

# **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN – PARAMEDIC EMERGENCY SERVICES**

## **GENERAL STATEMENT OF JOB**

Under general supervision performs skilled work in rescuing the sick or injured and providing advanced medical care and transportation. An employee in this class drives an ambulance to the scene of an emergency and applies necessary first-aid to sick or injured persons, and transports persons to a medical facility. An employee in this class performs advanced life saving techniques assigned to the EMT-Paramedics by the N.C. Office of Emergency Services and the N.C. Medical Board. Work is performed in accordance with established emergency medical procedures and techniques, but the employee must exercise considerable independent judgment in diagnosing a victim's condition and applying short-term relief. Employee must exercise tact, courtesy, and firmness in dealing with sick or injured persons and with the general public. This position reports to the EMS Shift Supervisor or Assistant Shift Supervisor.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

Responds to emergency calls as an ambulance driver or attendant, performs necessary rescue work, administers necessary emergency medical care, and transports persons to appropriate medical facilities in accordance with NC Office of Emergency Medical Services Scope of Practice.

In accordance with local protocols and the N.C. Medical Board approved medications and skills, starts and maintains intravenous infusion; administers various solutions, drugs, intravenous injections.

Performs gastric suction and pulmonary ventilation and related skills and techniques.

Maintains ambulance, equipment, and supplies in proper working order.

Participates in a continuing education training program in technical medical work and in ambulance service and operation.

Acts as a preceptor and fill-in shift supervisor or assistant shift supervisor as required.

Participates in providing public education about EMS for schools and civic organizations.

Conducts tours of bases as requested.

Cleans ambulances, equipment, and stations.

Maintains state certifications as an EMT-Paramedic, AHA ACLS and PALS certification, and hazardous materials operations level responder.

### **ADDITIONAL JOB FUNCTIONS**

Performs other related work as required.

### **MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE**

Graduation from a high school or completion of GED, preferably with an Associates Degree (A.A.) in emergency medical care, and at least 1 year of experience as an EMT-Paramedic, or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge and abilities.

### **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license. Certification by the North Carolina Office of EMS as an EMT-Paramedic. American Heart Association ACLS and PALS certification. Certification by the N.C. Dept. of Insurance as a hazardous materials operations level responder.

### **LOSS OF CERTIFICATION**

Any loss of certification may result in an appropriate reduction of pay and classification, or may affect employment status, at the discretion of the department head and County Manager.