

Emergency Medical Technician

General Statement of Duties: Under supervision, Emergency Medical Technicians-Basic (EMT-B) respond to emergency calls to provide efficient and immediate care to the critically ill and injured, and to transport the patient to a medical facility. After receiving the call from the dispatcher, the EMT-B drives the ambulance to address or location given, using the most expeditious route, depending on traffic and weather conditions. The EMT-B must observe traffic ordinances and regulations concerning emergency vehicle operation.

Distinguishing Features of the Class: A firefighter is responsible for performing hazardous tasks under emergency conditions. The work in this class demands heavy physical labor for periods of various duration under hazardous conditions and all weather conditions. The work requires adherence to departmental rules and regulations. Receives and accepts assignments made by supervisors of specific tasks and indicate methods and procedures to be followed. Assignments may be made through either oral or written instructions. The work is closely inspected in process and upon completion.

Examples of Work (Illustrative Only):

Essential:

- Functions in uncommon situations
- Basic understanding of stress response and methods to ensure personal well-being
- Understands basic medical-legal principles
- Functions within the scope of care as defined by state, regional and local regulatory agencies
- Complies with regulations on the handling of the deceased, notifies authorities and arranges for protection of property and evidence at the scene
- Performs clean-up and helps prepare equipment and vehicles for future alarms
- Assists in maintaining apparatus, equipment, and fire stations
- Participates in continuing training and instruction programs of a technical nature
- Attends and participates in drills and classes
- Assists in fire prevention activities
- Wears appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in all areas of operations
- Works within the Incident Command System (ICS)

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

Essential:

- Ability to read and understand departmental rules, regulations, and policies
- Ability to analyze situations and adapt quickly and effectively by taking reasonable courses of action giving due regard to the surrounding hazards of each situation
- Ability to write clear and accurate reports
- Ability to understand and follow oral or written directions
- Ability to learn technical emergency medical skills and techniques
- Ability to operate the ambulance
- Maintain cooperative relationships with fellow firefighters, EMTs, and the public
- Ability to function under extreme mental and physical stress
- Maintain a high degree of physical fitness

Other:

- Demonstrate the desire of the following values: service, people, integrity, responsibility, innovation and teamwork
- Be sensitive to the human and physical needs of the community

Acceptance Experience and Training:

- 18 years of age
- High School diploma or equivalent

Special Requirements:

- Valid Driver License
- Ability to obtain Illinois Class B driver license or equivalent
- Obtain and Maintain Illinois License Emergency Medical Technician
- Hazardous Materials Awareness within 2 years
- NIMS IS 100 and IS 700 within 1 year

