

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASSIFICATION ACTIONS BY
THE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

The following actions are being posted in accordance with Civil Service Rule 109. In the absence of a protest addressed to the Human Resources Director, the proposed changes will become final seven (7) calendar days from the posting date.

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AMEND THE FOLLOWING JOB SPECIFICATION(S):
(Job specification(s) attached.)

Item #	Job Code	Title
1	8234	Fire Alarm Dispatcher

Protests on an item should be addressed to the Human Resources Director and can be submitted by mail to the City and County of San Francisco, Department of Human Resources, 1 South Van Ness Ave, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103 or by email to DHR.ClassificationActionPostings@sfgov.org. All protests must be received in writing no later than close of business seven (7) calendar days from the posting date, and must include the posting and item number(s), the basis on which the protest is submitted and identify the affected parties.

Copies of this notice may be obtained from the Department of Human Resources or from the website at: <http://sfdhr.org/index.aspx?page=109>. Copies of Civil Service Rule 109 may be obtained from the Department of Human Resources, the office of the Civil Service Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 720, San Francisco, CA 94102 or from the website at: [Rule 109 Position Classification and Related Rules | Civil Service Commission](#).

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**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

**Title: Fire Alarm Dispatcher
Job Code: 8234**

INTRODUCTION

Under general supervision, ~~during an assigned shift,~~ is responsible for dispatching fire apparatus and other equipment in cases of fires or emergencies; ~~and performs related duties as required. Requires~~ and is responsible ~~for~~ maintaining routine records of fire calls and the movement of fire apparatus and similar emergency equipment. *The 8234 Fire Alarm Dispatcher is the entry-level class in the series.*

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

~~The 8234 Fire Alarm Dispatcher is the entry-level class in the series. This~~ Class 8234 Fire Alarm Dispatcher is distinguished from class 8236 Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher in that the latter is responsible for planning, assigning, and supervising the work of subordinate 8234 Fire Alarm Dispatchers.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

MAJOR, IMPORTANT, AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

According to Civil Service Commission Rule 109, the duties specified below are representative of the range of duties assigned to this job code/class and are not intended to be an inclusive list.

1. Receives reports of fires and other public safety emergencies and dispatches appropriate supervisor through the use of telephone radio and video communication.
2. Receives box alarms and transfers to San Francisco Fire Department radio dispatch; transmits extra alarms or requests for special apparatuses.
3. Makes regular tests of all fire box and alarm circuits; uses line testing equipment in conjunction with two-way radio for detecting location of circuit faults; dispatches repair staff to locate and repair breakdowns in fire alarm circuits.
4. Maintains station log of all activities during assigned shift.
5. Monitors civil defense and outdoor public warning system; operates the siren attack warning system in the event of an emergency or enemy action that may warrant this operation; and activates the outdoor public warning systems as required for general public announcements.
6. Monitors audio and video feedback from burglar and fire alarm devices on City property and facilities for police, fire, and ambulatory dispatch as needed; monitors various video camera system circuits and reports faults and emergencies.
7. Receives trouble complaints for street lighting and traffic signals and dispatches appropriate

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staff.

8. ~~Performs related duties as required.~~

IMPORTANT AND ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of: the operation and maintenance of fire alarm and telegraph equipment; city streets and fire company locations; the American Morse code.

Ability and Skill to: follow oral and written instruction; maintain ordinary operating records; make quick decisions and use good judgment in the handling of fire alarms and the dispatching of appropriate equipment, operation of a telegraph key and fire alarm and radio dispatching equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

These minimum qualifications establish the education, training, experience, special skills and/or license(s) which are required for employment in the classification. Please note, additional qualifications (i.e., special conditions) may apply to a particular position and will be stated on the exam/job announcement.

Education:

Experience:

One ~~(1)~~ year of ~~verifiable~~ experience in a public contact position providing or soliciting information by telephone or radio (such as positions with heavy public contact in answering complaints, telephone operations, or dispatching work); **AND**

Six (6) months of experience in the operation of ~~telegraph instruments~~ **digital communication lines**, including experience in the maintenance and repair of electrical circuits.

License and Certification:

Possession of a valid California driver's license.

Substitution:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

PROMOTIVE LINES

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To: 8236 Chief Fire Alarm Dispatcher
From: ~~Original Entrance Examination~~

ORIGINATION DATE: 02/16/1961

AMENDED DATE: 06/06/2015; 08/XX/18

REASON FOR AMENDMENT *To accurately reflect the current tasks, knowledge, skills & abilities, and minimum qualifications.*

BUSINESS UNIT(S): COMMN SFMTA