

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FIRE MEDIC 2

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under routine supervision, performs experienced protective service work in controlling, extinguishing and preventing fires, and performing Basic and Advanced Life Support at emergency scenes. The work involves responding to hazardous and/or life threatening situations as a member of a Fire Rescue company and providing medical supervision to Emergency Medical Technicians. Fire Medics are part of a collective bargaining unit through the International Association of Firefighters, Local 2969.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (Note: The listed duties are illustrative only and are not intended to describe each and every function which may be performed in the job class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment to the position.)

Responds to fire alarms. Enters premises in order to suppress fires, rescue victims and salvage structures. Ventilates burning buildings and removes debris.

Utilizes and operates fire trucks, ambulances, fire hoses, ladders, chemical extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, radios, forcible entry tools, extrication equipment and related equipment.

Responds to emergency medical calls. Assumes medical responsibility at the scene and may supervise other emergency medical personnel. Implements triage procedures at multi-injury emergencies. Assesses nature and extent of illness or injury and establishes priority for emergency care. Notifies medical facilities of findings. Provides ongoing medical patient assessment and treatment when required to transport a patient to an approved medical facility or helicopter landing zone.

Performs Basic and Advanced Life Support techniques in accordance with Brevard County Fire Rescue Department protocol and as deemed necessary by the monitoring physician. Provides assistance to the emergency staff of the attending medical facility, upon request.

Participates in fire drills. Attends classes in all areas of Fire Rescue; such as, fire fighting, medical technology and communications. Assists in training new Fire Fighters and volunteer Fire Fighters. Assists in the supervision of Emergency Medical Technicians.

Prepares records and reports of emergency medical care given and vehicle operation during assigned operational period.

Inspects fire and emergency vehicles to ensure proper working order, cleanliness and adequate inventory of backup supplies. Procures necessary medical equipment from hospitals. Performs general maintenance and housekeeping duties to maintain a clean and safe work environment.

Conducts public awareness demonstrations of fire medic operations.

Performs related work as assigned.

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REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: Must possess a high school diploma or equivalent.

Certificate of Completion from the State of Florida Division of the State Fire Marshal (a Certificate of Compliance must be obtained within one year of employment).

Certification as a Paramedic by the State of Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in accordance with Section 401.27, Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code 4-E.

Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Basic Life Support and Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation.

All required certifications must be kept current.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Must obtain a valid Florida operator's license prior to employment.

Must satisfy employment requirements set by the State of Florida Division of the State Fire Marshal.

Must be of good moral character, as determined by investigation.

Must be in good physical condition, as determined by a medical examination given by a licensed physician as prescribed by NFPA 1582.

Must successfully complete a physical agility test and vision test as established by Brevard County.

Must have fingerprints on file with the State Fire Marshal or Brevard County.

Must be able to work irregular schedules.

Must not have been on probation for the conviction of a felony or of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, as defined by law, within the last three years.

Must not have been convicted, or entered a guilty or nolo contendere plea, on charges of reckless driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances, or had a driver's license suspended or revoked under the point system within the last three years.

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KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: (Note: The knowledge, skills and abilities identified in this class specification represent those needed to perform the duties of this class. Additional knowledge, skills and abilities may be applicable for individual positions.)

Thorough knowledge of Basic and Advanced Life Support techniques.

Thorough knowledge of the operation and maintenance of Advanced Life Support equipment and vehicles.

Good knowledge of the principles and procedures of modern rescue and fire fighting, including equipment and apparatus.

Ability to learn the geographic area.

Ability to recognize safety hazards and act accordingly.

Ability to exercise sound judgement in making vital decisions during emergencies.

Ability to perform patient assessment timely and wisely.

Ability to accurately document patient assessment and treatment.

Ability to apply all fire rescue and paramedic procedures and techniques. Ability to communicate clearly, orally (including medical emergency and telemetry radio) and in writing.

Ability to act calmly and decisively during emergencies and under adverse conditions.

Ability to establish effective working relationships with other medical personnel and the public.

Ability to deal firmly and tactfully with the public.

Supervisory ability.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: This is heavy physical work.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work involves exposure to extreme heat, wet, noise, odors and hazardous conditions, often under adverse circumstances.

Title change effective 10/07/06; Supersedes CD# 8103 titled Fire Medic, dated 06/18/04.