

Mason County EMS

Job Description

Job Title: Paramedic

Position Hours: Full-time

Position summary

Must demonstrate competency handling emergencies utilizing all basic and (if Intermediate or Paramedic advanced life support) equipment and skills in accordance with Mason County EMS Protocols and follow all Mason County EMS SOPs. Must have ability to use the automated external defibrillator, or, if a paramedic operates all the functions of the cardiac monitor (including 4-lead, 12-lead, pacing, defibrillation, end tidal CO2 monitoring, and cardioversion), basic and advanced patient care skills and follow published county patient care protocols written by the Medical Director. Follow commands from Medical Director and EMS Director. Must work well with other county employees and the public.

Essential Responsibilities

Receives call from dispatcher, responds verbally to emergency calls, ability to read maps, may drive ambulance to emergency site, use most expeditious route & observe traffic ordinances and regulations. Assists in lifting, carrying and transporting patient to ambulance and on to a medical facility. Reassures patient and bystanders, avoids mishandling patient and undue waste, and searches for medical identification emblem to aid in care.

Complies with regulations in handling deceased, notifies 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 that facility, asks for direction from hospital physician or emergency department or according to published protocol. Identifies diagnostic signs that require communication with facility. Assists in removing patient from ambulance and into emergency facility. Reports verbally and in writing observations about and care of patient at the scene and en route to facility, provides assistance to emergency staff as required.

Replaces supplies, checks all equipment for future readiness, assures ambulance is in operable condition, ensures ambulance cleanliness and orderliness of equipment and supplies, decontaminates ambulance interior, washes ambulance, reports problems to EMS director, maintains familiarity with all equipment. Must refuel ambulance as required.

Accesses protected health information and other patient information only to the extent necessary to complete the duties of this job, sharing information only with those persons who have a need to know to complete their job responsibilities relating to treatment, payment, or other related county operations.

Reports any concerns regarding the Mason County policies and procedures on patient privacy, as well as any observed practices in violation of that policy, to the designated Privacy Officer. Receives patient privacy training from EMS director.

- Must maintain daily cleaning duties of EMS station
- Must complete paperwork as required following each ambulance run
- Must complete state reports as required by the EMS director
- Must maintain regular attendance and timeliness when scheduled

Working Conditions

Position is frequently exposed to hazardous conditions, dust, unpleasant odors, fumes, vapors, motor vehicle fumes, bodily fluids & smells. Position is frequently exposed to outdoor weather conditions where temperatures result in significant body discomfort ranging from extreme heat to extreme cold. May be exposed to rain, hail, sleet, snow, wind, flooding and other extreme weather conditions. Position is frequently exposed to varying noise levels, including ambulance siren. Position is frequently exposed to individuals who may intentionally or unintentionally afflict harm upon them. Position may also be exposed to various infectious diseases.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to lift, carry, move and balance up to 125 pounds (250 with assistance)
- Ability to bend, stoop, and crawl on uneven terrain and inside vehicles
- Ability to position self and move into and stay in small, confined spaces
- Ability to stay in a stationary position for up to one hour
- Ability to drive vehicle under various road and stressful conditions
- Ability to communicate with patients, family members and bystanders in stressful situations

Education Requirements:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Current Texas EMT License required for the hired job (EMT-B, AEMT, EMT-P)
- Current CPR Certification
- TX Driver's License
- Completion of EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operation Course) training prior or within 6 months of hire
- If a Paramedic, hold or obtain the following licenses within 6 months of hire:
 - ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support)
 - PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support)
 - PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support) or another form of Advanced Trauma