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Memorandum

То:	DOI Human Resources Officers DOI Human Capital Team
From:	Raymond A. Limon Deputy Assistant Secretary – Human Capital and Diversity Chief Human Capital Officer
Subject:	Departmental Policy on Wildland Fire Program Standard Position Description Revisions, Batch 3 (Personnel Bulletin 19-08)

The Office of Human Capital is issuing Personnel Bulletin 19-08 to all Department of the Interior Human Resources Offices to establish revised standard position descriptions (SPDs) for the Wildland Fire program. These updated SPDs (Batch 3) have been revised by subject matter experts and include fully described PDs with clear descriptions of work duties, and new SPD numbers to ensure consistent interpretation and implementation throughout the fire community.

All Bureaus/Offices must use these revised SPDs, if applicable, effective immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Renae Lockwood, Office of Human Capital at Renae_Lockwood@ios.doi.gov.

Attachments



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PERSONNEL BULLETIN NO: 19-08

SUBJECT: Wildland Fire Program Standard Position Descriptions, Batch 3

1. Purpose. This Personnel Bulletin (PB) establishes updated Department of the Interior (DOI) standard position descriptions (SPDs) for wildland fire positions within the DOI. The use of the SPDs will assist efforts to strategically address human capital management issues related to classification consistency, recruitment, training, development and retention of wildland firefighter personnel. This PB supersedes PB number 04-10.

2. Background. In FY18 and FY19, DOI human resources professionals and wildland fire management officials collaborated to evaluate and update DOI's SPDs for wildland fire positions. The existing position descriptions were originally developed from FY2003 through FY2010. The review process was facilitated by the DOI's Office of Human Capital in partnership with the Office of Wildland Fire and resulted in the development of updated SPDs for use within the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The updated wildland fire SPDs will be issued in five (5) batches. This is the third batch.

3. Policy. Effective immediately, the Bureaus shall use the attached SPDs and corresponding SPD numbers for all applicable wildland fire positions of permanent and non-permanent appointments, regardless of work schedule. Bureaus will implement the immediate use of these SPDs for new appointments. Wildland fire position vacancies announced prior to the date of this PB do not need to be re-advertised. All legacy SPDs classified as interdisciplinary 455/462 are being replaced with 462s.

DOI is issuing new SPDs for GS-0462-7/8 Forestry Technician (Fire) Engine Captain positions. Bureaus are to replace bureau-level PDs with these new DOI SPDs, where applicable (e.g. existing career ladder positions with full performance at the GS-8 grade level).

Bureaus are to distribute this PB and the attached SPDs to their field areas as soon as possible, with specific internal Bureau instructions, as necessary. Bureaus must replace legacy SPDs with the new DOI standardized PD, where applicable, and process the necessary personnel actions (reassignments) as soon as possible, but not later than 60 days from the date of this PB. The official SPDs with SPD numbers covered by this PB are:

DOI108	FDI208A	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-04	
	FDI208B	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-03	
DOI109	FDI209A	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-05	
	FDI209B	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-04	

Legacy# New# Title, Series, Grade



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Certification of Position Approval for Retirement Under 5 USC § 8336(c) and § 8412(d)

[X] Approved under the Civil Service Retirement System, 5 USC § 8336(c)

[X] Approved under the Federal Employees Retirement System, 5 USC § 8412(d)

Category of Coverage: Secondary/Administrative (Firefighter)

Bureau: Any DOI Bureau may use this Standard PD and must use the Standard PD Number

Classification Title: Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch)

Organization Title:

Standard Position Number: FDI212B/FDI212A Series and Grade: GS-0462-06/07

RECOMMENDATION FOR COVERAGE: Secondary/Administrative Firefighter coverage is recommended under both CSRS and FERS.

This position serves as a Senior Fire Dispatcher located in a dispatch center. This may be a single agency dispatch office or interagency dispatch center located in a fire management organization. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a fire dispatcher in support of fire suppression activities. This is an administrative position in an organization having a firefighting mission, and is clearly in an established career path. Prior firefighting experience, as gained by substantial service in a primary firefighter position or equivalent experience outside the Federal government is a MANDATORY PREREQUISITE for incumbents of this position.

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WILLIAM (ALAN) SIZEMORE, Human Resources Specialist, DOI

Date

5-12-19 Date

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APPROVAL: The position described above is approved for coverage under Firefighter or Law Enforcement (FF/LEO) Retirement retroactive to classification date. Approval is by DOI Secretary's Designee:

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For: Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Capital and Diversity

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This position is at the full performance level.

