

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION

To render skilled and technical life saving techniques to those in need of assistance; assist paramedics in performance of advance life support; to operate and maintain assigned rescue vehicle and decentralized ambulance station.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Incumbents in the Emergency Medical Technician classification are in possession of an EMT 1A license from the State of California and ICEMA.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

REPORTS TO

Paramedic Manager or Station Captain. Incumbents will also receive direction from crew members with higher-level Paramedic licensure.

CLASSIFICATIONS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED

May provide lead direction to other medical first responders.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Duties include but are not limited to the following:

Primary duties:

- Working at assigned station with one partner on a twenty-four hour shift.
- Provide Basic Life Support and/or assist with Advanced Life Support treatment to victims, in accordance with California State and ICEMA Region EMT 1A Scope of Practice.
- Performs necessary medical treatment and assists in patient extrication from vehicles involved in traffic collisions or accidents, sometimes with assistance from other agencies; such as Mono County Sheriff's Office, Mono County Search and Rescue, local Fire Departments, United States Forest Service and others.
- Responds into the back county by foot, vehicle, helicopter or by whatever means necessary to render treatment.
- Operates rescue unit in presence of inclement weather, road closures and possible avalanche danger.
- Complete run paperwork in a timely and accurate manner.

Secondary Duties:

- Perform over-the-side rescues of victims as trained.
- Responds to the fire ground to treat victims of fire, explosions, or building collapse.
- Perform Ice Rescue of victims as trained.
- Voluntary assistance with exterior-only fire duties (see below).

TYPICAL PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

The employee is regularly required to use hands to finger, handle or feel objects, tools, or

controls; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to sit, stand, walk, climb, balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl, taste and smell.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS

Work is performed in both inside and outside environments, often in extreme weather conditions. The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, extreme cold, extreme heat, risk of electrical shock, risk of radiation, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is at times very loud. The employee works a 48 hour shift at a time, residing at the assigned station while on duty.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- EMT 1A Scope of Practice as defined and required by the State of California
- BLS protocols as required by the local certifying agency (ICEMA)
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- Emergency medical techniques
- Rescue techniques
- Defensive driving
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Recordkeeping procedures and methods of documentation.

Ability and willingness to:

- Perform functions of the local EMS Agency EMT 1A Scope of Practice
- Become certified as a CPR and First Aid Instructor
- Learn the geography of local area
- Think and act quickly in emergencies
- Judge situations and people accurately
- Understand and carry out oral and written directions
- Prepare concise written reports and complete all required clerical duties
- Work safely under hazardous conditions
- Maintain vehicles and medical and non-medical equipment
- Work harmoniously with partners and those contacted in the course of work.
- Be on call for 24 hours, 48 hours or as scheduled
- Follow directions from supervising personnel

Training and Experience:

Certificate from college or technical school and/or training as an EMT 1A

Special Requirements:

- Possession of valid Emergency Medical Technician License from the State of California; and
- Possession of a valid Driver's license
- Possession of a valid Ambulance Driver's certificate
- Possession of valid Basic Life Support Healthcare Provider card from American Heart

Association

- Ability to pass extensive criminal background check

In addition to the above requirements:

- The ability to obtain valid EMT 1A license from ICEMA within 60 days of employment

Fire-Fighting:

Paramedics may respond with local fire departments as a mutual aid resource. Mono County does not require or expect that paramedics be certified in fire-fighting skills nor that they utilize such skills as part of their jobs. Nevertheless, if a paramedic happens to possess such skills and wishes to utilize them at a fire scene, then the paramedic may, upon arrival at the scene, report to the Incident Commander for duty assignment, with the understanding that primary responsibility for responding medical units is to administer medical treatment and/or remain available for medical assignments. A paramedic will not do interior fire fighting, nor extraction of victims from the interior of a burning structure, at anytime but can assist on the outside of a fire scene. Subject to the foregoing limitations, paramedics with fire-fighting skills are allowed to perform fire-fighting duties within the scope of their training at the discretion of the Incident Commander. Mono County is not responsible for the cost of any fire-fighting training but will work with local fire departments that wish to provide this training at no cost to the County. Such training for fire-fighting activities may be approved by the EMS Chief.

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