



FIRE EQUIPMENT REPAIRER II (UPHOLSTERER)

MILWAUKEE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Purpose:

The primary duties of the Fire Equipment Repairer II (Upholsterer) are to design, fabricate, alter, and repair specialty fabric items uniquely inherent to the fire service. Secondary duties include maintenance and filling of compressed air and oxygen cylinders, working with liquefied oxygen systems, and the fabrication/alteration of equipment cases.

Essential Functions:

- Designs, fabricates, alters, and repairs specialty items made of leather, nylon, canvas, and vinyl, including but not limited to, hose covers, weather protective covers, seat covers, chair cushions, safety straps, harnesses, bags, and pouches using methods of sewing, adhesives, and mechanical fastening.
- Repairs frames and mechanisms for chairs.
- Inspects, fills, and repairs compressed gas cylinders. Inspects and repairs valves of different types and functions, including oxygen and compressed air. Monitors hydrostatic test dates.
- Assists with maintenance and service of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA).
- Fills oxygen cylinders using liquefied system.
- Issues and repairs first aid boxes and portable oxygen cases. Modifies and designs equipment to meet special needs of the department.

This position is subject to recall for emergencies at all times.

Reasonable accommodations requested by qualified individuals with disabilities will be made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

Minimum Requirements:

1. At least three years experience in designing, fabricating, altering and repairing upholstery in automobiles and/or trucks. Completion of a two year course in vehicle upholstery may substitute for two years of the experience.
2. Responsible for providing personal basic hand tools of the trade.
3. A valid Wisconsin Driver's License at the time of appointment and throughout employment.
4. Residency in the City of Milwaukee within six months of appointment and throughout employment.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required:

- Ability to make original patterns and templates, interpret sketches and drawings with creativity and resourcefulness.
- Ability to silkscreen, and work safely with caustic materials involved in this and other processes.
- Knowledge of upholstery techniques, tools and related equipment.
- Knowledge of and the ability to repair and adjust specialized equipment related to this craft, such as an industrial sewing machine and a leather sizing machine.
- Be capable of certification to repair SCBA equipment within 6 months of employment and SCUBA dive equipment within one year of employment.
- Ability to learn to prepare and fill water/dry chemical fire extinguishers.
- Ability to work with high pressure air and oxygen equipment and low pressure, low temperature liquefied oxygen fill equipment.
- Ability to perform the physical skill and effort required on the job including lifting and carrying objects, supplies and materials weighing up to 20 pounds frequently and exerting up to 50 pounds occasionally.

The Current Salary (Pay Range 732) is \$40,088 to \$47,002 annually with excellent benefits.

Recruitment is normally at the beginning of the pay range.

THE SELECTION PROCESS will be job related and will consist of one or more the following: training and experience evaluation; written, oral or performance tests; or other assessment methods. The Department of Employee Relations reserves the right to call only the most qualified candidates to oral and performance examinations. Oral examinations may include written exercises. Selection process component weights will be determined by further analysis of the job.

The examination will be held as soon as practical after December 10, 2010. Receipt of applications may be discontinued any time after this date without prior notice. Qualified applicants will be notified of the date, time and place of the examination.

YOU MAY OBTAIN APPLICATIONS and further information from our web site: www.milwaukee.gov/jobs, in person or by mail from City of Milwaukee Department of Employee Relations, Room 706 City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, WI 53202-3554, or by calling 414-286-3751.