

# **Fern Creek Fire Protection District**

## **Career Paramedic**

### **Job Description**

**GENERAL PURPOSE:** Performs a variety of administrative and technical work in emergency medical services, hazardous materials, fire prevention, and public education activities.

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Fire/EMS Chief, Deputy Chief, EMS Director, Company Officers

#### **MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:**

- Maintain valid Kentucky Driver's License
- Completion of High School Diploma or GED
- Must hold and maintain Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services licensure for the level of EMT-Paramedic, as well as:
  - Current American Heart Association Basic Life Support, Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support certifications
  - Certificates of completion for ICS 100, 200, 700 and 800
- Must have or obtain within twelve (12) months of employment, the certification of PHTLS (Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support), if offered a position
- Must be no younger than twenty-one (21) years of age
- Must complete department approved defensive driving course, if offered a position
- Must complete department approved obstacle and road driving course for each EMS apparatus, if offered a position

#### **REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of applicable laws and regulations
- Knowledge of all equipment related to his/her job-related functions
- Ability to utilize critical thinking skills to quickly solve problems in an emergency setting

#### **ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

- Respond to all dispatched incidents and perform emergency medical duties. This includes knowing the dangerous building conditions; have the ability to perform suitably in a fire situation or hostile environment; have the ability to use safety procedures in an emergency operation in relation to protective equipment, team work, portable tools and equipment, riding or driving an apparatus, and hazardous materials incidents. In addition, it shall also include meeting the conditions of attachment #1, EMT/Paramedic Job Requirements and Conditions.
- Render pre-hospital emergency medical care according the established medical protocols
- Operate EMS vehicles to and from emergency scenes, transport medical patients to the hospital
- Assist and coordinate with other emergency service agencies in rescue operations, motor vehicle accidents and other emergency situations

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- Perform a variety of emergency medical treatment services at the basic and advanced life support levels
- Employ safe lifting and moving techniques
- Handle radio communications during emergency and non-emergency situations
- Perform related duties as assigned answers telephone system and takes messages for distribution to appropriate personnel as needed.
- Responsible for the daily inspection and cleaning of apparatus, tools and equipment.
- Responsible for the daily inspection and cleaning of fire stations, interior and exterior.
- Shall work as a team with other crew members and volunteers.
- This position is exposed to infectious diseases or blood borne pathogens as a result of working in close physical contact with the general public
- This position routinely deals with medical equipment such as defibrillators, AED, Mechanical CPR Device, and advanced life support medications that can cause harm if not properly used.
- This position requires a high degree of physical conditioning in order to lift and move injured persons and deal with the physical and mental stress associated with the duties of this position.
- Shall perform other duties and special projects as assigned by the Chief.

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:**

This position performs various types of emergency medical services, is responsible for the preparation and maintenance of accurate records pertaining to equipment and apparatus maintenance of an EMS nature.

**ADDITIONAL EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:**

- Cleans and maintains (minor maintenance) vehicles
- Cleans and maintain fire station
- Maintains records of vehicles, supplies, training and daily work (data entry)
- Assists fire personnel at the fire scene with rehab duties
- Performs other related duties as assigned
- Assists the fire district with public relation activities

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE POSITION:**

A paramedic must display a high level of knowledge and expertise in emergency scene operations. She/he must be able to represent the department with a high degree of professionalism.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:**

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The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met 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 worker is frequently required to sit and talk or hear. The employee is occasionally required to stand; walk; use hands to handle or feel; climb or balance; stoop, kneel; crouch or crawl; reach with hands and arms; and taste and smell. Subject to infectious disease, toxic waste, chemicals, fumes, odor, and other hazards.

The employee must frequently lift and/or move up to 10 pounds and frequently lift and/or move more than 100 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to focus.

**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 frequently works in outside weather conditions. 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 particles, toxic or caustic chemicals, risk of electric shock, extreme heat, and vibration.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate in the office setting, and loud at an emergency scene.