

**CLASS SPECIFICATION
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

PARAMEDIC I

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision and in a training capacity as a member of an emergency medical team, to perform paramedic duties in emergency and non-emergency medical situations; and to perform related work.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

Paramedic I is the sub-journey class within the City's Paramedic series. Most positions are classified at the Paramedic II level, which is the fully experienced or journey level class. In a training capacity, positions may be underfilled with Paramedic I in accordance with the City's Career Advancement Program. This class is distinguished from the next higher class in that Paramedics I typically assist journey level Paramedics II in providing emergency medical assistance and receive more guidance and assistance in their assignments.

* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Participates in the delivery of emergency and non-emergency medical and health care;
- Assesses nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures to be followed or needed for additional assistance;
- Administers life support care to sick and injured persons in pre-hospital setting as authorized and directed by physician;
- Communicates with physician and other medical personnel via voice or telemetry communications;
- Restores, stabilizes and monitors medical condition of patient, using electrocardiograph, defibrillator, telemetry equipment, oxygen and suction devices, and other sophisticated medical equipment, or as directed by physician;
- Assists in performing pulmonary ventilation to open airways and ventilate patient;
- Administers intravenous fluids and injections of medications and drugs, following established protocols;
- Draws blood from patients for laboratory analysis;
- Administers initial treatment at emergency scene and takes and records patient's vital signs;
- Observes, records, and reports to physician patient's condition and reaction to drugs, treatments, and significant incidents;
- May drive emergency vehicles to and from incident scenes and medical treatment facilities;
- May lead Emergency Medical Technicians in emergency care procedures;
- Prepares reports of incidents;
- Performs other related emergency medical support duties.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Possession of the following current valid certificates: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Paramedic License issued by the State of California; County of San Diego EMT Paramedic Accreditation; and Basic and Advanced Life Support for the Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiac Care Provider. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver's License.

* **EXAMPLES OF DUTIES** performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.