

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CREW CHIEF - 6315

General Definition of Work:

Performs difficult advanced technical work driving an ambulance, rescuing and transporting sick and injured and administering emergency medical care at the paramedic level; does related work as required. Work is performed under the regular supervision of the Emergency Medical Services Shift Supervisor. Supervision is exercised over subordinate crew members.

Essential Functions/Typical Tasks:

Acting as crew leader; responding to emergency calls, providing emergency medical services and transportation; preparing and maintaining detailed records.

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.)

- Responds to emergency calls; drives equipment and administers first aid; transports victims to emergency care facility.
- Responds to emergency calls involving chest pain, possible heart attack, respiratory distress, unconsciousness, diabetic shock, drug overdose, drowning or other condition which might require advanced life support.
- Provides emergency medical care in accordance with established written guidelines and verbal instructions from physicians.
- Determines extent of illness or injury and establishes priorities for required care.
- Transmits vital patient information and telemetry data to receiving medical care facility.
- Treatment techniques include airway management, I.V. Therapy, drug administration, cardiac monitoring and defibrillating and electrocardiogram strip interpretation.
- Observes patient in route and administers additional care as needed.
- Inspects advanced life support and telemetry equipment daily and ensures proper maintenance and operating conditions and inventories supplies.
- Assists in cleaning and maintaining vehicle and equipment.
- Assists with housekeeping, station maintenance and routine office tasks.
- May serve as Field Training Officer as required.
- Participates in continuing training and instruction program by individual study of technical material and attendance at scheduled drill and classes.
- Performs related tasks as required.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Thorough knowledge of the principles of anatomy and physiology; thorough knowledge of the principles and techniques of emergency care, including diagnosis, proper treatment and transportation; thorough knowledge of equipment and supplies employed in the emergency care of patients and victims of accidents; thorough knowledge of the street and road system and physical layout of the county; skill in diagnosing a victim's condition and applying emergency medical care; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with physicians, associates, patients and their families, other emergency service agencies and the general public; ability to keep records and prepare reports.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school supplemented by required emergency medical and paramedic training and considerable experience in emergency medical services.

Physical Requirements:

This is heavy work requiring the exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently, and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, and oils. The worker may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

Special Requirements:

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of North Carolina. Possession of all certifications for positions as prescribed by the State of North Carolina and the department.