

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This position involves responsibility for administering first aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured persons in prehospital settings (as a basic life support level). The incumbent diagnoses the patient's medical conditions caused by either disease or injury and renders the appropriate emergency treatment to same. Treatment is performed in accordance with New York State Collaborative and the Agency's Medical Director's protocols. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Supervising Paramedic. The incumbent performs related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

- Responds to calls when dispatched, gains access to the patient and assesses the extent of their injuries or illness;
- Administers first aid treatment or life support care to sick or injured persons in prehospital settings (at a basic life support level);
- Communicates with dispatchers or treatment center personnel to provide information about the situation, to arrange reception of victim(s) or to receive instructions for further treatment;
- Communicates with dispatcher requesting additional assistance or services, as necessary;
- Uses techniques and equipment to provide patient care and provide additional emergency care following New York State Collaborative and the Agency's Medical Director's protocols;
- Assesses and monitors vital signs and general appearance of patient for change;
- Reports verbally and in writing, the nature of patient's injury/illness and observations of patient's emergency care provided, to departmental staff of medical facility;
- Provides ongoing medical care enroute, if required;
- Replaces supplies, properly disposes of medical waste, decontaminates interior of ambulance and related equipment according to established guidelines;
- Coordinates work with other emergency medical team members, police and/or fire department personnel;
- Attends training classes to maintain certification as well as keep abreast of new developments in the field;
- Maintains records and prepares reports.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Good knowledge of the principals, practices and techniques of emergency treatment procedures appropriate for a New York State Certified Emergency Medical Technician; good knowledge of equipment and supplies used in administering emergency medical treatment; good knowledge of recent developments in the field of emergency medical treatment; working knowledge of the geographic location of the area; skill in the operation of a medical emergency radio; ability to operate and ambulance safely and efficiently in traffic and under adverse weather conditions; ability to act calmly and effectively in emergency situations; ability to evaluate the extent of illness or injury; ability to prepare and maintain accurate records; ability to communicate well both orally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain a productive working relationship with fellow employees and the general public; good manual dexterity.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Possession of a current certification from the New York State Department of Health as an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, or higher, and must keep current throughout employment.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** Candidates must possess a valid NYS Driver's License at the time of application and maintenance of said license for the duration of appointment.