

MONTCALM COUNTY

RESCUE ATTENDANT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

General Summary

Under the direction of the Emergency Services Director and the supervision of a Rescue Lieutenant, responds to pre-hospital medical emergencies and scenes requiring extrication and/or additional rescuer manpower, providing first aid and supporting ambulance personnel in the treatment and transport of ill and injured persons.

Essential Functions

1. Following protocols established by the Montcalm County Emergency Medical Services Medical Control Authority and policies and procedures established by the department and the Board of Commissioners, respond to requests for medical assistance, extrication, and ambulance support in the pre-hospital setting, providing appropriate medical interventions to preserve life and limb and enhance patient comfort both prior to and after the arrival of ambulance transport personnel. Rescue activities include, but may not be limited to:
 - A. Work various hours, including evenings and weekends.
 - B. Travel to various sites within a prescribed area of the county.
 - C. Communicate with individuals of various ages, backgrounds and levels of education.
 - D. Utilize various pieces of medical and/or extrication equipment skillfully and safely.
 - E. Move patients or assist in moving patients from various positions and locations to an ambulance cot or other appropriate transport device.
 - F. Operate department vehicles, including ambulances and four-wheel drive rescue units.
 - G. Accurately and legibly record relevant particulars of each event on a departmental Rescue Run Form.
 - H. Work in areas of rough terrain, close quarters, adverse weather conditions, and cramped body positions.
2. Inventory and stock rescue units and house bags to ensure the proper supplies and equipment are available for each run.

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3. If assigned to a station with a department-owned vehicle, perform certain preventative maintenance including checking fluid levels, testing emergency signaling equipment and radios, cleaning and lubricating doors, washing and waxing the vehicle, and documenting relevant information regarding same.
4. Perform at all times in a manner meeting prescribed safety standards as established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the department, the Medical Control Authority, and other relevant regulatory agencies and entities.

Other Functions

5. May perform certain public relations and public health services, such as blood pressure clinics, informational seminars, CPR classes, etc.
6. May perform confined space rescue (CSR) duties if appropriately trained/certified and assigned to a CSR unit.
7. May be occasionally assigned to work on an ambulance as part of a two-person crew.

This list may not be inclusive of the total scope of functions to be performed. Duties and responsibilities may be added, deleted, or modified at any time.

Employment Qualifications

Education: High school graduation or equivalent preferred. Must have successfully completed at least a Medical First Responder program.

Experience: No specific experience required, however it is expected that training and clinical observation/experience will be significant prior to this individual being assigned unsupervised or lead responsibilities as a Rescue Attendant.

Other Requirements:

1. Must possess and maintain a valid Michigan driver's license. Must have reliable transportation.
2. Must possess and maintain, as a minimum, licensure by the state's EMS Division as a Medical First Responder.

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3. Must meet specific departmental and Medical Control Authority requirements including, but not limited to:
 - A. Annual Hazardous Materials First Responder Awareness training.
 - B. Annual departmental Exposure Control Program training.
 - C. Extrication Training (if applicable).
 - D. Emergency Driving training.
 - E. Tuberculosis testing valid within one (1) year.
 - F. Hepatitis vaccination or valid declination of same.
 - G. Annual recertification of medical skills commensurate with licensure.
 - H. Other training as prescribed on an annual basis in response to identified individual or system deficiencies.

The qualifications listed above are intended to represent the minimum skills, requirements and experience levels associated with performing the duties and responsibilities contained in this job description. The qualifications should not be viewed as expressing absolute employment or promotional standards, but as general guidelines that should be considered along with other job related selection or promotional criteria.

Physical Requirements *[This position requires the ability to perform the essential functions contained in this description. The following list of physical requirements represents minimum capabilities. Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified applicants unable to fulfill one or more of these requirements]:*

Ability to pass physical agility and strength test prescribed or administered by the department.

Ability to carry injured person on cot, backboard and stretcher as part of a two-person team.

Ability to carry persons on cot, stretcher, backboard or stair chair up and down stairs and over rough terrain as part of a two-person team.

Ability to lift injured person from floor to cot, cot to bed, etc. as part of a two-person team.

Ability to lift and carry various pieces of emergency medical equipment weighing up to 70 pounds.

Ability to perform rescue operations in rough terrain and in hard to reach locations.

Ability to drive rescue and ambulance vehicles in all types of weather conditions and at all times of the day and night..

Ability to work in cramped body positions.

Squatting, stooping, kneeling, and reaching to perform rescue operations.

Working Conditions:

Works in any and all locations where persons may be sick or injured, including roads, buildings, fields, woods, etc. at various sites throughout the county, but primarily within a prescribed area within the county.