

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

*****Credentialed EMT Only*****

Franklin County Emergency Services Department is recruiting for a full-time, credentialed Emergency Medical Technician. An employee in this class performs professional basic life support work in operating an approved mobile medical unit, rescuing victims, and performing basic emergency care including the administration of life sustaining treatment to patients on-site and while en route to hospital. Work involves responding to the scene of emergency and non-emergency calls, applying necessary medical treatment to sick or injured persons, and transporting persons to a medical facility. Employee serves as a member of an ambulance crew and is responsible for the medical care administered to the patient. Employees perform emergency medical procedures at the EMT level. Work includes participating in community outreach education and prevention programs, preparation of vehicles, cleaning of vehicles, building and grounds, and participating in continuous in-service training. Work requires considerable independent judgment in assessing the condition of patients and applying short-term relief. Work is performed in accordance with established Emergency Medical Standard Operating Guidelines and Procedures Manual and under local medical director approved protocols. Work is performed under the supervision of a Paramedic Captain and is evaluated based upon verbal and written performance reports, through observation, and periodic conferences.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Comprehensive knowledge of basic emergency medical procedures and techniques.
- Comprehensive knowledge of equipment and supplies employed in the emergency care of patients and victims of accidents.
- Thorough skill forming a general impression of a victim's condition and applying emergency medical care.
- General knowledge of anatomy and physiology.
- General knowledge of county geography and of the location of roads and streets within the County.
- General knowledge of radio communications equipment.
- Ability to operate a personal computer and related software and to type with accuracy.
- Ability to prepare ambulance call reports and other reports using appropriate grammar, medical terminology, and abbreviations, and to write legibly.
- Ability to perform duties in accordance with established emergency medical procedures and techniques, medical protocols and standing orders.
- Ability to respond quickly and calmly to emergency situations.
- Ability to operate emergency vehicles for long periods of time during both day and night, in congested traffic and in unsafe road conditions caused by factors such as fog, smoke, rain, ice, and snow, and in emergency situations involving speeds in excess of posted limits, in a safe and professional manner with respect to environmental conditions, vehicles abilities, driver abilities, organizational expectations through policies, procedures, directives, and standards, and observe motor vehicle laws.
- Ability to effectively restrain patients, forcibly if necessary, using humane restraints and maneuvers to minimize injury to the patient and co-workers.
- Ability to perform medical care and other duties which may involve lifting, carrying patients over uneven surfaces, climbing up to and down from elevated surfaces, climbing through openings, carrying equipment and patients down steps.
- Ability to train, evaluate and motivate, directly and indirectly, employees.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written direction.
- Ability to work with a diverse socioeconomic population based on the unique situations encountered.
- Ability to deal with stress and death and dying patients.
- Ability to endure verbal abuse when confronted with the hostile views and opinions of patients, family members, and bystanders in antagonistic environments.
- Ability to read and comprehend maps.
- Ability to establish and maintain an effective working relationship with other members of the EMS system and the general public.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality of patient information.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Responds to emergency calls, providing basic life support treatment to patients, as well as transportation to the appropriate medical facility; functions at the Emergency Medical Technician level; abides by the Franklin County government safety standards and regulations.
- Performs emergency medical acts in accordance with protocols and standards established by the EMS System and Medical Director; administers approved medications via approved access routes, performs pulmonary ventilations, performs patient assessment and basic life support techniques in accordance with established protocol including: airway management and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, oxygen administration, hemorrhage control, treatment for shock, bandaging and dressing soft tissue injuries, splinting of fractures and dislocations, treatment of injuries to the head, face, eye, neck, and spine, treatment of injuries to the chest, abdomen and genitalia, provision of basic life support for medical injuries, assisting in normal and abnormal childbirth, treatment of injuries as a result of exposure to heat and cold, treatment of burns, lifting and moving patients for transfer to a medical facility and assists the paramedic, as needed, in preparing for Advanced Life Support care.
- If requested may respond to non-emergency calls, such as requests to transport patients from hospital to their homes or from a local medical facility to a specialized medical center.
- Participates in a continuous training program to improve competence in medical technical work and in and operation; studies street and road patterns and networks of the County in order that future runs may be made with minimum difficulty and delay.
- Inspects and tests EMS units and apparatus daily, maintaining proper inventory of equipment and supplies; cleans and sanitizes vehicles, units, apparatus and equipment daily; ensures that they are in proper and good working order; makes routine adjustments, but reports other than minor defects for specialized attention.
- Maintains cleanliness and performs minor maintenance of Emergency Medical Service facilities; cleans, sweeps, mops daily.
- Assists with the direction and control during disaster situations.
- Participates in informal training activities and in formal in-service training classes to maintain required certifications; attends other training opportunities.
- Participates in community outreach programs. Assists with First Aid and CPR classes.
- Promotes prevention awareness and provides information on services that are available.
- Completes required paperwork and reports.
- Performs other related work as required.

Desirable Education and Experience:

High School diploma and moderate experience in basic emergency medical service work (EMT); or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Must possess NC Office of Emergency Medical Services certification as an EMT.

Special Requirement:

Certification by the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services as an Emergency Medical Technician; Completion of NIMS 100, 200, 700, and 800; Possession of a valid North Carolina driver's license upon hire. Please refer to Title 21, Sub Chapter 32H, Section .0501 of the North Carolina Administrative Code for specific certification requirements.

Must have the ability and willingness to work a 24-hour shift including day, night, weekend, holiday hours and inclement weather.

Work Location: Location Varies

Salary Range: \$31,329 - \$32,979

Closing Date: This recruitment will remain open until filled and may close at any time. The first review of applications will take place April 26, 2021.

How to Apply: Visit <https://www.franklincountync.us/employment-opportunities/employment-center> to complete an electronic application or to obtain a printable application.

Franklin County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

The County prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, creed, national origin, age or disability.

Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Criminal Background Screening are required.