

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR 1

NATURE OF WORK

This is semi-skilled work in the safe operation of trucks and the performance of maintenance tasks.

Positions of this class are responsible for the safe and efficient operation of trucks and other equipment frequently with mechanical attachments requiring the manipulation of simple controls. Work requires careful attention to safety regulations to avoid injury to city employees, the public, or damage to public or private property. In addition to transporting materials, personnel and equipment, an employee of this class frequently participates in maintenance, repair, and construction tasks as a member of a maintenance crew. On routine or repetitive assignments, an incumbent usually receives only general supervision. Assignments may also include operating more complicated equipment on a training basis. Work is performed in accordance with established procedures subject to check by a supervisor. Work is reviewed for the safe operation of equipment.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK {Employees of this classification must be able to perform the following. Physical and mental tasks related to these functions will be required. The following examples do not contain every task that could be reasonable assigned. The absence of a specific task here does not imply the task cannot be assigned if related to the nature of work, a logical assignment, or a business necessity.}

Drives dump truck along route and oversees the work of maintenance workers picking up trash and debris; assists maintenance workers in collection when necessary.

Drives dump or long bed truck hauling trash and other debris; hauls and spreads shells, sand and dirt.

Loads and unloads truck; checks assigned vehicle for any observable mechanical malfunctions and either makes minor repairs or reports condition to proper personnel; checks air, gas, water, and oil levels, and services equipment; cleans assigned equipment.

Drives tandem truck hauling lime, sludge and other debris to solid waste location or other approved areas in or near the City. Performs maintenance and upkeep of wastewater equipment and facilities.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS

Knowledge of principles and practices of operation and servicing of trucks and related equipment.

Knowledge of the laws, ordinances, regulations applying to truck and related equipment operation.

Knowledge of occupational hazards and necessary safety precautions in the operation of trucks and related equipment.

Ability to do minor maintenance and repair, and to service assigned equipment.

Ability to understand and follow oral instructions.

Ability to learn the street pattern of the city and assigned routes.

Ability to perform heavy physical work often under adverse weather conditions.

Ability to perform maintenance tasks.

Skill in the operation of motor vehicles.

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Six months experience with the safe operation of a truck or similar vehicle.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT

Possession of the appropriate class commercial driver's license as required by the State of Louisiana if the assigned equipment is operated on streets, highways, medians, or roadsides.