Pennington County Sheriff’s Office Job Description

Job Title: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Specialist
Division: Addiction Treatment Services
Reports To: Detox Supervisor
Grade: 12
FLSA Status: Non-Exempt
Approved Date: 1/24/12

Job Summary
The Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Specialist performs all duties relevant to providing direct care for individuals receiving detoxification, alcohol/drug addiction treatment, or mental health crisis care services; or using safe solutions. EMT Specialists are responsible for maintaining a therapeutically safe and secure environment through close and courteous interactions with clients that may be intoxicated, withdrawing, or in mental health crisis in normal and potentially volatile circumstances.

EMT Specialist will routinely complete patient assessments and provide medical care within the scope of their EMT certification and as directed by the PCSO Medical Provider in routine and emergency medical situations. EMT Specialist will work closely with the Nurse and other PCSO medical staff in providing care to the clients. EMT Specialists are required to handle multiple tasks occasionally under high stress conditions.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities
- Performing all the duties of a Detox Tech I as needed.
- Providing emergency medical care for all clients participating in Addiction Treatment Services.
- Operating emergency medical equipment.
- Assisting with evaluating the level of medical care needed for clients in the facility and making referrals to hospital/paramedics when necessary.
- Completing patient assessments on clients in routine and emergency medical situations
- Providing medical care within scope of practice per medical protocols and as directed by PCSO Medical Staff and Medical Provider
- Making referrals to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or the hospital when necessary
- Operating routine and emergency medical equipment
- Carrying out medical orders of the nurse or medical provider
- Setting up MARs and administering approved client medications
- Completing client TB, Strep, Pregnancy, and other tests as directed by protocols
- Charting and record keeping as required for all Addiction Treatment Services contracts.
- Assisting with medication needs.
- Monitoring and enforcing random urinalysis and breathalyzer testing.
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- Adhering to Sheriff’s Office Policies.
- Performing additional duties as assigned.

Minimum Requirements

- HS Diploma or GED required.
- One year of customer service experience.
- Current EMT Certification.
- Possession of or ability to readily obtain a valid South Dakota Driver’s License within 90 days of moving to South Dakota.

Working Environment

The work is typically performed in an office. The work requires the use of protective devices such as masks, goggles, gloves, etc.

Physical Requirements

The Emergency Medical Technician Shift Supervisor can expect to frequently stoop, kneel, crouch, stand, climb stairs, walk, and sit. Other physical demands include periodic high levels of exertion in the form of unarmed self-defense and lifting and/or moving more than 50 pounds.

Pre-Employment/ Internal Promotional Requirements

Applicant will undergo a background investigation and pre-employment drug as outlined in Global Policy 2-23.

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