

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

The work involves responsibility for providing emergency medical services to residents of a fire district. The employee may operate specially equipped medical vehicles in the transport of victims to area hospitals. The employee, having completed an Emergency Medical Technician course and possessing the appropriate certification level from the New York State Department of Health for this position, renders initial medical services to persons requiring medical assistance. The employee performs routine maintenance and custodial work on station and equipment when not performing the primary responsibility of the class. Work is reviewed during emergency medical operations and maintenance for acceptable procedures by a superior. Employees are required to recertify on a periodic basis the emergency medical Technician certification required for this position. This position is distinct from Firefighter (EMT) in that employees in this class are not required to fight fires. Supervision of subordinate employees is not exercised in this class.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Operates specially equipped vehicles to respond to medical emergencies and to provide life support services to stabilize persons in life-threatening situations resulting from trauma and other medical emergencies;
2. Provides medical emergency service to accident or other emergency victims such as extraction, splinting and immobilization, administration of oxygen, suctioning, insertion of airways, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, electrocardiogram, administering and monitoring injections, anti-shock suit, and defibrillation;
3. Monitors and transmits vital signs of pulse, blood pressure and respiration and transmits biomedical information via telemetry such as electrocardiograms;
4. Performs direct medical tasks on persons requiring emergency services;
5. Applies rescue techniques and knowledge to effect the safety of persons trapped in vehicles and those stranded, marooned, or endangered by unusual circumstances;
6. Maintains proficiency and State Emergency Medical Technician Certification;
7. Maintains or has others maintain records of emergency response, patient treatment and problems encountered and their solutions rendered in the course of their shift;
8. Maintains the Firehouse building, equipment, and grounds in a clean and orderly condition, which includes janitorial type cleanliness as well as minor maintenance and repairs;
9. Maintains all required records and/or reports regarding ambulance and emergency medical activities; sends reports to appropriate agencies and distributes as necessary throughout the department;
10. Responds to all ambulance and rescue emergency calls in the fire district and to mutual aid calls in neighboring districts;
11. Maintains emergency vehicles and equipment in a ready state, including all medical/drug supplies;
12. Functions as a public educator with respect to school tours and the public in general;
13. May participate in basic emergency medical training of volunteers and coordinates emergency medical services on site.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of and ability to apply emergency first aid and temporary procedures to trauma victims at the scene and on route to the medical center;

Knowledge of and skill in using a variety of medical and first aid equipment in an ambulance;

Ability to communicate effectively via telephone and radio equipment;

Ability to interpret oral, written and diagnostic form instructions;

Ability to use good judgment and remain calm in high stress situations;

Ability to read English language manuals and road maps;

Ability to discern street signs and addresses;

Ability to interview patients, patient family members and bystanders;

Ability to document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such;

Ability to establish and maintain a productive working relationship with fellow employees and to make appropriate patient care decisions;

Good manual dexterity with ability to perform all tasks related to the highest quality patient care;

Personal characteristics necessary to perform the duties of the position;

Physical ability commensurate with the demands of the position: ability to lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds (250 with assistance); ability to bend, stoop and crawl on uneven terrain; ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold, and moisture; ability to work in low light situations and confined spaces.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High school graduation or equivalency and:

Possession of a current certification from the New York State Department of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT-B).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT:

1. Candidates must meet age requirements as specified in NYS Emergency Medical Services Code, Section 800.40
2. Possession of current CPR card.
3. Possession of NYS Driver License.
4. An appointing authority may require candidates to pass a qualifying medical and drug-screening test in order to be appointed.

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