

SAFETY INSPECTOR I/II

DEFINITION

Safety Inspector I: Under the supervision of the Fire Marshal or the Chief's authorized representatives, to inspect fire protection systems, new construction sites, industrial and commercial occupancies and institutional and public assemblage occupancies to insure a practical level of fire protection and compliance with applicable state and local regulations and nationally recognized fire protection standards; and perform related duties as may be required.

Safety Inspector II: Under the supervision of the Fire Marshal or the Chief's authorized representatives, to inspect fire protection systems, new construction sites, industrial and commercial occupancies and institutional and public assemblage occupancies to insure a practical level of fire protection and compliance with applicable state and local regulations and nationally recognized fire protection standards; and perform related duties as may be required. The class is required to have operating knowledge of the principals and practices of fire prevention and greater overall experience.

Safety Inspector I is the entry-level class and Safety Inspector II is the journey level class in the series. Under the flexible staffing concept, Safety Inspector II positions that may become vacant may reasonably be filled at the Safety Inspector I position for training purposes or when filled from the outside, require specific experience, as stated in the minimum qualifications. Appointment to the Safety Inspector II class requires the employee to be performing substantially the full range of inspector duties and to meet the qualification standards for the class. The class requires the ability to work independently exercising good judgment and initiative.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Performs fire safety inspections of schools, rest homes, residences, hospitals, churches, industrial and commercial buildings, sprinkler systems and hazardous materials and processes; issues written notices requiring the elimination of fire hazards; inspects posts and issues weed abatement notices; assists in the investigation of fires to determine origin and cause; testifies in court; photographs fire scenes; investigates and requires correction of violations of state and local codes and ordinances pertaining to fire prevention; develops and conducts fire prevention education programs; keeps records of buildings inspected and action taken; may check building plans; provides technical information to the public concerning fire prevention; assists fire company personnel in code interpretation, training

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and fire inspections; gives emergency medical treatment when required; performs related duties as required.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Ability to: Communicate effectively both orally and in writing; work with minimal direction; meet deadlines; gain the understanding and cooperation of the public; instruct methods and procedures used in a modern fire prevention bureau; work effectively with others; tolerate uncertainty and work in unstructured settings; handle a variety of assignments simultaneously; learn and recall fire safety regulations and legal procedures; interact positively and cooperate with co-workers, respond politely to customers, work as a team member, function under demanding time pressure, respond in a positive manner to supervision, and attend work and perform duties on a regular and consistent basis.

Experience:

Safety Inspector I: Six months of experience as a full-time employee or intern, or any combination thereof, in fire or building inspection, plan checking, fire suppression or closely related field.

Safety Inspector II: Two years of experience in at least one of the following: building code enforcement, safety code enforcement, Federal, State and local codes, ordinances, and law enforcement; or related code enforcement activities or two years as a firefighter.

Education:

Safety Inspector I: Graduation from high school or equivalent and the successful completion of State of California Board of Fire Services' courses, Fire Prevention 1A and 1B or Fire Inspector IA and 1B.

Safety Inspector II: Graduation from high school or equivalent and an A.A. Degree or 60 college semester units; possession of valid CPR/BLS (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation/Basic Life Support) for the Professional Certificate or the temporary ability to obtain within six (6) months due to the COVID-19 pandemic; possession of a valid State of California Board of Fire Services Fire Officer Certificate or Satisfactory completion of any two (2) of the following six (6) State of California Board of Fire Services courses:

- Fire Prevention IA, IB, or IC OR Fire Inspector IA, 1B, IC or ID
- Fire Investigation IA, IB or IC
- or
- Penal Code 832

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License: Possession of valid Class C California Driver's License.

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