25. Description of Major Duties and Responsibilities (See Attached)

Instructions for Completing Optional Form 8 POSITION DESCRIPTION

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- *1. Enter position number used by the agency for control purposes. See FPM Chapter 312, Subchapter 3.
- *2. Check one.
 - · "Redescription" means the duties and/or responsibilities of an existing position are being changed. • "New" means the position has not previously existed. • "Reestablishment" means the position previously existed, but

 - had been cancelled.
 - · "Other" covers such things as change in title or occupational series without a change in duties or responsibilities.
 - The "Explanation" section should be used to show the reason if "Other" is checked, as well as any position(s) replaced by position number, title, pay plan, occupational code, and grade.
- 3. Check one.
- *4. Enter geographical location by city and State (or if position is in a foreign country, by city and country).
- *5. Enter geographical location if different from that of #4.
- To be completed by OPM when certifying positions. (See Item 15 for date of OPM certification.) For SES and GS-16/18 for date of OPM certification.) For SES and GS-16/18 positions and equivalent, show the position number used on OPM Form 1390 (e.g., DAES0012).
- *7. Check one to show whether the incumbent is exempt or nonexempt from the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. See FPM Chapter 551.
- Check box if statement is required. See FPM Chapter 734 for the Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report, SF 278. See FPM Chapter 735, Subchapter 4, for the Employment and Financial Interests Statement.
- 9. Check one to show whether Identical Additional positions are permitted. See FPM Chapter 312, Subchapter 4. Agencies may show the number of such positions authorized and/or established after the "Yes" block.
- Check one. See FPM Chapter 212 for information on the competitive service and FPM Chapter 213 for the excepted 10 Check service. For a position in the excepted service, enter authority for the exception, e.g., "Schedule A-213.3102(d)" for Attorney positions excepted under Schedule A of the Civil Service Regulations. SES (Gen) stands for a General position in the Senior Executive Service, and SES (CR) stands for a Career Reserved position.
- 11. Check one.
 - · A "Supervisory" position is one that meets the requirements for a supervisory title as set forth in current OPM classification and job-grading guidance. Agencies may designate first-level supervisory positions by placing "1" or "1st" after "Supervisory."
 - · A "Managerial" position is one that meets the requirements for such a designation as set forth in current OPM classification guidance.
- 12. Check one to show whether the position is non-sensitive, noncritical sensitive, critical sensitive, or special sensitive for security purposes. If this is an ADP position, write the letter "C" beside the sensitivity.

- 13. Enter competitive level code for use in reduction-in-force actions. See FPM Chapter 351.
- 14. Agencies may use this block for any additional coding requirement.
- *15. Enter classification/iob grading action.
 - · For "Official Title of Position," see the applicable classification or job grading standard. For positions not covered by a published standard, see the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section III, for GS positions, or FPM Supplement 512-1, "Job Grading System for Trades and Labor Occupations," Part 1, Section III.
 - For "Pay Plan code, see FPM Supplement 292-1, "Personnel Data Standards," Book III.
 - For "Occupational Code," see the applicable standard; or, where no standard has been published, see the "Handbook of Occupational Groups and Series of Classes" for GS positions, or FPM Supplement 512-1, Part 3, for trades and labor positions. For all positions in scientific and engineering occupations, enter the two-digit functional classification code in parentheses immediately following the occupational code, e.g., "GS-1310(14)." The codes are listed and discussed in the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section VI.
- 16. Enter the organizational, functional, or working title if it differs from the official title.
- 17. Enter the name of the incumbent. If there is no incumbent, enter "vacancy."
- *18. Enter the organizational location of the position, starting with the name of the department or agency and working down from there.
- 19. If the position is occupied, have the incumbent read the attached description of duties and responsibilities. The employee's signature is optional.
- *20. This statement normally should be certified by the immediate supervisor of the position. At its option, an agency may also have a higher-level supervisor or manager certify the statement.
- *21. This statement should be certified by the agency official who makes the classification/job grading decision. Depending on agency regulations, this official may be a personnel office representative, or a manager or supervisor delegated classification/job grading authority.
- 22. Enter the position classification/job grading standard(s) used and the date of issuance, e.g., "Mail and File, GS-305, May 1977."
- 23. Agencies are encouraged to review periodically each established position to determine whether the position is still necessary and, if so, whether the position description is adequate and classification/job grading is proper. See FPM Letter 536-1 (to be incorporated into FPM Chapter 536). This section may be used as part of the review process. The employee's initials are optional. The initials by the supervisor and classifier represent recertifications of the statements in items #20 and #21 respectively.
- 24. This section may be used by the agency for additional coding requirements or for any appropriate remarks.
- *25. Type the description on plain bond paper and attach to the form. The agency position number should be shown on the attachment. See appropriate instructions for format of the description and for any requirements for evaluation documentation, e. g., "Instructions for the Factor Evaluation System," in the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section VII.

Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch) GS-0462-07

LEGACY SPD#: DOI112

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the Department of the Interior (DOI). This position serves as a Senior Fire Dispatcher located in a dispatch center. This may be a single bureau dispatch office or interagency dispatch center. The area involved may encompass federal, state, Tribal and private lands within the dispatch center's area of influence. The center is responsible primarily for wildland fire preparedness, suppression support activities, but may respond to all-hazard incidents as needed or directed. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a fire dispatcher in support of fire suppression activities. This position is at the full performance level.

