LIEUTENANT

Class Title: Lieutenant; FLSA Non-Exempt Position

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I. POSITION SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The Lieutenant is a class found in the Fire District, comprised of three different positions: Operations Lieutenant, Recruitment & Retention/Training Lieutenant, Deputy Fire Marshal/Fire & Life Safety Lieutenant. The positions may be responsible for coordinating all fire suppression, rescue and emergency medical station activities of one or more companies on an assigned shift; functions as station commanding officer and ensures effective compliance with District policies and directives; assigns, oversees and/or participates in extinguishing and preventing fires, emergency medical services, training, public fire education, fire prevention activities. May be assigned to operations, administration, or other related duties.

II. SUPERVISION RECEIVED

The Lieutenant may work under the guidance of duty Battalion Chief, Division Chief of Training, or Division Chief of Fire and Life Safety who assigns work details and reviews work for effectiveness, quality, and conformance with district standards.

III. SUPERVISION EXERCISED

The Lieutenant exercises supervision over all subordinate personnel. The Lieutenant has the authority to make necessary decisions regarding operation of the district. The Lieutenant supervises subordinate career and volunteer personnel both at emergency scenes and in related projects and activities. As station lead officer of one or more assigned companies of a specific shift, assigns work to Engineer, and Firefighter classifications.

IV. ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All Positions

- Responds to fire alarms and emergency calls; provides incident command as first
 arriving officer until relieved by a chief officer. Responsible for following appropriate
 rules, policies and standard operation guidelines (SOG's) ensuring safety practices are
 followed, evaluating situations, deciding on appropriate actions and allocating
 resources. Assists higher level officer(s) as required.
- Oversees and/or participates in fire suppression/rescue/medical aid activities as required; provides guidance to crew during incidents.
- 3. Oversees and/or participates in the operation of equipment dealing with fire control, rescue and extrication, medical, hazmat, and water rescue situations as required.
- 4. Oversees and/or participates in fire cause investigations; assesses need for expertise of a specialized officer. May do preliminary investigation of incident (such as fire origin); may testify in court if required.
- 5. Performs Emergency Medical (EMS) skills within authorized scope of practice including driving ambulances, administering basic life support treatment, and transporting patients.

Operations Lieutenant

- 6. Plans and oversees the daily activities (emergency and non-emergency) of a station involving one or more firefighting companies. Enforces established District guidelines and regulations. Holds regular meetings with crew.
- 7. Makes recommendations and documents circumstances regarding potential disciplinary actions of subordinate personnel.
- 8. Operates fire apparatus and ambulances on an as-needed basis.
- 9. Performs routine inspections of equipment, stations, and personnel to assure conformance with policy and readiness.
- 10. If qualified, may work as the Shift Officer in the absence of Battalion Chief (BC).
- 11. Supervises personnel in all activities and constantly evaluates performance and gives feedback to personnel supervised. Formally evaluates performance on a periodic basis as required by policy.
- 12 Assists the Shift BC with the operation of the shift and keeps the BC informed of all needs, problems and issues.
- 13. Keeps abreast of changes in the services provided and seeks opportunities to further their knowledge through training and classes.
- 14. Keeps personnel informed of work needed, provides quality documentation, works to keep morale high, provides good customer service, and keeps supervisors informed.
- 15. Operates radio and other communication equipment.
- 16. Communicates effectively and coherently in all activities.
- 17. Protect the privacy of all patient information in accordance with District privacy policies, procedures, and practices as required by federal and state law, and in accordance with general principles of professionalism as a healthcare provider.
- 18. Access Protected Health Information (PHI) and other patient information only to the extent that it is necessary to complete job duties.
- 19. Report, without the threat of retaliation, any concerns regarding District policies and procedures on patient privacy and any observed practices in violation of those policies to the designated Privacy Officer.
- 20. Represents the District by responding to the public, citizens, its employees, and others in a prompt, professional, and courteous manner while continuously maintaining a positive customer service demeanor. Regards everyone, internal and external, as a customer and delivers the best service possible in a respectful and patient manner.
- 21. Maintains regular job attendance and adherence to working hours.
- 22. Operates a motor vehicle safely and legally.
- 23. Performs all other duties and functions as may be assigned, required, or directed.

- 1. Coordinates volunteer and student firefighter activities.
- 2. Conducts training and maintains records related to the training of volunteer and student firefighters.
- 3. Coordinates training efforts with the Battalion Chiefs, Operational Lieutenants, and the Division Chief of Training.
- 4. Promotes public relations for the fire district and the fire service.
- Recruits new volunteer and student members; develops and implements a volunteer retention program including incentives, education, and benefits.

- 6. Creates and maintains volunteer and student work schedules.
- 7. Liaisons with regional Community College Fire Science and EMS program representatives.
- Conducts training classes and maintains training records and certifications assuring that all mandated standards are met.
- Serves as the main communication source to volunteers and students disseminating
 pertinent information regularly to all groups. Functions as the main point of contact for
 members of these groups.
- 10. Coordinates and manages the volunteer and student programs including participation requirements, reimbursement policies, volunteer scheduling, etc.
- 11. Verifies that all volunteers are meeting District expectations and minimum requirements.
- 12. Monitors volunteer and student performance and activity levels.
- Monitors the volunteer and student program and makes recommendations for improvement.
- 14. Oversees volunteer and student disciplinary matters and makes recommendations and documents circumstances regarding potential disciplinary actions of subordinate personnel.
- 15. Communicates with various work associates and subordinates in ways that promote a positive work environment.
- 16. Provides regular reports on recruitment and retention efforts.
- 17. Maintains all necessary records to ensure local, State, or Federal grant and certification compliance.
- 18. Manages the SAFER Act Recruitment and Retention Grant, grant funds, purchases, and reporting requirements.

Deputy Fire Marshal/Fire & Life Safety Lieutenant

- 1. Performs fire inspections, code enforcement, <u>plans review for access and water</u> <u>supply</u>, public education, public information and fire investigation duties as assigned.
- 1-2. Visits premises of new construction or existing buildings under improvement to assist in the enforcement of Oregon Structural Specialty codes related to fire and life safety. Provides inspection-related comments to the Building Official or their designee concerning provisions of the Oregon Fire Code. Contacts owners, developers, and contractors concerning fire apparatus access and water supply provisions of the Oregon Fire Code; assists in explaining code deficiencies and in providing alternative solutions that meet the intent of the code.
- 3. Participates in the Fire District's Investigation Team and may be assigned as Team Leader. Investigates fires to determine the point of origin and cause and completes all necessary documentation. Gathers information at fire investigations by such techniques as interviewing victims and witnesses as well as through analysis of physical evidence and other related factors in order to determine probable cause relationship. Handles confidential information concerning fire-related criminal activity in coordination with law enforcement agency investigations.
- Performs plans review in cooperation with Linn County and City of Lebanon Building
 Officials to ensure proper enforcement of Oregon Fire Code throughout design and construction/installation process.

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- 2.5. Investigates and responds to inquiries and complaints from a variety of sources; determines if a hazard or violation exists and initiates appropriate corrective action.
- 3-6. Provides technical advice to district personnel and others on interpretation or application of fire safety codes, regulations, and standards.
- 4-7. Establishes and maintains records relevant to the position. Maintains files and a filing system and submits information as needed for Division and District reports.
- 5-8. Prepares and presents clear, concise, and effective oral and written reports to architects, contractors, developers, citizens, and property owners on the Oregon Fire Code, and other fire and life safety regulations.
- 6-9. Exercises independent judgment in determining actions to be taken regarding fire and life safety matters within position assignment duties.

Division Chief of Fire and Life Safety.

- 8-11. Provides input on the formulation of Division and District goals and objectives and for the preparation of the Fire and Life Safety Division annual budget.
- 9.12. Protect the privacy of all patient information in accordance with District privacy policies, procedures, and practices as required by Federal and State law, and in accordance with general principles of professionalism as a healthcare provider.
- 10.13. Expected to report, without the threat of retaliation, any concerns regarding District policies and procedures on patient privacy and any observed practices in violation of those policies to the designated Privacy Officer.
- 41.14. Maintains regular job attendance and adherence to working hours.
- 12.15. Supports, carries out, and maintains all Lebanon Fire District policies and procedures.
- 13.16. Performs other duties as assigned.

