

# San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District



## Accepting applications for the position of *Reserve Firefighter*

Filing deadline: October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### What is a Reserve Firefighter?

A reserve firefighter is an auxiliary position with the San Miguel Consolidated Fire Protection District. It is an opportunity for those interested in a fire service career to get invaluable hands-on experience while giving back to the community. Participation as a reserve neither implies nor guarantees an offer of employment with the San Miguel Fire District.

### Reserve Firefighter Duties

After successful completion of the reserve academy, the reserve firefighter is expected to continue personal growth through required monthly training classes, training assignments and ride-along experience. During the ride-along shifts they have the opportunity to be part of an engine company and experience, firsthand, firefighting, medical aids, rescue calls and other public service activities. Reserve firefighters also gain experience through participation in fire prevention and fire education programs.

## Training

Each reserve must successfully complete the Heartland Firefighter Academy which consists of both classroom instruction and manipulative practice. Academy instruction is scheduled to last 12 weeks from January to April, 2010.

- ◆ The 488-hour academy includes classroom sessions on topics such as firefighter safety, equipment operation, fire extinguishers, forcible entry tools and techniques, lifting and hoisting equipment, fire hose, hose nozzles and fittings, hose evolutions, ladders, breathing apparatus, fire control, fire prevention, and more; plus manipulative classes giving recruits the opportunity to practice skills taught in the classroom.
- ◆ Recruits must pass weekly training evaluations by assigned instructors.
- ◆ Recruits are expected to be present at each of the required academy training sessions.
- ◆ College credit and State Certifications for 100A, 100B, HazMat FRO, Low Angle Rescue, ICS-100/200, Auto Extrication

## Minimum Requirements

- ◆ Age: 18 years of age at time of application.
- ◆ Education: High school graduate or equivalent (GED).
- ◆ Certifications: Possession of a valid San Diego County EMT-1A.
- ◆ Paramedic: San Diego County Paramedic Accreditation Highly Desirable.
- ◆ License: Must have and maintain a valid, unrestricted Class C California driver's license.
- ◆ Residence: Shall reside within San Diego County.
- ◆ Telephone: Must have a working telephone in their residence and keep current number updated with District.
- ◆ Occupation: Employment or involvements with occupations that may be considered a conflict of interest or which may impair performance or discredit the District are unacceptable.
- ◆ Certification of ability to work in the United States: Prior to employment, applicants must demonstrate, as required by law, which they are legally able to work in the United States.
- ◆ Uniforms and Safety Shoes: Reserves are responsible for purchasing their own uniform and safety shoes. Approximate cost totaling \$500.

## Selection Process

- ◆ Submittal and review of District application. Applications will be accepted in person, via mail, or electronic mail by 1630 hours on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at San Miguel District Headquarters.
- ◆ Written Examination: The test will be based on *Essentials of Fire Fighting*, 5<sup>th</sup> Ed. The following chapters will be covered on the test:
  - Ch. 3 Fire Behavior
  - Ch. 7 Ropes/Knots
  - Ch. 9 Forcible Entry
  - Ch. 11 Ventilation
  - Ch. 13 Fire Hose
  - Ch. 14 Fire Streams
  - Ch. 15 Fire Control
  - Ch. 17 Loss Control
- ◆ Physical Abilities Test: Candidates must have a valid California Fire Fighter Joint Apprenticeship Committee Candidate Physical Ability Test card acquired within 12 months of final candidate selection (Tentative date December 4, 2009). Information on CPAT can be found at [www.cffjac.org/go/jac/cpat/](http://www.cffjac.org/go/jac/cpat/).
- ◆ Oral Examination: Oral interview by a panel of San Miguel District personnel to determine qualifications.
- ◆ Background Investigation: Prior to employment, an applicant's personal history and employment background will be reviewed.
- ◆ Medical Examination: Applicant must successfully pass a pre-employment medical examination

For detailed information about each agency please refer to the following websites:

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