drive for strategic goals. Persists despite obstacles and opposition. Pursues aggressive goals and works hard to achieve them. Owns the outcomes produced by the team.
- Manage Employee Performance: Guides employees to achieve the highest levels of performance. Sets clear and compelling expectations for performance. Provides frequent and specific feedback to help employees meet or exceed expectations. Maintains effective records related to employee performance. Delivers specific, timely, and meaningful performance reviews.

Foundational

- Use Technical/Functional Expertise: Displays an appropriate depth of knowledge and skills as required for the position and commensurate with the time in class. Uses technology as appropriate for the position. Seeks additional knowledge and information to continually enhance knowledge in areas of specialty.
- Be Accountable for Performance: Actively shows responsibility, reliability, and trustworthiness. Ensures work and information are complete and accurate. Admits mistakes and looks for ways to improve. Models self as dependable and reliable. Follows up with others to ensure agreements and commitments have been fulfilled. Values the importance of team and organizational success. Independently takes action to influence events, to improve own or organizational performance and to promote the goals of the organization.
- Provide Excellent Customer Service: Anticipates, assesses, and responds effectively to the needs of diverse customers, both internal and external, providing consistently excellent service that is timely, accurate, courteous, and respectful.
- Communicate Effectively: Uses verbal and written skills effectively to ensure that information is successfully shared throughout the organization. Relates well to a range of people. Shows sensitivity to the needs of others. Demonstrates ability to build rapport and facilitates mutual understanding.
- Work Safely: Knowledge and application of relevant safety requirements that apply to the specific work being done. Recognizes and mitigates safety hazards on the job. Observes rules and regulations to comply with personal and workplace safety standards. Works to create a hazard-free, accident-free environment.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT




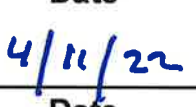

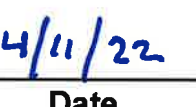
The work environment characteristics described are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

This work requires regular and punctual attendance at the office or other assigned locations; work requires the frequent exertion of up to 10 pounds of force and occasional exertion of up to 50 pounds of force; work regularly requires speaking or hearing and using hands to finger, handle or feel, frequently requires sitting and reaching with hands and arms and occasionally requires standing, walking, climbing or balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching or crawling, pushing or pulling, lifting and repetitive motions; work has standard vision requirements; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; work requires preparing and analyzing written or computer data, operating motor vehicles or equipment and observing general surroundings and activities; work frequently requires exposure to outdoor weather conditions and occasionally requires working near moving mechanical parts, exposure to fumes or airborne particles, wearing a self contained breathing apparatus and exposure to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment; work is generally in a moderately noisy location (e.g. business office, light traffic).

Authorization (for Archive)

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job classification does not constitute an employment agreement between the City of Richland and any employee and is subject to change by the City as the needs of the City and requirements of the job change.

	
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