



## **CURRITUCK COUNTY JOB DESCRIPTION**

### **JOB TITLE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PARAMEDIC/FIREFIGHTER**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF FIRE- EMERGENCY MEDICALSERVICES Operations Division**

#### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF JOB**

Under general supervision, performs skilled and technical work in operating an approved Emergency Medical Service unit for the County Emergency Medical Services Division, rescuing victims and administering emergency medical care to patients on site and while in route to hospitals. Work involves responding to the scene of emergency and non-emergency calls, applying necessary medical treatment to sick or injured persons, and transporting persons to a medical facility. Performs in accordance with established emergency medical procedures and protocols approved by the local medical director at the NC EMT-Paramedic level and must exercise considerable independent judgment to assess conditions of patients and administer appropriate medical treatment. Work is subject to both inside and outside environmental conditions, extremes in temperatures, noise, vibrations, exposure to fumes, odors, dusts, mists, gases, poor ventilation, and oils. Due to the nature of the work, employee is exposed to human blood and is subject to the OSHA requirements on blood borne pathogens. Participates in firefighting activities to include driving fire apparatus, operating fire department equipment, fighting fires and patient extrications. Work is performed under the supervision of an EMS Supervisor and is evaluated through peer review/quality management, observation, and public feedback and performance evaluation. Reports to the Shift Lieutenant/Captain.

#### **SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

Responds to calls for medical aid including motor vehicle collisions, rescue operations, and any other incident where EMS has been requested. Provides prehospital care at the EMT-Paramedic level including, but not limited to, examining patients and monitoring vital signs, administration of medications, insertion of airway devices including a blind insertion airway device, tracheal intubation and cricothyrotomy; use of cardiac monitors to acquire, interpret and transmit 12-Lead EKG's, defibrillation, synchronized cardioversion, and external transcutaneous pacing; chest decompression; collection of blood for laboratory analysis, establishes peripheral and intraosseous intravenous access; other basic and advanced first aid and life support actions as approved by the North Carolina Medical Board and the Currituck County EMS Medical Director; communicates with hospital and/or health care professionals in person or by radio; completes required reports. Restocks supplies and maintains emergency vehicles and equipment in proper working conditions.

Conduct and participate in drills and training exercises; develop skills in fire suppression, complete 36 hours of fire training annually. Participates in a continuous training program to improve competence in medical clinical work and in ambulance service and operation; maintains knowledge of new or modified operational protocols; complete 36 hours of EMS continuing education training annually.

In a fire emergency, assists the volunteer fire departments, performing basic firefighting duties and responsibilities within permissible limits; drive and operate fire apparatus with specific ability to respond a pumper or tanker to the scene of an incident and obtain water flow, perform exterior (and interior if qualified as determined by EMS/Fire Chief) fire ground operations; assist firefighters in the handling of fire hoses, ladders, SCBA equipment, manpower rehabilitation, and other vital equipment and functions; assists with the extrication and removal of entrapped or confined patients.

Prepare, submit, and maintain reports on emergency medical services activities, fire suppression activities, incidents and accidents, and other related information; prepare clear and concise documentation; obtaining medical data including patient identification, medical history, type of accident or nature of illness, rescue measures, preceding emergency care, care given at an emergency medical scene; direct patient care and transport.

Operate, inspect, inventory, and maintain emergency response equipment and vehicles; perform minor repairs on equipment and vehicles or report deficiencies to proper staff for other disposition; order necessary supplies; clean and maintain patient compartment and cabinets of emergency vehicles; ensures proper supplies and equipment are stocked and functions properly.

Perform general maintenance and cleaning of station; sweep and mop floors, light dusting, and clean windows; cleaning of restrooms and bathrooms, keeping bunkrooms neat with beds made in a neat and clean manner; changing sheets and pillow cases after each use, laundry as necessary.

Work with the community in a variety of educational, public relations, and service programs; fire prevention, safety awareness, community CPR training, and public school activities for EMS standby.

### **JOB RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO HIPAA COMPLIANCE**

Is expected to protect the privacy and security of all protected health information (PHI) and electronic PHI (e-PHI) in accordance with Department privacy and security policies, procedures, and practices, as required by federal [and state] law, and in accordance with general principles of professionalism as a health care provider. Failure to comply with the Department's policies and procedures regarding the privacy and security of PHI and e-PHI may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

May access PHI and e-PHI only to the extent that is necessary to complete job duties and may only share such information with those who have a need to know specific patient information to complete their job responsibilities related to treatment, payment or other company operations.

Is encouraged and expected to report, without the threat of retaliation, any concerns regarding the Department's policies and procedures on patient privacy or security and any observed practices in violation of those policies to the designated Privacy/Information Security Officer.

