

SEASONAL BEACH EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

Position Purpose:

The purpose of this position is to assist in maintaining the safety and well-being of public in an ocean beach environment; all other related work as required. Performs varied duties which may require the exercise of sound judgement and initiative in maintaining public safety, providing medical care, and dealing with general public. Provides medical care to sick and injured.

Supervision:

Supervision Scope: Performs responsible duties requiring a thorough knowledge of responsibilities and the exercise of judgment and initiative to perform duties, complete assigned tasks, and analyze the facts or circumstances surrounding individual problems.

Supervision Received: Work is performed under the general direction of the Fire Chief in accordance with applicable Town policies and Massachusetts Office of Emergency Medical Services regulations and Statewide Treatment Protocol. Receives some direct supervision from Firefighter-EMTs/ Firefighter-Paramedics; refers all unusual cases to supervisor. Works collaboratively with lifeguards and other beach staff.

Supervision Given: None.

Job Environment:

Seasonal position. Average work week is forty (40) hours and typically requires weekend work.

Work is performed outdoors with uninterrupted exposure to weather extremes and inclement weather; the noise level is moderate at most times. Work conducted in both busy, high density areas and in more remote locations.

Operates lifesaving equipment, mobile communication devices, and a utility task vehicle (UTV).

Makes frequent contact with the general public, Fire & Rescue Department, lifeguards, Police Department, Beach Operations staff and National Seashore. Contacts are primarily in person and by mobile communication and require the ability to resolve problems and communicate safety directives.

Errors could result in compromised public health and safety and poor public relations.

Essential Functions:

(The essential functions or duties listed below are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.)

Observes and patrols the beach area to ensure the safety of all individuals.

Provides medical care, first aid, CPR, as necessary.

Participates in and conducts daily drills and training.

Sets up medical equipment, ensures it readiness. Reports any defective equipment to Fire Department Supervisor.

Responds to inquiries and complaints with tact, discretion, and professionalism.

Keeps supervisors informed of happenings at the beach (facility issues, safety issues, staff issues, rescues, shark sighting, etc.) Completes appropriate documentation.

Assists Beach Staff with public notification of beach closures, shark sighting procedures, etc. as needed.

Performs similar or related work as required, directed or as situation dictates.

Recommended Minimum Qualifications:**Education and Experience:**

High school diploma or equivalent.

Current Certification as Massachusetts Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (at minimum).

Valid Massachusetts Driver's License and clear driving history.

Knowledge, Ability and Skill:

Knowledge: Comprehensive knowledge of medical care and public safety. Working knowledge of beach conditions including tides, weather, and marine life.

Ability: Ability to operate four-wheel drive vehicle in beach environment. Ability to work in stressful situations with minimal staff support in both busy, high density areas and in more remote locations. Ability to perform arduous lifesaving duties requiring physical endurance and agility. Ability to work with general public in a courteous, professional manner.

Skill: Proficient in writing/reading the English language. Excellent verbal and written communication skills required. Skill in the use of appropriate administrative and communications technology. Skill in medical/ first aid/ CPR/ AED procedures. Skill in use of rescue tools and equipment.

Physical Requirements:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Frequently required to position self in utility task vehicle. Required to move quickly across the beaches and parking lots, including on uneven terrain and up steep coastal banks, independent of utility task vehicle. Often required to move equipment weighing up to 100 lbs. Occasionally required to move patient off-beach, including on uneven terrain and up steep coastal banks, independent of utility task vehicle. Performs all lifesaving procedures. Strenuous physical effort may be required during rescues/emergencies. Communicates in-person frequently and in writing occasionally. Required to operate all lifesaving equipment, including any new equipment assigned. Regularly required to maintain a stationary position for long periods of time while patrolling beaches in vehicle. Ability to accurately view and detect driving hazards, signs, maps, wildlife, etc. Ability to accurately detect and discern general sounds associated with driving. Required to detect persons in need of rescue, unsafe terrain, adverse weather indicators, presence of dangerous marine life, etc. Frequently required to communicate effectively and accurately with members of the public and Town staff and communicate over a radio system. Constantly works in outdoor weather conditions.

(This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.)