



HARRIS COUNTY

Human Resource & Risk Management
Houston, TX 77002

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invites applications for the position of:

Hazardous Materials Technician

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SALARY: Depends on Qualifications

OPENING DATE: 03/25/20

CLOSING DATE: 04/25/20 12:00 AM

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

A HazMat Technician is a certified task-level position that performs technician level duties in accordance with national standards and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Reports to a HazMat Supervisor and may report to other Senior Staff members depending on assignment.
- Works from either office or field location, depending on work assignment.
- Has working knowledge of recognized standards for hazardous material response, structural firefighting, fire inspections, fire investigations, fireworks, and fire and life safety hazards, including LGC. 352.016.
- Responds to various emergency calls including structural and environmental fires, traffic collisions, transportation emergencies, hazardous material incidents, and medical assistance within level of training and certification for force protection only.
- Connects, extends, and operates hose lines and related appliances for firefighting operations including firefighting foam and other extinguishing agent applications.
- Performs search and rescue tasks, utilizing hand and power tools, hydraulic tools, portable saws, power generators, ropes, webbing, and other extrication equipment.
- Performs ventilation or entry operations, with the use of hand or power tools.
- Raises, lowers, and climbs ladders to access buildings, structures, or containers and vessels.
- Makes forcible entry into and enters burning structures or other hazardous environments.
- Provides medical aid to injured persons within the scope of practice that is allowed by local Emergency Medical Services or departmental authority.
- Operates any and all related emergency medical equipment that may be provided and is allowed within the approved scope of practice.
- Attends and/or instructs training courses involving firefighting, medical aid, rescue, hazardous materials, equipment operation, and maintenance.
- Participates in drills and exercises.

- Studies local conditions and factors affecting emergency response operations or emergency hazard mitigation.
- Has a working knowledge of departmental policies, safety procedures, inspection regulations, and prevention rules.
- Maintains physical fitness and fit for work health.
- If certified to do so, assists with the inspection of commercial and public buildings to ensure compliance with fire codes and inspection standards.
- Participates in local fire prevention programs by presenting or preparing presentations.
- Performs station tours, and other public education activities to promote fire safety and public awareness.
- Ensures quality, accuracy, and timely completion of assigned tasks including program management in accordance with Harris County Fire Marshal Office (HCFMO) policies and procedures.
- Performs administrative functions in accordance with policies and procedures, to include completing, reviewing and maintaining records and reports and development of summary data reports, as required.
- Understands and operations within an incident management system during emergency response operations and may serve as a member of an Incident Management Team during emergency or disaster situations.
- Maintains situational awareness of all HCFMO activities.
- Serves on committees, boards, councils, commissions, or other teams as assigned by the Fire Marshal.
- Performs assigned tasks safely, documents and reports initial accidents, injuries, or health exposures in accordance with accepted safety practices and HCFMO policy.
- May be assigned to any HCFMO division and perform other duties as directed by a supervisor or senior staff member.

The position of HazMat Technician may include the role of peace officer if the individual holds a valid TCOLE license.

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<https://hrrm.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/EqualEmploymentOpportunityPlan.aspx>

If you need special services or accommodations, please call (713) 274-5445 or email ADACoordinator@bmd.hctx.net

REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Diploma or GED equivalent
- Basic computer skills
- Valid Class C driver's license (Texas Upon Hire)
- Certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection ("TCFP") as a Structural Firefighter, at the time of appointment.

OR

- Current Harris County Fire Marshall's Office Employee

NOTICE:

Applicants for this position will be subject to a criminal background check that includes being fingerprinted. This applies to any position with network access to Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) or access to an area where CJIS is received, maintained or stored either manually or electronically (i.e. custodian, maintenance).

Automatic Disqualification:

- Convictions, probation, or deferred adjudication for any Felony, and any Class A Misdemeanor
- Convictions, probation, or deferred adjudication for a Class B Misdemeanor, if within the previous 10 years
- Open arrest for any criminal offense (Felony or Misdemeanor)
- Family Violence conviction

NOTE: Qualifying education, experience, knowledge and skills must be documented on your job application. You may attach a resume to the application as supporting documentation but **ONLY information stated on the application will be used for consideration. "See Resume"** will not be accepted for qualifications.

PREFERENCES:

- Certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection ("TCFP") as a Hazmat Technician.
- Certified Fire Instructor I.
- Certified Driver Operator.
- Certified NFPA 472 Incident Commander.

