

**CLASS TITLE: Chief Helicopter Pilot**

**CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS:** Under direction, on an assigned shift, supervises, oversees and directs the activities of staff who pilot departmental helicopters in response to air and sea rescue incidents and pilots same aircraft as needed; and performs related duties as required.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:** Assigns pilots to helicopter search, firefighting and rescue missions; provides classroom and on-the-job pilot training to less senior staff concerning standard operating procedures and the qualification requirements for serving as a pilot in the Air Rescue Unit; responsible for the safe operation of aircraft as well as the safety of passengers and crew; maintains records of aircraft inspections and flight time accrued by air rescue personnel and personnel in training; supervises all flight trainees according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operational requirements and departmental procedures; certifies the air-worthiness of aircrafts.

**DESIRABLE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Training and Experience. Recognition by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a qualified flight instructor (Rotorcraft), including two years of helicopter piloting experience and current 2nd class medical certification by the FAA; or an equivalent combination of training and experience is required.

Knowledge, Abilities and Skill. Comprehensive knowledge of the emergency procedures recommended by the aircraft manufacturer in flight manuals of departmental helicopters; considerable knowledge of emergency air and sea rescue procedures; considerable knowledge of teaching methods and techniques.

Ability to analyze situations and make sound judgments; ability to instruct others as to the proper emergency procedures for air rescue incidents.

Considerable skill in the application of practiced emergency procedures to emergency rescue incidents; working skill in responding to flight hazards such as engine failure or hydraulic flight control failure; working skill in instructing others as to air rescue emergency procedures.

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