II. MAJOR DUTIES

Operations/Mobilization (55%)

Performs and directs others in receiving fire reports, determining location, land status, and current fire information. Coordinates aviation dispatch operations (e.g., aircraft capabilities and limitations, flight planning, aviation safety). Determines appropriate resource response to incidents and requests from the field and dispatches personnel, equipment, aircraft, and/or supplies. Based upon current wildland fire suppression activity and utilizing prior wildland firefighting experience and training, anticipates fire suppression needs and determines resource allocation. Operates and/or directs the operation of various dispatch telecommunication systems. Organizes and reviews completed records of all orders placed and actions taken to ensure adherence to established operating procedures.

Processes and interprets weather information (e.g., spot weather forecasts, weather station observations, current and forecasted weather, lightning detection, and fuel moisture levels). This information is used to determine burning indices, preparedness levels and staffing levels for suppression and aviation resources. Performs, and directs others, in inputting data into a number of fire-related computer applications (e.g., incident qualification records, fire reporting systems, and automated dispatch systems) and makes assessment of outputs.

Fire Program Management Support (45%)

Provides information and consults with supervisors, multiple agencies, cooperators and other interested entities. Provides critical logistical support information to supervisor and makes recommendations concerning the efficient uses of available resources.

Makes initial and extended attack decisions in response to fire reports and orders for additional support from the field by arranging for and coordinating the transportation of personnel, equipment, aircraft, and supplies. Provides liaison between the unit and other dispatch offices

and the geographical coordination center concerning orders to supplement the unit's capabilities. Records and maintains communication logs.

Coordinates fire training and orientation. Reviews internal operating procedures and systems, makes recommendations for improvement, and updates/develops operating plans and mobilization guides. Provides technical guidance and on-the-job training for other dispatchers. Assists with scheduling to ensure adequate personnel are available. Provides technical guidance in unusual situations.

Follows up on assignments to ensure they are complete and meet accepted standards. Provides assistance on problems encountered by dispatch personnel.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

This is an administrative position in an organization having a firefighting mission, and is in an established career path. Prior firefighting experience, as gained by substantial service in a primary firefighter position or equivalent experience outside the Federal government is a MANDATORY PREREQUISITE for incumbents of this position.

This is a testing designated position (TDP) under the Department of the Interior Drug-Free Workplace Program.

May be required to possess and maintain a valid state driver's license.

Performs similar duties as assigned.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Knowledge Required by the Position

(Level 1-5, 750 Points)

Technical knowledge of fire management operations, dispatch procedures, and resources used for the tactical and logistical support for wildland and prescribed fire incidents (e.g., guidelines, initial attack, expanded dispatch, Incident Command System (ICS) terminology, resource qualification and capabilities).

Knowledge of the capabilities and limitations for a variety of suppression resources in order to determine the appropriate resource for a specific mission.

Technical knowledge of wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire strategies, tactics, methods and procedures, fire behavior, and weather conditions to effectively dispatch fire management resources, propose and update guidelines, issue internal instructions to other dispatchers, and resolve dispatch problems.

Skill in recognizing the effects of changing fire conditions to inform field personnel and agency administrators or Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group of critical information (e.g., fuels, resource availability, fire weather warnings and watches, fire behavior, and burning conditions).

Technical knowledge of fire operations and safety precautions sufficient to (1) determine appropriate fire management response and resource allocation, (2) perform dispatch coordination functions with varying internal procedures, (3) develop information for special reports and briefings, (4) develop alternative strategies when competing units are requesting resources in short supply, (5) update and revise internal dispatch guidelines and procedures, and (6) locate additional sources for resources.

Knowledge of aircraft flight planning, including but not limited to scheduling flights, pilots and aircraft; duty limitations, ordering procedures, procurement and cost comparison analysis.

Knowledge of airspace designations and notification procedures for airspace coordination (i.e., Military Training Route (MTR), Military Operating Airspace (MOA), Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), hazards).

Knowledge of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft relating to fire and administrative operations in terms of capabilities, duty limitations, scheduling, flight following, incident or accident notification, and economics.

Knowledge of aviation safety, including airspace management, search, rescue and medivac procedures, incident reporting procedures, briefing and debriefing pilot, chief of party and passengers, and incident or accident notification.

Knowledge of wildland fire management computer programs and data output to solve data entry/retrieval problems, train dispatchers and develop operating guidelines and procedures.

Skill and knowledge in the use of maps and their interpretation to train dispatchers and others to pinpoint locations received from various reporting entities, to determine the most feasible access route to a given location.

Ability to communicate orally and in writing in a clear and concise manner. Ability to remain calm under urgent and frequently changing conditions.

Ability to provide on-the-job training. Ability to organize and prioritize work.

Providing developmental guidance and assistance to new employees.

