JULIAN MERCER

FIREFIGHTER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Firefighter and EMT with 6 years in a municipal fire department. Skilled in structure fires, rescue, and medical response, and promoted to Engineer for pump operations, hose line tactics, and apparatus readiness. Physically conditioned, steady in emergencies, and committed to training, station duties, and community education.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fire Engineer Mar 2024 - Present
San Jose Fire Department, San Jose, CA

- Drive and operate a Type 1 engine, delivering water at the correct pressure on every structure fire since promotion.
- Pre-plan commercial buildings in the engine district and update pre-fire maps so crews know hydrants and hazards.
- Inspect the apparatus each shift, finding and fixing defects before they could put the engine out of service.
- Train the crew quarterly on pump operations and hydrant hookups, shortening engine water-on-fire times by about 15 seconds.

Firefighter/EMT Aug 2020 - Feb 2024

- Responded to about 2,400 calls a year as part of a four-person company, split between medical aid and fire suppression.
- Completed annual hose, ladder, and SCBA evaluations on time with passing scores, along with monthly in-house drills.
- Inspected about 80 local businesses a year for extinguishers and exit lights and recorded violations clearly.
- Advanced hose lines, ventilated roofs, and searched for victims on 40 or more structure fires with no crew injuries.
- Gave basic life support and used AEDs on cardiac calls, with patient handoffs documented on every run.
- Taught CPR and home fire safety to 12 community groups per year, reaching about 600 residents.

Seasonal Wildland Firefighter May 2018 - Oct 2019
CAL FIRE, Santa Clara, CA

- Cut handline and ran mop-up on brush fires of up to 500 acres on a 20-person hand crew.
- Served as a saw operator on the crew and maintained saws and tools on every fire assignment.
- Completed all required conditioning tests, including the arduous pack test, each season.

Emergency Medical Technician Jun 2016 - Apr 2018
American Medical Response, San Jose, CA

- Responded to about 10 ambulance calls per shift, providing basic life support and transporting patients to local hospitals.
- Completed patient care reports on every call, with accurate vitals and timelines for hospital staff.

CORE SKILLS

Structural firefighting | Pump operations | Emergency medical care | Search and rescue | Hazmat awareness | Hose line tactics | Ventilation | Apparatus inspection | Wildland firefighting | Incident command basics | Community education | Physical fitness

EDUCATION

Fire Technology Certificate, Evergreen Valley College Fire Academy, San Jose, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

NFPA Firefighter I and II | California State Fire Marshal Firefighter I | EMT-Basic (NREMT) | California Driver Operator (Engineer) | CPR/AED Instructor