

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 targets;
- Operates special aircraft assessor equipment and transports logistical material to fire line;
- May act as a Helicopter Coordinator (HLCO) for interagency coordination on multi-agency emergency incidents and/or military operations;
- Ensures timely completion of daily helicopter maintenance;
- Provides aviation operations orientation and training for regional public safety personnel;
- 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 Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Four thousand (4,000) logged hours of flying time in turbine-engine helicopters, with a minimum of 100 hours flying time logged within the last 12 months; **AND** at least fifteen hundred (1,500) hours flying time as Pilot-in-Command in mountainous terrain, which is defined as: Conducting flight operations and maneuvering a helicopter in mountainous terrain including pinnacle landings and approaches and numerous take off and landings in situations 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, steep slopes; including landing on mountain tops and confined areas surrounded by trees, brush, rocks, snow or ice; **AND** a valid commercial pilot certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) with a rotor-craft helicopter rating; **AND** a current Second Class Aviation Medical Certificate issued under provisions of 14 CFR Part 67; **AND** a valid California Class C Driver License. A valid County of San Diego Emergency Medical Technician Certificate (EMT-I) will be required within one year of hire and must be valid at all times thereafter.

- * **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.