

TRUCK DRIVER III

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs advance (senior-level) work safely driving and operating a tractor-trailer combo which may include (but is not limited to) the moving of specialized heavy construction equipment involved in the maintenance and construction of County roads. The Truck Driver III may train other employees. The Truck Driver III works under general supervision with some latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Drives tractor, tractor-trailer combination, truck and trailer applying knowledge of commercial driving regulations, to transport and deliver equipment or materials to jobsites throughout Hidalgo County

Assists in the weekly checks of all trucks and trailers

Will operate all of the department's trucks and civil construction equipment and tools at a proficient level

May operate steel wheel rollers, rubber tire rollers, crack sealing machine, loaders, water trucks and similar equipment

Provides minor equipment maintenance such as greasing suspension, checking hydraulic/brake fluid, oil, water, transmission and air pressure levels and cleans vehicles

Submits daily activity report, haul tickets, and purchase receipts

Must work outdoors in all weathers

Operates dump trucks to haul asphalt, dirt, trash, rocks, salt, sand, water, and/or other designated materials to a jobsite

Performs street paving duties, including spreading and compacting hot mix asphalt and road base

Maintains dirt roads by watering for blade operator and may run blade if needed

Maintains truck log according to state and federal regulations

Position blocks and ties rope around items to secure cargo for transport

Cleans, inspects, and services vehicle

Operates equipment on vehicle to load, unload, or disperse cargo or materials

Assists in loading and unloading truck manually

May be responsible for some lead responsibilities as assigned

Performs other related duties as assigned

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Experience and Education

Minimum of three (3) years of experience in commercial driving or related field; Graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent required.

Bilingual preferred (English/Spanish)

Certificates, Licenses & Registration

Applicant must have a current valid Texas operator's driver's license

Must have and maintain a valid driver's license and a Texas Class CDL license.

Must be able to be insured by the County's insurance carrier

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Knowledge of equipment operation and maintenance, skilled in using specialized heavy equipment in the prescribed manner

Knowledge of the safe operation of the equipment used and of the provisions of the Texas Motor Vehicle Code relating to the operation of equipment/vehicles

Sufficient skills to operate equipment effectively and safely

Ability to perform strenuous work in the outdoors

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions

Ability to read and comprehend simple instructions, short correspondence, and memos

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions and procedure manuals

Ability to perform basic math and apply common sense understanding to carry out detailed but uninvolved written and/or oral instructions

Ability to deal with problems involving a few concrete variables in standardized situations

Ability to perform multiple tasks simultaneously

Ability to communicate effectively

May require interaction with other departmental supervisors and peers, other County agencies and staff, outside vendors or other professionals and community, state or federal agencies

Employee may be assigned other duties in addition to those listed; duties may change according to the changing needs of the County

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to stand. The employee is occasionally required to walk; sit; use hands to find, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb or balance; stoop and kneel.

The employee must occasionally lift and/or move over 25 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounter while performing the essential functions of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts, outside weather conditions and is occasionally exposed to fumes or airborne particles and toxic or caustic chemicals.

Must be able to perform heavy manual labor outdoors, within a five (5) day forty (40) hour week, with exposure to hazards and conditions involving extremes of heat and cold.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to high.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

Maintain physical conditions appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities which may include the following:

- sitting for extended periods of time

- standing for extended periods of time
- operating assigned equipment

Maintain mental capacity which permits:

- making sound decisions and using good judgment
- demonstrating intellectual capabilities

Effectively handle a work environment and conditions which involve:

- working closely with others
- working in a multi-task environment

Maintain effective audio-visual discrimination and perception needed for:

- making observations
- reading and writing
- operating assigned equipment
- communication with others
- required to follow the Hidalgo County Accident Prevention Plan and department's safety regulations

