

PLEASURE RIDGE PARK FIRE DISTRICT POSITION DESCRIPTION

Paramedic

Division: Operations
Supervised by: Captain/Operations
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt / Career
Effective: 06/01/2019
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GENERAL PURPOSE

Responds to an emergency call, assesses the situation, obtains a basic medical history and physical examination of the patient, and provides pre-hospital advanced life support care at the scene and during transit to the hospital. Communicates with the medical care facility receiving the patient about the patient's condition, status, and arrival time.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under the direct supervision of a Fire Captain and a Fire District Chief

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

May supervise EMT's during ambulance operations

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A Paramedic is responsible for the pre-hospital treatment and transport of the sick or injured and;

- Must have the appropriate skills and knowledge for on the scene and in the ambulance to best protect and treat the patient;
- Must make appropriate decisions in all situations as to treatment, transportation, and extrication;
- Performs Advanced Life Support (ALS) procedures per the appropriate protocols, under the direction and supervision of the Medical Director, through standing orders, radio, or telephone communications;
- Understands that his/her limitations exceed those of an assisting Emergency Medical Technician of the patient: Can provide a higher level of care than an EMT-B;
- Must not pose a direct threat or significant risk to the health or safety of other emergency personnel or the public;
- Respond as dispatched within the Pleasure Ridge Park Fire District and on mutual aid assignments;
- Write reports accurately and in a timely manner, documenting incident data;
- Receive and relays fire and/or EMS calls and alarms; and
- Operate radio and other communication equipment
- Maintain EMS equipment, apparatus, and facilities

- Perform minor repairs to District equipment
- Perform general maintenance work in the upkeep of fire/EMS facilities and equipment; clean and wash walls and floors; care for grounds around station; make minor repairs; wash, clean, polish, maintain, and test EMS apparatus and equipment.
- Function within the Chain-of-Command to manage, evaluate, direct, and advise operational personnel.
- Maintain required certifications as an Emergency Medical Technician
- Meet District continuing education requirements.
- Maintain positive working relationship with PRPFD members and Board of Trustees
- Perform other duties and special projects assigned by their Supervisor or the Fire Chief

PERIPHERAL DUTIES

- Interact with, support, and assist PRPFD Volunteer Members as directed within the Chain-of-Command.
- Assist in training new members, as assigned

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Kentucky Paramedic License
- Valid Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certification (ACLS) through the American Heart Association
- Valid Pediatric Advanced Life Support Certifications (PALS) through the American Heart Association
- Valid Basic Life Support Certification (BLS) through the American Heart Association
- Continuing education as needed to maintain EMT-Paramedic and CPR certifications, be up to date on knowledge and skills

Necessary Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Working knowledge of:

- Advanced emergency medical and resuscitation techniques and their application, including:
Patient Assessment
Trauma Management
Cardiac Management (including use of monitor & defibrillator)

Ability to:

- Apply advanced emergency medical techniques to specific situations
- Perform effectively as a team leader in patient care situations
- Follow verbal and written instructions

- Handle stressful situations
- Communicate professionally, both verbally and in writing
- Establish effective working relationships with members, other agencies, and the public
- Perform strenuous or peak physical efforts during emergency or training activities for prolonged periods of time under conditions of extreme heights, intense heat, cold, or smoke.
- Meet Special Requirements, as listed

DESIRABLE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Possess current Kentucky State Firefighter I & II certification.
- Experience working with Volunteer Members in a fire, EMS, or dual service.
- Any additional education in Fire Science, EMS, or supervision
- Kentucky Certified Level I Fire Service Instructor.
- Trench Rescue Technician
- Water Rescue Technician
- Hazardous Materials Technician

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 18 years or older at time of hire.
- Must be of good moral character with no criminal or felony arrest record inconsistent with the provisions of this paragraph. Unacceptable will be persons who have been convicted of a felony, or have been convicted of more than two misdemeanors, or who have any criminal action pending against them. The District reserves the right to disqualify an applicant for multiple misdemeanors, arrests, or traffic violations.
- This classification requires the occasional use of a District's service or staff vehicle. In order to drive, individuals must be physically capable of operating the vehicle in a safe manner, including during emergency operation and response, and must possess and maintain throughout the course of employment a valid Kentucky motor vehicle operator's license.
- Must be able to speak, read, and write the English language.
- Must meet insurability requirements of district insurance carrier

SELECTION GUIDELINES

May include any or all of the following:

Formal application; written test; practical skills examination; physical ability test; oral examination; background/driver's license verification and check; hiring list; offer of employment; post-offer physical examination, including drug screen.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED

Emergency medical equipment; radio; pager; personal computer; telephone

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by any member to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the member is frequently required to stand; sit; walk; talk or hear; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The member is frequently required to climb or balance; stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell. The member must frequently lift and/or move up in excess of 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close, distance, color, and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those a member encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Work is performed primarily in office, vehicle, and outdoor settings; in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes; during day and night shifts. Work is performed in emergency and stressful situations. Individual is exposed to sirens and hazards. The member occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high, precarious places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, radiation, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain EMS activities when noise levels may be loud.

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and member and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.

PRPFD maintains a drug-free environment.