

Emergency Medical Service Technician/Firefighter

Location: Town of Owego Fire Districts
Classification: Competitive
Salary: To be determined
Adopted: Tioga Co. Personnel & Civil Service

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent in this class provides emergency medical treatment to individuals in distress and evaluates the quality and quantity of aid required. The position requires the ability to assess moderately complex to complex medical conditions and administer appropriate emergency treatment. Work is performed in accordance with Regional, State, and Federal Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) protocols. General supervision is received by Medical Director and/or Commissioner(s) representing a Fire District or designated supervisor representing a Fire Department. Further, under general supervision, an incumbent in this class, performs fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous material incident response, and emergency rescue to protect life and property. Work is performed in accordance with New York State best practices established by the Office of Fire Prevention and Control. General supervision is provided by the Fire Chief and/or Commissioner(s) representing a Fire District or a designated supervisor appointed by the Commissioner(s) of a Fire District.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)

- Responds to calls when dispatched, gains access to the patient and assesses the extent of injury or illness to anyone who requests or requires emergency medical services;
- Provides BLS and / or ALS to stabilize persons in life threatening situations resulting from trauma or other medical conditions and administers patient care under the authorization of the Medical Director or other medical designee;
- Determines appropriate medical facility to which patient will be transported and assists with the transport of the patient; provides ongoing medical care enroute if required;
- Communicates with dispatcher requesting additional assistance or services, as necessary;
- Performs other direct medical actions on monitoring physician's orders;
- Prepares written reports of emergency calls handled, outlining diagnosis and treatment provided in accordance with State, Regional, and local hospital protocol;
- Maintains, cleans, decontaminates ambulances and ancillary medical equipment;
- Maintains level of Advanced Emergency Medical Technician - Critical Care (AEMT-CC) proficiency and State Certification through regular training and testing requirements;
- Inventories and safeguards drug and medical supplies;
- Works with others to develop and implement operational plan for catastrophes and natural or man-made disasters;
- May precept emergency medical technician students or other authorized individuals;
- May participate in community service and/or safety related programs.
- Performs fire suppression duties by responding to emergency fire alarms;
- Assists in the suppression of structural, residential, commercial. Industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle, aircraft and wildland fires, applying the appropriate extinguishing agents to the source of the fire;
- Operates various pieces of fire equipment and gear for fire suppression and control;
- Drives and operates fire apparatus for search and rescue, ventilation and salvage operations;
- Participates in all required training sessions and other mandatory District trainings.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of EMT, AEMT, and/or Paramedic procedures; thorough knowledge of Qualified Interior Firefighter (NYS FF 1) procedures; good knowledge of equipment and supplies used in administering medical treatment, in fire suppression, and control of various types of fires; good knowledge of recent developments in the field of emergency medical treatment; ability to perform all functions of an AEMT-CC; ability to understand medical procedures and properly apply them to situations; ability to act calmly and effectively in emergency situations; ability to evaluate the extent of illness or injury; ability to operate various pieces of fire apparatus; ability to prepare and maintain accurate records; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and the following

- Possession of a valid NYS EMT Certification to include Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS/CPR); **AND**
- Possession of a valid NYS Firefighter 1 or equivalent Qualified Interior Firefighter; **AND**

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- Possession of an appropriate level New York State driver's license at time of appointment and throughout duration of employment; **AND**
- Candidates must successfully pass the physical agility test given by the Town of Owego Fire District;

Applicants must provide copies of all required certifications and licenses at time of application.

Special Notes:

- While employed in the Emergency Medical Service Technician classification, an incumbent must maintain valid certifications and licensures of the above documents.
- NYS EVOC and NYS Pump Operations experience preferred.
- Healthcare experience preferred.