

Public Safety Service

Fire Service Group
Emergency Communications Series

CLASS TITLE: Communications Operator I - 311

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under supervision, answers and processes non-emergency 3-1-1 calls from residents requesting city services, reporting non-emergency incidents, or inquiring about City programs; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Operates a computer terminal and telephone equipment to receive and process 3-1-1 calls to the 311 City Services Center; processes requests for city services by entering information obtained from callers onto a computerized intake form and electronically forwarding requests to appropriate City departments for response; receives and forwards calls reporting incidents of a non-emergency nature requiring a police response to appropriate personnel; provides information and responds to inquiries regarding city programs and services, special events and other scheduled City sponsored activities; answers calls requesting general information or City directory assistance, and provides callers with the appropriate telephone numbers or transfers the calls to the appropriate department or personnel; relays calls of an emergency nature to 9-1-1 emergency communications personnel; notifies proper authorities of reported emergencies, accidents or disasters; prepares daily work reports on calls received, service requests processed and equipment malfunctions.

RELATED DUTIES: Operates a TDD device and telephone equipment to receive and transfer incoming calls and to process hearing impaired calls; accesses a language bank to obtain translator services to process 3-1-1 calls from non-English speaking clients.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience. One year of experience involving public contact work supplemented by six months of computer data entry experience. Must be able to type a minimum of twenty-five words per minute.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Knowledge of the 3-1-1 City Services system. Knowledge of policies and procedures for processing non-emergency calls. Knowledge of services and programs provided by City departments. Knowledge of customer service principles.

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CLASS TITLE: **Communications Operator I - 311 (Cont'd)**

Ability to communicate clearly and effectively. Ability to deal courteously with the public in responding to inquiries, complaints and requests. Ability to complete intake forms for the processing of 3-1-1 calls. Ability to operate a personal computer and telephone equipment.

Skill in the use of personal computers and telephone equipment. Good oral communication skills. Good typing skills.

Working Conditions. Non-emergency communications facility.

Equipment. Must wear a headset. Computer terminal, telephone equipment and TDD communications equipment for the hearing impaired.

NOTE: While the list of essential duties is intended to be as inclusive as possible, there may be other duties which are essential to particular positions within the class.

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