CLASS SPECIFICATION

SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

FIRE HELICOPTER PILOT – 1150

DEFINITION:

Under direction, to pilot departmental helicopters and serve as a first-responder resource for normal and emergency operations; to supervise helicopter maintenance staff and perform pre-flight and post-flight inspections; and to perform related work.

* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Serves as an emergency and non-emergency first-responder at assigned helibase locations;
- Pilots helicopters and responds to dispatch alarms involving City and County service flights;
- Transports fire control workers to fires and fire-related work;
- Transports fire medical personnel to medical emergencies;
- Effects rescue and transportation of injured persons or patients to hospitals or vehicle transport sites;
- Communicates information obtained from aerial surveillance, and drops fire retardant chemicals or water on fire suppression target areas;
- Operates all special aircraft accessory equipment and transports logistical material to fire line;
- May act as a Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO) for interagency coordination/use of tactical aircraft on multi-agency emergency incidents, mutual aid air responses, military operations/coordination, and/or other emergency use of command and control and tactical aircraft;
- Conducts daily pre-flight and post-flight inspections;
- Ensures timely completion of daily helicopter maintenance;
- Provides aviation operations orientation and training for regional public safety personnel;
- Participates in all aviation operations training as needed to sustain a safe aviation operation program;
- Maintains required flight logs;
- Monitors flight operations to ensure compliance with departmental and divisional policies, protocols, and procedures and makes recommendations to Air Operations Chief.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Description for updated minimum qualifications: https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego/classspecs.

* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.

Four thousand (4,000) hours of logged flying time in turbine-engine helicopters, which must include a minimum of 100 hours flying time logged within the last 12 months, **AND** 500 hours of combined logged flying time in Bell 205, Bell 212, and/or Bell 412 turbine engine helicopters, **AND** fifteen hundred (1,500) hours of logged flying time in turbine-engine helicopters as a Pilot-in-Command in mountainous terrain, which is defined as: conducting flight operations and maneuvering a helicopter in in pinnacle landings and approaches and in take-offs and landings indicative to difficult mountainous terrain at varying elevations and density altitudes of over 5,000 feet above sea level. These areas include rugged peaks, deep canyons, cliffs, rock outcroppings, and steep slopes; including landing on mountain tops and confined areas surrounded by trees, brush, rocks, snow, or ice; **AND** a valid Airline Transport Pilot Certificate or Commercial Pilot Certificate with a rotorcraft-helicopter rating issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA); **AND** a valid First or Second Class Aviation Medical Certificate issued under provisions of 14 CFR Part 67; **AND** a valid Interagency Helicopter Pilot Qualification Card issued by the US Forest Service (USFS), US Department of the Interior (DOI), or Cal Fire with Bell 205, Bell 212, and/or Bell 412 aircraft approval. If the card is expired, it must have been issued within 36 months of the date of application. A valid County of San Diego Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Card is required.