Factor 2 - Supervisory Controls

(Level 2-3, 275 Points)

The supervisor assigns work, provides general instructions, and sets overall goals and standards of performance. Supervisor is available for consultation and advice on new or unusual aspects. The employee independently plans and carries out the work handling problems in accordance with instructions, policies, previous training, or accepted practices. Makes recommendations on operating procedures.

Day to day work is reviewed through analysis of post activity, e.g., what has been achieved, appropriateness, and conformity to policies and procedures.

(Level 3-2, 125 Points)

(Level 4-3, 150 Points)

(Level 5-3, 150 Points)

Guidelines are found within bureau and interagency manuals, handbooks, directives, operating plans and policy statements of the agency(s) represented at the center.

The employee is expected to use sound judgment, creativity, innovation, and ingenuity in applying guidelines, and is permitted broad latitude for independent and innovative action due to the wide range of variables under which the work is accomplished. Each incident is different, and the requirements for safe, timely, cost effective and legal operations given the number and variety of situations encountered in carrying out assignments, requires the employee to adapt or extend guidelines or choose from among alternative procedures.

Factor 4 - Complexity

Factor 3 – Guidelines

The Center coordinates with multiple agencies (e.g., Federal, State, Tribal, and local) the movement of tactical and logistical resources in support of emergency incidents. The employee directs coordination efforts for multiple large incidents and new ignitions possibly occurring simultaneously in a variety of fuel types within a geographic area.

The employee analyzes specific situations encountered and selects the most appropriate course of action. Threats to life, property, and natural resources are commonplace. The employee's decision-making is complicated by the number, size and locations of incidents requiring support, time constraints, priority, risks, availability of resources, and the expenditure of public funds.

Factor 5 - Scope and Effect

The work of the employee facilitates the prompt and safe execution of fire management activities in a dispatch center's area of operation. Duties and support functions have a significant impact on fire management operations and the efficiency of the program.

The center's work is critical to the safety of personnel, the public, and to the protection of resources.

Factors 6 & 7 - Personal Contacts & Purpose of Contacts (Level 2a, 45 Points)

Personal contacts are made with all levels of cooperating land management and emergency support agencies. Primary contacts are with fire suppression personnel, fire managers, resource specialists, other dispatch offices, and the geographical coordination center. Other personal contacts may be with national and local news media, contractors, law enforcement personnel, Federal Aviation Administration, National Weather Service and the general public.

Personal contacts are maintained with all levels of staffing in cooperating agencies, professional and technical organizations, tribal governments, private landowners, vendors, officials and providers of various types of equipment and services.

The purpose of the contacts is primarily to exchange information, coordinate work efforts, reach agreement on current or proposed guidelines and regulations and to resolve questions of a complex nature. Contacts are also made to obtain interagency agreement to reduce or eliminate

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duplication of effort, to give or gain cooperation and to resolve conflicts. Contacts with national and local news media, contractors, local representatives, law enforcement personnel, and the public are primarily to exchange information.

Factor 8 - Physical Demands

The work involves long hours of sitting, intense concentration, and working at peak proficiency/intensity levels with irregular breaks and mealtimes. The duties of this position create a highly stressful environment during peak activity, requiring the ability to keep calm in emergency situations. Must be able to cope with the pressure of meeting timeframes and changing priorities. Mental concentration and accuracy are required.

Factor 9 - Work Environment

Work is performed primarily in an office setting. During peak activity, increased radio traffic, numerous ringing phones, and conversations result in high noise levels, which require a high level of concentration to perform duties. This creates a high stress work environment.

Evaluation Summary	Final Level	Points				
Knowledge Required by the Position	1-5	750				
Supervisory Controls	2-3	275				
Guidelines	3-2	125				
Complexity	4-3	150				
Scope and Effect	5-3	150				
Personal Contacts & Purpose of Contacts	2a	45				
Physical Demands	8-2	20				
Work Environment	9-0	20				
Total Points:		1535				
Point Range: 1355-1600						
Final Grade: GS-07						
Official Title: Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch)SPD#: FDI212A						
Standard(s) used to evaluate the position:						
Position Classification Flysheet for Forestry Technician, GS-0462, TS-111, December 1991						
Grade Level Guide for Aid and Technical Work in the Biological Sciences Series, GS-0400,						
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^{24. Remarks} This is a career ladder position. Full performance is at the GS-7 grade.

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- *1. Enter position number used by the agency for control purposes. See FPM Chapter 312, Subchapter 3.
- *2. Check one.
 - · "Redescription" means the duties and/or responsibilities of an "Redescription means the being changed.
 "New" means the position has not previously existed.
 "Reestablishment" means the position previously existed, but

 - had been cancelled.

