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SEASONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Posting Date: 4/10/2025
Closing Date: Open until filled

Position Title: Emergency Medical Technician
Department: Fire-EMS
Supervisor: Fire-EMS Chief
Classification: Seasonal Exempt, Part-Time
Pay Range: \$22.07 – \$35.47 Hourly, DOE

POSITION SUMMARY: Join our Emergency Medical Services team in Whittier, Alaska, and make a meaningful impact in a one-of-a-kind seasonal setting. As a Seasonal Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), you'll provide frontline medical care and emergency transport services during Whittier's busiest months, typically from May through September. This role is critical in supporting the community during peak tourism season, especially when cruise ships are in port and call volume increases.

You'll work under the general supervision of the Fire/EMS Chief and must be able to think quickly, apply medical protocols accurately, and respond compassionately and effectively to a wide range of emergency situations. This position requires reliable response times: within 5 minutes while on duty and within 30 minutes while off duty. Applicants are responsible for their own transportation to Whittier.

Come experience summer in a breathtaking setting while putting your skills to work for a small but resilient Alaskan community.

PRIMARY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Operate emergency medical response vehicles and respond promptly to 911 calls within the city limits.
2. Deliver pre-hospital emergency medical care in accordance with certification level, including basic and advanced life support procedures.
3. Assess and treat patients on scene, document care in compliance with department protocols, and ensure proper handoff and communication with receiving medical personnel.
4. Transport patients safely to designated medical facilities, providing enroute monitoring and continued care as necessary.
5. Maintain cleanliness, decontamination, and readiness of medical equipment, vehicles, and supplies after each call.
6. Attend required trainings, drills, and continuing education sessions to maintain certifications and stay current on procedures.
7. Conduct routine inspections of personal and department-issued safety gear; report deficiencies promptly.
8. Communicate clearly and respectfully with coworkers, partner agencies, patients, and the public.

9. May mentor or support less experienced EMTs, trainees, or volunteers during calls and station activities.
10. Be available for scheduled shifts, rotating coverage, and occasional call-outs outside regular hours.

Additional responsibilities for EMTs with Firefighter I certification:

11. Participate in basic fire suppression activities and scene safety.
12. Maintain firefighting equipment and assist with inspections.
13. Support Search and Rescue operations when assigned.

DESIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

1. Working knowledge of emergency medical care principles and practices appropriate to certification level.
2. Familiarity with medical equipment, supplies, and emergency vehicle operation.
3. Ability to remain calm, think critically, and make sound decisions in high-stress and fast-paced situations.
4. Strong interpersonal skills, including the ability to communicate effectively and compassionately with patients, families, and other responders.
5. Understanding of patient confidentiality, legal requirements, and documentation standards.
6. Ability to work independently or as part of a small, close-knit team.
7. Willingness to follow protocol, accept feedback, and engage in ongoing training.
8. Physical stamina and emotional resilience to handle demanding and potentially traumatic situations.
9. Adaptability to changing schedules, weather conditions, and operational needs in a remote location.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. High School diploma or GED.
2. At least 18 years of age.
3. Valid Alaska driver's license with a clean driving record and insurability.
4. Current State of Alaska EMT I, EMT II, EMT III, or Paramedic certification.
5. Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.
6. Ability to perform physically demanding tasks, including lifting patients and equipment, operating in extreme weather, and navigating challenging terrain.
7. Willingness to work in adverse, unpredictable environments.
8. Must pass a pre-employment drug screening and background check.

Preferred Qualifications:

9. Firefighter I certification.
10. Prior experience in emergency response, fire suppression, or search and rescue.

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