

Jurisdictional Class: Competitive
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN/DRIVER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This position involves responsibility for 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 incumbent performs routine maintenance and custodial work on station and equipment when not performing the primary responsibility of the class. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level Emergency Medical Technician with considerable leeway in the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Employees are required to recertify on a periodic basis the Emergency Medical Technician certification required for the position. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

- Operates specially equipped vehicles to respond to medical emergencies and provide life support services to stabilize persons in life threatening situations resulting from trauma and other medical emergencies;
- Provides medical emergency service to accident or other emergency victims such as extraction, splinting, and immobilization, administration of oxygen, suctioning, insertion of airways, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, electrocardiogram, administering and monitoring injections, anti-shock suit, defibrillation, etc.;
- 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;
- May assist 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 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.

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FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES & PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Good knowledge of the principles, practices, and techniques of emergency treatment procedures appropriate for a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician;
Good 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 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 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.

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

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: At time of appointment, possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State, appropriate for the vehicle to be operated, is required.