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City of Klamath Falls  
Job Description

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR I

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**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Public Works/Streets and Equipment

**GRADE:** 4

**GROUP:** AFSCME

**FLSA STATUS:** Non Exempt

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2011

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**SUMMARY**

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A person hired for this position will start out as an operator in training, and will be promoted upon successful completion of the probationary period. An employee in this position works under general supervision performing skilled work in operating light to medium equipment, involving manipulative skills. Work assignments are generally given verbally for the more routine work; special tasks may be accompanied by written work orders. The work is generally performed independently and is checked for compliance with instructions, observations of safe practices, and care of equipment. An employee of this class is subject to call for duty at all times. Performs related duties as required.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

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Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

Operates vehicles and pieces of equipment including man basket truck (aerial platform), street sweeper, single axel truck, dump body/flatbed with sanders and plows, forklift with man basket, grade tractor (front), front end loader IT (integrated tool carrier) with all attachments except blower, mobile concrete mixer trailer, asphalt recycler, bumper mounted crack seal pot, asphalt tack pot trailer, signs and barricade trailer and air compressors, jack hammer, sand blaster pot.

Performs minor preventative maintenance, and makes minor repairs to equipment and necessary adjustments to controls.

When necessary, assists an operator II in repainting or maintaining traffic markings including thermo plastic applications.

Generally operates light to medium equipment used in right-of-way maintenance and repair. Including but not limited to manually operated gas powered, pneumatic powered and electric powered hand tools and equipment required for maintaining a street right of way.

Performs work necessary to assist working crews when not actively engaged in vehicle preparation.

## **SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES**

This is a non-supervisory position.

## **QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:**

High school diploma or general education degree (GED) and at least one (1) year of experience in the operation of power or construction equipment used in electric, street, water, sewer, and/or concrete work.

### **CERTIFICATES/LICENSES:**

Commercial Driver's License – class B with air brake required and a current medical examiners certificate, class A Tanker's endorsement preferred. Oregon Flagger certification, fork lift certification.

## **PRE-EMPLOYMENT**

Job offers for this position are contingent on the individual passing a pre-employment drug screen.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and ABILITIES**

The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required.

### **Knowledge of:**

Light to medium equipment; preventative maintenance and repair of equipment. Setting up and maintaining a safe traffic control plan and work zones. A basic understanding of road construction and pavement maintenance in and out of the right of way, concrete forming, placement and finishing (preferred). Basic understanding of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) Basic computer skills (preferred) knowledge in current system used by Streets Division. Tapco sign system, pavement management system, word, excel.

### **Skill in:**

Safe operating of basic hand and power tools and/or construction equipment.

Ability to:

Work any shift assigned or hours designated; including but not limited to weekends and holidays, exposure to variable weather conditions (hot, cold, wet) and including continuous hours of duty. Ability to read, write, and interpret documents in the English language, such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, procedure manuals, construction drawings, and write routine reports.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is required, on a frequent to continuous basis, to: sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools, or controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee is required, on an occasional to frequent basis, to: stand; walk; climb or balance; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 80 pounds and on occasion up to 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT**

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable qualified individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works near moving mechanical parts is exposed to but not limited to extreme outside weather conditions, vibration, fumes, or airborne particles and occasionally toxic or caustic chemicals. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.

An employee in this position must withstand exposure to variable weather conditions and continuous hours of duty. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.

The City of Klamath Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Klamath Falls will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer.

