EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

DEFINITION: Under close supervision, provides emergency, pre-hospital care and transportation to the critically injured or ill within the parameters of the license/certification.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS: (Essential functions, as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include the following tasks, knowledge, skills and other characteristics. This list of tasks is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.)

TASKS:

Stands by in readiness to respond to emergencies during a 24-hour tour of duty; responds to emergency calls; assesses situation and need for assistance; determines most effective method of emergency treatment; applies treatment to victim(s)/patient(s); advises hospital personnel of situation; transport injured or ill to hospital for treatment.

Maintains records and files; maintains and re-supplies vehicle; identifies needs for additional/replacement supplies and equipment; undertakes continuous training; works with public, medical professionals and others to educate and advise of the role, capabilities and responsibilities of an Emergency Medical Technician; performs other related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE. SKILLS AND OTHER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of applicable State of South Carolina statutes, rules, administrative orders, policies and procedures.
Knowledge of Laurens County policies and procedures.
Knowledge of techniques, requirements and activities associated with emergency medical response.
Knowledge of record keeping, records and case management.
Skill in working under stressful situations, in receiving and assessing information, then making appropriate decisions for response.
Skill in establishing and maintaining good working relations with staff, other departments, law enforcement, and the general public.
Skill in effectively maintaining equipment, facilities and operations.
Skill in operating a personal computer utilizing a variety of software applications.
Skill effectively communicating in both oral and written form.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Work requires good physical fitness with the ability to function effectively in heavy, cumbersome protective gear, be able to lift and carry heavy, bulky items, equipment, materials, supplies and people weighing up to 200 in unpredictable weather conditions over varying terrain. There is also the risk of bodily harm and potential exposure to infectious diseases, toxic fumes and chemicals.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

The equivalent of a High School Diploma and current South Carolina EMT Certification at the time of application. Must possess and maintain certification in Basic Life Support. Must possess a valid South Carolina Drivers License. Must be certified in an emergency vehicle operations course. Applicants must be able to effectively communicate in both oral and written form.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Applicants must be certified in South Carolina as an Emergency Medical Technician at the time of application. Incumbents must be able to obtain and retain all required licenses and certifications.