

**CITY OF BELEN
Job Description**



**CITY OF BELEN FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firefighter / Airport Rescue Fire
Fighter (ARFF)**

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under the direction of the Fire Chief and supervision of the Assistant Chief and shift Lieutenant,

MINIMUM DEPARTMENT AND TRAINING QUALIFICATIONS

Firefighter applicants must meet the minimum requirements for consideration:

- Be at least 21 years of age and U.S. Citizen
- Possess a New Mexico Driver's License (Class E) or obtain within 6 months of hire
- Possess New Mexico Emergency Medical Technician – Basic or higher, must obtain within 18 months of hire or per Fire Chief's discretion
- IFSAC or Pro Board Firefighter II
- IFSAC or Pro Board Airport/ARFF Firefighter
- ICS 100, 200, 700, 800

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Operates fire apparatus combating and extinguishing aircraft, and other fires as necessary. Work requires the performance of hazardous task under emergency conditions, which may include strenuous exertion. The employee must work well in an emergency situation and must exercise independent judgment, discretion, and initiative in completing assignments and handling difficult public contact situations requiring considerable tact and knowledge of airport policies, procedures, and programs. The duties listed below 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 rank.

WORKING CONDITIONS AND ENVIRONMENT

CONDITIONS: While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, stand, walk, jog, run, sprint, climb, bend, lift, raise, kneel, crawl, squat, stretch, pull, push, twist, hold, grip, carry, drag, throw, catch, lean, maintain balance, and other miscellaneous physical abilities; ability to perform complex tasks during emergency and non-emergency situations. Ability to determine the nature and extent of illness or injury; ability to take a pulse, blood pressure and perform other diagnostic techniques; Ability to make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up periods; ability to lift and carry a loaded stretcher up or down flights of stairs with one person to assist; ability to spend extensive time outside exposed to the elements; ability to repeatedly lift and carry at least fifty (50) pounds over horizontal and vertical distances at least 250 feet. The employee must be able to drag hose lines both charged and non-charged, limited distances, both horizontally and vertically, at ground level and varying heights. Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

ENVIRONMENT: Employee must be able to operate in environments of high noise, poor visibility, and limited mobility, at heights and in enclosed or confined spaces. She/he must be free from significant personal limitations (e.g., inflexibility, rigidity, etc.) that will interfere with required duties.

Employee must be able to tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while operating firefighting or medical duties. She/he must perform physically demanding work in hot (up to 400 degrees F. or greater) atmospheres while wearing protective equipment that significantly impairs bodily cooling systems. She/he must be able to work in areas where the potential for traumatic or thermal injuries are possible. She/he must be able to face exposure to hazardous materials or infectious agents including carcinogenic dusts, such as asbestos, toxic substances such as chlorine, corrosives, carbon monoxide, or organic solvents either through inhalations, or skin contact. Employee must be able to rescue, by carrying or dragging, an adult weighting up to 175 pounds, from a burning structure or other dangerous situations. She/he must be able to face exposure to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims. Employee must be capable of performing all required functions in an efficient and safe manner. Employee must have the ability to work for long periods of time, requiring sustained, physical activity and intense concentration.