 - "Other" covers such things as change in title or occupational series without a change in duties or responsibilities. The "Explanation" section should be used to show the reason if "Other" is checked, as well as any position(s) replaced by position number, title, pay plan, occupational code, and grade.
- 3. Check one.
- *4. Enter geographical location by city and State (or if position is in a foreign country, by city and country).
- *5. Enter geographical location if different from that of #4.
- To be completed by OPM when certifying positions. (See Item 15 for date of OPM certification.) For SES and GS-16/18 positions and equivalent, show the position number used on OPM Form 1390 (e.g., DAES0012).
- *7. Check one to show whether the incumbent is exempt or nonexempt from the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. See FPM Chapter 551.
- 8. Check box if statement is required. See FPM Chapter 734 for the Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report, SF 278. See FPM Chapter 735, Subchapter 4, for the Employment and Financial Interests Statement.
- Check one to show whether Identical Additional positions are permitted. See FPM Chapter 312, Subchapter 4. Agencies may show the number of such positions authorized and/or established after the "Yes" block.
- Check one. See FPM Chapter 212 for information on the competitive service and FPM Chapter 213 for the excepted 10. Check service. For a position in the excepted service, enter authority for the exception, e.g., "Schedule A-213.3102(d)" for Attorney positions excepted under Schedule A of the Civil Service Regulations. SES (Gen) stands for a General position in the Senior Executive Service, and SES (CR) stands for a Career Reserved position.
- 11. Check one.
 - A "Supervisory" position is one that meets the requirements for a supervisory title as set forth in current OPM classification and job-grading guidance. Agencies may designate first-level supervisory positions by placing "1" or "1st" after "Supervisory."
 - · A "Managerial" position is one that meets the requirements for such a designation as set forth in current OPM classification guidance.
- one to show whether the position is non-sensitive, 12. Check noncritical sensitive, critical sensitive, or special sensitive for security purposes. If this is an ADP position, write the letter "C" beside the sensitivity.

- 13. Enter competitive level code for use in reduction-in-force actions. See FPM Chapter 351.
- 14. Agencies may use this block for any additional coding requirement.
- *15. Enter classification/iob grading action.
 - · For "Official Title of Position," see the applicable classification or job grading standard. For positions not covered by a published standard, see the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section III, for GS positions, or FPM Supplement 512-1, "Job Grading System for Trades and Labor Occupations," Part 1, Section III.
 - For "Pay Plan code, see FPM Supplement 292-1, "Personnel Data Standards," Book III.
 - For "Occupational Code," see the applicable standard; or, where no standard has been published, see the "Handbook of Occupational Groups and Series of Classes" for GS positions, or FPM Supplement 512-1, Part 3, for trades and labor positions. For all positions in scientific and engineering occupations, enter the two-digit functional classification cade in parametheses immediately following the code in parentheses immediately following the occupational code, e.g., "GS-1310(14)." The codes are listed and discussed in the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section VI.
- 16. Enter the organizational, functional, or working title if it differs from the official title.
- 17. Enter the name of the incumbent. If there is no incumbent, enter "vacancy.
- *18. Enter the organizational location of the position, starting with the name of the department or agency and working down from there.
- 19. If the position is occupied, have the incumbent read the attached description of duties and responsibilities. The employee's signature is optional.
- *20. This statement normally should be certified by the immediate supervisor of the position. At its option, an agency may also have a higher-level supervisor or manager certify the statement.
- *21. This statement should be certified by the agency official who makes the classification/job grading decision. Depending on agency regulations, this official may be a personnel office representative, or a manager or supervisor delegated classification/job grading authority.
- 22. Enter the position classification/job grading standard(s) used and the date of issuance, e.g., "Mail and File, GS-305, May 1977."
- 23. Agencies are encouraged to review periodically each established Agencies are encouraged to review periodically each established position to determine whether the position is still necessary and, if so, whether the position description is adequate and classification/job grading is proper. See FPM Letter 536-1 (to be incorporated into FPM Chapter 536). This section may be used as part of the review process. The employee's initials are optional. The initials by the supervisor and classifier represent recertifications of the statements in items #20 and #21 respectively.
- 24. This section may be used by the agency for additional coding requirements or for any appropriate remarks.
- *25. Type the description on plain bond paper and attach to the form. The agency position number should be shown on the attachment. See appropriate instructions for format of the description and for any requirements for evaluation documentation, e. g., "Instructions for the Factor Evaluation System," in the General Introduction to "Position Classification Standards," Section VII.

Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch) GS-0462-06

LEGACY SPD#: DOI112

I. INTRODUCTION

This is a standard wildland fire management position description intended for use in the Department of the Interior (DOI). This position serves as a Fire Dispatcher located in a dispatch center. As a developmental position, the incumbent is provided appropriate training and development assignments to assume the full performance position. This may be a single agency dispatch office or interagency dispatch center. The area involved may encompass federal, state, Tribal and private lands within the dispatch center's area of influence. The center is responsible primarily for wildland fire preparedness, suppression support activities, but may respond to all-hazard incidents as needed or directed. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a fire dispatcher in support of fire suppression activities. This is a career ladder position. Full performance level is at the GS-07 grade.

