



## **PT Emergency Medical Technician**

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### **Summary**

Respond to medical emergencies, and other emergency and non-emergency situations, and take appropriate action to protect life; perform various staff support assignments in addition to normal emergency response activities.

### **Class Characteristics**

General supervision is provided by the Fire Captain.

### **Essential Duties, Skills, and Demands of the Position**

The duties, skills, and demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with a disability to perform the essential duties, skills, and demands.

#### Duties:

Provide emergency medical care at the basic life support level, including initial patient and situation assessment, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, and trauma emergency medical care. Prepare patients and assist Firefighter/Paramedics in advanced life support emergency medical care.

Operate equipment, such as electrocardiograms (EKGs), external defibrillators, or bag valve mask resuscitators, in advanced life support environments.

Observe, record, and report to physician the patient's condition or injury, the treatment provided, and reactions to drugs or treatment.

Assess nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures.

Immobilize patient for placement on stretcher and ambulance transport, using backboard or other spinal immobilization device. Safely operate a gurney in emergency and non-emergency situations.

Drive ambulance unit to specified location, following instructions from emergency medical dispatcher.

Communicate with dispatchers or treatment center personnel to provide information about situation, to arrange reception of victims, or to receive instructions for further treatment.

Coordinate with treatment center personnel to obtain patients' vital statistics and medical history, to determine the circumstances of the emergency, and to administer emergency treatment.

Coordinate work with other emergency medical team members or police or fire department personnel.

Decontaminate ambulance interior following treatment of patient with infectious disease and report case to proper authorities.

Maintain vehicles and medical and communication equipment and replenish first aid equipment and supplies.

Attend training classes to maintain certification licensure, keep abreast of new developments in the field, or maintain existing knowledge.

Read maps and navigate along roads and through traffic while driving an emergency vehicle.

Comfort and reassure patients.

Perform related duties as assigned.

Skills/Abilities:

Remain calm, make sound decisions, and respond appropriately in emergency situations.

Safely operate equipment used to administer first aid.

Administer first aid techniques associated with providing basic life support.

Accurately assess patient conditions.

Safely immobilize, lift, and transport patients.

Safely handle medical and first aid equipment and supplies.

Safely operate an ambulance.

Communicate professionally and with empathy to patients, families, members of the public.

Understand and follow oral and written directions.

Communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.

Maintain accurate records and prepare clear and concise reports and other written materials using a computer.

Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Learn local EMS protocols.

Learn to communicate information accurately to a physician or other medical professionals.

Learn to operate radio used to communicate with 911/ambulance/hospital dispatchers.

Learn to communicate with emergency personnel from other agencies such as police and fire departments.

Learn to safely complete decontamination protocols. Learn the street location and physical layout of the District.

Physical Demands and Work Environment:

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit; use hands to palpate, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk and stand. The employee is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, or crouch. The employee must occasionally lift weight in excess of over 150 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and ability to adjust focus. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly exposed to outside weather conditions. The noise level in the work environment is usually loud.

## **Qualifications**

### Knowledge of:

Basic principles and practices of emergency medical care at the basic life support level.

Patient assessment practices associated with providing emergency medical care.

Techniques and practices used for immobilizing patients for safe transport.

Emergency vehicle operation practices.

National EMS protocols.

Interagency emergency operation protocols.

Map reading.

Communication techniques used in stressful situations.

Safety practices and precautions pertaining to the world; basic computer usage for data entry, report writing, and medical information retrieval.

### Education and Experience

Any combination equivalent to the education and experience likely to provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to gain such knowledge and abilities would be:

#### Education:

Equivalent to graduation from high school.

#### Experience:

Experience working as an Emergency Medical Technician on an ambulance is desirable.

#### Certifications/Licenses:

Must possess a valid California Class C driver license.

Current certification as an Emergency Medical Technician, either through the National Registry EMT or State of California. Must maintain local certification requirements.

Accreditation in the County of Sonoma as an EMT within three months of date of hire.

Must be willing to work shifts as structured in the Fire Department.