

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN - PARAMEDIC

General Statement of Duties

Performs paramedic level life support work in the Emergency Medical Services program.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class performs professional advanced life support work in operating an approved mobile medical unit, rescuing victims and performing advanced emergency care including the administration of life sustaining treatment to patients on-site and while en route to hospital. Work involves responding to the scene of emergency and non-emergency calls, applying necessary medical treatment to sick or injured persons, and transporting persons to a medical facility. Employee serves as a member of an ambulance crew and is responsible for the medical care administered to the patient. This position is differentiated from an Emergency Medical Technician of other certification levels by the additional requirements of performing defibrillation and Cardioversion, using gas-powered or hand-powered nebulizers, decompressing a tension pneumothorax by use of a catheter-flutter-valve device, using positive-end expiratory pressure respirators, performing cricothyrotomy for relief of upper airway obstruction, performing gastric suction by intubation, and performing urinary catheterization. Employee is also responsible for maintaining supplies, performing janitorial duties at the base, and performing miscellaneous office duties. Employee is exposed to the normal hazards of emergency rescue work, including risk of exposure to infectious diseases. Reports to a Shift Supervisor.

Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Duties and Tasks

Responds to emergency calls as a mobile medical unit attendant or driver, performs necessary rescue work in accordance with established protocols for Basic and Advanced Life Support; administers necessary emergency medical care requiring the use of suction units, immobilization equipment, intravenous infusions, MA.S.T. pants, syringes and medications, and cardiac monitors/defibrillators/pacers, and performance of intubation/advanced airway management.

Responds to non-emergency calls, such as requests to transport patients from hospitals to their homes or from a local medical facility to a specialized medical center.

Participates in a continuous training program to improve competence in medical technical work and in ambulance service and operation; studies street and road patterns and networks of the County in order that future runs may be made with minimum difficulty and delay.

Additional Job Duties

Inspects and tests ambulances and their emergency equipment, maintaining proper inventory of equipment and supplies; cleans and sanitizes ambulance and equipment daily; ensures that they are in proper and good working order; makes routine adjustments, but reports other than minor defects for specialized attention. Maintains cleanliness and performs minor maintenance of Emergency Medical Service facilities. Provides assistance to members of volunteer emergency medical service organizations EMT-Paramedic in County, as requested. Performs other related work as required.

Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

Knowledges, Skills, and Abilities

Considerable knowledge of and skill in administering emergency medical procedures and techniques.

Considerable knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

Considerable knowledge of intravenous therapy and skill in recognizing adverse conditions.

Considerable knowledge of equipment and supplies employed in emergency care of patients and accident victims.

Considerable knowledge of county geography and locations of roads and streets.

Skill in recognizing trauma and signs and symptoms of medical emergencies to determine appropriate treatment.

Ability to perform duties in accordance with established emergency medical procedures and techniques, medical protocols and standing orders.

Ability to work with a diverse socio-economic population, based on the unique situations encountered.

Ability to respond quickly and calmly in emergencies and stressful situations.

Ability to drive safely an emergency medical vehicle in adverse conditions and according to motor vehicles laws.

Ability to communicate effectively in a tactful and firm manner with the public.

Ability to deal with stress and death and dying patients.

Ability to accurately record services provided on required forms.

Ability to work with co-workers, law enforcement personnel, fire, medical personnel, patients and the general public.

Ability to maintain vehicles, equipment, and facilities.

Ability to maintain confidentiality of patient contact.

Physical Requirements

Must be able to physically perform the basic life operational functions of climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing, and repetitive motions.

Must be able to perform very heavy work exerting in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and/or in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to lift objects.

Must possess the visual acuity to operate mobile equipment, monitor work site progress, administer emergency medical services to the public, and use measurement devices.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school and 1 to 2 years of experience in advanced emergency medical service work; or any equivalent combination of training and experience, which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

Special Requirements

Certification by the North Carolina Medical Examiners Board as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. Completion of additional course work and/or certification to include, at a minimum, certification in ACLS and BTLS/PHTLS, as determined necessary by the EMS Director. Possession of a valid driver's license. Please refer to Title 21, Sub Chapter 32H, Section .0501 of the North Carolina Administrative Code for specific certification requirements.

ERT certification must be completed three (3) years from date of hire.

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Special Note: This generic class description gives an overview of the job class, its essential job functions, and recommended job requirements. However, for each individual position assigned to this class, there is available a complete job questionnaire with a physical abilities checklist, which can give further details about that one specific position. Those documents should be reviewed before initiating a selection process. They can provide additional detailed information on which to base various personnel actions and can assist management in making legal and defensible personnel decisions.

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