



Rocky Ford Fire Department

300 South Main Street
Rocky Ford, CO 81067

POSITION TITLE:	Wildland Firefighter FFT2
POSITION STATUS:	Seasonal Full-Time-At Will
FLSA CLASSIFICATION:	Non-Exempt
WAGE/BENEFITS	Starting \$16.50/hr
SERVICE HOURS:	2092 hrs maximum
EFFECTIVE DATE:	January 18, 2023

This job description is established by the Rocky Ford Fire Department to outline the basic requirements, duties and responsibilities of the position of Wildland Firefighter FFT2. This position is “at-will,” which means the Fire Department may terminate the employment relationship at any time and for no reason, subject only to the requirements of federal and state law. Similarly, the employee may terminate the employment relationship without notice at any time for any or no reason.

Position Summary:

Rocky Ford Fire Department is seeking motivated, experienced, and physically fit candidates to join our newly created wildland program. Our wildland program is a fuels management and fire suppression program. The program operates a type 6 engine for initial attack and national response. As a wildland firefighter, you will participate in fuels reduction including tree cutting and falling, piling of trees, slash, area wildfire hazard assessments, and fire operations. These fire operations will include engine and pump operations, wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations. Wildland Firefighters will respond to all wildfires within the 763 square mile Rocky Ford Rural Fire Protection District (RFRFPD) Response area as well as mutual aid requests throughout Southeast Colorado. The position

may also be utilized for other types all hazard calls as appropriate. Employees will be available for national response. Employees will be exposed to extreme temperature variations, extended work hours, dust and smoke, environmental hazards, and other unpredictable working conditions.

Immediate Supervisor:

The Wildland Firefighter FFT2 reports to the Wildland/Mitigation Coordinator.

Supervisory Authority:

None.

Primary Duties and Responsibilities:

- As a wildland firefighter for our wildland program you will participate in fuels reduction including; tree cutting and falling, piling of trees and slash, wildfire home hazard assessments and fire operations including; engine and pump operations, wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire operations
- Employees will be available for national response as local fire conditions allow
- Schedule: The season will run April through Oct
- Employees work schedule will be 4 days 10hrs/day, or 40 hours/week
- Overtime available as needed although cannot exceed 2092 total hours for the season.

Minimum Experience, Qualifications, and Requirements

- Possess and maintain a valid CPR for Health Care Providers certificate or equivalent.
- Possess and maintain a valid State of Colorado driver's license with an acceptable driving record.
- Must pass a background check and subject to a urinalysis
- Possess and maintain NWCG FFT2 qualification required
- ICS100, 200 and NIMS 700, 800 required
- EMT-Basic State or National also preferred, although not required
- Comprehensive knowledge of basic wildland firefighting, including but not limited to radio communication knowledge.

- Ability to operate computer equipment and related programs for entering potential reporting information into a database.
- Establish knowledge of RFRFPD, and RFFD operations, practices and procedures.
- Knowledge of working with necessary hand tools and power equipment.
- Ability to drive and back trailers
- Ability to follow written and oral commands and standard operation procedures of the RFRFPD, and RFFD.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with Board members, City Council members, supervisors, fire department employees, volunteers, vendors and the community.
- Ability to read, write, and speak efficiently.
- Wage increase for those that are bilingual.

Working Environment/Physical Requirements:

This position requires work in a variety of locations and conditions, including living quarters and office areas, in and around a wide variety of automotive, mechanical, chemical and medical equipment or supplies, and emergency scenes of every type.

- Working Environment/Physical Requirements set for this position description must meet at a minimum arduous standards set forth by NWCG standards for pack test
- Meet the same daily physical fitness requirements established for the position of firefighter/engineer/emt.
- This position requires standing, running, walking, sitting, kneeling, stooping, bending, lifting, squatting, pushing, pulling, crawling, ascending and descending ladders and stairs, jumping, sliding, climbing, pinching, gripping, digging, spraying, reaching over head, reaching away from body, and repetitive motion.
- Ability to perform duties while wearing breathing apparatus and other cumbersome equipment.
- Ability to perform arduous physical tasks, such as laying hose, acting as nozzle person, positioning ladders, and other firefighting activities.
- Ability to perform job tasks under conditions of potential serious harm (smoke, heat, toxic fumes, hazardous materials, heights, and similar situations) and all types of weather conditions and in extreme temperatures.
- Work may be performed under hazardous and adverse conditions, including but not limited to, slippery and uneven surfaces, proximity to moving mechanical

equipment, burning structures, broken glass or other materials, electrical currents,

- high places, and confined spaces.
- Work may result in exposure to smoke, gases, chemicals, fumes, odors, mists and dusts, which can affect the respiratory system or skin requiring the wearing of furnished PPE.
- Work may result in exposure to individuals or blood carrying infectious diseases or illnesses, such as Hepatitis A, B or C, HIV, tuberculosis, small pox, *etc.* requiring the wearing of furnished PPE.
- Work may result in exposure to high noise levels requiring the wearing of hearing protection.
- This position demands frequent use of sensory activities such as talking, seeing, hearing, smelling, feeling (identifying objects by touch), depth perception and color vision.
- This position will involve occasional periods of high physical, mental and/or emotional stress.

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