# WHARTON VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER JOB DESCRIPTION

## THE POSITION

Under leadership direction, responds to structure and grass fires, rescues, vehicle accidents, and hazardous materials spills as a member of this volunteer fire department. May drive, operate and perform routine maintenance on fire apparatus and various other fire and rescue related equipment during emergencies and training drills. May perform basic fire prevention, station maintenance. May be called upon to perform rescue assignments during natural disasters such as floods and hurricanes

#### **DUTIES**

- Perform modern fire suppression operation in a safe and effective manner, using hose lines, fire streams, raising ladder, ventilation techniques and salvage and overhaul
- Rescue trapped victims using tools and equipment such as jacks, hydraulic spreader and rams, saws.
- Maintain skills and certifications by attendance ne non-emergency tasks such as cleaning and storing hose and other fire equipment: cleaning and maintenance of the station and attending department work parties as needed for the good of the department.
- Project a positive image to the public as a representative of the city fire service :
- Attend public relation a
- Wear a pager and be available to respond to the station for emergency response or station coverage at all hours of the day or night.
- May be assigned to drive and operate fire apparatus.
- Perform other duties as may be assigned for the good of the department.

# **MUST POSSESS ABILITY TO:**

- Communicates effectively with the public, personnel from other agencies and other volunteers.
- Establish and maintain cooperative working relationship with department.
- Respond to emergency and non-emergency situations at all hours of the day and night
- Think clearly and decisively in stressful situations, carry out complex follow orders of superiors.
- Work in hazardous and unfamiliar situations
- Wear protective clothing for extended periods of time often in extreme weather conditions
- Climbing require lifting arms above shoulder level and working at heights greater than 10 ft
- Learn modern structural fire suppression techniques

## **OUALIFICATIONS**:

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- Possess a valid driver's license.
- Be able to pass a background check.
- Possess no medical or physical disabilities that might impede the ability to perform firefighting and rescue functions.
- Live in Wharton County