

Hurricane Fire & Rescue

Hurricane, WV

Job Description

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Paramedic
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SUMMARY

Controls and extinguishes fires, protects life and property, and maintains equipment as employee of Hurricane Fire & Rescue. Administers life support care to sick and injured persons in pre-hospital setting as authorized and direct by Putnam County EMS Medical Director by performing the following duties.

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

- Responds to calls for service.
- Mitigates incidents with appropriate equipment and techniques.
- 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.
- Maintains apparatus, quarters, buildings, equipment, grounds
- Participate in drills, demonstrations, and courses in hydraulics; pump operation and maintenance, firefighting techniques, medical operations, and emergency operations.
- Fills Hurricane Fire & Rescue water extinguishers as required.
- Drives and operates Hurricane Fire & Rescue firefighting vehicles and equipment.
- Assess nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures to be followed or need for additional assistance.
- Monitors cardiac patients.
- Initiates intravenous fluids to administer medication or drugs, or to replace fluids lacking in body.
- Performs appropriate airway techniques including end tracheal intubation, and to open airways and ventilate patient.
- Administers injections of medications and drugs.
- Initiates pulse oximetry and end-tidal CO2 monitoring.
- Administers initial treatment at incidents, monitors and records patient's vital signs.

- Assists in extricating trapped victims, transports sick and injured persons to treatment center.
- Observes, records, and reports to Physician, patient's condition and reaction to drugs, treatments, and significant incidents.
- Communicates with Physician and other medical personnel via radio/telephone.

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 reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or members of the organization.

REASONING ABILITY

Ability to solve practical problems and deal 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.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to add, subtracts, multiply, and divides in all units of measure, using whole numbers, common fractions, and decimals. Ability to compute rate, ratio, and percent and to draw and interpret bar graphs.

CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS

Maintain current certification by the State of West Virginia as a Paramedic. Must maintain a valid West Virginia Drivers License, which allows for the operation of Hurricane Fire & Rescue apparatus. Must maintain certification as a Basic Life Support Instructor.

PRACTICING PRIVILIGES

Must maintain current approval of Putnam County EMS Medical Director to practice as a Paramedic within Hurricane Fire & Rescue's ALS system.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee 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 employee 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 employee must regularly lift and/or move up to 100 pounds and occasionally lift and/or move more than 100pounds. 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 an employee 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 employee 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 employee is frequently exposed to wet and/or humid conditions and explosives. The employee 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.