

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR III

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF WORK

Work of this class involves the operation of medium and moderately complex automotive equipment primarily used in maintenance, repair, or construction work. Employees may work along city streets or in hazardous situations which require the exercise of skill and care in handling the equipment. In many cases the incumbent must have knowledge of the requirements of the work in addition to the operation of the equipment in order to work in an efficient and safe manner. The operator may also supervise the members of a crew to insure that work schedules are maintained and tasks are performed in accordance with prescribed standards. Routine assignments are usually performed under general supervision in accordance with established procedures and practices. Special and more complex assignments receive direct supervision or specific instructions.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK (Note: These examples are intended only to illustrate the various types of work performed by incumbents in this class. All of the duties performed by any one incumbent may not be listed, nor does any incumbent necessarily perform all of these duties.)

Regularly operates a backhoe and/or boom truck in laying water and sewer lines as a primary function of the job, but not full time as does an Equipment Operator IV; assists a crew in the performance of maintenance, repair, and minor construction tasks. Occasionally operates a backhoe, stump cutter, and other equipment in addition to the regularly assigned equipment used to dig ditches, install and replace water, sewer, or drainage lines, pull stumps, and clear recreation areas. Operates a street sweeper along city streets. Operates a front-end loader, extendable ditch-bank mower, or tandem-axle sludge truck. Services, cleans, and makes minor repairs to assigned equipment.

Performs related work as required.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Considerable knowledge of the operation and maintenance of assigned equipment.

Considerable knowledge of the occupational hazards of the work and of necessary safety precautions for the safe operation of assigned equipment.

Knowledge of the traffic laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the operation of assigned equipment.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to identify operational deficiencies and defects, to determine necessary corrective measures, and to make minor repairs and service to assigned equipment.

Skill in the operation of assigned equipment.

DESIRABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Completion of the eighth grade and experience in the operation of automotive and construction equipment similar to those described herein; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT (Depending upon area of assignment)

1. Possession of the appropriate class commercial driver's license and endorsements as issued by the State of Louisiana.
2. Applicants must have at least a valid Commercial Driver's License or CDL permit to apply and test, but must obtain a Louisiana CDL with endorsements, prior to hire.