



Code: 8749
Family: Public Safety
Service: Public Safety
Group: Fire Service
Series: Firefighting

CLASS TITLE: PARAMEDIC I/C

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under general supervision of an Ambulance Commander, a Paramedic In-Charge supervises an assigned ambulance crew providing emergency medical care and transportation to victims of trauma, injury or illness; provides in-field training to probationary Fire Paramedics, maintains paramedic equipment, ensures completion of all necessary reports and documentation, and performs related duties as required

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

- Supervises the safe operation of an ambulance and the enforcement of established Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations, Region XI Standing Medical Orders, Policies & Procedures, and Fire Department directives
- Initiates telemetry communications with appropriate telemetry base while responding to calls for emergency medical assistance to provide pre-hospital emergency medical care
- Assesses the nature and extent of illness or injury and following established protocols, treats sick and injured persons at fire and emergency scenes
- Uses medical equipment and applies paramedical protocols to administer injections of medications and drugs, monitor cardiac patients and perform other required medical procedures
- Prepares patients for transport to hospital facilities, placing them on a stretcher or other conveyance devices, lifting and carrying patients as required
- Transports patients to appropriate emergency departments, adult or pediatric trauma centers or other specialty care centers including burn and decompression chamber units as identified on participating hospital list.
- Responsible for the preparation of patient care reports, journal entries and other documents as required by assigned ambulance company
- Inspects operational condition of ambulance, ensures adequate inventory supplies on ambulance are stocked and that electronic and communication equipment is operating appropriately
- Supervises and evaluates the performance of subordinates
- Oversees and performs general maintenance and cleaning of Fire Department equipment and general housekeeping of firehouse facilities
- Supervises and strictly employs universal precautions, proper barrier devices and routine hand washing in the prevention of disease transmission

NOTE: *The list of essential duties is not intended to be inclusive; there may be other duties that are essential to particular positions within the class.*

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience

- Career Service status as a Paramedic with the Chicago Fire Department

Licensure, Certification, or Other Qualifications

- Must have and maintain State of Illinois certification as a licensed Paramedic/EMTP
- Must have a valid State of Illinois Driver's License

WORKING CONDITIONS

- Stressful and physically demanding environment
- Extreme weather conditions
- Extended firehouse based work hours

EQUIPMENT

- Two-Way Radio
- Computers and peripheral equipment (e.g., personal computer, computer terminals, hand-held computer)
- Cardiac Monitor & Defibrillator
- Patient Conveyance Devices
- Airway Management Devices
- Patient Immobilization Devices
- Splinting & Hemorrhage Control Devices
- IV (intravenous) insertion equipment
- Medication Administration Devices
- Personal Protective Equipment

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must pass all phases of the selection process including a medical evaluation, drug screen, physical performance test and background investigation

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES, AND OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS

Knowledge

Moderate knowledge of:

- Region XI Chicago Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Policies and Procedures
- Region XI Chicago Paramedic Standing Medical Orders
- Illinois EMS Act and applicable portions of Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regulations
- geographical locations and roadways in the City

Some knowledge of:

- fire and emergency medical procedures
- safety principles and practices
- radio, telephone, and computer-aided dispatch communications systems and their operation

Skills

- ACTIVE LISTENING - Give full attention to what other people are saying, take time to understand the points being made, ask questions as appropriate, and not interrupt at inappropriate times
- CRITICAL THINKING - Use logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions, or approaches to problems
- SERVICE ORIENTATION – Actively looks for ways to help people
- SOCIAL PERCEPTIVENESS – Demonstrates awareness of others' reactions and understands why they react as they do
- EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE – Performs routine maintenance on equipment and determines when and what kind of maintenance is needed
- STAMINA – Demonstrates energy and stamina to accomplish work tasks
- OPERATION AND CONTROL - Control operations of equipment or systems

Abilities

- COMPREHEND ORAL INFORMATION - Listen to and understand information and ideas presented through spoken words and sentences
- SPEAK - Communicate information and ideas in speaking so others will understand
- COMPREHEND WRITTEN INFORMATION - Read and understand information and ideas presented in writing
- WRITE - Communicate information and ideas in writing so others will understand
- MAKE SENSE OF INFORMATION - Quickly make sense of, combine, and organize information into meaningful patterns

Other Work Requirements

- PERSISTENCE - Persist in the face of obstacles on the job
- INITIATIVE - Demonstrate willingness to take on job challenges
- CONCERN FOR OTHERS - Demonstrate sensitivity to others' needs and feelings and be understanding and helpful on the job
- SELF CONTROL – Maintains composure, keeps emotions in check even in very difficult situations, controls anger and avoids aggressive behavior
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL - Pay careful attention to detail and thoroughness in completing work tasks

All employees of the City of Chicago must demonstrate commitment to and compliance with applicable state and federal laws, and City ordinances and rules; the City's Ethics standards; and other City policies and procedures.

The City of Chicago will consider equivalent foreign degrees, accreditations, and credentials in evaluating qualifications.

* May be required at entry.