



## Functional Job Description – Paramedic

### Qualifications

To qualify for EMS licensure an individual must successfully complete a State approved course and achieve competency in each of the psychomotor skills. In addition the individual must achieve a passing score on the State written licensure examination.

EMS personnel must have the ability to:

- Communicate verbally via telephone and radio equipment
- Lift, carry and balance up to 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance)
- Interpret written, oral and diagnostic form instructions
- Use good judgment and remain calm in high-stress situations
- Work effectively in an environment with loud noises and flashing lights
- Function efficiently throughout an entire work shift
- Calculate weight and volume ratios and read small print, both under life-threatening time constraints.
- Read and understand English language manuals and road maps
- Accurately discern street signs and address numbers; ability to interview patients, family members, and bystanders.
- Document, in writing, all relevant information in prescribed format in light of legal ramifications of such
- Converse in English with coworkers and hospital staff as to status of patient

EMS personnel should possess good manual dexterity, with ability to perform all tasks related to highest quality patient care. Ability to bend, stoop and crawl on uneven terrain and ability to withstand varied environmental conditions such as extreme heat, cold and moisture is vital. The ability to work in low light, confined spaces and other dangerous environments is required.

### Description of Tasks

- Receives call from dispatcher, responds appropriately to emergency calls, reads maps, may drive ambulance to emergency site, uses most expeditious route and observes traffic ordinances and regulations.
- Determines nature and extent of illness or injury, takes vital signs, makes determination regarding patient status, establishes priority for emergency care, renders appropriate emergency care; may administer intravenous drugs or fluid replacement as directed.
- May use equipment such as but not limited to, defibrillator, EKG, performs advanced airway techniques, performs intravenous therapy and medication modalities.
- Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patients to the ambulance and on to a medical facility.
- Extricates patients from entrapment, assesses extent of injury, uses prescribed techniques, provides light rescue service if required, provides additional emergency care following established protocols.
- Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notified authorities, arranges for protection of property and evidence at scene

- Determines appropriate facility to which patient will be transported, reports nature and extent of injuries or illness to the facility.
- Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility
- Reports verbally, and in writing, concerning observations about the patient, patient care at the scene and in route to the facility, provides assistance to emergency staff as required.
- Maintains familiarity with all specialized equipment.

The Paramedic candidate must have successful completion of an approved curriculum with achievement of passing scores on written and practical examinations as defined by the program's guidelines. Re-licensure is dependent upon an individual's successful completion of inter-agency approved Paramedic continuing education courses. At any given time, performs any or all tasks performed by a lower level EMT. May supervise activities of students or interns, and/or may engage in writing of journal articles or teach.