

ADVANCED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN/DRIVER

Competitive

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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for the supervision and training of Emergency Medical Technicians as well as providing emergency medical services to residents of a fire district. The incumbent operates specially equipped medical vehicles in the transport of victims to area hospitals. The incumbent, possessing the appropriate certification level from the New York State Department of Health required for the position, renders initial medical services to persons requiring medical assistance. The work is performed under general supervision with considerable leeway in the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision is exercised over Emergency Medical Technicians. Employees are required to recertify on a periodic basis the Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care certification or higher-level required for the position. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Schedules and supervises ambulance employees and is responsible for obtaining coverage during sick, vacation or personal leave time absences;

Operates specially equipped vehicle to respond to medical emergencies and provide life support services to stabilize persons in life threatening situations resulting from trauma and other medical emergencies;

Acts as primary care provider in the out-of-hospital setting to accident or other emergency victims such as extraction, splinting and immobilization, administration of oxygen, suctioning, insertion of airways, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation, intravenous therapy, drawing blood, endotracheal intubations, EKG monitoring, dysrhythmia interpretation medication administration, synchronized cardioversion, external cardiac pacing; advanced life support radio operation, emergency childbirth, electrocardiogram, administering and monitoring injections, anti-shock suit, defibrillation;

Monitors and transmits vital signs of pulse, blood pressure and respiration and transmits biomedical information via telemetry such as electrocardiograms;

Performs direct medical tasks on persons requiring emergency services;

Provides assistance in lifting, carrying and transporting patients;

Applies rescue techniques and knowledge to effect the safety of persons trapped in vehicles and those stranded, marooned, or endangered by unusual circumstances or calls for rescue/extrication assistance;

Assists in the development and implementation of an operational plan for major catastrophes and natural disasters in order to respond to medical emergencies;

Maintains proficiency and State Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care or higher-level Certification;

Maintains records of emergency responses, patient treatment and problems encountered and their solutions rendered in the course of their shift;

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;

Responds to all ambulance and rescue emergency calls in the Fire District and to mutual aid

calls in neighboring districts;
Maintains the ambulance and rescue vehicles and their equipment in a ready state by checking oil, fuel, fluid levels and tire pressure as necessary and reports any problems with vehicle operation, cleans exterior and passenger compartments as needed, and keeps all medical/drug supplies in readiness.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of the principles, practices and techniques of emergency treatment procedures appropriate for a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician; thorough knowledge of recent developments in the field of emergency medical treatment; working knowledge of the geographic location of the area; ability to retain sound judgment and remain calm during periods of crisis; ability to safely operate an ambulance or emergency vehicle; ability to plan, schedule and supervise the work of subordinate personnel in a manner conducive to full performance and high morale; ability to remain calm when eliciting information from persons who may be in a highly emotional state; ability to evaluate the extent of illness or injury; ability to prepare and maintain accurate records; ability to train others; ability to communicate well both orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain a productive working relationship with fellow employees and the general public; willingness to perform tasks assigned; good manual dexterity; mental alertness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a current certification from the New York State Department of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care or higher and must keep current throughout employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of an appropriate New York State driver's license at time of appointment.