

## CLASS SPECIFICATION

### SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PARAMEDIC II

#### DEFINITION:

Under general supervision as a member of an emergency medical team, to perform journey level paramedic duties in emergency and non-emergency medical situations; to lead other emergency medical support staff; and to perform related work.

#### DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is the fully experienced or journey-level class within the City's Paramedic series. Incumbents of this class are expected to perform their duties with only occasional instructions or assistance as new or unusual situations arise, and are fully aware of the operating procedures and policies of the department. Positions classified at this level may be underfilled with a Paramedic I in accordance with the City's Career Advancement Program.

#### \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

- Responds to a variety of emergency and non-emergency medical and health care situations;
- Examines patient to assess 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 for emergencies such as heart failure, insulin shock, pulmonary disease, drug overdose, fractures, head and spinal cord injuries, burns, poisoning, and obstetrical emergencies;
- Operates electrocardiograph, defibrillator and other sophisticated medical equipment,
- 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;
- Performs pulmonary ventilation to open airways and ventilate patient;
- Administers intravenous fluids, injections of medications and drugs, closed chest cardiac massage and other procedures following established protocols;
- Draws blood from patients for laboratory analysis;
- Interprets cardiac arrhythmias;
- Observes, records, and reports to physician patient's vital signs, condition and reaction to drugs, treatments, and significant incidents;
- May drive emergency vehicles to and from incident scenes and medical treatment facilities;
- Leads and instructs other emergency medical staff in emergency care procedures;
- Prepares reports of incidents;
- Checks and ascertains that assigned emergency vehicle is completely stocked and in good running condition at the beginning of and throughout the work shift;
- 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.

One year experience providing emergency medical care as a certified Paramedic. 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.