

DEPARTMENT: NIAGARA COUNTY
CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: APRIL 27, 2023

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The incumbent is a New York State certified emergency responder capable of effectively delivering basic emergency care and treatment in varied, sometimes physically demanding situations to those who are sick or injured. The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provider makes definitive patient care decisions under stressful situations, as well as effectively directing, or working with, others at the emergency scene. Work is performed in the office and in the field. The work is performed under the clinical supervision of the assigned supervisor and administrative supervision of the Fire Coordinator in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, procedures and laws. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Determines and professionally delivers appropriate and required emergency patient care to persons suffering from problems related to trauma or medical emergencies;
2. Assesses emergency scenes for responder safety and potential emergency resources required;
3. Properly and safely operates emergency response motor vehicles in the performance of emergency response duties;
4. Communicates findings to, and requests medical direction from, a medical control physician;
5. Documents and verbally reports emergency care provided to all patients;
6. Coordinates emergency response with other local emergency care providers, and assists with the necessary patient care as authorized by local and state protocols;
7. Communicates with (or interviews) patients, patient's family members, and bystanders as necessary;
8. Operates emergency medical equipment on which the EMS is trained;
9. Presents information regarding EMS to groups or individuals;
10. Maintains and ensures proper operation of emergency medical equipment;
11. Inventories and restocks emergency medical supplies;
12. Participates in emergency medical training with other EMS personnel, which may occasionally include providing training for others.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Thorough knowledge regarding the provision of emergency medical care as authorized by local and state protocols; thorough knowledge regarding the operation of medical equipment needed to provide emergency medical care; thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques, and practices of emergency medical services; thorough knowledge of the procedures, equipment, and terminology associated with radio communications in an emergency medical service setting; good manual dexterity; demonstrate the tact necessary to effectively work with emergency responders from any other agency operating in the County; ability to work independently; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to comprehend and apply information presented in tabular form; ability to comprehend and apply information contained in technical manuals pertaining to emergency medical services and equipment; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to keep accurate, clear, legible records and make reports; ability to lift and carry 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance); ability to perform activities in a variety of environments, temperatures, and weather conditions; ability to work in low light situations and confined spaces; ability to enter and move within private residences; ability to climb stairs; ability to stoop, bend, kneel and crawl on uneven terrain; ability to be unaffected by loud noises and flashing lights; ability to accurately discern street signs and addresses; ability to get along well with peers and to secure their cooperation; ability to get along with patients, physicians, and others; ability to use good judgement and to remain calm in high stress situations; tact and courtesy; professional in appearance; self-motivation; maturity; emotional stability; good powers of observation and analysis; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION AND FOR DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Emergency Medical Technician-Basic or Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) certification issued by the New York State Department of Health;
2. Possession of a valid NYS driver's license;
3. Must authorize and execute any necessary releases to enable the appointing authority to verify licensure and driving history involving violations and/or crimes;
4. Meet the Qualifications and Competencies set forth in the EMT-B/AEMT Functional Position Description by the NYS Department of Health for the duration of employment.

NOTE: The appointing authority is responsible for verifying the appointee's driving record and licensure at appointment and throughout employment. The appointing authority must submit documentation to the Personnel Officer indicating that this has been verified and approved.