

PARAMEDIC

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for responding to calls and providing emergency medical services to individuals in distress. The position requires the ability to diagnose moderately complex to complex medical conditions and administer appropriate emergency medical treatment. An incumbent in this position is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of an emergency vehicle and a variety of related emergency services equipment. An employee in this class will be required to safely transport emergency personnel to the scene and victims to the hospital. The supervision of Emergency Medical Technicians is a normal function of this position. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Responds to medical emergencies, makes diagnoses and provides basic and advanced life support services;

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

Stabilizes persons with life threatening problems resulting from trauma, cardiac or other medical emergencies; (i.e.: extrication, splinting, immobilization, sectioning of airways, hemostats);

Monitors, assesses and records vital signs of pulse, heart, blood pressure, respiration and other biomedical information;

Administers oral, intra-muscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, intraosseous, nebulized and endotracheal medications as directed by a monitoring physician;

Operates and maintains bio-medical/telemetry equipment;

Prepares written reports of emergency calls, recording the diagnoses and treatment administered in accordance with NYS and police department guidelines;

Drives ambulances and other emergency response vehicles;

Cleans and maintains ambulances and ancillary medical equipment;

Keeps inventory of drug and medical supplies;

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

Supervises the Emergency Medical Technicians;

May perform other direct medical actions under the direction of a monitoring physician, which may include carotid sinus massage, rotating tourniquets, cardioversion and repeat defibrillation;

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL

CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of EMT-Paramedic techniques and procedures; thorough knowledge of CPR, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS); good knowledge of medical physiology, medical terminology, the assessment of and management of medical and trauma emergencies; good knowledge of operating a motor vehicle; ability to operate Bio-medical/telemetry and radio equipment; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to prepare and maintain reports; physical strength to move others without endangering self or others; good reasoning and sound judgment; courtesy; good motor, eye, and hand coordination; initiative and resourcefulness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and possession of a valid New York State Department of Health Certification as Paramedic (AEMTP).

Special Requirement: Possession of an appropriate valid New York State Driver's License at time of appointment and for the duration of employment.

Note: Pursuant to the New York State Health Code all Certified Ambulance Services shall have in attendance on each call at least one licensed driver who is at least 18 years of age and one attendant who is a Certified Emergency Medical Technician in attendance with the patient at all times.

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