

COMPETENCY MODEL FOR FLEET SERVICES MANAGER (9103)

The following competencies have been identified as those that best separate superior from satisfactory job performance in the class of **FLEET SERVICES MANAGER**. (Numbers refers to the order of the competencies in the Competency Bank.)

- 8. Safety Focus
- 20. Job Knowledge
- 28. Supervision
- 30. Fiscal Management
- 31. Results Orientation
- 33. Interpersonal Skills
- 47. Written Communication
- 54. Champions Change
- 59. Strategic Planning

On the following pages are descriptions of each competency, including a definition, the level of the competency required for the class (*italicized, bolded, and underlined*), examples of behavioral indicators, and satisfactory and superior performance levels.

8. SAFETY FOCUS – Performs work in a way that minimizes risk of injury to self or others.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Maintain awareness of unsafe conditions and actions to avoid injury.
- Level 2: Follow safety rules/procedures; avoid known hazards in the work environment.
- Level 3: Carefully follow safety rules and procedures and consistently use all necessary safety equipment.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Wears seat belt.
- Ensures safe physical work environment by taking actions such as eliminating unstable stacks of materials, closing drawers so filing cabinets will not tip over, and keeping pathways clear of tripping hazards.
- Reviews safety procedures before beginning each job with known hazards.
- Follows safety procedures while performing work even when it takes more time.
- Uses safety equipment such as goggles, gloves, and earplugs as required or warranted.
- Frequently checks safety equipment for proper condition and operation.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Maintains awareness of personal safety to avoid injury or property damage during all work activities.

Superior

“Safety first.” Places avoidance of injury or property damage above all other job requirements. Mentions the need to follow safe work practices to co-workers. Actively seeks ways to avoid injury.

SAFETY FOCUS AREAS

1. Knowledge of occupational hazards encountered in an equipment operations and/or repair and servicing group.
2. Knowledge of appropriate safety precautions and devices when working in a Fleet Services environment.
3. Knowledge of the steps necessary to carry out an equipment accident investigation and how to appropriately report on any equipment accident.

20. JOB KNOWLEDGE – Knows information required to perform a specific job. Includes both widely available courses of study (for example, chemistry, human resources management, graphic arts) and City-specific information (parking regulation and ticketing practices; purchasing procedures; provisions of the City Charter).

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1:** Knowledge acquired after hire in a brief orientation, short training program, or through on-the-job training.
- Level 2: Knowledge acquired through an apprenticeship or extensive training program, or long duration of job performance.
- Level 3: Knowledge acquired through a prolonged external course of study and/or extensive training and experience within the City.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs work correctly/avoids technical (job content related) errors.
- Answers technical questions about work accurately.
- Asks few technical questions about the performance of routine work activities.
- Offers advice (“coaching”) to new employees regarding their work.
- Develops training programs for other employees.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Sufficient job knowledge to perform work correctly independently. Answers technical questions about work correctly.

Superior

Expertise in technical job information sufficient to serve as a resource to others. May develop training manuals/programs and/or give internal and/or external presentations related to work.

JOB KNOWLEDGE AREAS

1. Knowledge of the organization and functions of a fleet services division involved in the repair, service, transportation, and operation of motorized heavy duty transportation and construction equipment.
2. Knowledge of the methods and problems involved in dispatching trucks and the operation, loading, unloading, adaptability, uses, capacities, characteristics, and capabilities of the equipment.
3. Knowledge of equipment used in the assembly, adjustment, servicing, operation, and repair of a wide variety of equipment.
4. Knowledge of the operating requirements and standards of special transportation, construction, and road maintenance equipment.
5. Knowledge of preventive maintenance and non-repair servicing practices and methods.
6. Knowledge of computerized systems, such as vehicle management systems and fuel management systems, to initiate, track, accumulate costs, perform trend analysis of operations of maintenance and repairs.
7. Knowledge of new technological developments in the field of fleet operations and maintenance and repair.

