**Job Description**

**Firefighter / EMT / Paramedic**

**Division:** Operations

**Supervises:** None **Section:** Suppression / EMS

**Reports To:** Captain **Probation Period:** 1 Year

**Hours of Work: 24 Hrs. (7 a.m. – 7 a.m.)**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

Perform firefighting, basic and advanced life support procedures in accordance with all county and state protocols, administrative procedures, rules and regulations. Basic / and advanced life support and firefighting work in the treatment of the injured or sick; combating, extinguishing, preventing fires, operating department apparatus and equipment. Work in emergency conditions that may involve extreme danger and exertion under hazardous conditions (flames, smoke, hazardous materials, cramped conditions, charged or oxygen deficient atmospheres, downed power lines, victims with severe injuries and death, and inclement weather-among others).

**ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

Provide firefighting, rescue, first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) services, and basic / advanced life support emergency scenes.

Assist in removal of victims from dangerous situations.

Participate in the exchange of information between off-going and on-coming shifts and in crew meetings as necessary.

Check all personal gear; assigned vehicles, equipment and tools to ensure safe and effective operation.

Prepare/complete records/reports related to emergency medical care and vehicle operations provided during operational period.

Respond to alarms of fire or other emergency; lays, connects. Use hoses and nozzles to direct fog or water stream; raise and climb ladders; use fire extinguishers, bars, hooks, lines, pike poles, halogens, drills, saws, extrication tools and appliances, and other equipment safely, efficiently, and in accordance with established policies and procedures. operate engines, trucks, squads, and rescue units safely, efficiently, and in accordance with established policies and procedures.

Maintain familiarity with grid maps and related road networks within the fire district area and within those areas with mutual aid response agreements.

Participate in all scheduled and assigned training classes.

Communicate among assigned personnel, other employees throughout the department, upper management, county personnel and the general public as necessitated by the position.

Perform other job-related duties consistent with assigned responsibilities.

**MINIMUM OUALIFICATIONS:**

High School diploma or acceptable equivalent. Shall successfully pass any American Township Fire Department required written or oral examinations prior to employment.

Knowledge of the procedures and methods used in safely and comfortably handling/treating patients. Knowledge of prehospital patient care for basic and advanced life support.

Knowledge of fire suppression and prevention methods, procedures and techniques.

Ability to communicate both orally and in writing; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions.

Ability to establish/maintain working relationships with employees and management.

Ability to effectively perform prolonged strenuous work under adverse emergency conditions involving physical and mental stress.

Ability to learn and efficiently operate firefighting equipment.

Ability to think clearly and use independent judgment in routine and non-routine situations which may occur.

Excellent physical condition and the ability to pass a physical examination.

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, REGISTRATIONS:**

Possession and maintenance of a current Ohio Firefighter Level II Compliance Certificate within (1) year from your appointment date of employment. Possession and maintenance of AHA basic life support card. Be certified by Ohio EMS Board as an EMT within one (1) year of appointment and certification as a Paramedic within (2) years of your appointment: maintain certification while employed in this position:

Meet the requirements as set forth by the Medical Director of the American Township Fire Department

 Posses and maintain a valid Ohio drivers license.

**ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS:**

Must be able to wear all assigned bunker gear and perform related emergency scene duties effectively and efficiently.

Be able to frequently lift and carry heavy weights (75 lb. or more), climb, walk, run, drive vehicles, crawl, stoop, push, jump, grasp hoses, grasp and manipulate small objects, work on unsteady footing, and use other emergency and firefighting equipment as required.

Must posses good vision and hearing and be able to distinguish odors.

**Disclaimer:** The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by the person assigned to this position. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of responsibilities, duties and skills required. This job description does not constitute an employment agreement between the employer and the employee and is subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and the job requirement change