

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT/FIREFIGHTER</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Emergency Services
<b>DIVISION:</b>	Fire and Rescue
<b>POSITION NUMBER:</b>	3044
<b>FLSA STATUS / GRADE:</b>	Non-Exempt / 121
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	Service Workers
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF POSITION:**  
 Performs difficult protective services work in regard to emergency medical services and fire suppression; engages directly in providing advanced life support and stabilization procedures at the scene of a medical emergency and during transport to medical facilities; engages directly in fire suppression activities and response to fire related incidents as required; does related EMS, Fire and emergency services work as required. Responsible to Incident Commander on scene and/or any Bedford County Fire & Rescue Officer.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Acts in the capacity of EMT-Advanced Life Support/Firefighter.
- Provides advanced life support and other EMS stabilization procedures.
- Performs rescue from potentially life-threatening situations.
- Assists in the protection of property via fire suppression and other fire related activities.
- Assists with Hazardous Materials Incident responses.
- Prepares accurate records and reports as required for EMS and Fire related responses.
- Operates emergency equipment as certified and required.
- Assists in maintenance of equipment related to the County EMS/Fire Service.
- Assists in maintenance of buildings and grounds related to the County EMS/Fire Service.
- Assists in maintenance of vehicles related to County EMS/Fire Service.
- Assists in maintenance of water distribution appurtenances related to fire suppression.
- Replenishes supplies and materials as needed for County EMS/Fire Service.
- Assists in fire and safety inspections/investigations of public and private property as required.
- Assist in providing EMS, Fire, and General Safety training to the public.
- Assists in providing EMS, Fire and Hazardous Materials training.
- Accomplishes other tasks and activities as appropriately assigned in reference to EMS, Fire and Emergency Services.
- Participates in employee meetings and training as needed.
- Performs special projects as assigned.
- Meets attendance requirements and maintains the highest level of dependability.
- Consistently demonstrates ability to respond to changing situations in a flexible manner in order to meet current needs, and reprioritizes work as necessary.



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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

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**Education / Experience:**

Must possess education equivalent to graduation from high school; possession of Virginia Emergency Medical Technician – Intermediate or Paramedic; CPR certification; ACLS, PALS/PEEP, NIMS – ICS 100, 200 & ICS 700 certification; EVOC certification; a minimum of 1 year pre-hospital experience; Virginia Department of Fire Programs Firefighter 1 and/or Firefighter II; Virginia Department of Fire Programs Hazardous Materials Operations certification.

**Knowledge / Skills and Abilities:**

Extensive knowledge of advanced life support emergency medical care and techniques; working knowledge of firefighting techniques; ability to work cooperatively with other emergency services personnel under hazardous and stressful conditions; ability to assist in managing emergency medical services incidents making appropriate decisions in regard to patient care; actively performing fire suppression and property protection; ability to foster and maintain positive working relationships with volunteer personnel and the public; have an aptitude for mechanical and manual work and be in excellent physical condition.

Must be willing and able to develop a working knowledge of all aspects of Emergency Service activities within Bedford County and be willing and able to complete various tasks associated with the provision of these services.

**Certifications / Licenses:**

Must possess a valid Commonwealth of Virginia driver's license with 5 years driving experience, proof of insurance required to drive on county business, and acceptable driving record.

Continuation of employment will be dependent on maintaining certification requirements.

**Physical Requirements:**

The physical requirements 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 for individuals with disabilities.

This is heavy work requiring exertion of 100 pounds of force occasionally, up to 50 pounds of force frequently and up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word level; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, peripheral vision, visual inspection involving small defects and /or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arm's length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work and observing general surroundings and activities.

**Environmental Factors:**

The worker must be able to work in all weather conditions and is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibrations, hazards, atmospheric conditions and oils. The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and infectious agents and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.



**Special / Additional Requirements:**

Subject to a complete criminal history background search and drug screening with acceptable results.

Candidate must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

**Disclaimer:**

This job description is not designed to cover or contain a comprehensive listing of activities, duties, or responsibilities that are required of the employee. This is not an employment contract and does not alter any employee at-will status.

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