



# Rescue Specialist

CLASS TITLE	CLASS CODE	SALARY GROUP	SALARY RANGE
RESCUE SPECIALIST I	2761	B18	\$42,521 - \$67,671
RESCUE SPECIALIST II	2762	B20	\$48,158 - \$77,477
RESCUE SPECIALIST III	2763	B22	\$54,614 - \$88,703

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work involving serving as a crew member in controlling and extinguishing fires and administering emergency first aid.

## EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Responds to alarms; controls and extinguishes structural and aerospace vehicle fires; and performs ventilation, overhaul, and salvage operations.

Performs rescue operations for aircraft, structural, confined space, and hazardous materials incidents.

Performs hazardous operation standbys and airfield surveillance operations.

Supports the electrical power production function by resetting aircraft arresting systems.

Protects and preserves evidence at the scene of an emergency.

Maintains, cleans, and inspects firefighting equipment, tools, protective clothing, and vehicles.

Maintains fire station logs; monitors, receives, and records information from normal or emergency communication systems; and maintains maps, charts, and status boards.

Shuts off building utilities, evacuates personnel from buildings, protects exposures, and operates specialized equipment.

Shuts down aircraft and secures aircraft fuel, electrical, egress, and weapons systems.

Rescues victims and administers emergency first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Performs related work as assigned.

## DESCRIPTION OF LEVELS

*Examples of work and descriptions are meant to progress through the levels. For example, an employee at level III may also perform work listed within the previous levels.*

**Note:** *Factors that may distinguish between entry and journey levels include the degree of independence in performing the work and the complexity of the work and may include the employee's related experience, education, and certifications. Employees at the journey levels may independently perform the full range of work listed in the examples or may assist others in that work.*

**RESCUE SPECIALIST I:** Performs entry-level firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work. Works under close supervision, with minimal latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may have limited experience or no experience and spend the majority of their time performing simple to routine work following standard procedures.

**RESCUE SPECIALIST II:** Performs complex (journey-level) firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work. Works under limited supervision, with considerable latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may fully perform complex firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work and may:

- Coordinate rescue operations for aircraft, structural, confined space, and hazardous materials incidents.
- Perform and organize hazardous operation standbys and airfield surveillance operations.
- Oversee and/or maintain fire station grounds and facilities.
- Alert firefighting personnel and support agencies, dispatch equipment, and inform personnel of the location and nature of an emergency.
- Identify hazardous materials and take action to contain hazardous materials.
- Operate firefighting apparatus and support vehicles.
- Assist in overseeing fire department activities.

**Note:** *A senior-level employee (level III) may serve as a team lead or supervisor. Senior-level employees may perform the full range of work listed in the examples above and/or may oversee or coordinate and oversee that work for others.*

**RESCUE SPECIALIST III:** Performs advanced or supervisory (senior-level) firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work. Works under minimal supervision, with extensive latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment. Employees at this level may perform complex firefighting, fire prevention, and rescue work and may:

- Oversee fire protection activities and responses; and direct firefighting forces during rescue, suppression, ventilation, salvage, and overhaul operations.
- Oversee hazardous operation standbys and airfield surveillance operations.
- Direct vehicle response and positioning.
- Direct and perform duties on a hazardous materials response team.
- Develop and coordinate pre-incident plans and mutual aid agreements.

- Maintain and review fire station logs; monitor, receive, and record information from normal or emergency communication systems; and maintain maps, charts, and status boards.

## **GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION**

#### **For all levels**

- Experience in combating fires and in rescuing crew and passengers. Experience with airfield operations, crashes, and accidents is generally preferred. Graduation from a standard senior high school or equivalent is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.

#### **Additional for Rescue Specialist II level**

- Experience in developing firefighting and fire prevention procedures and standards.

#### **Additional for Rescue Specialist III level**

- Experience in an organized fire department.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

#### **For all levels**

- Knowledge of emergency medical care principles, firefighting techniques, and fire suppression and prevention methods.
- Skill in the operation of heavy emergency and firefighting equipment and vehicles, and in the use of a computer and applicable software.
- Ability to direct the use and operation of high-pressure hose and other firefighting equipment; to direct and control all activities during various types of fires, crashes, or related threats to human life; to meet the requirements of the Fire Fighter Wellness and Fitness Program; and to communicate effectively.

#### **Additional for Rescue Specialist II and III levels**

- The ability to respond with good judgment under stress in hazardous situations.

#### **Additional for Rescue Specialist III level**

- The ability to oversee and/or supervise the work of others.

**REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR LICENSURE**

Must possess a valid driver's license.

May require certification in structure fire protection, aircraft rescue fire protection, hazardous materials, fire service instruction, or a related area of specialization.