II. MAJOR DUTIES

Operations/Mobilization (55%)

Performs or assists in directing others in receiving fire reports, determining location, land status, and current fire information. Coordinates aviation dispatch operations (e.g., aircraft capabilities and limitations, flight planning, aviation safety). Determines appropriate resource response to incidents and requests from the field and dispatches personnel, equipment, aircraft, and/or supplies. Based upon current wildland fire suppression activity and utilizing prior wildland firefighting experience and training, anticipates fire suppression needs. Operates or assists in directing the operation of various dispatch telecommunication systems. Organizes and reviews completed records of all orders placed and actions taken to ensure adherence to established operating procedures.

Processes and may interpret weather information (e.g., spot weather forecasts, weather station observations, current and forecasted weather, lightning detection, and fuel moisture levels). This information is used to determine burning indices, preparedness levels and staffing levels for suppression and aviation resources. Performs or assists in directing others, in inputting data into a number of fire-related computer applications (e.g., incident qualification records, fire reporting systems, and automated dispatch systems) and makes assessment of outputs.

Fire Program Management Support (45%)

Provides critical logistical support information to supervisor and cooperators and makes recommendations concerning the efficient uses of available resources.

Makes initial and extended attack decisions in response to fire reports and orders for additional support from the field by arranging for and coordinating the transportation of personnel, equipment, aircraft, and supplies. Provides liaison between the unit and other dispatch offices

and the geographic area coordination center concerning orders to supplement the unit's capabilities. Records and maintains communication logs.

May coordinate and assist with fire training and orientation. Reviews internal operating procedures and systems, makes recommendations for improvement, and updates operating plans and mobilization guides. Provides guidance and on-the-job training for other dispatchers. Assists with scheduling to ensure adequate personnel are available.

Provides guidance in unusual situations. Follows up on assignments to ensure they are complete and meet accepted standards. Provides assistance on problems encountered by dispatch personnel.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS

This is an administrative position in an organization having a firefighting mission, and is in an established career path. Prior firefighting experience, as gained by substantial service in a primary firefighter position or equivalent experience outside the Federal government is a MANDATORY PREREQUISITE for incumbents of this position.

This is a testing designated position (TDP) under the Department of the Interior Drug-Free Workplace Program.

Must possess and maintain a valid state driver's license.

Performs similar duties as assigned.

III. FACTOR LEVELS

Factor 1 - Knowledge Required by the Position

(Level 1-4, 550 Points)

Basic knowledge of fire management operations, dispatch procedures, and resources used for the tactical and logistical support for wildland and prescribed fire incidents (e.g., guidelines, initial attack, expanded dispatch, Incident Command System (ICS) terminology, resource qualification and capabilities).

Knowledge of the capabilities and limitations for a variety of suppression resources in order to determine the appropriate resource for a specific mission.

Knowledge of wildland fire suppression and prescribed fire strategies, tactics, methods and procedures, fire behavior, and weather conditions to effectively dispatch fire management resources, propose and update guidelines, issue internal instructions to other dispatchers, and resolve dispatch problems.

Skill in recognizing the effects of changing fire conditions to inform field personnel and agency administrators or Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group of critical information (e.g., fuels, resource availability, fire weather warnings and watches, fire behavior, and burning conditions).

Knowledge of fire operations and safety precautions sufficient to (1) determine appropriate fire management response and resource allocation, (2) perform dispatch coordination functions with varying internal procedures, (3) develop information for special reports and briefings, (4) develop alternative strategies when competing units are requesting resources in short supply, (5) update and revise internal dispatch guidelines and procedures, and (6) locate additional sources for resources.

Knowledge of aircraft flight planning, including but not limited to scheduling flights, pilots and aircraft; duty limitations, ordering procedures, procurement and cost comparison analysis.

Knowledge of airspace designations and notification procedures for airspace coordination (i.e., Military Training Route (MTR), Military Operating Airspace (MOA), Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR), hazards).

Knowledge of fixed and rotary-wing aircraft relating to fire and administrative operations in terms of capabilities, duty limitations, scheduling, flight following, incident or accident notification, and economics.

Knowledge of aviation safety, including airspace management, search, rescue and medivac procedures, incident reporting procedures, briefing and debriefing pilot, chief of party and passengers, and incident or accident notification.

Knowledge of wildland fire management computer programs and data output to solve data entry/retrieval problems, train dispatchers and develop operating guidelines and procedures.

Skill and knowledge in the use of maps and their interpretation to train dispatchers and others to pinpoint locations received from various reporting entities, to determine the most feasible access route to a given location.

Ability to communicate orally and in writing in a clear and concise manner. Ability to remain calm under urgent and frequently changing conditions.

Ability to provide on-the-job training. Ability to organize and prioritize work.

Provide developmental guidance and assistance to new employees.

Factor 2 - Supervisory Controls

(Level 2-3, 275 Points)

The supervisor assigns work, provides general instructions, and sets overall goals and standards of performance. Supervisor is available for consultation and advice on new or unusual aspects.

