

Code: 8658
Public Safety Fire Service
Fire Service Group
Emergency Communications Series

CLASS TITLE: Chief Helicopter Pilot

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under direction, supervises and monitors the helicopter operations and staff engaged in piloting departmental helicopters in response to air and sea rescue incidents and pilots aircraft as needed; and performs related duties as required.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Supervises the helicopter operations for the Chicago Fire Department; coordinates flight activities with the Chief of Air Sea Rescue ensuring manpower requirements are met and that helicopter pilots meet required performance standards including flight training requirements; performs the operational and supervisory duties of a Company Officer responsible for instructing staff and preparing work reports; ensures schedules for helicopter pilot training and equipment maintenance do not conflict with emergency responses; assists in ensuring that the helicopter unit complies with the aviation regulations of the FAA and with departmental rules and regulations; instructs staff on proper emergency procedures for air and sea rescue incidents; keeps abreast of department orders, helicopter operations and rescue strategies; maintains the Attendance and Assignment, Company Journal and electronic flight records.

DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Training and Experience: Ten (10) years as a uniformed member of the Chicago Fire Department in the Bureau of Operations. Must possess a valid commercial Rotorcraft / Helicopter Pilot Certificate issued by the F.A.A (Federal Aviation Association), and be a certified rotorcraft / helicopter flight instructor. Must possess a valid second-class medical certification from the FAA and have a minimum of 500 flight hours in a rotorcraft/helicopter.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Considerable knowledge of the emergency procedures recommended by the aircraft manufacturer in flight manuals of departmental aircraft. Considerable knowledge of emergency air and sea rescue procedures. Considerable knowledge of training methods and techniques related to air and sea rescues.

Ability to work under stressful and demanding situations.
Ability to complete records and prepare reports. Ability to instruct others on proper emergency procedures for air and sea rescue incidents. Ability to operate helicopter equipment and apparatus.

Skill in responding to flight hazards such as engine failures or in-flight control failures. Good oral and written communication skills. Skill in the application of practiced emergency procedures to emergency incidents.

Physical requirements: Must complete and pass an annual medical examination administered through the Federal Aviation Association.

Working Conditions: General office environment. Exposure to cramped aircraft spaces.

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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