



JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title:	Senior Hydrant Technician
Department:	Policy, Planning and Resilience
Location:	Training Centre, Headquarters
Post Number:	E014
Grade/Role:	Scale 5
Special Allowances:	None
Responsible to:	Station Manager A – National Operational Guidance Manager

JOB PURPOSE

To ensure that the hydrant team maintain the hydrants within the communities of Cheshire in a satisfactory and usable state, to ensure adequate water for fire fighting purposes.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 To provide line management responsibilities for hydrant technician, giving ongoing training, identifying areas for development and provide support to ensure competence is gained and maintained.
- 2 Manage the liaison between the hydrant team and ICT to ensure ongoing development of the hydrant management system is achieved to allow priority of work to be easily identified for the hydrant team and ease of use for operational crews.
- 3 Manage the consultations with water undertakers and their contractors for new water schemes and mains refurbishments to ensure they are conducted appropriately, within timescales and professionally. Where correspondence is sent and received to partner agencies, ensure it is filed securely.
- 4 Manage the ongoing support to operational crews to help use the hydrant management system and identify accurately the locations of hydrants, size of mains and how to administer the system. Manage the ongoing guidance for staff via electronic booklets, e-learning packages and other communications.
- 5 Carry out tests on all hydrants and record the outcomes to ensure that an accurate record of operational hydrants is maintained, to standards and certify acceptance for payments to water companies.
- 6 Where defects to markings, hydrants or hydrant pits are identified, carry out repairs to ensure that hydrants are made fit for use and to minimise the call on budgets for external contractors.
- 7 Where defects to water supplies are identified, refer for repair to water companies or their contractors, monitor and inspect the work and act as the main point of contact with the fire service, in order that hydrants are made fit for use and that repairs are managed effectively. Liaison with water authorities and Fire protection departments regarding new developments.

- 8 Review provision of water supplies to ensure that there is neither under nor over provision and complete work orders for changes to supply as required.
- 9 When defective hydrants are reported or found through inspection, evaluate whether it is better to refer, repair or take out of service, in order to avoid unnecessary expenditure.
- 10 Where changes to water provision are made, ensure that firefighters have access to available information about hydrants locations, and capacity
- 11 To practice and promote the Health and Safety policies of Cheshire Fire Service to ensure the development and progression of health and safety within the sphere of responsibility of this job description and the health and safety of all employees and customers.
- 12 Promote equality and diversity in the Service and the Community in accordance with the Authority's Equality and Opportunity Policy.

Core Responsibilities for Cheshire Fire Service Personnel

Personal Performance

To take responsibility for personal performance (including personal fitness) and the development of personal skills to ensure the required skills, knowledge and competence to fulfil the role.

Personal Accountability

To manage the areas of responsibility attached to the post or commensurate with the role in accordance with the Authority's Scheme of Delegation.

Core Values and Behaviours

To encourage and promote the values of Cheshire Fire Authority and comply with the required standards of conduct and so promote the Authority within the community by acting with integrity and honesty.

Equality and Diversity

To promote, adhere to and implement the Service's Equality and Diversity Strategy/Policy and to work consistently to embed equality and diversity within the Service.

Health and Safety

To work in compliance with Service Health and Safety Policy to ensure that hazards are identified and risks assessed and controlled.

To be proactive in managing your personal health, safety and wellbeing and that of your colleagues.

Environment

To promote the Service's Environment Policy/Strategy by implementing working practices and procedures that ensure a sustainable approach to the use of resources and that resources are disposed of in an efficient and environmentally friendly way.

To work consistently to embed environmental considerations, energy efficiency and compliance with the Environment Management System (EMS) within the Service.

N.B.

Notwithstanding the detail in this job description, in accordance with the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's flexibility policy the job holder will undertake such work as may be determined by the Chief Fire Officer/Line Manager from time to time, up to or at a level consistent with the principal responsibilities of the job and in any location within the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

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PERSON SPECIFICATION

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PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES REQUIRED	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
<u>Qualifications/Experience</u> Ability to work at BTEC National or NVQ Level 3. IOSH Managing safely	 * *	
<u>Knowledge & Skills</u> Knowledge of Roads and Street Works Act. Knowledge of Manual Handling. Knowledge of health and safety requirements. Able to navigate effectively around Cheshire, Warrington and Halton. Good computer and keyboard skills. Good administrative skills, including interpretation of site plans and water scheme drawings.	 * * * * * *	

<p><u>Personal Competencies</u></p> <p>Clean driving licence and able to drive a large van.</p> <p>LGV Licence.</p> <p>Flexible and adaptable to changing demands, improved standards, work practices and safety.</p> <p>Can prioritise workloads and meet deadlines.</p> <p>Excellent communication skills – induction.</p> <p>Dealing effectively with the public and partner agencies, to promote the Service's image.</p> <p>Good numerical skills.</p> <p>Mobility requirement – must be able to cope with the daily routine of lifting, walking and crawling.</p>	<p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>	<p>*</p>
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