

SECTION 2.8

Firefighter / Paramedic

FLSA: Non-exempt

Status: Full-time

Safety - Sensitive position

Supervisor: Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain and Lieutenant.

Supervises: Supervises ALS engine company and/or ambulance crew pertaining to medical issues.

GENERAL PURPOSE:

Under general supervision of a Company Officer, provides basic and advanced life support services to ill or injured persons in accordance with the policies established by Riverview Hospital.

Firefighter/paramedics are responsible for performing the duties of a firefighter assigned to engine and/or ambulance, and other specialized fire department apparatus.

HOURS OF WORK:

This is a shift work position which may require personal to work 12 or 24 hour shifts, career personal will work multiple 24 hours shifts, all days of the week and normally scheduled holidays. This position is usually assigned to the suppression division shift schedule. Regular work hours may be adjusted at the discretion of the Fire Chief to meet the demands of the Fire Department. At the discretion of the Fire Chief's a Firefighter / Paramedic may be placed on a special assignment and work an altered schedule.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Responds to medical emergencies; performs primary and secondary physical assessment of ill or injured persons; treat patients in accordance with Riverview Hospital Protocols and Fire Department policy; operate radio-telephone equipment and communicates medical information to receiving hospital medical personnel.
- Compile necessary reports and records; respond to and perform skilled tasks at the scenes of emergency calls and non-emergency calls.
- Serves as a preceptor for paramedic and emergency medical technician trainees.

- Responds to alarms and assists in the suppression of structural, residential, commercial, industrial, chemical, petroleum, vehicle, and wild land fires; perform fire control activities and utilize strategies in the areas of victim rescue, entry, exposure tactics, ventilation, fire containment and extinguishment, and salvage work; lay and connect hose, hold nozzles and direct water streams; rise and climb ladders; ventilate burning structures; make forcible entries and evacuate occupancies.
- Operates a variety of apparatus, equipment, tools, devices, and vehicles including lifting, hoisting, spreading, and pulling equipment, foam and additive proportioners, fuel and oil pumps, building heating and cooling systems, cutting, boring and sawing tools, lighting, lifting and air moving equipment, appliances, elevators, fire protection and escape systems, radio equipment and meters.
- Has knowledge of and able to use all types of portable fire extinguishers, pike poles, hand fines, smoke ejectors, salvage covers, forcible entry tools, emergency medical equipment and other rescue equipment.
- Conducts fire prevention inspections of dwellings, public assemblies, and commercial, industrial, and governmental buildings, and other public establishments to ensure compliance with codes and regulations pertaining to fire safety; identify common, special, structural, and panic hazards and recommend pre-fire planning activities; issue orders to comply with codes, inspect and test fire protection systems; examine the storage, handling, and use of flammable and combustible liquids and other hazardous materials; make recommendations regarding correction of hazards.
- Conducts daily inspections of condition and readiness of equipment; clean, wash, and service equipment, inspect, test, and maintain equipment and pump motors including nozzles, appliances, fittings, hydrants, fire extinguishers, hand and power tools, ropers, emergency lighting equipment, generators, rescue and first aid and related equipment; flow-test hydrants.
- Responds to miscellaneous emergencies; including rescues, hazardous materials, flooding, and natural disasters, respond to non-emergency situations including false fire alarms, elderly assists, vehicle and residential lockouts, and other non-emergency situations.
- Drives and operate vehicles, apparatus, and equipment under limited conditions.
- Performs cleaning, salvage, and overhaul work following fires, prepare apparatus and equipment for further alarms.
- Participates in periodic testing of pumps, ladders, and other apparatus and equipment.
- Participates in fire training activities; attend continuing and advanced training sessions, which include firefighting techniques, emergency medical care, and the proper use of all equipment and related tools.
- Assists in the investigation of fires; collect and preserve evidence; secure fire scene.
- Participates in physical training activities; aerobic and/or weight lifting routines.
- Assists in securing sites by directing traffic, clearing public, clearing landing zones for helicopter landing; setting up lighting and related activities.

- Responds to the orders and directives of incident commanders/superiors and carries out assignments per applicable practices, protocols, and guidelines.
- Assists in the maintenance of fire stations and grounds; maintain inventories of apparatus, equipment, and supplies; recommend purchase of firefighting equipment, physical fitness apparatus, and station appliances.
- Performs a variety of administrative duties including maintaining property records and documentation on all job related activities, functions, apparatus, and equipment; prepare reports, forms, recommendations, and other required administrative procedures.
- Responds to complaints and requests for information from the public; engage in public information activities; conduct station tours.

ADDITIONAL ABILITY TO:

React quickly and calmly to fight fires and perform emergency medical techniques and procedures; respond quickly to changing situations under emergency pressures; perform rescues; operate, maintain, inspect and repair vehicles, apparatus, equipment, communication systems, and fire hydrants; clean and maintain fire station and grounds; conduct fire inspections and school exit drills; teach classes and participate in public education demonstrations and activities; pass periodic re-certification tests; write comprehensive reports and maintain accurate records; establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work; learn local conditions, locations and regulations; operate computers; understand and follow oral and written directions promptly and accurately.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

Laws, ordinances and codes affecting the work of Firefighter/Paramedics; medical supplies, pharmaceuticals and common prescription drugs; diagnostic signs and treatments for injuries and illness as described in the Riverview Hospital EMS Protocols;

Requirements:

1. High School Diploma or GED (high school equivalency)
2. IDHS certifications as Firefighter I and II (preferred), Fire Officer I, Instructor I,
3. Driver Operator and Hazardous Materials Operations.
4. Documented completion of FEMA IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800.
5. State of Indiana Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic.
6. EMT-P National Registry Certified.
7. Shall be a U.S. citizen

8. No felony convictions and have no more than six (6) active points.
9. Must remain insurable with Territory's liability carrier.
10. An Associate's Degree in Fire Science, Para-medicine or a related discipline is highly desirable.
11. Be at least 21 years of age.
12. Shall not have a conviction for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) in the last 3 years.
13. Shall be drug-free.
14. Shall not have a dishonorable discharge from the military.
15. By the date of appointment, shall reside in Hamilton County or a county adjacent to Hamilton County.