28. SUPERVISION – Ability to assume direct responsibility for all aspects of the performance of a work group, which requires knowledge and/or ability in the areas of:

- Planning and goal setting
- Creating a safe and positive work environment
- Establishing standards and training employees
- Motivating employees and teambuilding
- Performance Management (assigning, monitoring, facilitating, reviewing and evaluating work, and providing feedback)
- Supporting and developing employees through delegation and participation
- Taking disciplinary action including progressive discipline
- Provisions of employees' MOU's and handling grievances
- Legal requirements including EEO, ADA, FLSA, FMLA, and Workers' Compensation provisions
- Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies related to the management of employees
- Administrative Code provisions related to the management of employees
- Budget processes sufficient to request and justify expenditures in a correct and timely manner

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Supervises small workgroup of employees performing the same or highly related work.
- Level 2: Supervises a larger workgroup of employees performing various types of work.
- Level 3: Supervises employees including provision of coaching and advice to subordinate supervisors.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Plans, assigns, and monitors work progress.
- Trains employees to do work.
- Evaluates work and gives positive and negative feedback.
- Displays knowledge of legal requirements including applicable Federal and State laws, Administrative Code provisions, Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies, and MOU provisions.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to supervise a workgroup in terms of task orientation, interpersonal concerns, and personnel administration.

Superior

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to serve as a resource to others and/or represent department position in a public forum.

30. FISCAL MANAGEMENT – Develops and justifies budget proposals in a way that garners support; monitors expenditures for compliance; systematically adjusts expenditures when warranted.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Identify equipment and services with demonstrable cost-effectiveness for improving operations and prepare detailed budget requests that provide ample justification for purchase. Ensure money is spent for intended purpose.
- Level 2: Identify staffing needs, needs for equipment and services, and other expenditures that are necessary to fulfill the mission of a function or segment of the organization. Provide ample, compelling justification. Ensures that money is spent for intended or highly related purpose.**
- Level 3: Consider the mission of the entire organization and current priorities in determining which budget proposals to submit. Provide compelling arguments for the proposals submitted that include reference to proposals omitted. Use money for intended purpose unless priorities or other circumstances change.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Identifies expenditures that will be cost-effective in their contribution to accomplishing work.
- Conducts research to determine the best available option for purchase.
- Tailors justification for budget request to the specific need and current circumstances.
- Uses money for its intended purpose.
- Makes adjustments to expenditures in accordance with price increases, changing priorities, and City policy.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Recognizes the critical role of the budget process in City functioning. Knows the budget cycle and makes timely submissions for all desired expenditures.

Superior

Provides convincing justifications that reflect essential organizational functions, demonstration of cost-effectiveness, and consideration of current political/economic/social climate.

31. RESULTS ORIENTATION – Maintains a focus on objectives to be achieved and acts accordingly to ensure their accomplishment.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Remain focused on the task at hand and its purpose. May alter activities if the same result will be achieved. Does not become distracted by extraneous information, events, or details.
- Level 2: Remain focused on the objectives to be achieved and take all reasonable actions necessary to achieve them. If initial activities to achieve objectives are unsuccessful, tries other approaches.
- Level 3: Remain focused on outcome and not process, when possible, in the monitoring and evaluation of staff work. Encourage staff to maintain focus on the objectives of their work and not to be overly affected by nuisances or frustration.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Clearly understands the purpose/objectives of work assignments.
- Recognizes that there are typically many ways to achieve the same objective.
- Makes multiple attempts to achieve objectives when necessary.
- Does not become distracted by unimportant or irrelevant issues.
- Ignores distracters in order to maintain pursuit of the desired outcome.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Maintains a focus on desired outcomes and makes every reasonable attempt to achieve them. Always recognizes the purpose or objective of work activities.

Superior

Maintains a clear focus on desired results, and is persistent in attempts to achieve them. Insistent that all work activities lead to goal accomplishment; expresses dissatisfaction with activities that have no apparent impact.

