

## **ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

**JOB TITLE:** Fire Fighter, Lifeboat Operator & Mountain Rescue

**TEAM:** Fire and Sea Rescue

**REPORTS TO:** Senior Fire & Sea Rescue Officer

**GRADE:** 5 What is the Salary?

#### **JOB PURPOSE:**

To be a member of the Fire, Sea & Mountain Rescue Team and to respond swiftly and safely to all emergency calls and requests for assistance.

#### **MAIN DUTIES:**

1. Testing and maintaining Fire Tenders and Sea Rescue craft (including ancillary equipment).
2. Carry a call out radio and respond to emergency calls and requests for assistance.
3. Take part in a continuous training programme by attending lectures, exercises, practice drill sessions and other forms of training to maintain competence levels.
4. Assist with Fire Training for AIG personnel.
5. Maintain all firefighting and emergency equipment in a state of readiness, including cleaning, repairing and testing, as required, and to approved standards and procedures.
6. Assist with testing of fire extinguishers, undertaking Fire Risk Assessments and fire drills
7. To undertake any other related duties as requested by the Senior Fire & Sea Rescue Officer or Assistant Fire & Sea Rescue Officer.

#### **ADDITIONAL DUTIES:**

1. Subject to operational requirements and the prior agreement of the Senior Fire & Sea Rescue Officer to assist with ship work duties.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. To keep up to date with relevant Fire, Health and Safety legislation, Standard Operating Procedures .
2. To maintain appropriate fire and safety standards and to continually develop self in all aspects of the fire, sea rescue, health & safety and any technological developments.
3. To assist, where necessary, in conjunction with the Senior Fire & Sea Rescue Officer, in training and development of the retained fire and sea rescue staff.

4. To maintain a level of personal fitness necessary to carry out all the duties of a firefighter.
5. Maintain personal and protective equipment
6. Undertake house to house smoke alarm tests and fire alarm checks/testing
7. Undertake regular checks and testing of fire hydrant systems
8. Regular checks of beach and pier head safety equipment and signage

## **PERSON SPECIFICATION:**

### **Essential:**

1. Qualified Fire Fighter with a minimum of two years operational experience.
2. Be a First Responder and administer medical aid
3. Must be able to swim and pass basic fitness test.
4. Must be in possession of a valid driving licence which includes vehicles of class J.
5. Have the ability to carry out Fire Service and Sea Rescue related tasks unsupervised.
6. Have a good knowledge of fire fighting equipment, pump operating and testing programmes.
7. A good general education.
8. Highly motivated with the ability to work unsupervised but able to refer matters when appropriate.
9. Be computer literate and able to demonstrate a good standard of competence in the use of word processing.
10. Have a working knowledge of relevant Health and Safety legislation.
11. Must be competent in the use of breathing apparatus.
12. The team working ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with colleagues, the community and other agencies is desirable.
13. Must maintain a good standard of physical fitness.
14. Must be aware of hazardous materials and how to deal with them
15. Must not suffer from being in confined spaces and vertigo

### **Desirable:**

1. Powerboat (PBL 2) level 2 qualification is desirable (not essential as local training will be given).
2. Knowledge of rope work and mountain rescue
3. Boat handling experience, navigation and basic mechanical knowledge or maintenance skills
4. Knowledgeable with VHF Radio Communications

This Job Description indicates only the main duties and responsibilities of the post. It is not intended as an exhaustive list.

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) reserves the right to amend this Job Description from time to time, according to operational needs. Any changes will be confirmed in writing. Please note that you share with AIG the responsibility for making suggestions to alter the scope of your duties and improve the effectiveness of your post.