

Job Opportunity:

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 Fire-EMS

Location: Katy, Texas

Job Title: Full-time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (“EMT-B”)

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48 (“HCESD No. 48”) is seeking applicants for the position of Full-Time Firefighter/EMT-B.

HCESD No. 48 is a combination Fire and Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) District, providing services to residents of HCESD No. 48 and Fort Bend County Emergency Services District No. 1. Our service area is forty-five (45) square miles located on the west side of Harris County, between the cities of Houston and Katy, Texas. The population is approximately 135,000 persons. HCESD No. 48 responded to over seven thousand six hundred (7,600) Fire and EMS incident in 2016.

The Firefighter/EMT-B serves at the discretion of the Fire Chief and HCESD No. 48 Commissioners.

Duties of the Firefighter/EMT-B:

1. Observes and follows all safety rules and regulations including wearing safety apparel (Personal Protective Equipment) and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (“SCBA”) during the course and scope of job related duties.
2. Career employees will be assigned to work a twenty-four (24) hour shift; fifty-three (53) hour work week; and shall report for duty at 0630 hours.
3. Full-Time Firefighter/EMT-B work schedule is 0630 to 0630 hours the following day.
4. Observe and follow the District’s policies, Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) and Employee Handbook.
5. Treat sick or injured patients as a HCESD No. 48 first responder.
6. Performs all duties related to fire rescue; including connecting and carrying fire hoses; carrying and setting up ladders; directing water and chemicals on burning structures, vegetation, vehicles and other objects.
7. Ventilates buildings and conducts salvage operations.
8. Rescues persons trapped in vehicles, burning buildings, high water and other places.
9. May operate and drive emergency vehicles (Engine, Ladder or Rescue) when the Firefighter/EMT-B has acquired and possesses a Class B Texas License, and has passed a TCFP Driver/Operator class.
10. Inspects equipment and supplies daily in order to ensure that all emergencies can be handled. Restocks supplies.
11. Cleans apparatus and equipment and the Stations.
12. Attends and completes all training as required.
13. Assists with Fire Prevention presentations, Community Risk Reduction (“CRR”) and other customer service based expectations as defined by HCESD No. 48.
14. Completes records of work performed and submits reports to the appropriate personnel.
15. Maintains regular required attendance and required certifications.
16. Must maintain physical fitness to perform duties.
17. Reports to work on time, free from the effects of illegal drugs or alcohol and reports to work free from impairment due to prescription drugs.
18. Shall be a non-smoker, non-tobacco user and a non-vapor smoking device user.
19. Required to participate in District Occupancy Survey planning and data entry.
20. Attendance at work is an essential function of this position.

Listed below are the requirements for the position of Firefighter/EMT-B.

1. Possess a Class C or greater Texas Driver’s License and motor vehicle insurance, with an acceptable driving record. The Firefighter/EMT-B must obtain and possess a Texas “Class B” driver’s license within twelve (12) months of employment, and must maintain personal vehicle insurance.
2. Possess and hold the minimum current certification as a Basic Firefighter by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (“TCFP”).

3. Possess and maintain minimum current certification as an EMT-B by the Texas Department of Health Services ("TDHS").
4. Shall possess the following National Incident Management System ("NIMS") certifications: ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800b).
5. Ability to follow verbal and written instructions.
6. The candidate shall be an active affiliated member (paid or volunteer) in the Fire Service for one (1) consecutive year with HCESD No. 48 or another fire department; or is a graduate from Lone Star College, Houston Community College ("HCC") or another accredited two (2) year college with their TCFP-Basic Firefighter certification and EMT-B license.
7. Shall pass a Physical Ability Test ("PAT") provided by the District.
8. Shall pass a Medical Examination provided by the District.
9. Shall pass a Drug Test provided by the District, which includes a nicotine test.
10. Shall pass a mental health exam provided by the District.
11. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
12. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with employees, other agencies, and the general public.
13. Works under the general supervision of a Lieutenant, Captain or Officer-in-Charge ("OIC").
14. High School diploma or GED; Associate Degree preferred.

Benefits per HCESD No. 48 Handbook:

Starting Pay: Forty-five thousand (\$45,000.00) per year.

Work schedule: fifty-three (53) hour work week; twenty-four (24) shifts.

Employment status: non-exempt employee; at will hiring.

Health Insurance: one-hundred (100) percent employee; fifty (50) percent immediate family members.

Dental Insurance: one-hundred (100) percent employee; fifty (50) percent immediate family members.

Vision Insurance: one-hundred (100) percent employee; fifty (50) percent immediate family members.

Worker Compensation Insurance.

Texas County & District Retirement System ("TCDRS") mandatory.

Flexible Spending Account ("FSA") optional.

Life Insurance.

Long and Short-Term Disability Insurance.

Uniforms may be supplied by the District.

Protective Clothing may be supplied by the District.

The employee shall be a non-smoker, non-tobacco chewing and non-ecig user.

Hiring is subject to the approval of the Fire Chief and the HCESD No. 48 Board of Commissioners.

Application Process:

Application packets can be requested by calling the HCESD No. 48 Office Manager at 281-599-8888, email to Office Manager Walla Mourad (walla.mourad@hcesd48.org) or stop at our Administrative Office located at 21201 Morton Road, Katy, Texas 77449. The application period will end on Friday, January 5, 2018, at 5:00pm.

Applicants shall complete and submit a District Application, resume', and their qualifications (education and certifications) by first class mail or email to:

Harris County Emergency Services District No. 48

Attn: Chief Jeffrey S. Hevey

21201 Morton Road

Katy, Texas 77449

Jeff.hevey@hcesd48.org

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