



Announces an Employment Opportunity for

Community Paramedic (Temporary/Pilot Project)

Mountain-Valley EMS Agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer

FINAL FILING DATE: December 31, 2014 (All applications must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2014)

The Mountain-Valley EMS Agency is a regional EMS agency serving the counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Stanislaus. The purposes of the EMS Agency are to plan, coordinate, monitor, and evaluate the implementation of the emergency medical system.

Under the direction of the MVEMSA Medical Director and by authority of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority, the Community Paramedic (CP) provides field support, patient care and integration of the MVEMSA pilot study: *Mobile Integrated Behavioral Health Paramedicine*. This grant-funded, two year position (maximum) will provide integrated health services in support of the Stanislaus County Behavioral Health Network in partnership with other health agencies. This recruitment is to fill ten to fourteen (10-14) positions.

COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PILOT PROJECT

Community Paramedicine is a new and evolving model of community-based health care in which paramedics function outside of their customary emergency response and transport roles in ways that facilitate more appropriate use of emergency care resources and enhance access to primary care for medically underserved populations. The Community Paramedicine Pilot Project is a California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) sponsored pilot project that serves to test 13 individual CP pilot project sites that vary in protocol to address local health care needs. In cooperation with American Medical Response Stanislaus County, the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency has been awarded the pilot study *Mobile Integrated Behavioral Health Paramedicine*. This pilot project aims to provide more responsive patient care and increased system-efficiencies to mental health populations by providing appropriate, alternate destinations directly from the field.

SIGNIFICANT DUTIES

- ❖ Examine, screen, treat and coordinate health services for behavioral health patients in Stanislaus County.
- ❖ Transport patients with specified conditions that can be managed in health care settings other than an acute care emergency department.
- ❖ Complete appropriate patient care reports, system reports and other reports unique to the CP Pilot Project
- ❖ Attend a 200+ hour Core and Site Specific Curriculum program delivered regionally by the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care and Stanislaus County Public Health.
- ❖ Attend meetings to support the CP Pilot Project as requested and available.

- ❖ Minimum of 4-years as a California Licensed Paramedic and current MVEMSA Accreditation in good standing.
- ❖ Current American Medical Response, Modesto Operations employee with no clinical deficiencies or disciplinary actions within the past 12-month period. Must not be on a Performance Improvement Plan (PIP).
- ❖ AA Degree or higher in a relevant health-related field desired, but not mandatory.

WORKING CONDITIONS

May involve the ability to move 15-20 lbs., mobility through diverse work environments, and frequent exposure to stress associated with varied, complex tasks. There are periods of working alone and work may at times be performed alone in an off-site location, including patient residences. Work requires continuous customer contact with the general public including citizens who may be ill or injured, upset, and/or distraught. Work requires confidentiality, judgment, and problem solving. Requires the ability to communicate verbally with co-workers and the general public. Requires sufficient near vision to read documents and view information output from medical equipment. Job requires eye-hand coordination to operate medical equipment. Job duties may include exposure to blood-borne pathogens and contagious diseases. May require varied shifts including evenings, weekends, and holidays.

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCEDURES

TO APPLY: Submit a completed **Mountain-Valley EMS Agency Employment Application, resume,** and response to **Supplemental Questions to:**

Mountain-Valley EMS Agency, 1101 Standiford Ave, Suite D-1, Modesto, Ca. 95350
Attn: Susan Watson – Executive Secretary

Completed application materials must be postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on October 31, 2014 in order to be considered. Completed application packets will be evaluated to determine those applicants' best meeting the Agency's needs. Successful candidates will be placed on an eligible list for possible final oral interviews.

For more information or to receive application materials, see our web site at www.mvemsa.org or contact Susan Watson @ [209-529-5085](tel:209-529-5085) or swatson@mvemsa.com.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Responses to these Supplemental Questions must be submitted with your application materials. Applications received without a Supplemental Question Response will not be considered.

1. Please explain your concept and knowledge of Community Paramedicine.
2. Please describe your experience working with or caring for the mentally ill?