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SUMMARY

Firefighter Paramedic with 13 years of municipal fire and **EMS** service across engine, **rescue**, suppression, and emergency medical assignments. Holds State of Florida Firefighter I and Firefighter II Certificates of Compliance, Florida Paramedic Certification, current BLS and ACLS credentials, a valid **Florida driver's license**, and current CPAT status. Provides ALS and BLS care, structural fire attack, search and rescue, ventilation, vehicle extrication, apparatus operation, emergency radio communication, and **pre fire planning**. Maintains readiness through inspections, SCBA and PPE checks, station upkeep, documentation, continuing training, and physical conditioning. Calm judgment supports safe crew operations and compassionate patient care during heat, smoke, traffic, confined spaces, hazardous materials, and medically complex incidents. Brings dependable public service, accurate reporting, and practical teamwork to emergency response operations.

EXPERIENCE

Firefighter/Paramedic

July 2022 - Present

Gulf Haven Fire District

Clearwater, FL

Serve on an ALS company supporting structural fires, **medical emergencies**, collisions, rescues, public safety details, and scenario based training. Provide paramedic care while operating fire and rescue apparatus, maintaining equipment readiness, and contributing to incident planning within command structures.

- Delivered **ALS** care after scene size up, prioritizing treatment and safe patient transfer.
- Operated engines, rescue apparatus, radios, SCBA, hose packages, ladders, and **medical equipment**.
- Executed search, ventilation, fire attack, overhaul, and **vehicle extrication** within **incident command**.
- Completed apparatus inspections and maintained medical and suppression inventories for daily readiness.
- Supported **pre fire planning**, public safety details, and scenario based EMS training.

Firefighter EMT

June 2019 - June 2022

Sun Coast Emergency Services

Bradenton, FL

Supported fire, rescue, and EMS operations across alarms, medical calls, hazardous conditions, lift assists, and traffic incidents. Combined BLS patient care with hose advancement, ladder work, SCBA maintenance, incident reporting, and recurring live fire training.

- Performed **BLS** assessment, bleeding control, splinting, oxygen delivery, and vital sign monitoring.
- Advanced hose lines, raised **ladders**, and supported **search** and rescue during fireground operations.
- Maintained **SCBA**, **turnout gear**, rescue tools, hose, nozzles, and medical supplies through inspections.
- Prepared incident reports and radio communications using department computer systems.
- Completed live fire, rescue, EMS, and **physical fitness** training for operational readiness.

Firefighter EMT

August 2016 - May 2019

Palmetto County Fire Services

Sarasota, FL

Provided engine company **fire suppression** and EMT response while supporting primary searches, ventilation, ladder placement, patient care, vehicle rescue, **station maintenance**, and pre fire planning. Worked within structured drills and community outreach assignments.

- Conducted primary searches, deployed **hose**, supported **ventilation**, and performed overhaul operations.
- Assessed patients, obtained vital signs, controlled bleeding, and prepared transport reports.
- Supported vehicle rescue with stabilization equipment and hydraulic tools at collision scenes.
- Performed **apparatus** maintenance, equipment checks, and inventory control for station readiness.
- Participated in **pre fire planning**, community outreach, and structured emergency drills.

Firefighter EMT

June 2013 - July 2016

Lakeview Fire Protection District

Winter Haven, FL

Responded to **medical emergencies**, fires, alarms, and public assistance calls under department SOPs. Built early career capability through fire attack, BLS care, apparatus upkeep, radio communications, hazardous materials awareness, rescue practice, and physical conditioning.

- Supported fire attack using hose streams, SCBA, ladders, forcible entry tools, and **PPE**.
- Provided BLS care, focused assessments, immobilization, bandaging, and transfer **reports**.
- Inspected and cleaned apparatus, tools, breathing equipment, and station facilities.
- Used radio and computer systems for dispatch, incident documentation, and training records.
- Built response capability through **rescue**, EMS, **hazardous materials**, and conditioning drills.

PROJECTS

Regional Rescue Readiness Program 📅 2024

Coordinated crew practice around rescue tools, patient movement, radio communication, and apparatus readiness. Shared field lessons during drills so newer members could work with greater confidence and consistency.

Community Emergency Preparedness Initiative 📅 2021

Supported public safety outreach focused on fire prevention, emergency communication, and basic medical response. Worked with department personnel to present practical guidance for residents and local groups.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Selected for dependable ALS response and calm patient care during high acuity municipal incidents.
- Recognized by peers for consistent apparatus readiness, crew safety, and practical field support.
- Provided informal guidance during drills, helping newer members build confidence with equipment and procedures.

EDUCATION

High School Diploma

Clearwater High School GPA: 4.0

2013

Clearwater, FL

Coursework: Emergency services foundations, physical education, health science, English communication

CERTIFICATIONS

- State of Florida Firefighter I Certificate of Compliance 📅 2013
- State of Florida Firefighter II Certificate of Compliance 📅 2013
- State of Florida Paramedic Certification 📅 2022
- Basic Life Support 📅 2026
- Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support 📅 2026
- Candidate Physical Ability Test 📅 2026
- Valid Florida Driver's License 📅 2026

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Fire Service Operations:** Structural fire attack, fire suppression, overhaul
- **Rescue Operations:** Search and rescue, vehicle extrication, confined space rescue
- **EMS Care:** ALS, BLS, patient assessment
- **Medical Protocols:** BLS protocols, ACLS protocols, EMS protocols
- **Fire Apparatus:** Engine operation, rescue apparatus, apparatus inspections
- **Fireground Equipment:** Hose lines, nozzles, ladders
- **Breathing Protection:** SCBA, turnout gear, respiratory protection
- **Rescue Equipment:** Hydraulic tools, stabilization equipment, hand tools
- **Communication Systems:** Emergency radios, dispatch systems, incident communications
- **Command Practices:** Incident command, scene size up, crew coordination
- **Readiness Management:** Pre fire planning, equipment checks, inventory control
- **Documentation Systems:** Incident reports, computer systems, training records

SKILLS

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| • Fire suppression | • Extrication | • SCBA | • Emergency radios |
| • ALS and BLS care | • Apparatus operation | • PPE | • Incident reporting |
| • Search and rescue | • Hose operations | • Rescue tools | • Pre fire planning |
| • Ventilation | • Ladder operations | • Patient assessment | |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Municipal fire and EMS service, supporting suppression, rescue, and emergency medical response.
- Continuing fire service training, physical conditioning, equipment readiness, and public safety education.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Beginner)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST