

City of Somerton Job Description

Job Title: Firefighter/Paramedic
Department: Fire/Ambulance
Reports To: Battalion Chief
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Prepared By: Battalion Chief
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SUMMARY

Under general supervision, provides Advanced Cardiac Life Support on all alarms involving sick, hurt or injured persons.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES include the following. Other duties may be assigned. (Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list is **ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY** and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.)

Reports for shift on time and prepared to immediately commence duties.

Responds to all Medical, Rescue and Special Duty alarms.

Responds to and stabilizes/secures incident area in hazardous material incidents.

Designates and establishes safe treatment area for the assessment, treatment, and stabilization of patient according to medical protocol as outlined by the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Base Hospital Director for Paramedic.

Is responsible for the proper assessment of all patients on Medical alarms.

Is responsible for the proper assessment of all patients on Rescue alarms.

Is responsible for the treatment of all patients under their direct physical control on all Medical, Rescue and Special Duty alarms.

Follows both ADHS and Base Hospital Protocols in determining which Advanced Life Support treatment and skills are to be provided.

Performs those ALS or ACLS skills necessary for providing treatment.

Performs a communications patch with the Base Hospital to provide them with an accurate picture of the patient, their status and the treatment provided.

On multiple patient alarms, is responsible for the Triage of the patients.

Attends all necessary Base Hospital Tapes and Charts as required.

Attends all necessary refreshers as required to maintain certification.

Participates in ongoing training, skills demonstrations and proficiency drills in order to maintain optimum proficiency.

Participates in training to maintain and upgrade current physical fitness.

Cleans, maintains, and inspects ABLE unit and equipment every shift.

Check drug box daily and assures that all drug are to date. As per Base Hospital direction goes to the Pharmacy and replaces drugs as they near their expiration.

Cleans, maintains and performs duties related to the maintenance and repair of fire station facility and equipment.

Provides fire safety, prevention, health assessments, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid training in the public schools or to other community groups upon request.

Resolves routine problems encountered in performance of work assignments.

Performs other related duties as assigned.

Fills out 1st case form as directed by the base hospital.

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.

Additional Requirements.

- An employee in this class is required to live within thirty (30) miles of the City limits, and within the Unites States.
- Must pass physical agility test and medical examination and back ground check.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and/or OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Knowledge of:

- * Federal, National, State, and City fire and life safety laws, rules, regulations, codes, practices and procedures.
- * Medical protocol related to emergency medical treatment practices, principles and methods.
- * Computers and related equipment

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE

High school diploma or general education diploma (GED); completion of a Paramedic certification program. Must possess a Fire Fighter I and II certification, Arizona Emergency Medical Technician Paramedic or National Registry, Haz-Mat First Responder Operations, CPR: certifications, a valid driver license and a good driving record.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret common scientific and technical journals, financial reports, and legal documents. Ability to respond to common inquiries or complaints from customers, regulatory agencies, or members of the business community. Ability to effectively present information to management, public groups, and/or boards of directors.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS

Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, interest, commission, proportions, percentages, area, circumference, and volume. Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry.

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, oral, diagram, or scheduled form.

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.

Work involves working rotating shifts and extended workdays outside the regular working hours. May drive and operate emergency response vehicles and apparatus. Work requires wearing of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) or Hazmat Suit for extended periods of time, climbing, lifting carrying and/or transporting equipment and individuals weighing up to 200 pounds. Functional vision, ability to differentiate colors, hearing to differentiate sounds (voice, horn) is required to perform essential functions.

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.

Work is performed in office and field environments. Work may involve potential exposure to extreme weather conditions, extreme heat, unstable buildings and structures, hazardous chemicals and materials, emergency disaster situations, body fluids, infectious diseases and air and water-borne pathogens when responding to emergency and non emergency incidents. This position requires the completion of an Emergency Vehicle Operators Course for the safe use of all City of Somerton's vehicles.