



LaSalle Fire Department

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JOB TITLE: FIREFIGHTER/EMT-B

POSITION SUMMARY

The Firefighter/EMT-B's (FF/EMT) primary role is performing firefighting and rescue work in emergency situations and providing emergency medical care within the scope of practice for an EMT-B as outlined by the State of Illinois and the OSF Saint Elizabeth EMS system. Additional roles include participating in public relations events, standby at special events, and maintaining department vehicles, equipment, and property.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Including but not limited to:

- Respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for assistance.
- Respond to instructions from dispatch and drive and operate specially equipped emergency vehicles to specified locations at a safe and controlled speed, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and standards.
- Rescue victims from occupancies under fire conditions.
- Select, lead out, and operate hose line to direct a stream of water onto fire.
- Position and climb ladders to gain access to upper levels of structures.
- Create openings in structures for ventilation or access. Breach walls, floors, roofs using a variety of powered and/or hand tools.
- Protect property from further water and smoke damage, perform salvage and overhaul operations.
- Draft a detailed, accurate, and complete fire report (NFIRS) as required.
- Provide efficient and immediate Basic Life Support (BLS) care to the critically ill and injured and transport the patient to a medical facility.
- Determine the nature and extent of illness or injury and establish priority for required emergency care.
- Perform independently under emergency conditions, analyzing situations rapidly and objectively to determine proper medical care plan while remaining courteous and tactful.
- Draft a detailed, accurate, and complete Patient Care Report (PCR) as required.
- Maintain interior and exterior of department vehicles. This includes, but is not limited to, restocking and cleaning the exterior and interior of ambulances as well as general cleaning and upkeep of all fire department vehicles as needed.
- Perform general building maintenance including dusting, sweeping, cleaning windows, mopping, etc. as needed or directed by the Fire Chief or designee.
- Assist with public relations and recruiting and training of new personnel.
- Answer incoming telephone calls, provide information to callers and/or route callers to the proper person when applicable.
- Compose correspondence, reports, and other material as directed by the Fire Chief or designee.

- Attend meetings, trainings, continuing education and refresher training programs as required by employer, medical director, licensing and/or certifying agencies, or OSF Saint Elizabeth EMS System.
- Perform any other duties as assigned by the Fire Chief or designee.

EDUCATION / LICENSURE / CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Illinois Emergency Medical Technician – Basic certification required.
- Valid Healthcare Provider CPR certification required.
- OSFM Basic Operations Firefighter (BOF)/Firefighter II
- Valid Illinois Driver's License required.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS REQUIRED

- Demonstrate competency in OSF Saint Elizabeth EMS System protocols and successfully test into that system.
- Complete a scheduled CPR recertification as needed.
- Knowledge of modern EMS principles, procedures, techniques, and equipment.
- Knowledge of computer processing.
- Vocational or business skills such as typing, operating business machines such as fax machines and copiers.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, and the general public and work effectively as a team member.
- Reading, writing, comprehension, and basic mathematical skills are required.
- Critical thinking skills and ability to solve problems.
- Ability to understand and follow directions.
- Ability to effectively meet and interact with the public.
- Ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality in the performance of duties.
- Must be able to handle stressful situations.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEMANDS OF POSITION

- Standing, walking, kneeling, crouching, and sitting.
- Reaching, feeling, talking, and hearing.
- Lifting objects weighing 50 pounds or more.
- Handling, manipulating objects with hands, holding, grasping, or controlling with the hands.
- Performing tasks under emergency conditions may require strenuous exertion.
- Exposure to death, emotional stress, and patients with contagious diseases.
- Exposure to physical hazards from equipment, traffic, patients, and fires may occur.
- Exposure to health risks may occur.
- Must be able to physically and mentally perform the essential functions of an FF/EMT.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND WORKING CONDITIONS

- May be exposed to extreme cold and heat, changing weather and environmental conditions.

WORK SCHEDULE

- FF/EMT part-time employees will work various call shifts as voluntarily signed up for by the part-time employee.