

PARAMEDIC

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision of a Police or Fire Captain or higher level administrator, incumbents of this position respond to emergency medical requests and provide emergency medical treatment to individuals who are sick or injured and in distress in a pre-hospital setting. This position requires sound judgment and the ability to diagnose moderately complex to complex medical conditions, evaluate quality and quantity of aid required and administer appropriate emergency treatment. Supervision is not a responsibility of this class. Does related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Responds to emergency medical requests, makes diagnoses and provides emergency medical treatment in accordance with established protocols, procedures and policies;

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

Stabilizes patient with life or health threatening problems such as trauma, cardiac or other medical emergencies; (i.e.; extrication, splinting, immobilization, suctioning of airways, hemostats);

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

Operates and maintains biomedical telemetry equipment;

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;

Applies rescue techniques and knowledge to effect the safety of persons stranded, marooned or endangered by unusual circumstances;

Accompanies patient to the emergency department, monitors and treats the patient during transportation and reports orally to the physician or nurse;

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

Communicates with patient's family at the scene and with other health team members in the community and at the hospital;

Drives ambulances and other emergency response vehicles as necessary;

Maintains, cleans, and decontaminates ambulances and ancillary medical equipment;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Continued)

Maintains required level of AEMT-Paramedic proficiency and New York State certification through regular training and testing requirements;

Maintains an inventory and safeguards drugs and medical supplies;

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

May perform triage at mass casualty incidents;

Performs miscellaneous clerical work when assigned;

Uses computer applications or other automated systems such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software in performing work assignments.

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 emergency 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; ability to read, write, understand and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential functions of the position; ability to effectively use computer applications such as spreadsheets, word processing, calendar, e-mail and database software; good reasoning skills; sound judgment; tact; courtesy; strength, stamina and endurance to perform rescues; conscientiousness; mental alertness; dependability; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and possession of current and valid certification as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (AEMT-P) as issued by New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: At time of appointment, candidate must have:

1. Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in the State of New York. The appointing authority is responsible for verifying and ensuring that the candidate meets these conditions at time of appointment and throughout the course of employment.

2. Possession of a current and valid certification as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician – Paramedic (AEMT-P) as issued by New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. The appointing authority is responsible for verifying and ensuring that the candidate meets these conditions at time of appointment and throughout the course of employment.