GENERAL INFORMATION:**HOURS:**

- 40-Hours per Week
- Various Shifts; Includes Nights, Weekends & Holidays

SALARY:

- Commensurate with Experience
- Based on 26 Pay Periods

Due to a high volume of applications positions may close prior to the advertised closing date or at the discretion of the Hiring Department

Harris County has an Employment-at-Will Policy.

Employment is contingent on passing a criminal background check.

Upon receiving a conditional Offer of Employment, all applicants are screened for the presence of illegal drugs.

To view your detailed application status, please log-in to your on-line profile by visiting:

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Position #05203
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN
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Hazardous Materials Technician Supplemental Questionnaire

- * 1. Are you a current Harris County Fire Marshal Office Employee?
 - Yes
 - No
- * 2. Which of the following best describes your highest level of education completed as it relates to this position?
 - High School Diploma or G.E.D. equivalent
 - Associates Degree
 - Bachelor's Degree or higher
 - None of the Above
- * 3. Please describe your educational background including level of education completed, area of study and completed major and minor programs.
- * 4. Which of the following best describes your overall paid or volunteer fire service experience? (Please make sure to document all experience in your job history)
 - Less than two years
 - Two years, but less than three
 - Three years, but less than four
 - Four or more years
 - None of the above
- * 5. Please provide details of your volunteer or paid fire service experience. Please include your role(s), type of organization and scope of duties and responsibilities. If you do not have this

experience, please type "None" in the space provided.

- * 6. Are you currently certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection ("TCFP") as a Fire Inspector I & II, or eligible to obtain certification by the time of appointment?
 - Yes I am TCFP certified
 - I am not TCFP certified, but I am eligible to obtain certification by the time of appointment
 - None of the above
- * 7. Do you have paid or volunteer experience in hazardous materials inspections or response and/or high piled storage inspection?
 - Yes
 - No
- * 8. Please provide details of your paid or volunteer experience with hazardous materials inspections or response and/or high piled storage inspection experience. Please include your role(s), type of organization and scope of duties and responsibilities. If you do not have this experience, please type "None" in the space provided.
- * 9. Are you currently certified by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection and the National Fire Protection Association, in any of the following? Check all that apply.
 - Hazmat Technician
 - Fire Inspector
 - Structural Firefighter
 - NFPA 472 Incident Commander
 - Driver Operator
 - None of the above
- * 10. Are you currently certified by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) as a Peace Officer?
 - Yes
 - No
- * 11. Which of the following describes your level of proficiency using a personal computer and common office software such as MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Outlook). Please select your level of proficiency based on the following descriptions: Advanced: A person with this level of skills is able to produce very large, complex formal documents that require a table of contents, footnotes, endnotes, bookmarks, and other special elements; a wide range of graphic effects, and use advanced techniques for analyzing and manipulating data. Has full mastery of Macro commands and skills to tie the objects together into a cohesive system by using Macros and Visual Basic for Applications code. Makes interactive presentations by using hyperlinks and action buttons. Intermediate: A person with this level of skills is able to customize toolbars, import and insert graphs, embed Excel data, and elaborate reports. Understands the concepts of databases and is able to work with charts and to use the list management capabilities of Excel. Able to use complex query techniques, create efficient forms and reports, and create Macros to automate

these forms. Makes interactive presentations by using hyperlinks and action buttons. Basic: A person with this level of skills is able to use basic formatting, editing, printing functions, and understands the document page setup. Has the ability to enter and correct data, modify a workbook, format a worksheet, and use printing functions. Understands the different database concepts and structures and is familiar with data validation and is able to create a simple presentation in PowerPoint, run it, and print it. Entry Level: A person with this level of skills has the ability to open, create, save and modify documents in Word, send and receive email in Outlook and create spreadsheets in Excel. Format documents for printing, comfortable using the printer menu to preview documents. Has ability to change the font, the margins, insert or delete pages and use the built-in spellchecker and grammar check.

- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Basic
- Entry Level
- Not proficient

* 12. Have you completed any of the following National Incident Management System (NIMS) training? Please select all that apply.

- IS-100
- IS-200
- IS-300
- IS-400
- IS-700
- IS-800

* 13. The position requires a valid driver's license. Upon hire, a Texas license must be obtained by the start date. Do you have a valid driver's license?

- Yes
- No

* 14. Please provide number, class, state and expiration date below: (Type N/A if not applicable)

* Required Question