

Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522, Unit 05

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Benefit Eligibility – Coverage begins for new hires and their eligible dependents on the first day of employment if that date is the first calendar day of the month designated. If employment begins after the first, coverage will begin the first day of the following month.

Eligible Dependents – Employee's spouse (the person legally married to under state law), State of California Registered Domestic Partner, your children or your spouse/domestic partner's children under the age of 26, your children or your spouse/domestic partner's children over the age 26 if they are incapacitated due to a disability and primarily dependent on you for support, children named in a Qualified Medical Child Support Order. The definition of a dependent child for the purposes of medical insurance shall also be in accordance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. *City affidavit for domestic partnership status for employee health benefits* may apply, depending upon your Labor Agreement.

Medical – The City offers three medical providers: Kaiser Permanente, Sutter Health Plus and Western Health Advantage. Employee pays the difference once City-paid contribution is applied. After the City contribution is applied to your chosen medical coverage, any remaining funds will be applied towards your dental and/or vision premiums. City contributions are as follows:

- Employee Only \$829.46/month
- Employee +1 \$1318.38/month
- Employee +2 or more \$1758.00/month

Dental – The City offers two dental plans provided by Delta Dental – Delta Dental PPO (includes Orthodontic and Implants) and DeltaCare USA (includes Orthodontic). The dental plans include coverage for eligible dependents.

Vision – The City offers two vision plans provided by Vision Service Plan (VSP) – a base plan and an enhanced plan. The vision plans include coverage for eligible dependents.

Flexible Spending Account (FSA) – The City offers a Healthcare, Dependent Care and Transportation FSA:

- Health Care FSA allows employees to use pre-tax dollars to receive reimbursement, up to \$2750 annually, for eligible medical, dental, and vision expenses.
- Dependent Care FSA allows employees to use pre-tax dollars to receive reimbursement, up to \$5000 annually, for eligible day care expenses for dependent children up to age 13.
- Transportation FSA allows employees to use pre-tax dollars to receive reimbursement up to \$270 a month for commuter benefits program.

Supplemental Short-Term Disability – Employees can purchase supplemental short-term disability coverage to provide up to 66 2/3% of base salary.

Basic Term Life & Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) – The City provides \$15,000 life insurance at no cost to employees.

Supplemental Life and AD&D – Available for employee purchase dependent upon Labor Agreement.

Dependent Life Insurance – Employees can purchase \$2,000 or \$5,000 life insurance for a spouse and/or child(ren) up to age 26.

Workers' Compensation – Employees are covered by the City's self-insured workers' compensation program.

Aflac Insurance – Employees can purchase Accident, Hospital Indemnity, or Critical Illness policies at the City's group rates.

LegalShield & Identity Theft Protection – Employees can purchase membership and have access to 24/7 expert legal advice, assistance on legal matters.

Liberty Mutual Home and Car Insurance – Employees are offered exclusive group savings and competitive rates.

RETIREMENT AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION

California Public Employees' Retirement System – The City contracts with the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS): 3% @ 55 retirement formula for Classic PERS members and 2.7% @ 57 retirement formula for new enrollees to PERS. For more specific information, refer to the [City's Labor Agreement](#) for your Unit.

Medicare – Both the City and the employee contribute 1.45% into Medicare.

Deferred Compensation Plan – Enrollment in the City sponsored 457 Deferred Compensation Plan administered by Nationwide is voluntary. Contributions and earnings are tax deferred. Employees may enroll or change contributions once a month per IRS regulations. Employees can defer up to the annual amount fixed by the IRS. To allow for flexibility, the plan has loan and hardship withdrawal provisions. The City does not match employee contributions.

WORK/LIFE PROGRAMS

Employee Assistance Program (EAP) – EAP is a confidential service available to employees and their family, and is a program designed to help with emotional health issues and everyday challenges. Administered by Mental Health Network, EAP is easy to use and paid for by the City. EAP member services provide a wealth of resources that can help employees lead a healthy, happy, and well-balanced life – including emotional health, wellness, and work and life services for employees and their covered dependents. Employees and each of their family member are eligible for five (5) in-person sessions or telephonic consultations, per issue, per calendar year.

