

## **CITY OF MERCED**

### **Emergency Medical Technician**

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

#### **SUMMARY DESCRIPTION**

Under general supervision, provides ambulance transport services as a member of the Merced Fire Department (MFD) as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). The successful person will provide the highest level of care, treatment, and transport for all patients in an expedient and safe manner as specified by the Merced County EMS agency and Merced Fire Department Policy, Procedure, and Protocols. The successful EMT will perform related work as required.

#### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

Incumbents learn emergency response techniques and procedures while performing basic life support transport functions. Incumbents are expected to increase their range of knowledge and abilities and develop their skills while in this classification.

#### **REPORTS TO**

Battalion Chief in charge of EMS

#### **CLASSIFICATIONS SUPERVISED**

This is not a supervisory classification.

#### **REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES**

*The following duties are typical for this classification. Incumbents may not perform all of the listed duties and/or may be required to perform additional or different duties from those set forth below to address business needs and changing business practices.*

1. Respond to emergency medical, hospital interfacility, fire, rescue, and hazardous material incidents; perform tasks to reduce injury and illness, transport patients to hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, convalescent care facilities, doctor's offices, and home; and respond to non-emergency calls for service as necessary.
2. Respond to hazardous materials incidents; perform medical monitoring.
3. Respond to fires; perform rehab and medical monitoring as necessary.
4. Participate in drills and training exercises, classes, and activities including, but not limited to, those related to fire prevention, EMS, hazardous materials, and other related areas.
5. Participate in public relations, health/safety education activities including station tours, safety education away from school, school education programs, group activities, courtesy walk-through visits, and phone inquiries.
6. Participate in fire and life safety inspections; perform inspections of commercial industrial, residential, and other buildings; identify fire and life safety hazards; and submit reports as needed.
7. Clean station living quarters, maintaining them in a clean and orderly condition; participate in building and grounds maintenance.
8. Study and review Fire Department rules, regulations, and operating procedures.
9. Study and review Merced County EMS Agency policies and protocols.
10. Maintain, clean and restock, and ensure the proper condition of fire and emergency response equipment.
11. Perform related duties as required.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

*The following generally describes the knowledge and ability required to enter the job and/or be learned within a short period of time in order to successfully perform the assigned duties.*

##### **Knowledge of:**

Appropriate safety precautions and procedures.

Fire Department organization.

State of California Health and Safety Code, Title 22 and Merced County EMS Agency policies and protocols.

Maintenance procedures pertaining to fire department EMS equipment, buildings, and grounds.

Proper methods, materials, tools, and equipment used in ambulance transport including safe emergency work practices.

Infectious disease control procedures.

Emergency radio communication procedures.

Medical terminology and documentation.

Mathematical concepts and principles.

General principles of fire prevention.

Geography and street layout of the City and surrounding areas.

Emergency vehicle maintenance and operation, including all applicable federal and state driving licenses.

Computer operation and use of electronic media.

**Ability to:**

Perform a variety of fire prevention, interfacility transport, and emergency medical response activities.

Read and understand EMS materials and apply EMS concepts.

Understand and carry out written instructions.

Read electronic and incident maps and follow map directions.

Operate an ambulance or department light-duty vehicle using safe practices.

Safely and properly transport patients during ambulance transportation.

Analyze emergencies and develop appropriate courses of action.

Perform complex tasks, work safely, and communicate with others during life threatening emergencies.

**Education and Experience Guidelines** - *Any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:*

**Education/Training:**

Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12) grade

**Experience:**

No minimum experience requirements

**License or Certificate:**

Possession of a Class C California Driver's License

Possession of State of California EMT certification or State of California Paramedic license

**Special Requirements:**

New job candidates must meet medical and physical standards.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT**

*The conditions herein 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 these essential job functions.*

**Environment:** Work is normally performed in a fire station environment and at reactive emergency, natural or man-made disaster, and routine fire prevention environments with frequent travel to different locations throughout the City; regularly work near moving mechanical parts and in areas of limited and restricted entry and exit; regularly exposed to outside weather conditions and constant moisture; exposed to extreme cold, extreme heat, and vibration; above average exposure to life threatening situations; the noise level in the work environment is usually moderate; however, the noise level is occasionally very loud when responding to emergency calls and when working at a fire or other emergency incident; and regular contact with other staff and the public.

**Physical:** Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to work in an emergency response setting; walk, stand, sit, or run for prolonged periods of time; climb stairs and exercising above average physical agility; walk on sloped, uneven, and slippery surfaces; stoop, bend over, and kneel frequently; crawl through a variety of areas on hands and knees; sufficient manual dexterity and eye-hand

coordination to work with special equipment during emergency situations; lift and move persons weighing up to 100 lbs., without assistance and heavier objects with assistance; endurance to sustain extra physical effort for a substantial period of time; maintain corrected hearing and vision to normal range; verbal communication; and use of office equipment, including computers, telephones, calculators, copiers, and FAX.

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