

## **PARAMEDIC**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position has responsibility for responding to calls and providing emergency medical services to those in need. The incumbent shall be certified as a New York State EMT-Paramedic and perform lifesaving duties. An employee in this class is required to operate an emergency vehicle delivering emergency personnel safely and efficiently to the scene and victims to the hospital and will be required to safely operate a variety of related emergency services equipment. When not driving or working with emergency personnel on the scene, the employee will perform routine clerical duties including New York State pre-hospital care reports, daily routine maintenance on the emergency services vehicles, associated apparatus, and building and grounds. The incumbent will work under the general direction of the Emergency Medical Services Coordinator and the supervision of the Emergency Medical Services Operations Manager. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Operates a specially equipped vehicle to respond to medical emergencies and provide basic and advanced life support services stabilizing persons with life threatening problems resulting from trauma or other medical emergencies;

Works with other emergency personnel extricating accident and other emergency victims;

Provides emergency medical services such as extrication, splinting and immobilization, administration of oxygen, suctioning, insertion of airways, hemostasis, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, electrocardiogram monitoring, intravenous access, drug administration, anti-shock suit, defibrillation, etc. to accident or other emergency victims;

Monitors and records vital signs of pulse, blood pressure and respiration and other biomedical information such as pulseoximetry, blood glucometry, and electrocardiograms;

At the monitoring physician's direction, (via two-way radio communication or cell phone) performs direct medical actions requiring medical orders on persons requiring advanced emergency services;

Follows standing orders in New York State Department of Health BEMS Collaborative Protocols and the Susquehanna Regional Council (SREMS) Scope of Practice or, at the monitoring physician's direction when orders are required;

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Administers oral, intra-muscular, subcutaneous, intravenous, intraosseous, nebulized, and endotracheal medications as directed;

Applies learned techniques and knowledge to affect the rescue and safety of persons trapped in vehicles, stranded, marooned or endangered by unusual circumstances;

Maintains records of emergency calls, patient treatment and problems encountered and solutions rendered in the course of duty;

Maintains equipment on specially equipped medical emergency vehicles in appropriate operating condition;

Participates in emergency medical training for members of the community as directed;

Conducts initial scene assessments and coordinates medical resources on the scene of incidents;

Assists with public information and education activities as directed;

Participates in in-service and external training to keep abreast of the Paramedic field;

Maintains stations and living quarters in good condition.

## **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of, and skill in treating, a wide variety of emergency medical conditions, using recognized paramedic techniques and procedures;

Thorough knowledge of, and skill in administering CPR;

Thorough knowledge of, and skill in implementing, Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS);

Thorough knowledge of, and skill in implementing, Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS);

Good knowledge of Emergency Medical Technician practices and procedures;

Good knowledge of medical physiology, medical terminology, the assessment and management of medical and trauma emergencies;

Good knowledge of the effects of controlled substances in individuals;

Working knowledge of the routine maintenance and minor repair of motor vehicles;

Good powers of observation;

Ability to perform Paramedic duties with good judgment and compassion.

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Ability to accurately manipulate an alphanumeric computer keyboard and to maintain records and to prepare reports;  
Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing;  
Ability to operate two-way radio equipment and cellular telephone equipment;  
Ability to perform calmly and efficiently in crisis situations;  
Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions;  
Ability to understand written laws and apply them to specific situations;  
patients;  
Ability to operate assigned vehicle in emergency driving conditions;  
Willingness to work nights, weekends, holidays, and assigned shifts;  
Willingness to work with unpaid volunteers who will be performing the same functions as paid personnel;  
Willingness to assist in training activities for both paid and volunteer personnel;  
Willingness to maintain vehicles, equipment and quarters in good condition;  
The employee's physical and mental condition shall be commensurate with the demands of the position, either with or without reasonable accommodation.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diplomas **AND** possession the of the Advanced Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic (AEMT-Paramedic) certificate issued by the New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, and must maintain current certification throughout employment.

## **SPECIAL REQUIRMENTS:**

At time of appointment and continuing throughout employment an appointee/incumbent must possess the following;

- 1) A valid new York State Class D Driver's License and a driving record acceptable to the employing municipality's insurance carrier; AND
- 2) A current Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course completion certification card issued by the American Safety and Health Institute, the American Red Cross, OR any other CPR

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certificate deemed appropriate for an AEMT-P by the New York State Department of Health; AND

3) A current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider certification card issued by the American Safety and Health Institute, American Red Cross, or the American Heart Association; AND

4) A current Pediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) Provider certification card issued by the American Safety and Health Institute, American Red Cross, or the American Heart Association.

### **NOTES:**

1)At time of appointment a candidate must provide written verification that they have Advanced Life Support privileges from the Susquehanna Regional Emergency Medical Services to work as an AEMT-P in the regions in which they will be employed.

2)Following appointment incumbents must continue to satisfy all New York State mandated continuing education and testing requirements needed to maintain an AEMT-P certification.

3) Incumbents in this position are required by the County Legislature to reside within the County of Broome, or an adjoining County (Tioga, Cortland, Delaware, or Chenango) at all times during employment in this title.