

## TOWN OF EAST HARTFORD

**TITLE:** Firefighter./Paramedic  
**DEPARTMENT:** Fire

**Grade:** [65](#)  
**Date:** 06/96

### POSITION DEFINITION:

Under general supervision of Line Officer or Pumper Driver/Operator performs duties involved in fire suppression and response to medical emergencies.

### ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Responds to fire alarms with a fire company.
- Performs various complex tasks during life threatening emergencies both as a member of a team and independently to control or extinguish fire and other emergency conditions.
- Administers immediate aid and assistance on the scene to injured; assists in rescue work in various emergencies.
- In response to medical emergencies, performs a variety of paramedic related tasks including assessing patients conditions, transmitting and receiving information via communication link with the sponsor hospital, and may accompany patients in ambulance or transport patients when necessary.
- Participates in company drills in firefighting techniques and attends classes in firefighting, medical care and related subjects.

### ADDITIONAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Use manual and power tools in the performance of duties.
- Performs assigned duties in maintaining apparatus, quarters, building equipment, hydrants, and grounds.
- Participates in fire surveys and inspections of all types of occupancies.
- Cleans, polishes, oils, and greases equipment, makes minor repairs.
- Serves on a floor watch, maintains station's clerical records.
- Documents emergency incidents and patient information on appropriate forms.
- Provides public fire and EMS education.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- Skill to lay and connect hose lines, hold nozzles, make openings in building for access and ventilation, salvage property and clean up premises.
- Skill to use chemical extinguishers, pike poles, axes, bars, hooks, and lifelines and nets.
- Skill to drive and operate various motor-driven equipment including fire trucks, automobiles, and supply trucks.
- Ability to recognize the need for vehicle and equipment repairs and maintenance.

- Some knowledge of mechanic's tools and machinery.
- Knowledge of the rules, regulations, and procedures of the department.
- Performs medical procedures consistent with training and certification.
- Ability to analyze problems quickly and act effectively in emergency situations.
- Ability to give clear, concise written and oral instructions, and work effectively with fellow employees, staff, supervisor and the general public.

### **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL EFFORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:**

- Tolerate extreme fluctuations in temperature while performing duties in hot, humid, atmospheres while wearing equipment that significantly impairs body-cooling mechanisms.
- Rely on senses of sight, hearing, smell, and touch to help determine the nature of the emergency, maintain personal safety, and make critical decisions in a confused, chaotic, and potentially life threatening environment throughout the duration of the operation.
- Work for long periods of time, requiring sustained physical activity and intense concentration.
- Perform a variety of tasks on slippery, hazardous surfaces such as rooftops or from ladders.
- Wear personal protective e equipment that weighs approximately 50 pounds while performing firefighting tasks.
- Make rapid transitions from rest to near maximal exertion without warm-up periods.
- Ability to lift 40 pounds frequently and heavier weights occasionally.

### **JOB QUALIFICATIONS AND LICENSING REQUIREMENTS**

- High School Diploma or its equivalent
- Certification as an EMT-P by the State of Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services and the North Central Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Council.
- Approval by the Medical Director of the sponsor hospital to operate as an EMT-P.
- Some experience in building, plant, or machine operations or maintenance.
- Possession of a valid Motor Vehicle Operator's License.
- Must be free of any physical or mental impairment that would prohibit the accomplishment of the essential functions of a Firefighter/Paramedic.

**Note: The above tasks and responsibilities are illustrative only.**