

Hurricane Fire Rescue

Hurricane, WV

Job Description

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Firefighter/EMT
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SUMMARY

Controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, and maintains equipment, administers BLS treatment to sick or injured persons, works as member of a medical team, by performing the following duties.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned.

- Responds to calls for service.
- Combats fires with the appropriate suppression equipment.
- Accesses structures with applicable means of access including positioning and climbing ladders.
- Protects property from further damage by use of appropriate covers and removal techniques.
- Is consistent of and follows the Incident Management System when communicating. Includes radio and telephone operations.
- Administers BLS to injured persons.
- Maintains apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, and grounds.
- Drives and operates firefighting vehicles and equipment.
- Responds to instructions from dispatcher and drives specially equipped emergency vehicle to specified location.
- Monitors communication equipment to maintain contact with dispatcher.
- Removes or assists in removal of victims from scene of accident or catastrophe.
- Determines nature and extent of illness or injury, or magnitude of catastrophe, to BLS procedures to be followed or need for additional assistance, basing decisions on statements of persons involved, examination of victim or victims, and knowledge of emergency medical practice.
- Administers prescribed BLS treatment at incidents, or in specially equipped vehicle, performing such activities as application of splints, administration of oxygen, treatment of minor wounds or abrasions, or administration of artificial resuscitation.
- Communicates with professional medical personnel at emergency treatment facility to obtain instructions regarding further treatment.
- Assists in removal of victims from vehicle and transfer of victims to treatment center.
- Maintains vehicles and medical and communication equipment and replenishes first aid equipment and supplies.

- Assists in controlling crowds, protecting valuables, or performing other duties at scene of catastrophe.

SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES

This job has no supervisory responsibilities.

QUALIFICATIONS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION

Completion of a WV state approved educational program.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or members of the organization.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to add, subtracts, multiply, and divides with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists. Ability to interpret a variety of instructions furnished in written or, diagram, or schedule form.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Maintain current certification by the State of West Virginia as an Emergency Medical Technician. Must maintain a valid West Virginia Drivers License, which allows for the operation of Hurricane Fire & Rescue's apparatus.

PRACTICING PRIVILEGES

Must maintain current approval of Putnam County EMS Medical Director to practice as an EMT within Hurricane Fire & Rescue's BLS system

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by a 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 of this job.

While performing the duties of this job, the member is regularly required to stand, walk, sit, use hands to finger, handle, or feel, reach with hands and arms, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl, and talk or hear. The member must regularly lift and/or move up to 100 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and 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.

While performing the duties of this job, the member is regularly exposed to moving mechanical parts, fumes or airborne particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, outside weather conditions, extreme heat, and risk of electrical shock. The member is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions and explosives. The member is occasionally exposed to high, precarious places; extreme cold; infectious disease; and risk of radiation. The noise level in the work environment is usually very loud.