

## PARAMEDIC

### DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This position functions as the primary care giver in the emergency care of the sick and injured being treated by the fire district. The Paramedic provides assessment and treatment of patients in a variety of pre-hospital environmentally uncontrolled settings. The Paramedic supervises other emergency personnel present at the scene in providing patient care; and both at the scene and during transportation, has the ultimate medical authority consistent with State of New York paramedic guidelines. As appropriate, the Paramedic takes histories, performs physical exams and pharmacological intervention, controls bleeding, provides advanced airway control, restores and maintains circulation, and provides necessary care. The Paramedic may assist in the emergency department with emergency care as required. In addition, the Paramedic is responsible for operating emergency vehicles and maintaining all medical equipment and supplies. Overall supervision is received from the Director of Emergency Medical Services and the Deputy Fire Chief. Day-to-day operational direction is received from the Fire Lieutenant in charge.

### TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Receives emergency calls from the dispatcher and responds accordingly;
2. Takes histories and performs physical exams as indicated on patients in the field, often under less than ideal conditions;
3. Develops workable diagnoses based on available information;
4. Initiates indicated treatment modalities and supervises all persons on the scene involved with patient care, unless the Director of Emergency Medical Services is present;
5. Accompanies the patient to the emergency department, monitors and treats the patient during transportation and reports orally to the physician or nurse;
6. Writes reports documenting the situation at the scene, examination results, orders received, treatments rendered, and other pertinent information;
7. Operates an emergency vehicle in a safe manner at all times;
8. Communicates with patient's family and friends at the scene;
9. Communicates with other health team members in the community and at the hospital;
10. May perform triage at mass casualty incidents;
11. Aids in extricating accident victims from damaged vehicles and gives emergency medical treatment during process;
12. Checks, cleans and maintains all EMS-related equipment;
13. Maintains an inventory of medical supplies and materials, including drugs;
14. Participates in training programs, both as instructors and as participants for ongoing skills training;
15. Participates in all routine cleaning and maintenance chores performed by Firefighters;
16. Does related work as required.

### FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of and ability to apply emergency first aid and temporary medical procedures to trauma victims at the scene and enroute to the medical center; good knowledge of and skill in using a variety of medical and first aid equipment in an ambulance; good knowledge of the geography of the area; skill in the operation of a medical emergency radio; ability to communicate effectively under crisis situations; ability to prepare written reports; ability to remain calm in emergencies; ability to work effectively with a variety of medical and emergency personnel and to deal effectively with patients and their families; mechanical aptitude; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**PARAMEDIC** (Cont'd)

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of a N.Y.S. high school equivalency diploma PLUS the following:

Certification by N.Y.S. Dept. of Health as an AEMT level IV-Paramedic PLUS two (2) years of post-certification full-time paid field experience as a medic.

NOTE: Candidates may substitute one year of full-time paid experience as an RN or Physician's Assistant in an emergency room or critical care setting, which would include emergency care or the coronary care unit, for one year of the above medic experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT:**

1. Candidates must meet age requirements as specified in NYS Emergency Medical Services Code, Section 800.40.
2. Possession of current CPR card and current ACLS certification.
3. Candidates must pass the Dutchess County Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) exam.
4. Possession of NYS Class 5 driver's license.
5. An appointing authority may require candidates pass a qualifying medical and drug screening test in order to be appointed.