The employee independently plans and carries out the work handling problems in accordance with instructions, policies, previous training, or accepted practices. Makes recommendations on operating procedures.

Day-to-day work is reviewed through analysis of post activity, e.g., what has been achieved, appropriateness, and conformity to policies and procedures.

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Factor 3 – Guidelines

Guidelines are found within bureau and interagency manuals, handbooks, directives, operating plans and policy statements of the agency(s) represented at the center.

The employee is expected to use sound judgment, creativity, innovation, and ingenuity in applying guidelines, and is permitted broad latitude for independent and innovative action due to the wide range of variables under which the work is accomplished.

Each incident is different, and the requirements for safe, timely, cost effective and legal operations given the number and variety of situations encountered in carrying out assignments, requires the employee to adapt or extend guidelines or choose from among alternative procedures.

Factor 4 - Complexity

The Center coordinates with multiple agencies (e.g., Federal, State, Tribal, and local) the movement of tactical and logistical resources in support of emergency incidents. The employee directs coordination efforts for multiple large incidents and new ignitions possibly occurring simultaneously in a variety of fuel types within a geographic area.

The employee analyzes specific situations encountered and selects the most appropriate course of action.

Threats to life, property, and natural resources are commonplace. The employee's decisionmaking is complicated by the number, size and locations of incidents requiring support, time constraints, priority, risks, availability of resources, and the expenditure of public funds.

Factor 5 - Scope and Effect

The work of the employee facilitates the prompt and safe execution of fire management activities in a dispatch center's area of operation. Duties and support functions have a significant impact on fire management operations and the efficiency of the program.

The center's work is critical to the safety of personnel, the public, and to the protection of resources.

Factors 6 & 7 - Personal Contacts & Purpose of Contacts (Level 2b, 75 Points)

Personal contacts are made with all levels of cooperating land management and emergency support agencies. Primary contacts are with fire suppression personnel, fire managers, resource specialists, other dispatch offices, and the geographic area coordination center. Other personal contacts may be with national and local news media, contractors, law enforcement personnel, Federal Aviation Administration, National Weather Service and the general public.

(Level 5-2, 75 Points)

(Level 4-2, 75 Points)

(Level 3-2, 125 Points)

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Personal contacts are maintained with all levels of staffing in cooperating agencies, professional and technical organizations, tribal governments, private landowners, vendors, officials and providers of various types of equipment and services.

The purpose of the contacts is primarily to exchange information, coordinate work efforts, reach agreement on current or proposed guidelines and regulations and to resolve questions of a complex nature. Contacts are also made to obtain interagency agreement to reduce or eliminate duplication of effort, to give or gain cooperation and to resolve conflicts. Contacts with national and local news media, contractors, local representatives, law enforcement personnel, and the public are primarily to exchange information.

Factor 8 - Physical Demands

The work involves long hours of sitting, intense concentration, and working at peak proficiency/intensity levels with irregular breaks and mealtimes. Must be able to cope with the pressure of meeting timeframes and changing priorities. Mental concentration and accuracy are required. Vehicle and aircraft travel associated with field visits and other administrative travel may be required.

Factor 9 - Work Environment

Work is performed primarily in an office setting. During peak activity, increased radio traffic, numerous ringing phones, and conversations result in high noise levels, which require a high level of concentration to perform duties. The duties of this position create a highly stressful environment during peak activity, requiring the ability to keep calm in emergency situations.

Evaluation Summary	Final Level	Points			
Knowledge Required by the Position	1-4	550			
Supervisory Controls	2-3	275			
Guidelines	3-2	125			
Complexity	4-2	75			
Scope and Effect	5-2	75			
Personal Contacts & Purpose of Contacts	2b	75			
Physical Demands	8-2	20			
Work Environment	9-2	20			
Total Points:	1215				
Point Range:	1105-1350				
Final Grade:		GS-06			
Official Title: Forestry Technician (Fire	SPD#: FDI212B				
Standard(s) used to evaluate the position:					
Position Classification Flysheet for Forestry	y Technician, GS-0462, '	TS-111, December 1991			
Grade Level Guide for Aid and Technical Work in the Biological Sciences Series, GS-0400,					
TS-111, December 1991					
Comments: Major duties account for 100% of time.					

(Level 8-2, 20 Points)

(Level 9-2, 20 Points)

DOI110	FDI210A	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-07
	FDI210B	Fire Logistics Dispatcher, GS-2151-06
DOI111	FDI211A	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-05
	FDI211B	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-04
DOI112	FDI212A	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-07
	FDI212B	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-06
New	FDI236A	Forestry Technician (Fire), Engine Captain, GS-0462-08
	FDI236B	Forestry Technician (Fire), Engine Captain, GS-0462-07

4. Position Titles.

Official Titles. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's prescribed official titles are located in Block 15b on the PD cover sheet (OF-8). This title must be entered into the Federal Personnel and Payroll System (FPPS) and be reflected on the incumbent's SF-50, *Notification of Personnel Action*. Variations to official titles are not authorized.