V. PERIPHERAL DUTIES

Operational Lieutenant

- Participates in and may conduct drills and training for development and maintenance of firefighting, EMS, and other related skills.
- Supports Fire and Life Safety Division programs through public education, commercial occupancy inspections, and assisting with fire cause determination.
- 3. Assists in developing plans for special emergency and non-emergency operations.
- Participates on internal and external job-related committees and attends meetings as a representative of the Lebanon Fire District.
- 5. Serves as a member of various District committees as assigned.
- 6. Assists other staff in the performance of their duties as assigned.

- Participates as District representative in local, regional and state meetings and planning groups, as directed.
- 2. Attends conferences, schools, and seminars related to enhancement of the position and the District to deliver effective fire and life safety services to the public, as directed.
- 3. Represents the District by active participation and membership in state, national, and international organizations as authorized by the Board of Directors and the Fire Chief.
- 4. Performs public education duties such as giving demonstrations, explaining use of

various firefighting and EMS equipment, fire prevention week promotional efforts.

5. Develops, implements, and participates in public relations and education programs; conducts presentations for various public groups.

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- $1. \ \ Participates \ in \ the \ Lebanon \ Fire \ District \ and \ Linn-Benton \ Fire \ Investigation \ Teams.$
- 2. Participates as District representative in local, county, regional and state meetings and planning groups.
- 3. Attends conferences, schools, and seminars related to enhancement of the position and the District to deliver effective fire and life safety services to the public.
- 4. Represents the District by active participation and membership in state, national and

- international organizations as authorized by the Board of Directors and the Fire Chief.
- 5. Represents the District in community outreach with local service organizations.
- 6. Assists in developing plans for special emergency and non-emergency operations.
- Able to work a flexible schedule to accommodate District needs to include evenings, weekends, and overtime.

VI. TYPICAL EXAMPLES OF WORK

Operational Lieutenant

1. Personnel

- a. Schedules and supervises work of subordinates.
- b. Coordinates schedule with Shift BC.
- c. Plans work in advance and assigns work based on capabilities of personnel.
- d. Maintains effective communications with subordinate personnel and with supervisory personnel on new rules, regulations, and policies.
- e. Corrects behavior as needed and documents correction when required.

2. Administrative Duties

- a. Reviews reports for correctness, legibility, and completeness.
- Assists or provides training for subordinate personnel and volunteers as needed.
- c. Coordinates activities of personnel.
- d. Tracks training of personnel and their certifications. Provide training to those that have not had it.
- e. Complete reports in a timely and accurate manner.
- f. Prepares and mentors subordinates for promotion.

3. Fire-ground Responsibilities

- a. Responds to fire and EMS alarms.
- Directs firefighting and rescue operations as needed, until relieved by a higher-ranking officer.
- Maintains composure and is able to communicate clearly in high pressure/emotional situations.

- 1. Recruits new volunteer members; develops and implements a volunteer retention program including incentives, education, and benefits.
- 2. Coordinates and manages the volunteer program including participation requirements, reimbursement policies, volunteer scheduling, etc.
- 3. Responds to emergencies, such as fire and EMS.
- 4. Serves as the main communication source to volunteers and student firefighters disseminating pertinent information regularly to all groups. Functions as the main point of contact for members of these groups.
- Works in conjunction with Training Division to develop and coordinate volunteer recruitment program.

- Monitors volunteer participation compliance; responsible for accurate documenting and reporting of volunteer activities, participation, and incidents including injury and discipline reports.
- Coordinates and/or assists with volunteer functions, such as graduation ceremonies, award presentations, banquet, etc.
- 8. Coordinates the issuing of necessary personal protective clothing, communications equipment, and District uniforms.
- Serves as liaison between volunteers and the Fire District; maintains an "open door" policy for all volunteer personnel.
- 10. Attends Volunteer Officer meetings, drill nights, and pertinent committees as required.
- 11. Acts as a liaison between the volunteers and other departments/divisions.

 Communicates regularly with duty crews regarding volunteer and student performance and participation.
- Assists with the coordination and implementation of volunteer and student testing processes.
- 13. Assists Training Division as needed with Volunteer Recruit Academy and coordinates new member orientations.
- 14. Acts as a liaison between the District and other volunteer and community services programs.
- 15. Coordinates, participates in, or assists with Fire Prevention and Public Education activities, as directed.
- 16. Attends meetings as requested including staff meetings, Board meetings, volunteer and training meetings. May also attend conferences, seminars, or training sessions to upgrade job knowledge, management, and communication skills.
- Drives District vehicles to transport members, run errands, and attend classes, as directed.
- 18. Other duties as assigned.

