

DEPARTMENT: NIAGARA COUNTY
CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: APRIL 27, 2023

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT TECHNICIAN

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The Advanced Life Support Technician (“ALS Tech”) is a New York State certified emergency responder capable of effectively delivering advanced emergency care and treatment to those sick or injured in various, sometimes physically demanding, situations. The ALS Tech makes definitive patient care decisions under stressful situations, as well as effectively directing, or working with, others at the emergency scene. Work is performed in the office and in the field. Supervision is exercised over subordinate personnel. The work is performed under the clinical supervision of the assigned supervisor and the administrative supervision of the Fire Coordinator in accordance with all applicable rules, regulations, policies, procedures and laws. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Determines and professionally delivers appropriate and required emergency patient care to persons suffering from problems related to trauma or medical emergencies;
2. Assesses emergency scenes for responder safety and potential emergency resources required;
3. Properly and safely operates emergency response motor vehicles in the performance of emergency response duties;
4. Communicates findings to, and requests medical direction from, a medical control physician;
5. Documents and verbally reports emergency care provided to all patients;
6. Coordinates emergency response with other local emergency care providers, and assists with the necessary patient care at either the basic or advanced level as authorized by local and state protocols;
7. Communicates with (or interviews) patients, patient’s family members, and bystanders as necessary;
8. Demonstrates the proper operation of the emergency medical equipment on which the ALS Tech is trained;
9. Effectively communicates to groups or individuals the benefits of advanced life support and is conversant in the dispatch policy for ALS services in Niagara County;
10. Calculates weight and volume ratios for medication administration;
11. Maintains and ensures proper operation of emergency medical equipment;
12. Inventories and restocks emergency medical supplies and drugs (using established safeguards);
13. Participates in emergency medical training with other Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel, which may occasionally include providing training for others.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge regarding the provision of basic and advanced emergency medical care as authorized by local and state protocols; thorough knowledge regarding the operation of medical equipment needed to provide emergency medical care; thorough knowledge of the principles, techniques, and practices of emergency medical services; thorough knowledge of the procedures, equipment, and terminology associated with radio communications in an emergency medical service setting; good knowledge of intravenous drugs and fluid administration as authorized by local and state protocol; good knowledge of the operation of a cardiac monitor/defibrillator as well as other pre-hospital medical equipment; good manual dexterity; demonstrate the tact necessary to effectively work with emergency responders from any other agency operating in the County; ability to work independently; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to comprehend and apply information presented in tabular form; ability to comprehend and apply information contained in technical manuals pertaining to emergency medical services and equipment; ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; ability to keep accurate, clear, legible records and make reports; ability to lift and carry 125 pounds (250 pounds with assistance); ability to perform activities in a variety of environments, temperatures, and weather conditions; ability to work in low light situations and confined spaces; ability to enter and move within private residences; ability to climb stairs; ability to stoop, bend, kneel and crawl on uneven terrain; ability to be unaffected by loud noises and flashing lights; ability to accurately discern street signs and addresses; ability to get along well with peers and to secure their cooperation; ability to get along with patients, physicians, and others; ability to use good judgment and to remain calm in stressful situations; ability to effectively demonstrate equipment to other EMS providers or the general public; tact and courtesy; professional in appearance; self-motivation; maturity; emotional stability; good powers of observation and analysis; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AT TIME OF APPLICATION AND FOR DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT:

1. Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic **or** Emergency Medical Technician-Critical Care certification issued by the New York State Department of Health;
2. Possession of a valid NYS driver's license;
3. Must authorize and execute any necessary releases to enable the appointing authority to verify licensure and driving history involving violations and/or crimes;
4. Meet the Qualifications and Competencies set forth in the EMT- Paramedic Functional Position Description by the NYS Department of Health for the duration of employment.

NOTE: The appointing authority is responsible for verifying the appointee's driving record and licensure at appointment and throughout employment. The appointing authority must submit documentation to the Personnel Officer indicating that this has been verified and approved.