



## VICTORIA COUNTY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE



### Job Announcement: Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (ARFF) Specialist

Duties include aircraft fire and rescue, operation of ARFF apparatus, airfield safety inspections, and general station duties and tasks as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications: Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) Structural Firefighter Basic, NFPA 1001 Firefighter I/II, (IFSAC accepted), Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technician or National Registry EMT-B.

Preferred Qualifications: TCFP Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) or IFSAC accepted, TCFP Fire Inspector, TCFP Instructor I, Texas Class B Exempt Driver's License, and at least two years experience with a paid fire department (Structure or ARFF).

Applicants not already meeting preferred qualifications must obtain TCFP Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF), TCFP Fire Inspector, TCFP Instructor I, and Texas Class B Exempt Driver's License requirements within one year of date of hire.

Please see Job Description and send resume (listing all current certifications) and completed job application to:

Victoria County Human Resources  
Victoria County Fire Department  
ATTN: County Fire Marshal / Fire Chief Richard Castillo  
115 N. Bridge St., Room 127  
Victoria, TX 77901

Employment Applications can be found online at <https://www.vctx.org/page/employment> or from Cissy Bonuz of the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office at [cbonuz@vctx.org](mailto:cbonuz@vctx.org).

For any additional information, please contact the Victoria County Fire Marshal/Fire Chief Richard Castillo at (361) 579-9103.



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**Position:** ARFF Specialist

**Location:** Victoria Regional Fire Marshal, 25 N Hangar Dr, Victoria TX 77904

**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt - Full-time – 2964 Annual Hours

**Salary:** \$13.45-\$16.81 hourly

**Classification:** Essential

**Posting Date:** July 18 2024 until filled

**Reports To:** Fire Marshal

### JOB DESCRIPTION

#### GENERAL SUMMARY

It is the responsibility of the ARFF Specialist to respond to all emergency calls on airport property which involves property damage, injury, or a threat of property damage or injury focusing first on the safety of the individual and secondly on minimizing property damage and protecting the environment. Ensure that the airport has the capability to respond to emergencies within the standards established by the FAR Part 139.

#### ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- On a daily basis, inspect and confirm the operating status of the assigned ARFF truck, checking all fluid levels, operating pumps, ensuring that all required equipment is on board and that radios operate properly. Fuel, clean, and inspect the ARFF truck and other department vehicles as necessary.
- Throughout the shift, maintain the fire station both inside and outside, mopping floors, washing windows, sweeping, dusting, maintaining storerooms, mowing grass, shoveling walks, and cleaning kitchen and restrooms.
- Respond to emergency calls within the FAA time limits by bunkering, operating the truck, driving to the scene, and employing the necessary rescue tactics ranging from spraying fire retardant agent to stabilizing an injured party and packaging for transportation. Emergency calls may include, but are not limited to, aircraft crash, building fire, automobile accident, injury or illness.
- Respond to spills of fuel or hazardous substances and other hazardous situations or threats. Build dikes or contain fuel or hazardous substances in such a manner as to prevent discharge into the surface drainage system. Respond to other airport emergencies by taking measures to protect the public and infrastructure.
- Conduct airfield safety inspections, special inspections, and public safety access during the shift.
- Conduct building, fuel farm and fuel vehicle fire safety inspections in compliance with FAA and NFPA standards.



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- Provide airfield escorts, safety programs, and instruct classroom and skills evaluation for fire academy. Conduct training sessions for airport, airline, and public.
- Ability to perform all of the tasks outlined in the job description.
- Successfully complete, on an annual basis, all required state and federal certification continuing education requirements.
- Ability to perform all of the essential functions of the job outlined above without creating a direct threat to the safety of oneself or others.
- Perform any other function or task assigned.



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### VICTORIA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AIRCRAFT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING (ARFF)

Victoria County Fire Department is a combination department and is part of the Victoria County Fire Marshal's Office. Located at the Victoria Regional Airport, the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting team specializes in aircraft crash fire suppression and passenger rescue. They are also the emergency medical service first responder for the airport.

All ARFF Specialists are certified as both Basic Structural Firefighters and Basic Aircraft Rescue Firefighters by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP). This includes NFPA 1001 Firefighter I, Firefighter II, and Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Certifications. Some of the topics required by the U. S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) include:

- Airport and aircraft familiarization
- Aircraft cargo hazards
- Emergency aircraft evacuation assistance
- Application of different extinguishing agents
- Adapting structural rescue and firefighting equipment to aircraft incidents
- Rescue and firefighting personnel safety

Along with the above requirements, ARFF Specialists must also obtain and maintain an Emergency Medical Technician Basic (EMT-B) certification with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Basic Fire Inspector Certification with TCFP, Airfield Operations and Inspection and Airport Area of Operations driving qualification, and maintain Airport 139 compliance inspections and runway safety inspections.

ARFF Specialists provide aircraft rescue and fire fighting services for Victoria Regional Airport and surrounding areas. In addition to fire and medical responses you will be expected to do the following: conduct runway/safety checks and operations maintenance checks of the airfield at random intervals, conduct fire extinguisher checks, check and maintain all emergency vehicles, test and inspect fire hose, test and inspect hydrants, inspect and maintain all rescue tools, maintain the cleanliness of the fire station and its grounds, conduct fuel farm and fuel hauler inspections, conduct control tower inspections, conduct wildlife dispersal, monitor confined space entries, prepare and maintain a state of readiness for hurricane evacuation operations, preplan structures on airport property for emergency readiness, inspect and maintain self-contained breathing apparatuses, refract and performance test ARFF equipment, maintain a constant state of preparedness for FAA and government inspections, and conduct foreign object debris control for airfield. ARFF Specialists are part of the airport community team. This team includes the airport administration, fixed base operator, airport maintenance, and other county entities working together to ensure the success of the airport community.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

The qualified candidate will have a high school diploma or equivalent, clean driving record, valid driver's license, clean criminal history, and a Texas Commission on Fire Protection Structural Firefighter Basic, NFPA 1001 Firefighter I/II, (IFSAC accepted), Texas Department of State Health Services Emergency Medical Technician or National Registry EMT-B.



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### **Preferred Qualifications:**

The preferred candidate will have the minimum qualifications plus, TCFP Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (IFSAC accepted), TCFP Fire Inspector (IFSAC accepted), TCFP Instructor I, Texas Class B Exempt Driver's License, at least two years experience with a paid fire department (Structure or ARFF), NIMS 100, 200, 700, and 800 certifications, and American Heart Association Provider CPR Certification.

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Are you up for a challenge and ready to find a new career with the Victoria County Fire Department?

**Find out what it takes to join our team!**