Transportation – The City encourages the use of public transportation. Full-time City employees who use Sacramento Regional Transit are eligible to receive eighty percent (80%) City-paid monthly bus passes. Part-time City employees are eligible to receive fifty percent (50%) City-paid monthly bus passes. If using other transportation modes such as Amtrak, the City will reimburse eligible full-time employees eighty percent (80%) of the costs up to a maximum of \$120.00 per month and eligible part-time employees may be reimbursed fifty percent (50%) of the costs up to a maximum of \$120.00 per month.

Eligible full-time City employees who are assigned to work in the downtown area, who do not have free parking, shall receive a transportation allowance of \$90.00 per month. Eligible part-time career City employees who are assigned to work in the downtown area shall receive a transportation allowance of \$60.00 per month.

Discount parking will be available to employees on a first-come, first-served basis, for parking spaces in the Memorial Garage at a cost of seventy percent (70%) of the regular Memorial Garage monthly rate.

Holidays – The City observes 13 official holidays and 2 floating holidays:

- **Fire Suppression Personnel**

- Employees assigned to the fire suppression schedule shall receive 14 holidays. Holiday hours will be credited and/or paid off over 24 bi-weekly pay periods.
- Fire suppression employees working in an administrative assignment observe the City’s 13 official holidays and receive 2 floating holidays.

- **Fire Prevention Personnel**

- Fire Investigator I employees shall receive 14 holidays per year. Holiday hours shall be paid in cash in 24 bi-weekly pay periods.
- Fire Investigator II, Senior Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Prevention Officer I and II, and Fire Prevention Trainee employees observe the City’s 13 official holidays and receive 2 floating holidays.

Vacation – Employees may accumulate up to a maximum of 480 vacation hours. Vacation accrual rate is based on years of service:

Years of Service	Vacation Earned
0 to 5	10 days per year (80 hours; 112 hours for suppression personnel)
5 to 15	15 days per year (120 hours; 168 hours for suppression personnel)
16 +	20 days per year (160 hours; 224 hours for suppression personnel)

Sick Leave – City employees accrue sick leave based on the number of regular hours worked. Full-time employees shall accumulate sick leave credits at the rate of one day per month. There is no maximum accumulation.

Personal Time Off (PTO) – Full-time career employees who have complete ten (10) full years of service shall be credited with twenty-four (24) hours of personal leave or forty-eight (48) hours for suppression.

Other Leaves – The City also provides the following paid and unpaid leaves: bereavement leave, Family and Medical Leave (FMLA), California Family Rights Act (CFRA), pregnancy disability, parental leave, jury duty, and military duty leaves.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Longevity Pay – Per Section 108 of City of Sacramento Charter, upon completion of twenty (20) years of service, an employee shall receive yearly thereafter a lump sum of \$100 in addition to said employee’s regular compensation. Upon completion of twenty-five (25) years of service, an employee shall receive yearly thereafter a lump sum of \$200 in addition to said employee’s regular compensation and in addition to the longevity allowance described above, for a total of \$300.

Incentive Pay – Refer to the current Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 (Rep Unit 05) [Labor Agreement](#) for specific details regarding Fire Educational Incentive Program, Paramedic License Pay and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Assignment, Continuing Education and License Fees, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Incentive, Administrative Assignment Pay, Rescue Incentive, Boat Incentive, and Medical Quality Assurance Training Pay.

Miscellaneous Allowances – Refer to the current Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 (Rep Unit 05) [Labor Agreement](#) for specific details regarding Out-of-Classification, Mileage, and Tuition Reimbursement allowances.

Uniforms – The City shall reimburse employees in the amount of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) bi-weekly for regulation items of uniform that the Fire Department requires to be worn as a condition of employment. The City shall provide and maintain coveralls for those employees in the Fire Department Unit whose assigned duties include the mechanical servicing and repair of trucks and engines.

Please refer to the current Sacramento Area Firefighters, Local 522 (Rep Unit 05) [Labor Agreement](#) for additional information regarding terms and conditions of employment.

Want to know what a specific health, dental or vision plan will cover as well as the associated costs? Visit the [Benefit Services Division](#) webpage to review summaries of benefits and coverage documents.

For additional questions regarding City Benefits, contact Benefit Services at 916-808-5665 or email benefitservices@cityofsacramento.org.