

THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

CLASS SPECIFICATION**08-22-24****WILDLAND HAND CREW TECHNICIAN, 2105**

Summary of Duties: A Wildland Hand Crew Technician (WHCT) performs a variety of tasks, requiring arduous manual labor while working in Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health (IDLH) conditions and working side by side with other WHCT crew members, in the prevention, suppression, and control of watershed, brush, and forest fires under the supervision of Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) sworn personnel.

Class Characteristics: Employees employed as Wildland Hand Crew Technicians are appointed to positions which are designated as temporary training positions of up to five years in accordance with Section 5.30 of the Rules of the Board of Civil Service Commissioners.

An employee of this class is responsible for performing various tasks in fire prevention, suppression, and control of wildland fires and is equipped to participate in emergency operations including fire line construction, cold trail operations, overhaul/mop-up operations, post brush fire rehabilitation, hose recovery, sandbagging operations, inclement weather support, and tractor company support, and non-emergency operations including annual helispot and fire road maintenance, hazard reduction around City infrastructure, vegetation management projects, specific battalion work details, Frank Hotchkin Memorial Training Center (FHMTTC) work details, other City agency support, in-service training support, and department recruitment and outreach events. WHCTs differ from Firefighters in that the former does not perform the full range of duties including providing emergency medical services, mitigation of hazardous materials emergencies, or inspection of buildings and properties in ensuring compliance with fire codes.

Examples of Duties:

- Assists engine companies in laying hose lines used to suppress wildland fires;
- Patrols area of controlled fires to discover and extinguish any remaining burning material;
- Clears firebreaks, trails, and motorways by cutting back brush or trees with chainsaws and hand tools under fire emergency and annual precautionary conditions;
- Participates in fire preventive measures such as prescribed burns;
- Provides manual labor in other types of emergencies;
- Fills and places sandbags, digs canals, or operates equipment to remove mud and debris during heavy rains or storms;
- Assists Urban Search and Rescue teams;

- Demolishes structures after earthquakes;
- Performs various support duties such as: clerical tasks, small equipment repair and maintenance, sewing, moving furniture;
- Assists with special Departmental events and vehicle maintenance including daily, weekly and monthly checks;
- Performs fire station maintenance including general cleaning chores such as sweeping, mopping, and emptying of trash;
- Drives and operates apparatus and equipment in a safe manner at all times with regard for the welfare of the public and Department;
- Performs other related duties and tasks as needed.

Minimum Requirement:

Graduation from a U.S. high school or equivalent, G.E.D. or equivalent from a U.S. institution, or a California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) certificate.

Note: Incumbents must successfully meet or exceed the LAFD Candidate Advancement Program (CAP) fitness standard prior to appointment and maintain, at minimum, the base level throughout their employment.

License: A valid California driver's license is required.

Physical Requirements: Strength to routinely lift an average of over 25 pounds and a maximum of 100 pounds; body agility and equilibrium involved in activities such as climbing and balancing under precarious conditions using stairs, ladders, or poles up to 5 floors in height; strong back and leg strength for extensive use of walking, standing, and strenuous labor; arm, hand, and finger dexterity involved in activities such as reaching, handling, and feeling; good speaking and hearing ability; and good eyesight.

Because this class has been designated as Safety Sensitive in accordance with City Policy, a drug and alcohol screening test may be required prior to appointment.

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodation. Such accommodation will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and depend, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to the disability, and the ability of the hiring department to reasonably accommodate the limitations.

As provided in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory, and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.