NEW CASTLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

CLASS SPECIFICATION

Title: EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Drives and/or rides an ambulance to the scene of medical emergencies; administers basic life support lifesaving techniques; participates in other forms of medical rescue aid as needed; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: An employee in this class performs responsible ambulance operation work which involves the safe transportation of patients to hospitals and homes and administering emergency care and lifesaving techniques when required. This employee will be required to participate in various types of emergency services training courses and to successfully complete these courses so as to develop paramedical skills. This employee works under a designated supervisor in the Emergency Medical Services Division.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

- Picks up patients at their homes, scenes of accidents or doctors’ offices and transports them to hospitals as instructed from the 9-1-1 Communications Center or other official source;
- Administers emergency care and lifesaving techniques consistent with paramedical training standards;
- Treats injuries until expert medical personnel are available;
- Ascertainment that the ambulance is equipped with adequate supplies and that the equipment is in good working order;
- Maintains the ambulance and the equipment to assure good working order, cleanliness, and appearance;
- Takes training courses in emergency treatment of patients;
- Operates a two-way mobile communications system to include medical telemetry equipment for electrocardiogram;
- Keeps records and makes reports;
- Operates resuscitators, aspirating apparatus and other appropriate medical equipment;
- May operate a data processing terminal, personal computer and other related equipment in the course of the work.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Good knowledge of traffic rules and regulations; skill in the operation of motor vehicles under all types of weather and road conditions; ability to effectively work in emergency situations under highly stressful conditions; ability to understand and follow oral and written directions; ability to make minor
REPAIRS AND JUSTICE TO EQUIPMENT; ABILITY TO RELATE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE PUBLIC; ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE A HIGH DEGREE OF DEPENDABILITY; EXCELLENT MORAL CHARACTER (TO BE DETERMINED BY A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION); EXCELLENT DRIVING RECORD (TO BE DETERMINED BY REVIEW); ABILITY TO APPLY BASIC LIFE SUPPORT LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES; ABILITY TO PASS A CLASS IB COUNTY PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Completion of a standard high school course or GED certificate program and at least three years experience in the operation of automotive equipment; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Weight should be proportionate to height; successful completion of a pre-employment medical examination and a psychological examination; minimum uncorrected vision must be 20/200 in each eye, with 20/30 corrected vision in each eye; must be free from color blindness; possession of a valid Delaware Class D driver's license or its equivalent; ability to obtain Emergency Care certificate or its equivalent as determined by the Delaware State Fire School within the probationary period.

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