Organizational Titles. Authorized organizational titles for the above SPDs are recorded in Block 16 of the OF-8. Bureaus must use the authorized organizational titles. Variations to organizational titles are not authorized.

5. Standardized PD Numbering System. Bureaus <u>must use</u> the DOI standardized PD numbering system when using these SPDs for newly established positions and when replacing existing SPDs. The use of a bureau-level numbering system in lieu of a DOI SPD number is not authorized. The DOI SPD number <u>must be</u> entered into FPPS in the position number data field so it prints on the incumbent's SF-50, *Notification of Personnel Action*. A standardized PD number has been recorded in Block 1 of the OF-8. Modifications to the SPD number are not authorized. The new numbering convention is: *letters* F (Fire), **DI** (Department of the Interior), followed by *numbers*.

6. PD Cover Page. The servicing Human Resources Office (HRO) will complete the PD cover page with Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exemption status, Position Risk/Sensitivity Level, Cybersecurity codes, etc.

7. Interagency Fire Program Management. The Interagency Fire Program Management (IFPM) qualification standard applies to many, but not all of the DOI SPDs. The applicable IFPM standards will be noted under the "other significant facts," section of the SPD for covered positions. These include minimum qualifications, training requirements, competencies, and key performance elements.

8. Firefighter Retirement Program. The Firefighter retirement coverage determinations have been made for these SPDs, as follows:

A. Primary/Rigorous Firefighter Positions: The following covered SPDs describe rigorous positions whose primary duties are the control and extinguishment of fires, and have been approved as primary/rigorous firefighter positions under the fire retirement system. Therefore, when using these SPDs the maximum entry age requirements must be applied if the incumbent will be subject to retirement deductions (Note: The maximum entry age does not apply when filling a primary/rigorous position that is not subject to retirement deductions, e.g. temporary appointments).

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New	FDI236A	Forestry Technician (Fire), Engine Captain, GS-0462-08
	FDI236B	Forestry Technician (Fire), Engine Captain, GS-0462-07

B. Secondary/Administrative Firefighter Positions: The following covered SPDs describe positions in a firefighting organization with a firefighting mission. In order to perform the fire support duties described, prior primary/rigorous (on-the-fire-line) firefighting experience is a mandatory prerequisite/selective factor to qualify for these positions. Therefore, these SPDs have been approved as secondary/administrative firefighter positions under the fire retirement system. Please note, in accordance with 5 C.F.R. § 831.904 and 5 C.F.R § 842.803(b), incumbents of secondary firefighter positions who do not meet the applicable transfer requirements are not eligible for coverage under firefighter retirement and must be placed in the regular retirement system. See your servicing HRO or the above regulations for more information.

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DOI111	FDI211A	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-05
	FDI211B	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-04
DOI112	FDI212A	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-07
	FDI212B	Forestry Technician (Fire Dispatch), GS-0462-06

9. Management's Responsibility for PD Accuracy and Position Management. SPD for career ladder positions are established based upon a classification analysis that sufficient work exists for all employees on a regular and recurring basis at the full performance level. Management must certify that sufficient work exists for all employees, assigned to a SPD, at the full performance level. Use of SPDs in no way detracts from management's authority and responsibility to ensure that officially assigned and performed duties and responsibilities accurately match PDs of record for all covered employees. Likewise, using SPDs does not diminish management's responsibility to adhere to sound position management principles. Management officials are urged to partner with their servicing HRO for

classification and position management advice and guidance. Management officials are required to ensure equal pay for substantially equal work [5 USC 5101].

10. Requests for Exceptions. Requests for an exception (waiver) to this policy must be in writing, and must show conclusively why the DOI Fire SPD is not applicable to the position. This requirement includes situations wherein a higher grade, a career ladder position, or a different occupational series is desired. Written requests will include the proposed PD and the official signed and dated organizational chart. Statements of difference will not be accepted. Requests will be forwarded through the (1) Bureau Fire Director, (2) Bureau Headquarters Human Resources office, and (3) Director, Office of Wildland Fire to the Department's Office of Human Capital. Bureau Fire Directors may contact their servicing HRO for advice and guidance.

11. Electronic Library of DOI Standard Fire PDs. An Electronic Library of all DOI Fire SPDs will be available on the DOI, Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Team (FLERT) website at https://www.doi.gov/flert/DOI_std_pds and the Human Capital Crossroads website at: https://sites.google.com/a/ios.doi.gov/human-resources-community-of-practice/hc-programs/talent-management/spd

12. Inquiries. Any Department employee or employee representative seeking further information concerning this policy may contact their respective servicing HRO. Bureau Headquarters HR staff may contact Renae Lockwood in the Office of Human Capital at Renae_Lockwood@ios.doi.gov

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