

Single-Certified Paramedic

LEVY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

NATURE OF WORK

Responsible, technical work in the Department of Public Safety, protecting life and property by performing advanced life support (ALS) services in a progressive, rural, county EMS system. Maintains all aspects and functions of a Florida Paramedic, including, but not limited to providing, advanced life support (ALS) and handling emergency calls in a timely, professional manner.

Work is performed within standard operating guidelines. The employee is expected to exercise independent judgment based upon training. Work is performed under the supervision of a Battalion Captain, Battalion Lieutenant, Fire Rescue Lieutenant, and/or designee and is reviewed through observation.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

The following describe the principal functions of this position and scope of responsibility, but should not be considered an all-inclusive listing of work functions. Individuals may perform other duties as assigned, including working in other functional areas;

- Responds to emergency calls
- Reads maps
- Drives emergency vehicles as necessary
- Observes and performs emergency medical care
- Evaluates scene on arrival; determines nature and extent of illness or injury; takes vitals and visually observes changes in skin color; determinates patient status by interpreting diagnostic signs.
- Establishes priority for emergency care; initiates advanced life support procedures at the scene as necessary.
- Provides rehydration/rehabilitation and medical treatment to victims, firefighters and/or other personnel at the scene as necessary.
- Renders appropriate emergency care, based on competency level, to stabilize the patient such as Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), spinal immobilization, providing oxygen, triage, assess the effects of treatment.
- Uses medical equipment, based on competency level, follows infection disease protocol; practices proper disposal of biohazard waste.
- Performs station housekeeping and routine office work as required.
- Assists in lifting, carrying, and transporting patient to ambulance and on to a medical facility.
- Prepares, decontaminates, inspects, inventories, repairs, and/or maintains medical equipment and supplies, first aid materials, and vehicles for safe operation; tests all equipment on a regular basis and checks for future readiness.
- Communicates effectively and coherently over two-way radio channels while initiating and responding to radio communications.
- Attends shift meetings and in-service training as required to remain knowledgeable of departmental operations, to promote improved job performance, and to stay current with changing emergency medicine techniques, state/local policies, procedures, codes, and laws.
- Assists with community events such as offering free blood pressure readings, educating children and the public on the 911 emergency system, medical emergency procedures, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR).

(These essential job functions are not to be construed as a complete statement of all duties performed. Employees will be required to perform other job related marginal duties as required.)

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, & ABILITIES

- Knowledge of emergency medical equipment, operation, and maintenance.
- Knowledge of advanced life support emergency medical treatment.
- Knowledge of defensive driving techniques and methods and ability to execute such methods quickly and efficiently.
- Knowledge of Levy County's street systems and geography.
- Knowledge of Department Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs), Protocols, and Rules & Regulations.
- Ability to rapidly determine locations by quadrant addressing.
- Ability to react quickly and efficiently in emergency situations.
- Ability to receive, follow and execute orders from a supervisor.
- Ability to follow precise technical instructions in an emergency situation.
- Ability to perform prolonged and difficult work under adverse conditions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the general public, co-workers, elected and appointed officials and members of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds regardless of race, religion, age, sex, disability or political affiliation.
- Ability to remain calm in stressful situations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Upon submission of application, proof of the following must be provided:

- High school graduate or equivalent.
- 18 years of age.
- Current State of Florida Paramedic certificate.
- 16 hour Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) certification.
- Current American Heart Association ACLS Provider.
- Current American Heart Association CPR Provider.
- A valid State of Florida Drivers license free from convictions of reckless or careless driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances for a period of not less than three (3) years preceding employment.
- Current ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800.
- International Trauma Life Support (ITLS) or Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider desired.
- Six (6) months prior experience working for a 911 emergency Advanced Life Support transport Service as the Lead Paramedic.
- Must meet physical requirements as stipulated by Florida Statutes, Chapter 633.34 and satisfy requirements of NFPA 1582.

(Depending on functional area of assignment, additional licensure, certification, or training will apply to meet and maintain compliance with all Federal, State, and local licensure requirements, as well as established regulatory standards governing the work.)

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;

- Workplace environment may be confined.
- Exposure to extreme weather conditions and temperature variations.

- Contact with water or liquids.
- Exposure to loud noise with a minimum of 90 decibels and vibrations from tools, equipment, machinery, etc.
- Exposure to hazardous conditions such as mechanical, electrical, chemical, burns, explosives, heights, physical injury and fast moving vehicles.
- Exposure to atmospheric conditions such as fumes, gases, noxious odors, dust and poor ventilation.

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.

- Standing, walking and sitting.
- Stooping, kneeling, crouching and crawling.
- Running, grappling, climbing, balancing and bending/twisting.
- Reaching, feeling, talking and hearing.
- Lifting, carrying, pushing/pulling: 100 pounds or more.
- Handling, grasping.
- Wearing of self contained breathing apparatus while performing firefighting duties.

Medical

Applicant may be required to submit to a medical examination consistent with the requirements of the position, after an offer of employment and prior to appointment. This medical exam is designed to reveal any medical condition that might put the member at increased risk to self or others as a result of certain exposures or activities and to exhibit freedom from any physical, emotional or mental condition which adversely affects the performance of duties in the essential functions of employment with reasonable accommodation.

(Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified individuals pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.)