33. INTERPERSONAL SKILLS – Interacts effectively and courteously with others.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Interact with members of the workgroup, supervision, and/or the public in a cordial, service-oriented manner.
- Level 2: Interact across department lines and with appointed City officials, and/or members of the public, at times under adversarial circumstances, in a cordial, respectful manner.
- Level 3: Interact with appointed and elected City officials, department heads, representatives of external organizations, and/or the media in a cordial, effective manner.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Works well with others toward mutual objectives.
- Does not arouse hostility in others.
- “Disagrees without being disagreeable.”
- Elicits acceptance/cooperation from others.
- Affords all individuals respect, regardless of their role or status.
- Effectively addresses concerns of politicians or others who may have their “own agenda.”

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Behaves in a courteous, respectful, cooperative manner toward co-workers, other City employees, and members of the public.

Superior

Facilitates positive interpersonal relations within/among workgroups and toward members of the public. Adept at finding similarities and grounds for cooperation/mutual benefit.

47. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Communicates effectively in writing.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Write notes/e-mails. Completes forms with some open-ended responses (sentences).
- Level 2: Write letters, articles/reports, and/or detailed descriptions of activities/occurrences.**
- Level 3: Write lengthy reports, instruction manuals, in-depth analyses/reviews of complex issues and/or articles for publication. Reviews the written work of others.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Writing includes the necessary information to convey the intended message.
- Sufficiently few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar to not interfere with the intended message or distract the reader.
- Little editing or re-writing needed to produce a final product.
- Composes materials efficiently.
- Information is presented in a well organized manner.
- Tone and degree of formality are appropriate to the purpose and audience.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Writes material that clearly communicates the necessary information; needs little editing.

Superior

Precisely uses words and organizes information in a way that enhances presentation of the message. Virtually no editing needed.

54. CHAMPIONS CHANGE – Encourages others to identify means of improving existing processes and provides support for required changes.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Listen to and consider suggestions of co-workers for improving efficiency; accepts and uses suggestions when appropriate. Support imposed changes, and encourages others to do so.
- Level 2: Solicit ideas for improvement, evaluate them, and implement those with merit. Gain support for changes by describing their benefits to all involved parties.
- Level 3: Establish continuous improvement as a job requirement of staff. Assist in securing necessary resources to make changes. Foster an environment of calculated risk taking without fear of failure to encourage radical change.**

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Acknowledges and carefully considers all suggestions for improvement.
- For changes that appear promising, determines how to implement (or approves implementation).
- Encourages others to suggest changes/accept changes.
- Secures resources necessary to implement change; conducts cost-benefit analysis when possible to demonstrate return on investment.
- Presents plans for change with enthusiasm and detailed explanation as a means of promoting staff acceptance.
- Rewards staff for suggesting/implementing change that proves effective.
- Ensures there are no punitive consequences for failure of proposed changes that appeared promising and were approved.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Recognizes that vigilance with respect to identifying possible opportunities for improvement is expected of self and others. Freely makes suggestions and accepts imposed changes, and encourages others to do so.

Superior

Challenges self and others to think creatively and to identify novel approaches that have improvement potential. Persuades others to accept suggestions and enthusiastically embrace their implementation. Does not fear failure of an improvement effort made in good faith.

59. STRATEGIC PLANNING – Establishes plans in a way that will achieve vision for the future.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Recognizes that no work organization is static, so identifies how an improved organization would function and develops plans to create such an organization.
- Level 2: Considers factors in the external environment, best practices, and internal organizational factors to develop a vision for the future; identifies feasible changes/innovations in support of the vision.**
- Level 3: Considers social, economic, legal, and political trends and the “big picture” of the organization to establish a vision for its effective operation in the world of the future.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Establishes and keeps up-to-date a “strategic plan.”
- Articulates how current trends and anticipated future events are expected to impact the organization.
- Identifies actions the organization can take to accommodate or leverage trends and future events.
- Recognizes that evolution/change will occur, and without an attempt to manage it, that it is unlikely to be in the best interest of the organization.
- Accepts that even when many factors are unknown or their certainty is questionable, that which is known with any degree of certainty can be effectively used to formulate plans.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Considers the future when establishing current day-to-day operational practices. Envisions an improved organization and identifies specific actions to help create it.

Superior

Understands that the larger environment in which the organization exists is influenced by and influences the organization. Notwithstanding uncertainties, formulates a vision and plans to achieve it.