

## **Job Description – Driver**

### **Responsibilities:**

The Driver answers emergency calls to provide efficient and immediate care to ill and injured patients. After receiving notification of an emergency, the Driver safely responds to the address or location given, using the most expeditious route, depending on traffic and weather conditions. The Driver must observe traffic ordinances and regulations concerning emergency vehicle operation. The Driver: "

- Functions in uncommon situations;
- Has a basic understanding of stress response and methods to ensure personal well-being;
- Has an understanding of body substance isolation;
- Understands basic medical-legal principles;
- Functions within the scope of care as defined by state, regional and local regulatory agencies;
- Complies with regulations on the handling of the deceased, protection of property and evidence at the scene, while awaiting additional EMS resources.

The Driver will "size-up" the scene to determine if the scene is safe, to identify the mechanism of injury or nature of illness, the total number of patients and to request additional help, if necessary. In the absence of law enforcement, the Driver creates a safe traffic environment, such as the placement of road flares, removal of debris and redirection of traffic for the protection of the injured and those assisting in the care of injured patients. Using a limited amount of equipment, the Drivers shall work under the direct supervision of an EMR, EMT or higher level of provider and may be asked to assist on scene with limited patient care such as:

- Opening an airway;
- Ventilating patients;
- Administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation;
- Providing emergency medical care of simple and multiple system trauma such as:
- Controlling hemorrhage,
- Bandaging wounds,
- Manually stabilizing injured extremities.
- Providing emergency medical care to:
- Assist in childbirth
- Reassuring patients and bystanders by working in a confident, efficient manner.
- Avoiding mishandling and undue haste while working expeditiously to accomplish the task.

Where a patient must be extricated from entrapment, the Driver:

- Performs emergency moves and assists other EMS providers in the use of prescribed techniques and appliances for safely removing the patient
- Assists other EMS providers, in lifting the stretcher, placing the stretcher in the ambulance, and seeing that the patient and stretcher are secured

- If needed, radios the dispatcher for additional help or special rescue and/or utility services

After each call, the Driver:

- Cleans all equipment following appropriate disinfecting procedures,
- Assists with restocking of used supplies,
- Maintains emergency vehicle in efficient operating condition
- Ensures that the emergency vehicle is clean and washed and kept in a neat orderly condition
- In accordance with local, state or federal regulations, decontaminates the interior of any vehicle used to transport patients after transport of a patient with contagious infection or hazardous materials exposure.

Additionally the Driver:

- Determines that the emergency vehicle is in proper mechanical condition by checking items required by service management
- Maintains familiarity with specialized equipment used by the service
- Attends continuing education and refresher education programs as required by employers and licensing or certifying agencies.

### **Reporting:**

The Paramedic will report to the Captain of the area of responsibility to which the Paramedic is assigned. Ultimately the Paramedic reports to and works under the direction of the EMS Chief. The Paramedic will work on scene independently and may supervise other care providers.

### **Qualifications:**

- 18 years of age or older
- Complete and successfully pass a background check
- Complete and successfully pass a driving history check
- Complete an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)
- Professional rescuer level CPR
- A valid driver's license
- Commercial driver's license preferred but not necessary

### **Physical Requirements:**

Aptitudes required for work of this nature are good physical stamina, endurance, and body condition that would not be adversely affected by having to walk, stand, lift, carry and balance at times, in excess of 125 pounds. Motor coordination is necessary because of uneven terrain, the patient's and driver's wellbeing, as well as other workers' wellbeing must not be jeopardized.

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