



EAST SUSSEX FIRE AUTHORITY

Job Description

Job Title: Hydrant Technician

Job Family: JF2 - Senior Administration/Executive Support

Reporting to: Watch Manager

Responsible for: N/A

Main purpose of the job:

To undertake the maintenance of hydrants across East Sussex, Brighton & Hove, to ensure adequate water supplies for firefighting purposes.

This role sits within Operational Planning & Policy, Operational Support & Resilience

Main duties and responsibilities

Know-How

- To carry out routine testing, maintenance and repair of all fire hydrants as directed and in line with targets as set by the water manager.
- To assess the condition of each hydrant, and record it's condition and location.
- To carry out emergency repairs swiftly
- To conduct inspections on Emergency Water Supplies to ascertain accuracy of information held on Service database.
- To maintain accurate records of the condition of hydrants, including repairs carried out, their precise location and condition, outstanding defects that need further repair / replacement / removal.
- To maintain all provided apparatus in good working condition.
- To comply with legal requirements regarding working in roadways
- To liaise with partners (e.g. Water Companies, Mobilising Communications Centre, Stations etc)
- To carry out appropriate procedures to ensure the safety of self and others with regard to a range of Health & Safety issues, e.g. working in roadways, ditches etc, exposure to sharps.

Problem solving

- To recommend removal of appropriate surplus hydrants, with reasons.
- To assess the need for additional hydrants when appropriate.

Accountability

- To maintain suitable stocks of associated spares, and re-order as required
- To implement and promote the Fire and Rescue Service Health and Safety Policies within the scope of the post.
- To practice and promote fair and equal treatment of all through the course of performing all duties.
- To undertake any other duties of a similar level and responsibility as may be appropriately assigned to the post holder from time to time..

General Responsibilities

This job description sets out the duties of the post at the time it was drawn up. Such duties may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level or responsibility entailed. Such variations are a common occurrence and cannot of themselves justify a reconsideration of the grading of the post.

All staff must comply with all Service and Corporate Policies including Equal Opportunities and Health and Safety at Work.

All staff must safeguard and promote the welfare of children and the protection of vulnerable adults in line with the policies of East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and East Sussex Fire Authority.



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Person Specification

The person specification focuses on the knowledge, qualifications, experience and skills (both general and technical) required to undertake the role effectively. If you are applying for this role then please ensure that you demonstrate that you meet all of the essential criteria. You will be assessed by your completed application form (A), at interview (I), and in some instances through an exercise (E).

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KNOWLEDGE (incl. interpersonal and communication skills)		A, I, E
1	Awareness of safe working techniques in relation to manual handling Desirable	A, I, E
2	Appreciation of the importance of water supplies to a Fire & Rescue Service Essential	A, I,
3	Knowledge of the Safety at Street Works and Road Works Code of Practice Desirable	A, I,
4	Understanding of water supplies and detailed understanding of hydrant construction Desirable	A, I,
5	Able to work alone and make suitable and reasonable assessments of hydrants, as well as ability to prioritise workload Essential	A, I,
6	Ability to communicate and negotiate effectively with members of the public to maintain positive impression of East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service Essential	A, I,
7	Ability to use computer-based systems to allow accurate tracking of hydrant locations and availability Essential	A, I, E
8	Good IT skills, covering all MS Office applications (Word, Excel, Outlook) Essential	A, I,
9	Able to prioritise and organize a busy work schedule Essential	A, I,
10	Good communication skills, including verbal, written and interpersonal Essential	A, I,
11	Able to liaise with staff across East Sussex Fire Authority and externally Essential	A, I, E
12	Able to read maps and navigate around the county of East Sussex and Brighton & Hove Essential	A, I, E

QUALIFICATIONS		A, I, E
1	Educated to GCSE level or equivalent in (Maths and English) Essential	A, I,
2	Full valid UK manual driving licence Essential	A, I,

EXPERIENCE		A, I, E
1	Experience of inspection and maintenance of equipment / services Essential	A, I,

OTHER		A, I, E
1	Commitment to diversity and aims of the organisation Essential	A, I
2	Mobility sufficient to enable travel throughout the county Essential	A, I, E
3	Able to converse at ease with customers and provide advice in accurate spoken English Essential	A, I,
4	Fit to carry out physical work including lifting hydrant covers, kneeling and bending, using correct manual handling techniques in all weathers Essential	A, I, E