

**CITY OF CARLSBAD
CLASS SPECIFICATION**

JOB TITLE: **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN**

DEPARTMENT: **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

BASIC FUNCTION:

Under supervision, provides basic life support services to ill or injured persons in accordance with the policies established by the Department of Emergency Medical Services of San Diego County; operates and maintains ambulances, support vehicles, equipment, stations, and communication systems; attends classes and training; performs other duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is an entry level into Emergency Medical Services. The EMT – Ambulance Operator is a uniformed member of the EMS division of the Fire Department. This position supports and assists the roles of the Paramedic/Firefighter position and Fire Department personnel and any other assignments deemed necessary.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Responds to medical emergencies

Assists Paramedic/Firefighter

Assists in the extrication of trapped persons

Performs primary and secondary physical assessment of ill or injured persons

Operates under San Diego County EMS Protocol.

Provides emotional support to distressed persons

Assist with logistical needs on the fire ground while maintaining safe distance from environments that may be immediately dangerous to life and health.

Operates radio-telephone equipment and communicates medical information to base hospital medical personnel and others

Responds to and performs skilled tasks at the scenes of emergency calls including: medical assistance, hazards identification, public assistance and service

Safely drives and operates ambulances, support vehicles, and equipment

Writes reports and maintains records

Maintains, inspects, repairs, and restocks emergency and support vehicles, equipment, radios and safety equipment (PPE)

Participates in department physical fitness program

Participates in proficiency training to develop and maintain emergency skills

Assist in station and facilities maintenance and cleaning

Participate and support crew activities

Participate and deliver crew training

Uses computers in performing required duties,

Performs other related duties as assigned

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

- Basic life support principles and procedures
- San Diego County Emergency Medical System (EMS) regulations, protocols and procedures
- Carlsbad Fire Department Operations, such as radio communications, Incident Command System (ICS), and emergency medical services
- Federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and standards
- Maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment
- Local geographical response factors
- Correct English grammar, spelling, punctuation
- Safety practices and procedures
- Personal computer operating systems and software applications

ABILITY TO:

- React quickly and calmly to perform emergency medical techniques and procedures
- Operate, maintain, inspect and repair vehicles, equipment, and communication systems
- Clean and maintain fire station and grounds
- Teach classes and participate in public education demonstrations and activities
- Write comprehensive reports and maintain accurate records
- Relate effectively to those contacted in the course of work
- Learn local conditions, locations, and regulations
- Operate computers
- Understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately
- Perform physically strenuous work and tasks

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

High school diploma or equivalent is required.

Preferred six months of experience working as an EMT-Basic in a prehospital system; Firefighter 1 Accredited Academy; Paramedic License

REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE:

Possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License.

Current State of California EMT-B OR EMT-P license

Current San Diego County EMT-B OR EMT-P accreditation

If assigned to Emergency Operations, must obtain a current valid Ambulance certificate issued by the California Department of Motor Vehicles by first day of assignment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Maintain proper health and physical fitness required to perform all duties and responsibilities as described above. Must pass EMT physical ability and maintain physical fitness to perform job functions.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Must have willingness and ability to: work variable shifts and overtime as required; attend meeting and training activities, both on and off duty; work under stressful conditions such as loud noises, crowds, in the presence of victims of death and dismemberment; work effectively as a team member of a company, battalion, department, special project group by following orders, consistently following through with duties/assignments and living harmoniously with co-workers; wear approved uniform

If properly certified and eligible under department requirements, may provide EMT-P level assessment, skills, and treatment.

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