



**CITY OF LONG BEACH
CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION**

TITLE: FIRE BOAT OPERATOR

DEFINITION: Under supervision, operates, controls and navigates a fireboat to and from scenes of fires or other emergencies.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Directs crew in deck duties pertaining to safe handling and mooring of fireboat;
- Maneuvers fireboat about danger area as required for most effective fire-fighting techniques and for safety of crew;
- Directs operation of fireboat when towing vessels;
- Operates steering gear, engine controls and communication devices when boat is under way or when pumping;
- Trains and supervises crew in operation and maintenance of fireboat;
- Observes Federal and other regulations pertaining to operation of vessels in the Long Beach Harbor, offshore and inland waters;
- Maintains harbor charts by noting new aids or hazards to navigation from instructions of the U.S. Hydrographic Officer;
- Maintains logs and records, including compass courses, speeds and times of runs;
- Inspects equipment on fireboat and enters findings on ship log;
- Makes certain that all tanks, including fuel, oil, foam, fresh water, and others are properly drained and filled;
- Participates in inspections of installations and occupancies for fire fighting and fire prevention purposes;
- Acts as Company Commander in his absence;
- Assists in the service training of fire personnel in the pumping and boat handling procedures of fireboats;
- Performs other related duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

Four years of service as a Firefighter in the Long Beach Fire Department.

Either a valid Motor Boat Operator's license issued by the U.S. Coast Guard or completion of the U.S. Coast Guard Power Squadron "Boating Skills and Seamanship" class before time of appointment.

HISTORY:

NOTE: Revision of Classification Specification dated 04/01/70
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