

KENT COUNTY POSITION DESCRIPTION

*Kent County Levy Court
555 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901*

Department of Public Safety
Division of Emergency Communications
Classified, GRADE 10
40 Hour Week

DISPATCHER III

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: Acts as shift supervisor by taking charge of the handling and processing of emergency and non-emergency calls received through the Enhanced 911 phone equipment; dispatches fire, rescue, and emergency medical units to all resident and non-resident citizens in and around Kent County; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is highly responsible work dealing with life and property with major responsibility for supervising the activities of Dispatchers I and II. This work involves overseeing the receipt, proper triaging, and dispatching of all fire, rescue, emergency medical, or police incidents on a given shift within Kent County. The employee is responsible for reading geographic, logistical, and/or any other printed resource materials made available for daily operations, using a computer-aided dispatching system for alerting the appropriate agency to any reported incident received. This work is performed under the general direction of the Assistant Director or Director and in accordance with standard operating procedures.

ADA REQUIREMENTS: This is sedentary work requiring the exertion of up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to move objects; work requires reaching, fingering, grasping, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for preparing and analyzing written or computer data, operation of machines, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is not subject to adverse environmental conditions.

EXAMPLE OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

Supervise the work of Dispatchers I and II on a given shift;
Receive numerous emergency and non-emergency calls;
Determine the exact location of the emergency incident and dispatches the proper response agency and equipment;
Dispatch additional fire equipment or personnel when circumstances require;
Dispatch Delaware State Police helicopter/paramedic service on all medical emergencies;
Maintain a constant update of all mobile units in service in the field, showing their status, location, and fire ground conditions;
Assist fire, rescue, emergency medical, government and private agency officials in the field with

special logistical support information such as hazardous materials, water supply, location of handicapped individuals, mutual aid support, and/or evacuation plans;
Contact appropriate utility companies to shut off services in emergency situations when necessary;
Relay and/or tie in through radio/telephone communications all basic and advanced life support ambulances to the appropriate medical facility and monitors same for channel control;
Maintain logs/records and collects data;
Act as liaison with volunteer fire companies, ambulances, and paramedics with other public agencies;
Monitor fire, security, and other alarms in Kent County;
Operate logging recorder;
In the event of a major emergency or incident in Kent County, ensure that no certain area is depleted of emergency equipment; if area is depleted, moves units to cover said area;
Provide back-up service for the City of Dover Fire Department.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES: Thorough knowledge of the geographic area, streets, rural roads, and highway system of the county; good knowledge of Federal and State regulations governing radio transmissions; alertness and skill in detecting the scope and magnitude of an emergency; ability to communicate effectively and to work under confining conditions; ability to use approved radio equipment and computer systems with pertinent applications; regular and timely attendance; performance of duties in a safe manner.

ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING: Completion of standard high school coursework or G.E.D. with at least three years experience as a dispatcher; or any equivalent combination of experience and training which provides the required knowledge, skill and abilities.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Must pass written examination and typing test administered by the Kent County Personnel office. Must pass testing for substance abuse, and criminal background investigation. Must pass background security investigation. Must sign a confidentiality form for Delaware State Police information. Must possess and maintain Emergency Medical Dispatch, Emergency Medical Technician, and Fire Dispatch certification. Must work a rotating twenty-four-shift, seven days a week, as assigned. Must memorize dispatch information and procedures compiled by department. Must have ability to locate emergency dispatch information in a fast and efficient manner. Direct deposit of pay required.

Employee Acknowledgment

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