Deputy Fire Marshal/Fire & Life Safety Lieutenant

- 1. Performs commercial occupancy inspections and enforces state and local fire codes.
- Creates, plans, and executes fire prevention programs and public education programs to the citizens of the Lebanon Fire District.
- 2.3. Plans review for access and water supply
- 3.4. Responds to emergencies, such as fire and EMS incidents.
- 4.5. Assists with the creation of the Fire and Life Safety Division budget.
- 5.6. Other duties as assigned.

VII. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All Positions

- 1. Graduation from high school or GED equivalent.
- 2. Must have a current state of Oregon EMT-Basic license, or, based on District operational need, a current state of Oregon EMT-Paramedic license may be required.
- 3. NFPA Apparatus Equipped with Fire Pump (Pumper) certification or equivalent.
- 4. NFPA Apparatus Equipped with an Aerial Device certification or equivalent.
- 5. NFPA Mobile Water Supply Apparatus certification or equivalent.
- 6. NFPA Wildland Apparatus certification or equivalent.
- 7. NFPA Fire Officer I or equivalent.

- 8. Four (4) years of full-time employment with Lebanon Fire District or six (6) years firefighting experience elsewhere. New hires or laterals must successfully complete their probationary year prior to being eligible to test for Lieutenant.
- 9. Knowledge of principles, practices, and procedures of firefighting and EMS.
- 10. Knowledge of Incident Command System.
- NFPA First Responder Operations or Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations certification or equivalent.
- 12. S-231 Single Resource Boss (Engine Boss) class completion
- 13. Valid Oregon driver's license without record of suspension or revocation in any state, and three years of licensed driving experience.
- 14. Must meet the District's physical qualifications and pass a background check, medical and psychological exams, and drug screen prior to appointment at the entry level.
- Must be able to read, write, and speak the English language. Preference may be given for bilingual skills.
- 16. Must be able to work all shifts, weekends, and holidays as needed.
- 17. Use of tobacco products is prohibited subject to applicable District policy and/or collective bargaining agreement.
- 18. The individual shall not pose a direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others in the workplace.
- 19. Ability to perform strenuous physical tasks under adverse environmental conditions.
- 20. Ability to act effectively in emergency and stressful situations.
- 21. Ability to follow verbal and written instructions.

Recruitment & Retention/Training Lieutenant

- 1. Ability to communicate well (verbally and written) with other personnel and the public.
- 2. Ability to plan, organize, and supervise work programs.
- 3. Knowledge of principles and practices of teaching/training methods for firefighting and EMS personnel.

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- 1. NFPA Fire Investigator or equivalent.
- 2. NFPA Fire Inspector I, or within 12 months of hire.
- 3. NFPA Fire Instructor I
- 4. ICC Fire Inspector I (or within 12 months of hire)
- 3.5. Oregon Fire Inspector I (or within 12 months of hire)
- 4-6. Oregon State Fire Marshal Youth Fire Prevention Interventionist, or within 18 months of hire.
- 5-7. Working knowledge of the modern principles and practices of fire protection including National Fire Protection Association standards, the International Fire Code and the Oregon Fire Code.

Knowledge of:

- 1. Principles, practices, methods and techniques of fire safety education, fire cause investigation and fire prevention/inspection.
- 2. Applicable laws, codes, and regulations regarding fire protection and detection systems and equipment.
- 3. Safety standards and methods of building construction.
- 4. Fire causes and fire behaviors/effects.
- 5. Effective customer service/public contact skills.

- 6. Methods of making oral presentations to groups.
- 7. Basic report writing.
- 8. Computer applications related to area assigned.

Ability to:

- 1. Learn, understand, interpret, explain and apply applicable codes, laws, and regulations.
- 2. Learn to read and comprehend plans and specifications.
- 3. Perform a variety of difficult and complex inspections/investigations related to fire safety and on fire scenes/incidents.
- 4. Analyze, compile and evaluate data.
- 5. Prepare clear and concise reports and correspondence and record data.

VIII. DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

All Positions

1. AS or AA degree in Fire Protection, Emergency Medical Technology, Fire Science, or related field or equivalent professional experience.

