

Emergency Medical Service Technician Trainee

Location: Town of Owego Fire District
Classification: Competitive
Salary: To be determined
Adopted:

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 medical conditions under the direct supervision of the Medical Director and/or more senior Emergency Medical Service Technician staff 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. Direct supervision is also received by Fire District Manager. Does related work as required.

The trainee position is used to recruit persons who have one year of work experience. Trainees will be paired with fellow staff and work under the direction of the Medical Director and more senior EMS Technicians.

A trainee appointment will be one (1) year in duration. An incumbent, who has satisfied all training requirements and has successfully completed a probationary period, will be advanced to the title of Emergency Medical Service Technician without further examination. While remaining under the direction of the Medical Director, EMS Technicians perform more autonomous duties related to emergency medical services.

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 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;
- While supervised, determines appropriate medical facility to which patient will be transported and assists with the transport of the patient; provides ongoing medical care en route if required;
- Communicates with dispatcher requesting additional assistance or services and uses hospital HEAR system, as necessary;
- While supervised, performs other direct medical actions according to the 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;
- Inventories and safeguards drug and medical supplies;
- May assist others to develop and implement operational plan for catastrophes and natural or man-made disasters;
- Attends monthly Town of Owego Fire District meetings as required;
- May participate in community service and/or safety related programs.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of Emergency Medical Technician practices and procedures; Good knowledge of, and skill in administering CPR; Good knowledge of medical physiology, medical terminology, the assessment and management of medical and trauma emergencies; Good powers of observation; Working knowledge of the routine maintenance and minor repair of motor vehicles; Ability to perform basic EMT duties with good judgment and compassion; Ability to accurately document emergency medical calls; Ability to operate two-way radio equipment; Ability to perform calmly and efficiently in crisis situations; Ability to accurately manipulate an alphanumeric computer keyboard and to maintain records and prepare

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reports; Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; Physical strength adequate to lift and move unconscious patients; Ability to operate an assigned vehicle in emergency driving conditions; Ability to climb ladders; 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; Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

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Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and:

1. One (1) year of paid work or verifiable volunteer experience as an AEMT-CC (ALS) Provider.
2. Possession of a valid CPR certification at the time of application and maintain such certification for the duration of employment.
3. Possession of a valid New York State Drivers License.