

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (BASIC)

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Provides initial first-aid treatment or emergency medical care at the site of an emergency occurrence; does related duties, as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision of higher level personnel, an incumbent of this position provides the initial first-aid treatment or emergency medical care, either through an ambulance or a non-ambulance service, at the site of the occurrence. Diagnoses the patient's medical conditions caused by either disease or injury and renders the appropriate emergency treatment to same. Treatment is performed in accordance with protocols established by New York State and the Westchester Regional Emergency Medical Service Advisory Committee. Supervision is not a requirement of the position.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Responds to calls when dispatched, gains access to the patient and assesses the extent of their injuries or illness;

Provides life support services to stabilize persons in life threatening situations resulting from trauma and other medical conditions;

Communicates with dispatcher requesting additional assistance or services, as necessary;

Uses prescribed techniques and equipment to provide patient care and provide additional emergency care following established protocols;

Assesses and monitors vital signs and general appearance of patient for change;

Determines appropriate medical facility to which patient will be transported and transports patient; provides ongoing medical care on route, if required;

Reports verbally and in writing, the nature of patient's injury/illness and observations of patient's emergency care provided, to departmental staff of medical facility;

Complies with regulations in handling deceased;

Replaces supplies, properly disposes of medical waste, decontaminates interior of ambulance and related equipment according to established guidelines;

Receives and transmits communications from the public and agencies requesting emergency services;

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only) (Continued)

May be asked to perform routine maintenance and custodial work on equipment when not performing other duties;

May assist in driving emergency services vehicles, as needed.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge of the principals, practices and techniques of emergency treatment procedures; good knowledge of equipment and supplies used in administrating emergency medical treatment; good knowledge of recent developments in the field of emergency medical treatment; ability to act calmly and effectively in emergency situations; ability to evaluate the extent of illness or injury; ability to prepare and maintain accurate records; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCECPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Possession of one of the following certificates issued by the New York State Department of Health: (a) Emergency Medical Technician-Basic Certificate; (b) Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate Certificate; (c) Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care Certificate; (d) Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic Certificate.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in New York State, appropriate for the vehicle to be operated.