

# Fire Air Utility Support Technician



## General Summary of Classification:

This is an hourly-temporary classification only. An incumbent in this position staffs the mobile Air Utility Unit for a twenty-four-hour period consistent with the Division of Fire (DOF) shift-work schedule; responds to fire training events, calls for service and other events where a supplemental supply of breathing air and the other support functions of the Air Utility Unit are requested; ensures the appropriate Rehab Staging Area activated by the Incident Commander (IC), self-rehab (rest with hydration) or formal rehab with medical evaluations, is set-up and supported on scene to provide rest, rehydration, nutritional support, and relief from climatic conditions for responders who have been actively participating in incident operations to recover sufficiently to be deemed fit to return to duty at the incident; ensures accurate accountability of all first responders as they report to and are reassigned from the rehab staging area; performs other duties as assigned.

## Examples of Primary Tasks, Duties and Responsibilities (TDR):

*NOTE: This is not a job description. The following examples are intended to be illustrative of the nature and scope of TDR that are typically assigned to positions in this job classification. Examples below are not all comprehensive. Actual assigned TDR may vary based on operational needs.*

- Safely operates Air Utility 307 Unit carrying spare SCBA cylinders and SCBA cylinder refill equipment on board; refills and services SCBA equipment as needed while first responders are in the rehab area; follows all protocols and assists with safely and properly handling, transporting, cleaning and decontaminating firefighters' turnout PPE and SCBA gear after each use; follows all protocols and safely handles, transports, decontaminates, cleans and properly disposes of when necessary, contaminated EMS equipment;
- Safely operates the Air Utility Unit's rescue apparatus' on-board equipment such as generators and lighting; sets-up a rehab area consistent with IC activation orders with quantities of supplies and equipment necessary to initiate and operate an incident rehab area, which may include beverage containers, medical equipment, fans, awnings, lighting and other equipment usable and needed in a rehab area for the duration of the incident;
- As a member of the Logistics Team may assist with laundry duties, deliveries, supplies and inventory management and distribution, sizing and fit of firefighters' turnout gear to ensure their mobility and personal safety from incident related hazards and to prevent fatigue or injury, handle special projects, clean/maintain all Logistics' areas to ensure compliance with all applicable safety and environmental regulations;
- Performs other duties as assigned.

## Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA) Typically Required:

- **Occupation-specific:** Consistently demonstrates sound working knowledge of current Fire/EMS skills, techniques, strategies, tactics, and equipment; County streets, roads, and principal buildings; DOF locations; main and major roadways in the regional; and a basic geographical knowledge of surrounding jurisdictions' main streets, roads and principal buildings.
- **Technical:** Safely and accurately handles and refills firefighters' SCBA cylinders; safely and efficiently establishes self-rehab (rest with hydration) and formal rehab with medical evaluations at an appropriate or designated location at incident sites; safely drives and operates air utility equipment and all other equipment incidental to SCBA refills and rehab area operations under all types of outdoor and weather conditions, including extreme conditions.
- **Interpersonal, Communication and Customer Service:** Excellent communication skills; communicates effectively with all levels of Division personnel; excellent collaborative skills; works safely and efficiently independently and as part of a team to ensure firefighters' safety and the Division's compliance with all regulatory mandates related to refill & rehab operations.
- **Decision-making and Authority:** Uses sound judgment critical thinking skills when activated to perform assigned duties in high-stress circumstances at incident sites and to safely perform all assigned duties; makes accurate math calculations.
- **Leadership:** Non-supervisory. Requires an uncompromising commitment to safety and protocols for own and others' safety.
- **Environment:** Part of the Logistics Team; primarily assigned to Air Utility Unit; routinely works at incident sites.
- **Physical:** Performs physically demanding work, including heavy lifting, physical exertion, & walking over various terrains, at various types, including extreme, incident site conditions upon activation at any time during the assigned 24-hour shift. Requires the ability to be flexible with schedule, work 24-hour shifts, and work weekends and holidays as assigned.

## Minimum Education and Experience:

**Education:** Graduation from high school.

**Experience:** Previous experience handling, refilling and maintaining air tanks and breathing apparatus used by firefighters, including contaminated equipment, and setting-up and operating rehab staging areas at various types of incidents;

**OR:** Any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities.

## Other Requirements (License, Certifications, Training, etc.):

- Valid unrestricted driver's license and completion of the Emergency Vehicle Operator's Course (EVOC), or valid CDL.
- May be required to obtain and maintain MSA G1 Repair Technician Certification.
- Criminal history record check and fingerprinting of all employees in authorized and hourly safety sensitive positions.
- Successful completion of NIMS ICS 700. Additional NIMS ICS training courses may be required.

NOTE: This is a class specification and not an individualized position description. A class specification defines the general nature and scope of duties and responsibilities of positions in a job classification Class specs are not intended to describe and does not list all of the job duties and responsibilities that may be assigned to a specific position in a job classification.