

Emergency Medical Technician

General Statement of Duties

Performs beginning level life support, stabilization procedures, and emergency medical care in the Emergency Medical Services unit of the County.

Distinguishing Features of the Class

An employee in this class is responsible for providing beginning level life support and medical emergency treatments to patients at the accident or illness scenes and during transport to medical facilities. May operate the convalescent unit transporting patients to a variety of locations or may serve as a crewmember on an advanced life support unit under the direction of an EMT-Paramedic. Work includes assuring that quality emergency patient care standards are in place, proper equipment and treatment are available, and sound judgment and treatment decisions are made. Work is subject to both inside and outside environmental conditions, extremes in temperature, noise, vibrations, hazards associated with emergency medical work including exposures to fumes, odors, dusts mists, gases, poor ventilation, and oils. Because of the nature of the work, the employee is exposed to human blood and is subject to the OSHA requirements on blood borne pathogens. Work is supervised on site by an EMS Supervisor or EMT-Paramedic and is evaluated through conferences, observation, discussion of procedures at emergency scenes, and public feedback.

Duties and Responsibilities

Essential Duties and Tasks

May perform any act consistent with the EMT level upon direction on the EMT-P as defined by patient protocols of the ALS program.

Serves as operator of emergency medical unit responding to calls for assistance.

Administers beginning level of life support techniques and procedures based on patient assessment, including all skills at the EMT level as well as drawing blood, administering approved medications, initiating intravenous fluids, and performing pulmonary ventilation.

Operates a convalescent unit transporting patients to a variety of locations.

Assists with daily cleaning and inventorying of emergency equipment, supplies, fluids, administration sets and drugs.

Completes necessary records and reports for emergency calls including information for billing documentation, and legal accountability.

Reports facility maintenance, radio, vehicle, and equipment problems to appropriate level of authority.

Participates in cleaning and maintaining ambulance, equipment, station house, and premises.

Additional Job Duties

Performs related duties as required.

Recruitment and Selection Guidelines

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

Working knowledge of and skill in administering emergency medical procedures and techniques along with maintenance and repair of rescue equipment.

Working knowledge of anatomy and physiology.

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

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

Working knowledge of County geography and locations of roads and streets.

Skill in recognizing patient traumas, signs, and symptoms of medical emergencies to determine appropriate treatment.

Skill in safe and efficient operation of rescue equipment.

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 safely drive an ambulance in adverse conditions and according to motor vehicle 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 personnel, 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 of force constantly to lift objects.

Must possess the visual acuity to operate mobile equipment, monitor work site progress, and use measurement devices.

Desirable Education and Experience

Graduation from high school and some experience as an emergency medical technician or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Special Requirements

Certification from the State as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Completion of additional course work and/or certification to include, at a minimum, certification in trauma or other areas, as determined necessary by the EMS Director.

ERT certification must be obtained within three (3) years of hire date.

Full-time EMT's must obtain their Intermediate certification within three (3) years of hire date.