

Cape Elizabeth Fire Department

EMS PROVIDER

Under the general direction of the EMS Officers, performs skilled emergency medical care. The EMS Provider responds to medical emergencies and provides emergency medical care and transport in accordance with Maine EMS Practices & Protocols. EMS Providers are licensed by the State of Maine as medical providers.

APPOINTMENT:

Entry Level Position

REPORTS TO:

EMS Officers

QUALIFICATIONS:

- 18 years of age at appointment.
- Graduation from High School or G.E.D.
- Ability to speak, read, write & understand the English language.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Responds to medical emergencies and performs patient assessments to identify and treat life threatening and non-life threatening conditions in accordance with Maine EMS Protocols and their scope of practice.
- Consults with medical control for patient treatment.
- Operates ambulances and other emergency medical vehicles.
- Transports patients to the appropriate care facility as indicated by patient needs.
- Perform weekly vehicle inspections.
- Utilizes radios and mobile telephones to relay information.
- Utilizes personal protective equipment to reduce the spread of infectious disease in accordance with the exposure control plan.
- Prepares and submits reports regarding emergencies, supplies, equipment and other matters.
- Makes minor repairs to property and equipment; washes, cleans and disinfects equipment and apparatus.
- All other duties as assigned by EMS Officers.
- **EMT-Basic**
 - Supervise patient care provided by lower license personnel and junior personnel of the same license level.
 - Perform basic airway management including supplemental oxygen therapy, airway adjuncts, suctioning and the usage of barrier devices & Bag-Valve Masks (BVM).
 - Performs Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and utilizes Automated External Defibrillators (AED).
 - Performs spinal stabilization and immobilization utilizing spinal collars, spine boards and extrication vests.
 - Move patients utilizing a variety of stretchers, spine boards, scoop stretchers, stair chairs, and other lifting techniques.

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- Performs basic wound care and splinting of extremities.
- Maintain non-medicated intravenous fluid lines.
- Under the supervision of an EMT-Intermediate or higher licensed EMS provided set-up intravenous administration equipment and attach cardiac monitoring electrodes to the patient.
- Assist patient with the administration of prescribed medications in accordance with Maine EMS protocols.
- Medication administration in accordance with Maine EMS protocols.
- Transports patients to the appropriate emergency care facility.
- Documents patient care on the patient care run report.
- **EMT-Intermediate**
 - Supervise patient care provided by lower license personnel and junior personnel of the same license level.
 - All duties of the EMT-Basic
 - Advanced airway management including the usage of endotracheal intubation, laryngeal mask airway (LMA) device, combitube and Magill forceps.
 - Intravenous & Intraosseous therapy.
 - Blood draws & sampling.
 - Cardiac monitoring and basic cardiac rhythm recognition.
 - Unsynchronized cardioversion (manual defibrillation).
 - Medication administration in accordance with Maine EMS protocols
- **EMT-Critical Care**
 - Supervise patient care provided by lower license personnel and junior personnel of the same license level.
 - All duties of the EMT-Basic & EMT-Intermediate.
 - Cardiac monitoring and advanced cardiac rhythm recognition, including 12-Lead EKG interpretation.
 - Transcutaneous pacing.
 - Synchronized & unsynchronized cardioversion.
 - Medication administration in accordance with Maine EMS protocols
- **Paramedic**
 - Supervise patient care provided by lower license personnel and junior personnel of the same license level.
 - All duties of the EMT-Basic, EMT-Intermediate & EMT-Critical Care
 - Chest decompression.
 - Transtracheal insufflation.
 - Circothyrostomy.
 - Medication administration in accordance with Maine EMS protocols

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SKILLS:

- Thorough knowledge of modern emergency medical care methods, equipment and supplies as per their EMS level.
- Thorough knowledge of technical emergency medical care techniques and principles as per their EMS level.
- Working knowledge of the Incident Command & Incident Management Systems.
- Working knowledge of department rules and regulations.
- Working knowledge of department policy & procedure manual.
- Working knowledge of life saving and rescue techniques.
- Working knowledge of streets and locations throughout the town.
- Thorough knowledge of the use and maintenance of emergency medical care equipment and apparatus.
- Skill in the operation of a variety of ambulances.
- Ability to work safely in roadways where traffic may be moving.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to prioritize decisions and act quickly in the best interest of the patient.
- Ability to develop patient rapport.
- Ability to interview calm & hostile patients.
- Ability to recognize and utilize communication unique to diverse multicultural groups and ages within those groups.
- Ability to function independently at optimum level in a non-structured environment that is constantly changing.
- Ability to wear emergency medical care personal protective equipment for extended periods of time.
- Ability to wear a non-self contained breathing respirator.
- Ability to lift & move patients with the assistance of other emergency medical providers.
- Ability to follow directions and orders.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and the general public.
- Ability to learn a wide variety of emergency medical care duties and methods.
- Ability to learn to perform various tasks utilizing a computer.
- Ability to remain calm during stressful events.

ANNUAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Hazardous Materials: Awareness
- Weapons of Mass Destruction: Awareness
- Workplace Harassment
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Airborne Pathogens
- Respiratory Fit Test

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PROBATIONARY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1-year probation period from appointment.
- Attain & maintain a Maine EMS Provider's License at the following level:
 - EMT-Basic,
 - EMT-Intermediate, or
 - Paramedic
- Attain & maintain a CPR Healthcare Provider certification.
- Complete all annual mandatory training requirements.