

PARAMEDIC (NON-SUPPRESSION)

NATURE OF WORK

This is skilled work providing advanced medical care and transportation to individuals experiencing medical emergencies.

Work involves the responsibility for emergency medical care and ambulance transportation of sick and injured persons, and advanced life support (ALS) activities, usually performed under close supervision and in accordance with established operating protocols. Work involves lifting and carrying patients, ambulance cots, and equipment. Work also involves providing standby services at special public events; participating in a variety of public education programs and topics related to the emergency medical field; cleaning and maintaining vehicles, equipment and facilities. An employee in this class is required to employ special skills learned on the job and through various training programs. Assignments are received from supervisory and command personnel with work reviewed in the form of adherence to standard operating procedures, Lincoln EMS protocols, and effectiveness of patient care and transport criteria.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for service and participates in providing medical care, rescue, and transportation to medical facilities.

Provides basic and advanced medical care and treatment to persons in medical/trauma situations within the scope of a licensed paramedic; and transports sick and injured individuals from incident scene to local hospitals when deemed medically necessary and provides life support during transit while using independent judgement and according to all applicable laws, regulations, protocols and policies.

Inspects, cleans, and services medical care equipment and ambulance; maintains clean and orderly conditions in and about fire station; maintains minimum inventory/stock of EMS equipment and supplies.

Obtains and records medical data about patient as required by federal, state, county and local laws.

Prepares EMS reports accurately and in a timely manner, showing proficiency with patient care reporting software.

Communicates effectively in writing and oral communications with other medical professionals when relaying medical information.

Maintains a log of the use and replacement of all controlled substances maintained on ambulances as required by law.

Drives/operates ambulance and related equipment; operates a variety of equipment, including suction units, pulse oximeters, laryngoscopes, cardiac monitors, defibrillators, oxygen administration equipment, IV pumps, and portable radios.

Maintains awareness of the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County geography and receiving facilities in the transport service area.

Participates in EMS training programs, community service/public safety education events, and other related programs.

Attends training classes and seminars required to maintain paramedic licensure; and participates in reevaluations of practical skills and tests to meet advanced life support standards of state and local agencies.

Supports emergency workers in performing auxiliary emergency support functions and related duties (e.g., rehabilitation, medical assistance, medical standby etc.); and develops an understanding of emergency scene operations and the Incident Command System.

Performs related work as assigned.

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS

Thorough knowledge of system protocols; emergency scene operations and incident command structure; federal, state and local laws which pertain to Emergency Medical Services; advanced life support procedures and techniques and emergency rescue techniques; customer service skills, City of Lincoln Fire & Rescue policies and operating procedures.

Ability to communicate clearly and concisely verbally and in writing; read and understand medical training manuals; EMS protocols, and departmental policies, rules and regulations, and maps.

Ability to communicate effectively with individuals from various socioeconomic, ethnic, and culturally diverse backgrounds.

Ability to recall information learned; think and act quickly and effectively in emergency situations; understand and follow verbal and written directions.

Ability to establish and maintain positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Ability to prepare clear, accurate and concise reports using correct grammar, spelling and punctuation; and utilize computers and other equipment required in the course of work.

Ability and willingness to work and live in a co-ed paramilitary environment; wear a uniform and follow chain-of-command; work weekends and holidays and be subject to emergency recall to work.

Skill to utilize a variety of computers and computer programs required in the scope of work; and utilize complex equipment used for providing advanced life support.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from high school or equivalent; or any equivalent combination of training and experience that provides the desirable knowledge, abilities and skills.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid driver's license when operating a vehicle is necessary to the satisfactory performance of assigned duties.

Possession of a current National Registry Paramedic certification at the time of application and successfully obtain a State of Nebraska Paramedic license within one month of hire; or possession of a State of Nebraska Paramedic license at the time of application.

Possession of a current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certificate and Health Care Provider (CPR) certificate.

Successful completion of Lincoln Fire & Rescue Preceptor Program and the probationary requirements established by the department prior to completion of probation.