



FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JOB DESCRIPTION

Responds to emergency calls. Provides proper patient care, controls scene, and performs continued evaluation and care of patient. Ensures partner is providing proper patient care. Observes EMS protocols - professionalism, ethics. Completes paperwork - report on each call received from dispatch. Ensures ambulance equipment is in working order and there is a sufficient amount of equipment on ambulance throughout shift. Protects life and property by safely extinguishing fires and removing individuals from hazardous situations; assisting in fire prevention activities; involvement in other emergency and non-emergency situations, such as inspections, and maintenance of equipment. All qualified candidates will be required to undergo a polygraph, psychological, drug screen, physical, and in-depth background check.

While no written description can encompass the many personal skills necessary to resolve every challenge a firefighter paramedic may face, the following list is useful in providing a starting point for understanding the scope of duties expected of a Baytown Firefighter.

1. Receives calls from dispatcher, responds verbally to emergency calls, reads maps, may drive ambulance to emergency site, uses most expeditious route, and observes traffic ordinances and regulations.
2. Determines nature and extent of illness or injury, takes pulse, blood pressure, visually observes changes in skin color, makes determination regarding patient status, establishes priority for emergency care, renders appropriate emergency care based on competency level; may administer intravenous drugs or fluid replacement as directed by a physician. May use equipment based upon competency level such as but not limited to, defibrillator, and electrocardiograph. Performs endotracheal intubation to open airways and ventilate patient.
3. Cleans and checks equipment on truck including air pack, tools, equipment, oil, engine fuel levels, pumps, and radio. Fills out and files reports. Cleans station, which includes sweeping, mopping, and performing general maintenance such as painting or mowing grass
4. Suppresses fire including trash, grass, building, vehicle, and chemical fires
5. Participates in training to maintain knowledge of street and hydrant locations; Studies books, pamphlets, magazines and other materials concerning fire tactics and related information to maintain knowledge of fire station equipment, procedures, rules and regulations; Includes classroom training and live evolutions
6. Performs rescue operations involving removing people from hazardous situations such as vehicle rescue, confined space trench rescues and above ground rescues. Performs medical duties as EMT Paramedic