

PARAMEDIC

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent in this class provides emergency medical treatment to individuals in distress and evaluates the quality and quantity of aid required. Position requires the ability to diagnose moderately complex to complex medical conditions and administer appropriate emergency treatment. Sound judgment is a prime factor of this position. Supervision is not a responsibility of this class. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Responds to emergency medical requests, makes diagnoses and provides emergency medical treatment, in accordance with protocols and policies established by the Westchester Medical Center;

Provides medical treatments as appropriate, which may include starting of intravenous fluid lines, intubation of the victim, use of cardiac monitors and defibrillators and administering of various drugs;

Stabilizes victim with life or health threatening problems such as trauma, cardiac or other medical emergencies; (ie: extrication, splinting, immobilization, sectioning of airways, hemostats);

Administers medications as prescribed by a monitoring physician (ie: oral, intra-muscular, intra-venous, intra-cardiac, drip, titrate);

Operates and maintains bio-medical/telemetry equipment on patients;

Assesses, monitors and deciphers human life vital signs of heart, respiration, blood pressure, pulse;

Collects blood specimens for diagnostic testing if indicated while initiating IV therapy;

Performs other direct medical actions on monitoring physician's order such as carotid sinus massage, rotating tourniquets, cardioversion and repeat defibrillation;

Prepares written reports of emergency calls handled, outlining diagnoses and treatment provided in accordance with NYS and police department guidelines;

Drives ambulances, and other emergency response vehicles

Maintains, cleans, decontaminates ambulances and ancillary medical equipment;

Maintains level of EMT-P proficiency and State Certification through regular training and testing requirements;

Inventories and safeguards drug and medical supplies;

Works with others to develop and implement operational plan for major catastrophes and natural or man made disasters.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of EMT-Paramedic procedures; ability to perform all functions of an EMT-Paramedic; ability to understand medical procedures and properly apply them to situations; ability to operate Biomedical Telemetry and radio equipment; ability to perform calmly and efficiently in crisis situations; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to maintain records and prepare reports; good reasoning and judgment; tact; courtesy; strength, stamina and endurance to perform rescues; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: High school or equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At time of appointment, candidate must have

1. Possession of valid motor vehicle operator's license.
2. Possession of a valid NYS Department of Health Certification as Paramedic (AEMT-P).