The Position:
Under the general supervision of the Fire Chief, working independently, preforms responsible, technical and specialized work of a difficult and complex nature in the fields of fire and life safety inspections; reviews and approves routine to moderately complex building construction plans and emergency plans for compliance with state and local fire and life safety standards and regulations; responsible for enforcement of applicable life and safety codes and ordinances; provides technical consultations and assistance to industries and other governmental agencies, performs engineering assignments. Conducts field inspections to ensure compliance with state and local standards.

Investigates the origin and cause of fire/explosion, preserves and collects evidence, interviews witnesses and suspects, enforces laws and works with law enforcement. Responds to emergency scenes as requested/directed from off duty status and reports to the incident commander to provide technical assistance or investigation for origin and cause or preforms other duties as assigned by the incident commander. Works with allied agencies and refers criminal complaints to the appropriate agency.

May conduct training for District personnel in the field of fire prevention and investigation. Writes reports based on field notes, confers with allied law enforcement agencies in preparing for court, and may testify as an expert witness.

Distinguishing Characteristics:
The work of the Deputy Fire Marshal is generally performed independently following recognized fire prevention/investigation practices and procedures which are reviewed through conferences, reports and records.

Required Qualifications:
1. Must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age.
2. Two years full time experience as a fire prevention officer/ building inspector and two years experience as a fire investigator.
3. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License at the time of appointment
4. Associates Degree from an accredited College
5. (CFSTES) Fire Prevention Officer 1
6. (CFSTES) Fire Investigator
7. P.O.S.T. 832 Certificate (A)
8. Basic knowledge of firefighting techniques and practices

Desirable Qualifications:
1. Bachelors’ degree in a related field
2. Fire Prevention Officer 2 Certificate (CFSTES)
Desirable Experience:
The ideal candidate will possess excellent customer service skills, communicating effectively with the public, working both independently and as a part of a cohesive team. The excellent candidate will possess a working knowledge of fire suppression and alarm systems, standards and inspection practices pertaining to building designs and construction site plans; knowledge of various codes, and ordinances, pertaining to fire and life safety; knowledge of court fire investigation procedures and the ability to work with law enforcement agencies; knowledge of fire code development and adoption processes.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
1. Chemicals, chemistry and hazardous materials.
2. Principles and practices of fire and life safety inspections.
3. Correct English usage for effective written reports.
4. Laws of evidence collection, arrest and courtroom procedures.
5. Plan and independently perform arson fieldwork with general supervision.
6. Fire ground safety.
7. Fire detection and extinguishing systems.
8. Correct use of English for written and oral communications.
9. Ability to use computers for preparation of written reports.
10. Understand, interpret, and apply Penal Code, Health and Safety Code, CA Fire Code, building codes and hazardous materials regulations and other applicable state and local laws and ordinances and federal laws.
12. Exposed to grotesque sights and smells associated with major trauma and burn victims.
13. Rely on senses of sight, hearing, smells, and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic, and potentially life threatening environment throughout the duration of the operation.
14. Work in wet, icy, snowy, or muddy areas.
15. Ability to properly wear personal protective equipment including Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
16. Perform other duties as assigned by the Fire Chief or his designee.

Physical Requirements:
Maintain physical ability and stamina to meet position tasks and responsibilities. Physical abilities must be commensurate with the essential functions of the position.

An OSHA SCBA questionnaire will be completed and the candidate must be cleared to wear a SCBA.

No person shall pose a threat to themselves or to the health and safety of other individuals in the work place, or to the public they serve.