

CLASS SPECIFICATION

SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision as a member of an emergency medical team, to administer first aid treatment and assist paramedics and other emergency medical service personnel in providing emergency and non-emergency patient care to sick or injured persons; to drive emergency vehicles to and from emergency and non-emergency situations; to transport patients to hospitals or other medical care facilities; and to perform related work.

* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Assists paramedics and other emergency medical service personnel in providing emergency and non-emergency medical and health care;
- Responds to instructions from emergency medical dispatcher and drives ambulance or other emergency vehicle to specified location of emergency and non-emergency location;
- Monitors communication equipment to maintain contact with dispatcher;
- Communicates with professional medical personnel at emergency treatment facility to obtain instructions regarding further treatment and to arrange for reception of victims at treatment facility;
- Determines nature and extent of illness or injury, or magnitude of catastrophe, in order to establish first aid procedures to be followed or need for additional assistance, basing decisions on statements of persons involved, examination of victim or victims, and knowledge of emergency medical practice;
- Administers prescribed first aid treatment at site of emergency, or in specially equipped vehicle, performing such activities as applications of splints, administration of oxygen or intravenous injections, treatment of minor wounds or abrasions, or administration of artificial resuscitation;
- Removes or assists in removal of victims from scene of accident or catastrophe;
- Transports patients to hospitals or other emergency care facilities;
- Assists in removal of victims from vehicle and transfer of victims to treatment center;
- Assists treatment center admitting personnel in obtaining and recording information related to victims' vital statistics and circumstances of emergency;
- Maintains vehicles and medical and communication equipment, and replenishes first aid and medical equipment and supplies;
- May assist professional medical personnel in emergency treatment administered at medical facility;
- Cleans and maintains patient care compartment of emergency vehicles;
- Prepares reports of incidents for billing and other record keeping purposes;
- Performs other related emergency medical support duties.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Possession of the following current valid certificates and license: Emergency Medical Technician certificate issued by the State of California or by an EMT certifying agency approved by the State of California; County of San Diego EMT System I.D. Card; Basic Life Support for the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care Provider; California Class C Driver's License.

- * **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.