

Town of Millinocket

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Full-Time A EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter

Department: Fire and Ambulance Departments

Reports To: Fire Chief

FLSA Status:

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SUMMARY:

Under general supervision of the Chief provides direct services, individually and as a member of a team in response to fire and rescue incidents. Additionally, a An EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter will respond to medical emergencies and provide prehospital care to victims of injury or illness. The employee is responsible for responding to emergency situations and assisting in the control and resolution of the situation. The employee works within the scope of established Fire Department rules, regulations and procedures, however, is expected to exercise considerable judgment and initiative, in emergency situations. Objective is to prevent and minimize injury and/or the loss of life and property in emergency and fire

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT:

An A EMT/ Paramedic/Firefighter is ordinarily the highest medical authority at an emergency medical scene

and as such, makes medical decisions based on standing orders, protocols and orders from on-line and off-line medical direction. The position of A EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter necessitates the same knowledge, skills and job requirements of a Firefighter I after minimum time and training requirements as outlined in the minimum qualifications section.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The list of essential functions as outlined herein, is intended to be representative of the tasks performed within this classification. The omission of an essential function does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

- Performs complex diagnostic and medical procedures including, but not limited to intravenous cannulation, endotracheal intubation, recognition of cardiac arrhythmias and administration of various medications.
- Drives and operates ambulance or other apparatus as assigned and/or operates as a member of medic engine or medic truck company.
- Accurately completes written and verbal reports on patient care to hospital emergency departments.

- Performs inspections and pump check of the apparatus to which he/she is assigned; notifies station officer of any condition requiring repair or maintenance; insures that the inventory of supplies and equipment is complete; assures that apparatus, equipment, and records are maintained and in good order.
- Comprehends and documents complete and accurate patient histories.
- Participates in firefighting duties as assigned and according to the Firefighter's certification levels.
- Lays hose lines, operates nozzles, pumps and hydrants; utilizes fire extinguishers and performs other actions to suppress fire; operates hydraulic, pneumatic, manual and power tools.
- Participates in salvage operation and post fire operations.
- Participates in drills and training evolutions as directed.
- Cleans and performs general maintenance of fire equipment and fire stations.
- Responds to scenes of accidents or acute illness for which emergency medical care has required.
- Required to transfer, lift and move patients while employing appropriate safety and lifting techniques.
- Responds to hazardous materials incidents at an awareness level and responds to other calls for assistance as requested by the public.
- Conducts departmental training sessions on topics related to the employee's job functions.
- Utilizes city computer system for patient care documentation, record keeping, and other job-related functions.
- Drives and operates fire apparatus according to procedures as outlined in the Fire Department SOGs.

NECESSARY KNOWDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Familiarity with existing triage, treatment and patient transport protocols.
- Familiarity with standing orders provided by off-line medical director.
- Proficiency in advanced life support procedures.
- Knowledge of medical terminology.
- Ability to follow both written and oral communication; ability to communicate in a written and verbal manner; ability to exercise appropriate safety tactics in firefighting and medical emergencies.
- In addition to basic life support (BLS) skills, must be proficient in advanced life support (ALS) skills including but not limited to IV therapy, cardiac monitoring, advanced airway control and a variety of medication therapies.
- Ability to handle high levels of personal stress and to maintain composure under a variety of adverse conditions, including verbal and physical abuse, witnessing death and critical injuries and experiencing risk of personal harm.
- Working knowledge of effective techniques and methods of fire suppression and control
- Working knowledge of effective operation of policies and procedures established for the Fire Department
- Skill in the operation of the apparatus to be driven; skill in maintenance of equipment and station; skill in operation of fire and emergency medical service equipment.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Education, Experience, Certifications, Licenses

- Must have high school diploma or the equivalent (GED) and be 18 years of age.

- Minimum of one-year experience as a certified EMT.
- Certification and licensure as a AEMT or Paramedic by the State of Maine.
- Must maintain state-mandated continuing education requirements, including current American Heart Association (AHA) certification in Basic Life Support (BLS), (ALS) Paramedic must have Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS), Paramedic Inter-facility Transfer (PIFT) and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), or equivalent.
- Firefighter I or equivalent is required for this position.
- Must submit to background check.
- Must possess a valid Maine Driver license with a clean record.
- Must be EVOC certified.
- Must be 100, 200, & 700 NIMS certified or complete training within one year.

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.
- While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit; talk or hear; stand; walk; use hands to manipulate, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls. and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to climb or balance: stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl; and taste or smell. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
- While performing the essential functions of this job some tasks involve the ability to exert very moderate physical effort in light work, typically involving some combination of sitting, standing and/or walking. • Emergency tasks and training involve the performance of physically demanding work, which may involve some combination of running, climbing or jumping, and may involve the lifting, carrying, pushing, and/or pulling of moderately heavy and/or heavy objects, materials and/or persons. (20-150 pounds).
- Must be able to wear protective clothing and equipment up to 60.
- The employee must be able to move objects between 20-50 pounds short distances (20 feet or more), perform duties requiring pulling of 40 pounds or more such as removing hose from apparatus, pulling ceilings, starting power equipment, and opening doors on the apparatus, as well as frequently lift objects weighing 50 to 100 lbs.

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.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works in outside weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and night shifts. Work is often performed in emergency and stressful situations. Individual is exposed to hearing alarms and hazards associated with fighting fires and rendering emergency medical assistant, including smoke, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, liquid chemicals, solvents and oils.

The employee occasionally works near moving mechanical parts and in high precarious

places and is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particulates, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electrical shock, and vibration. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate, except during certain firefighting or EMT/Paramedic activities when noise levels may be loud.