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- 1. NFPA Instructor II certification or equivalent.
- 2. NWCG or NFPA Wildland Firefighter Type 1 certification or equivalent.
- 3. NFPA Fire Officer II certification or equivalent.
- 4. NWCG Task Force Leader certification or equivalent.

- 1. NFPA Live Fire Instructor
- 2. NFPA Instructor II
- 3. IAFC Volunteer Leadership Series-Recruitment and Retention
- 4. Thorough knowledge and understanding of city, state, and federal regulations, District policies and objectives, labor agreements, and fire prevention and suppression management techniques.
- Knowledge of the application and development of division plans and objectives, personnel and emergency scene management, community activities, and public awareness.
- 6. Knowledge of record-keeping systems required in training and personnel management programs.
- 7. Previous supervisory experience and/or management training beyond the minimum requirements.
- 8. Demonstrated ability to work closely with volunteers, elected officials, staff and citizens.
- 9. Demonstrated project management experience.
- 10. Public speaking experience.
- 11. Public relations or marketing experience.

- 12. Program development experience.
- 13. Have a working knowledge of clerical filing systems and proficient computer skills, including the use of social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), Microsoft Office Suite applications including but not limited to Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher.
- 14. Any combination of education and experience that demonstrates the ability to competently perform the job.

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- 1. ICC Fire Inspector II
- 2. NFPA Fire Inspector II.
- **1.3.NFPA** Fire Officer II
- 2.4. OSFM Fire and Life Safety Specialist I designation or higher. Oregon Fire Inspector II
- 3.5. Public Information Officer.
- 4. NFPA or ICC Certified Fire Plan Examiner.

IX. DESIRED EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Operational Lieutenant

- 1. Knowledge of the geography of the District and Ambulance Service Area (ASA).
- 2. Knowledge of the rules and regulations of the District
- Knowledge of the operation and maintenance of the various types of apparatus and equipment used by the District.
- 4. Any other equivalent combination of experience/training that ensures the ability to perform the work requirements listed above.

Recruitment & Retention/Training Lieutenant

- 1. Two (2) years as a company officer, or ten (10) years of Fire/EMS experience or any combination of additional years of experience of increasing responsibility with a fire department above the required qualifications.
- 2. Bachelor's degree or higher in fire administration, fire science, or related field with course work in administration.
- 3. Oregon licensed Paramedic.
- 4. Demonstrated ability and education/training in dispute resolution.
- 5. Any other equivalent combination of experience/training that ensures the ability to perform the work requirements listed above.

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- Proficiency with NFIRS (National Fire Incident Reporting System) record management systems.
- 2. Proficiency with fire RMS software, ITM tracking software, code inspection software are records management systems.
- 3. Supervisory experience in the company officer role.
- 4. Enrolled in or graduate of National Fire Academy Managing Officer Program.
- 5. Demonstrated ability and education/training in dispute resolution.
- Demonstrated ability to work closely with volunteers, elected officials, staff and citizens.

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7. Bilingual (Spanish preferred).

8. Any other equivalent combination of experience/training that ensures the ability to perform the work requirements listed above.

X. TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

In the performance of job duties, the employee will use fire apparatus, ambulances, and related vehicles; fire pumps, hoses, ladders, and other firefighting equipment; patient care, moving, and handling equipment and devices; personal computer and various software programs; audiovisual equipment; radio communication equipment; office equipment; and other related tools and equipment.

XI. PHYSICAL DEMANDS

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

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit; talk or hear; stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, and taste or smell. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

Very Heavy Work: Exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects.

All operational positions of the Lebanon Fire District must adhere to the District policy on essential minimum physical and mental functions and must pass an annual physical agility test and medical evaluation

XII. WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those encountered while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work is performed primarily in an office, vehicles, and outdoor settings, in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and night shifts. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. The individual is exposed to hearing alarms and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistance, including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents, oils, and human body fluids.

The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet in office settings and loud at emergency scenes.

XIII. SELECTION GUIDELINES

The selection process may contain a formal application; review of education and experience regarding qualifications; appropriate testing, including assessment centers and interviews; drug screening; background check; psychological evaluation; final selection; and pre-employment medical examination.

The examples of duties are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work 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.

This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the District and the employee and is subject to change by the District as the needs of the District and requirements of the job change. Appointees are subject to completion of a standard one-year probationary period. Residency requirements are subject to applicable District policy and/or collective bargaining agreement.