

DEPARTMENT: NIAGARA COUNTY
CLASSIFICATION: COMPETITIVE
APPROVED: JANUARY 5, 2021

EMT/FIREFIGHTER

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: These temporary positions have been created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to assist with the administration of vaccines. This position provides support and assistance to those administering COVID-19 vaccines. The work involves responsibility for administering emergency medical care and basic life support to persons who have suffered illness or injury and other medical care in accordance with their scope of practice, relevant state laws and regulations. The incumbents will work under the direction of the Director of Emergency Services, Public Health Director, Director of Public Health Planning and Emergency Preparedness, County EMS Systems Coordinator, NCDOH Medical Consultant, or other designated supervisor. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Assists with COVID-19 testing and administration of COVID-19 vaccine within the community at various sites in Niagara County;
2. May be required to assist with operational set-up and moving of equipment (tents, tables etc.);
3. Provides general assistance on-site for site maintenance and upkeep;
4. May be required to work with OEM staff to move trailers and generators;
5. May be required to fuel small and large generators.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Working knowledge of administering drugs, drug actions and interactions; good knowledge of modern principles, practices and techniques of emergency treatment procedures, including Advanced First Aid, CPR and emergency medical technician; good knowledge of the operations and maintenance of equipment and supplies utilized in administering emergency medical treatment; good knowledge of recent developments in the field of emergency medical treatment; good knowledge of anatomy and medical terminology; good knowledge of the policies and procedures involved with the vaccination of a large population; the ability to act calmly and effectively in emergency situations; ability to evaluate the extent of injuries; ability to prepare and maintain accurate records; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma and possession of the following requirements at the time of application, appointment and during the service in this classification:

1. Emergency Medical Technician certification issued by the New York State Department of Health;
2. Possession of a valid NYS driver's license;
3. Completion of regional and agency credentialing requirements;
4. Completion of NYSDOH Bureau of EMS COVID Vaccine administration training (prior to or once hired);
5. Current CPR Card.