

CITY OF ST. LOUIS CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

TITLE: EMT (Emergency Medical Technician)

CLASS CODE: 5714

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Incumbents respond to calls for emergency medical assistance, provide appropriate medical care as qualified, and carry and transport the sick and injured to medical facilities.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is an entry-level service classification in the Emergency Medical Series – Emergency Medical Group job family within the City of St. Louis. Incumbents within this classification perform a variety of moderately complex duties. The distinguishing characteristics of this classification within the series include the responsibility to provide basic emergency patient care, monitoring vital signs, and transporting patients.

Incumbents work under direct supervision. Duties are performed according to determined instructions and prescribed by standards and procedures. The supervisor may, or may not, be present at all times.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (Illustrative Only):

(The list of duties is intended to be representative of the duties performed in positions within this classification. It does not include all the duties that may be assigned to a position and is not necessarily descriptive of any one position in this class.)

Responds to calls for emergency medical care. Operates ambulance and two-way communications equipment.

Assists with victim extrications and access as needed. Provides first aid, CPR, controls bleeding, applies splints to fractures and other stabilization techniques to the sick and injured.

Monitors patient vital signs such as blood pressure, pulse, breathing, etc.

Assists paramedics with advanced care procedures.

Documents activities and completes appropriate forms.

Inspects and cleans ambulance. Replenishes consumable supplies.

Fuels ambulance, checks fluid levels and fills, as needed, monitors operating condition and reports need for maintenance and repair.

Performs other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Data Utilization:

Requires the ability to perform basic level of data analysis including the ability to review, classify, categorize, prioritize and/or reference data, statutes and/or guidelines and/or group, rank, investigate and diagnose. Requires discretion in determining and referencing such to established standards to recognize interactive effects and relationships.

Human Interaction:

Requires the ability to provide paraprofessional level medical care, such as splinting fractures, monitoring vital signs, administering CPR and providing general first aid.

Equipment, Machinery, Tools and Materials Use:

Requires the ability to operate and perform complex rapid adjustment on equipment, machinery and tools such as ambulance, fire extinguisher, flashlight, heart monitor, blood pressure cuff, glucometer, oxygen tank, ventilation and suction equipment, cervical collar, stretchers, backboard, and/or related materials used in performing essential functions.

Verbal Aptitude:

Requires the ability to utilize a variety of advisory data and information such as medical records, insurance forms, ambulance run reports, check off lists, maps, street guides, technical operating manuals, procedures, guidelines and non-routine correspondence.

Mathematical Aptitude:

Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; calculate percentages and decimals.

Functional Reasoning:

Requires the ability to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral or diagram form. Involves semi-routine standardized work, with some latitude for independent judgment regarding choices of action.

Situational Reasoning:

Requires the ability to exercise the judgment, decisiveness and creativity required in critical and/or unexpected situations involving moderate risk to the organization.

Environmental Factors:

Tasks may risk exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dirt, dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, fumes, temperature and noise extremes, machinery, electric currents, traffic hazards, animals/wildlife, toxic/poisonous agents, potential violence, disease, or pathogenic substances.

Physical Requirements:

Requires the ability to lift, push and pull over one hundred (100) pounds to move the sick and injured, and/or extricating accident victims from wreckage.

Requires the ability to stoop, kneel, crouch, crawl, bend, twist and climb to provide assistance to the sick and injured, assist in extricating victims and other duties required at emergency medical situations.

Sensory Requirements:

Requires the ability to recognize and identify similarities or differences between characteristics of colors, shapes, sounds and odors associated with job-related objects, materials and tasks to evaluate patients' condition.

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