Is expected to actively participate in Department privacy and security training and is required to communicate privacy policy information to coworkers, students, patients and others in accordance with Department policy.

### **ADDITIONAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

Performs duties as assigned by the County Manager, or their designee during a State of Emergency or other disaster.

Work with the EMS and fire department volunteers to enhance the overall operation and function of the department, local volunteer fire departments, and other county entities.

Performs other related work as required.

### **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

High school diploma or equivalent with vocational or technical school training as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic and firefighter. Any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills for the job functions, knowledge and abilities may be substituted; and

Credentialed by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services as an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic as outlined in 10A NCAC 13P .0502; NC Firefighter II certification or equivalent preferred. Basic Life Support, Healthcare Provider (CPR), or equivalent; and Advanced Cardiac Life Support, or equivalent. Must have PEPP or PALS. Must obtain PHTLS within one year of hire.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have a valid motor vehicles operator license.

Successfully pass the Technical Scope of Practice evaluation, valid Basic Life Support, Healthcare Provider (CPR) certification, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support or equivalent, 36 hours of continuing education per year

Emergency vehicle operator certification, CEVO or equivalent

Hazardous Material Awareness and Terrorism – Level I

Successfully complete Incident Command System–100, 200 and the National Incident Management System–700 and 800

Completion of Bloodborne Pathogens and HIPAA compliance training, and participates in an annual refresher.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

**Physical Requirements:** Must be physically able to operate a variety of machinery and equipment, including stretchers, stair chairs, backboards, ladders, various fire hoses, and extrication equipment. Must be physically able to operate a motor vehicle, including fire apparatus and other emergency vehicles. Must be able to exert in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or up to 75 pounds of force frequently, and/or 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Requires the ability to maintain body equilibrium when bending, stooping, crouching, climbing, reaching and/or stretching arms, legs or other parts of body, and to physically maneuver over and/or upon varying terrain, surfaces or physical structures. Physical demand requirements are for Very Heavy Work.

**Data Conception:** Requires the ability to compare and/or judge the readily observable, functional, structural or composite characteristics (whether similar or divergent from obvious standards) of data, people or things.

**Interpersonal Communication:** Requires the ability to speak and/or signal people to convey or exchange information. Includes receiving instructions, assignments or directions from superiors.

**Language Ability:** Requires the ability to read a variety of correspondence, reports, logs, etc. Requires the ability to prepare a variety of reports, forms, logs, invoices, etc., using prescribed formats. Requires the ability to speak to people with poise, voice control and confidence.

**Intelligence:** Requires the ability to apply principles of logical or scientific thinking to define problems, collect data, establish facts, and draw valid conclusions; to interpret an extensive variety of technical instructions in mathematical or diagrammatic form; and to deal with several abstract and concrete variables.

**Verbal Aptitude:** Requires the ability to record and deliver information, to explain procedures, to follow oral and written instructions. Must be able to communicate effectively and efficiently in a variety of technical or professional languages, including medical terminology and emergency response codes.

**Numerical Aptitude:** Requires the ability to utilize mathematical formulas; to add and subtract; multiply and divide; calculate decimals and percentages.

**Form/Spatial Aptitude:** Requires the ability to inspect items for proper length, width and shape.

**Motor Coordination:** Requires the ability coordinate hands and eyes rapidly and accurately in lifting and positioning or transporting objects, and operating motor vehicles.

**Manual Dexterity:** Requires the ability to handle a variety of items, such as control knobs, toggle switches, syringe plungers, levers, hand tools, etc. Must have minimal levels of eye/hand/foot coordination.

**Color Discrimination:** Requires the ability to differentiate between colors and shades of color.

**Interpersonal Temperament:** Requires the ability to deal with people beyond giving and receiving instructions. Must be adaptable to performing under stress and when confronted with persons acting under stress, and in emergency situations.

**Physical Communication:** Requires the ability to talk and hear: (Talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words. Hearing: perceiving nature of sounds by ear.) Must be able to communicate via telephone and two-way radio.

### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

Working knowledge of the Currituck County emergency medical policies, procedures, and treatment protocols.

Working knowledge of equipment and supplies employed in the emergency care of patients and emergency scenes.

Working knowledge of County geography and of the location of roads and streets within the County, including location of frequently utilized medical facilities and landing zones.

Working knowledge of procedures of extrication, movement of patients, rescue techniques, transportation and psychological needs of a patient.

Working knowledge of radio communications equipment.

Ability to respond quickly and calmly to emergency situations.

Ability to lift substantial weight.

Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to deal tactfully, courteously and firmly with the general public.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with coworkers as necessitated by work assignments.

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