

**CITY OF STUART
JOB DESCRIPTION**

Title: FIREMEDIC

Department: Fire Rescue

Job Code: 4090

Grade: F04

Exempt Status: Non-Exempt

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS

Under supervision of the Lieutenant, Battalion Chief or EMS Division Chief and subordinate to the Fire Chief, EMS Division Chief, Battalion Chief and Lieutenant, renders basic and advanced life support care to the sick and injured, rescues persons and property from danger, performs fire suppression activities, applies emergency rescue techniques, provides public education, and prevention duties. While emergency responses constitute the primary focus of a Fire Medic's responsibility, considerable time is spent in study, training, inspecting and maintaining equipment and apparatus. Duties involve an element of personal danger and incumbents must be capable of functioning as an integral part of a work unit in order to ensure the safe and efficient performance of duties. Work is performed in accordance with the rules, regulations, procedures and other such authorities, which are applicable to the position. Work is reviewed through observation, verbally or through written reports for adherence to established policies and procedures. While engaged in the provision of emergency medical treatment, the Firemedic supervises on scene personnel solely for the purposes of assuring the provision of proper emergency medical treatment and care of patients. May assume responsibilities of Lieutenant in an acting assignment provided incumbent has met all promotional eligibility requirements for that position.

EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Responds to emergencies with a fire company or rescue unit, drives fire apparatus or other vehicles to and from emergencies.
2. Responds to fires or other emergencies; operates pumps, aerial ladders and mechanical accessories.
3. Answers medical emergencies with a rescue unit as an advanced life support unit or with an engine company as a basic or advanced life support unit.

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4. Removes, extracts, and rescues persons from danger.
5. Recognizes acute symptoms requiring immediate care; administers life-saving rescue procedures to injured or afflicted persons
6. May be assigned to a rescue crew.
7. Prepares required paper work and reports.
8. Connects hose to hydrants and pumps; joins hose sections and connects nozzles to hose; enters burning buildings with or without hose lines; operates nozzles and plays a stream or fog on fires.
9. Operates hand fire extinguishers and similar equipment extinguishing fires; raises and climbs ladders; ventilates burning buildings to remove smoke and gasses.
10. Makes daily inspections of apparatus and equipment and notifies supervisor of defects; performs cleaning and maintenance tasks in and about assigned station; replenishes required supplies.
11. Aides in the mitigation of other emergencies as directed by supervisory personnel.
12. Attends instructions sessions in emergency medical care, firefighting methods, equipment operation, rescue procedures, hazardous materials mitigation and related subjects. May be called upon to conduct classes and drills in these and other areas.
13. Recognizes hazardous material situations; makes identification of unknown substances through the use of specialized testing equipment; assists with the set-up of decontamination procedures; assists state agencies in the removal/disposal of hazardous material.
14. Provides educational information and lectures to community organizations and schools.
15. Provides training in emergency medical treatment and care to Department personnel, Fire Medic Interns, Rescue EMT Interns, and students.
16. While engaged in the administration of emergency medical treatment, supervises on scene personnel in the proper treatment and care, and is responsible for in the proper treatment and care of patients.

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17. May supervise subordinate personnel such as probationary firefighters.

NOTE: The examples of essential functions as listed in this classification specification are not necessarily descriptive of any one position in the class. The omission of an essential function of work does not preclude management from assigning duties not listed herein if such functions are a logical assignment to the position.

REQUIREMENTS

A. Training and Experience:

High school diploma or GED required; must have a State of Florida certification as a Firefighter and Paramedic, must have and maintain an American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR certificate and Advanced Cardiac Life Support provider (ACLS) certificate.

Must have a valid State of Florida Class "E" Drivers License and certificate of completion of an approved Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC).

Special Requirements:

Must perform Fire Medic internship under the direction of the Rescue Training Officer (RTO) and successfully demonstrate skill performance and complete written tests.

Must receive and maintain Medical Director practicing privileges and EMS Division Chief approval.

Must have and maintain American Heart Association Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certificate.

Must have and maintain Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) certificate or Basic Trauma Life Support (BTLS) certificate.

B. Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

Knowledge of firefighting principals and practices.

Knowledge of tools, equipment, and apparatus used in firefighting.

Knowledge and skills in basic life support procedures as outlined in Department Emergency Medical Guidelines.

Knowledge and skills in advanced life support procedures as outlined in Department Emergency Medical Guidelines.

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Ability to learn a wide variety of fire fighting and rescue duties.

Ability to work from ladders and aerial devices at elevated heights.

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, subordinates and the general public.

Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

Ability to keep records and make reports.

Ability to supervise subordinate personnel.

Skill in the use of firefighting and rescue tools and equipment.

C. Physical Requirements:

Task involves the regular, and at times sustained performance of heavier physical tasks such as walking over rough or uneven surfaces, bending, stooping, kneeling, pushing, pulling, reaching, continuous operation of hand and power tools and the full range of shop equipment to very exacting tolerances, calling for full coordination of sensory and manipulative ability in order to achieve full production to acceptable standards. Task may involve occasional heavy lifting (100 pounds) or moving, but the emphasis is placed upon coordination and manipulation skills. Must meet Department Fitness requirements as indicated in the Fire Department Rules and Regulations. Ability to endure sustained acts of physical exhaustion and periods of duty under unfavorable and life threatening situations.

D. Environmental Requirements:

Task requires that work may be performed in adverse environmental conditions, close quarters or limited space areas and possible hazardous conditions including: flames, fire, chemicals, smoke, heat, gases, moving vehicles, falling structures and debris, electricity, poor ventilation, poor lighting, and related hazards. Must be able to perform work in heavy and cumbersome personal protective equipment for extended periods. Environment may also include a biohazardous threat, which necessitates the use of proper infectious disease control measures, etc.

E. Sensory Requirements:

Task requires color perception and discrimination.

Task requires sound perception and discrimination.

Task requires odor perception and discrimination.

Task requires depth perception and discrimination.

Task requires texture perception and discrimination.

Task requires visual perception and discrimination.

Task requires oral communications ability.

Task requires written communications ability.

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Human Resources Director

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Fire Chief

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