

Job Description

Job Title: Paramedic **Job Code:** 905000 **Job Family:** Public Safety
Pay Grade: PM.56.2912 **FLSA:** Non-Exempt **EEO:** Technicians
Department/Agency: MED-ACT **Position Number(s):** Multiple **Recommended Position Title(s):** Paramedic

The following Core Competencies apply to everyone and are essential to all County jobs:

- Accountability – Follows-up on and meets commitments, takes ownership for work, and possesses a strong ability to stay focused on individual, department, and County results.
- Communication – Clearly and effectively expresses ideas and thoughts (verbally and in writing); listens actively.
- Customer Focus & Public Relations – Builds positive internal and external customer relationships; is committed to customer satisfaction; assumes responsibility for solving customer problems and ensures commitments to customers are met.
- Initiative – Independently acts to resolve problems and provide solutions; seeks out new responsibilities; generates new ideas; practices self-development.
- Safety – Understands and supports safety standards as required by the job; keeps the workplace clean and safe.
- Teamwork– Encourages and facilitates cooperation, pride, and trust among the team; fosters commitment and team spirit; works cooperatively with others to achieve overall goals.

Essential Duties:

- Maintains readiness for effective prehospital medical response and inter-facility transfers including front line vehicles, back-up vehicles, specialty units, typical prehospital response equipment and specialty team response equipment; ensures patient privacy, returns to readiness quickly; maintains accountability for equipment and supplies; completes administrative tasks by established deadlines; ensures completion of logs for accountability and ensures equipment, vehicles and stations are maintained and clean.
- Provides medical care in the prehospital environment following established protocols; maintains proficiency in clinical skills; coordinates the activity of on-scene first responders; provides compassionate service to meet patient needs; recognizes the need for and is able to interface with special operation units within and outside of Johnson County; maintains scene safety, protects responders, patients and the public; assumes personal risk; transports patients to appropriate destinations based on County protocols.
- Conducts and participates in training exercises for EMS providers, first responders and the public; improves medical knowledge and skills through training; participates in inter-agency training and reviews; provides a leadership role for outside agency personnel; maintains personal records of training history and recertification requirements.
- May participate in councils, groups or special teams; organizes other employees to accomplish a goal, facilitates training, develops and researches proposals.
- Responds to prehospital medical calls in a safe manner, ensuring a quick chute and response time based on department guidelines; follows appropriate routing utilizing tools to ensure an efficient response time.
- Interacts regularly with first responders in order to promote camaraderie and communication on call scenes; interacts with the public to share safety and prevention messages; assists with public education events; maintains appropriate level of physical fitness for response readiness.
- Collects, communicates and documents information regarding the medical emergency; delivers complete and timely reports to hospital staff; ensures the completion of billing information; ensures patient privacy.
- Serves as the lead provider on the unit when a provider is not available (ambulance or squad), keeping track of multiple controlled substances, coordinating on scene resources, overseeing personnel and taking responsibility for less senior provider on the unit.
- This position is OSHA category 1.

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Supervisory Responsibilities:

- Yes No This position is also responsible for the supervision and leadership of employees, which includes making employment-related decisions and/or recommendations, and formally evaluating performance.

Duties and responsibilities, as required by business necessity may be added, deleted or changed at any time at the discretion of management, formally or informally, either verbally or in writing. Scheduling and shift assignments and work location may be changed at any time, as required by business necessity.

Minimum Job Requirements:

High school diploma or equivalent required. Current Paramedic certification by the state of Kansas or eligible for Kansas Reciprocity with recertification bi-annually at the employee's expense.

Working twenty-four (24) hour shifts and up to thirty-six (36) hours including weekends and holidays and on-call/standby work is required.

Valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record and successful completion of the post-offer drug testing are required.

Johnson County Government requires reference/background screening for all positions. Specified criteria may vary by Department/Agency.

Preferred Job Requirements:

Two (2) years of experience providing advanced life support level response prehospital care is preferred.

Education/Experience Substitutions:

- Yes No Experience may be substituted for degree.
- Yes No Education may be substituted for experience.

Physical, Environmental, and Special Working Conditions:

Ability to see and hear sufficient for accurate perception of patient condition, including the ability to differentiate fine distinctions in appearance and sound.

Excessive standing and/or walking: 40% of the time.

Exposure to extreme temperatures, fumes and/or chemicals, heights, loud noises.

Successful completion of physical ability test annually, ability to lift 250 pounds with assistance, and performing CPR is required.

Ability to work and complete duties while wearing an OSHA Level C chemical and biological PPE including protective clothing, powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) and chemical protective boots.

NFPA 472 HazMat Awareness Level, OSHA training, NIMS 100, 200, 700 and 800 required to be obtained in-house within one (1) year of employment.

NFPA 472 HazMat Operations Level, NFPA 473 Medical Response to HazMat Incidents, Disaster Medical Specialist and Tactical Medicine Certification preferred.

Within sixty (60) days of hire, employees (select DHE and EMS positions) must produce proof of immunization, proof of immunity, proof that immunization is medically contraindicated, submit a written objection to immunization based upon a

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sincerely held religious belief, or receive vaccination for the following: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR); Tetanus Diphtheria and Acellular Pertussis (TDAP); and Varicella (Chickenpox).

All County employees may be called upon to assist other departments in a declared emergency situation.