General Statement of Duties

Performs full performance emergency and non-emergency calls by receiving, processing and responding to calls from citizens via telephone, text and other means when assigned by a 911 Emergency Communication Supervisor or designee. Primarily performs non-radio dispatch functions to include citizen call backs, clearance information through NCIC, CCIC and DMV related searches, contact additional resources to help resolve incidents; and handles ROWE short tow logs, validates alarms received through ASAP and the nonemergency applications. Operates multi-line telephone systems, computer systems, and radio systems to complete assigned duties.

Distinguishing Characteristics

The 911 Dispatch Support Specialist is distinguished from the 911 Emergency Communication Technician which performs telephone assistance to individuals over the phone and provides triage to emergency services. The 911 Dispatch Support Specialist is distinguished from the 911 Police Dispatcher which performs full performance emergency/non-emergency telephone assistance to individuals who are calling Denver-911 for police, emergency medical services and/or fire. This class is also distinguished from the police dispatcher which performs dispatch work operating and monitoring communications equipment in response to police emergencies. Finally, the 911 Dispatch Support Specialist is distinguished from the Aviation Emergency Dispatcher which its scope of operations is limited to the airport.

Guidelines, Difficulty and Decision-Making Level

Guidelines are generally but not always clearly applicable, requiring the employee to exercise judgment in selecting the most pertinent guideline, interpret precedents, adapt standard practices to differing situations, and recommend alternative actions in situations without precedent or may generally be numerous, well established and directly applicable to the work assignment. Work assignment and desired results are explained by general oral or written instructions.

Duties assigned are generally complex and may be of substantial intricacy. Work assignment is performed within an established framework under general instructions but requires simultaneous coordination of assigned functions or projects in various stages of completion.

Employee is responsible for determining time, place, and sequence of actions to be taken. Unusual problems or proposed deviations from guidelines, practices, or precedents may be discussed with the supervisor before being initiated.

Level of Supervision Received & Quality Review

Under general supervision, the employee receives assignments and is expected to carry them through to completion with substantial independence. Work is reviewed for adherence to instructions, accuracy, completeness and conformance to standard practice or precedent. Recurring work clearly covered by guidelines may or may not be reviewed.

Interpersonal Communication & Purpose

Contacts with the persons under stress or emergency conditions where an immediate service is rendered according to established procedures or instructions.
Level of Supervision Exercised

None

Essential Duties

Performs full performance emergency and non-emergency telephone assistance to individuals who are calling Denver 911.

Performs computer clearances and information search for police officers, district attorneys and detectives utilizing computer systems including National Crime Information Center system (NCIC), the Colorado Crime Information Center system (CCIC), and City and County of Denver court files.

Validates alarms received through the Automated Secure Alarm Protocol system prior to sending for dispatch.

Handles Right of Way Enforcement short tow logs, as assigned.

Processes a high volume of phone calls for the police department under stressful and demanding emergency situations using the center’s computerized telephone system.

Determines the nature of a call and if immediate attention is required immediately begins using the appropriate method over the phone.

Gathers information and rapidly/accurately enters into the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system.

Works independently in interviewing the caller to accurately assess the urgency of the incident and the proper response required.

Performs outgoing telephone calls to obtain additional resources for working incidents managed by police radio dispatchers.

Reviews, prioritizes and validates resource needs for incidents received via any current electronic applications used within the emergency communications centers.

Recognizes and responds to opportunities to provide effective problem resolution to service related issues.

Performs other related duties as assigned or requested.

Any one position may not include all the duties listed. However, the allocation of positions will be determined by the amount of time spent in performing the essential duties listed above.

Competencies

Customer Service – Works with customers to assess needs, provide assistance, resolves problems, and satisfy expectations, knows products and services, and is committed to providing quality products and services.

Decision Making – Specifies goals and obstacles to achieving those goals, generates alternatives, considers risks, and evaluates and chooses the best alternative in order to make a determination, draw conclusions, or solve a problem.

Listening – Receives, attends to, interprets, and responds to verbal messages and other cues such as body language in ways that are appropriate to listeners and situations.
Problem-Solving - Identifies problems; determines accuracy and relevance of information; uses sound judgment to generate and evaluate alternatives, and to make recommendations.

Speaking – Uses correct English grammar to organize and communicate ideas in words that are appropriate to listeners and situations, uses body language appropriately.

Technical Competence – Knowledge of the specialized/technical area. Refers to specialized knowledge that is acquired through formal education or extensive on-the-job experience.

**Knowledge & Skills**

Knowledge of Denver’s geography and street layout sufficient to be able to determine district and precinct levels.

Skill in determining the seriousness of an emergency and knowing when to notify appropriate authority as necessary.

**Education Requirement**

Graduation from high school or the possession of a GED, HiSET or TASC Certificate.

**Experience Requirement**

Two (2) years of Denver 911 Emergency Communications Technician experience dealing with emergency individual problems and applying policies, procedures, and or legal guidelines and one year of computer user experience in a Microsoft Windows computer operating system environment or comparable operating system.

**Education & Experience Equivalency**

Additional appropriate education may be substituted for the minimum experience requirements.

**Licensure & Certification**

Requires a CPR Certification before the end of academy training and successfully recertification as required by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch during the employment.

Requires an EMD Certification issued by NAED before the end of academy training and successfully recertification as required by the National Academy of Emergency Medical Dispatch.

Must pass an initial pre-security clearance screening and maintain CBI (Colorado Bureau of Investigation) certification as a condition of employment. Must take and pass some online test every two years to maintain certification.

Licenses and certifications must be kept current as a condition of employment.

**Working Environment**

Subject to varying and unpredictable situations.
Handles emergency or crisis situations
Subject to many interruptions.
Pressure due to multiple calls and inquiries.
Requires judgment and action in life threatening situations.
Shift work with varying days off, works holidays and weekends, subject to changing work schedule.
Work is primarily performed in a confined workspace and requires wearing a headset.
Mandatory overtime with little to no notice.
Level of Physical Demand

1-Sedentary (0-10 lbs.)

Physical Demands

(Physical Demands are a general guide and specific positions will vary based on working conditions, locations, and department/agency needs.):

Sitting: remaining in the normal seated position.
Standing: remaining on one’s feet in an upright position.
Handling: seizing, holding, grasping, or otherwise working with hand(s).
Fingering: picking, pinching, or otherwise working with fingers.
Talking: expressing or exchanging ideas by means of spoken words.
Hearing: perceiving the nature of sounds by the ear.
Repetitive motions: making frequent movements with a part of the body.
Eye/hand/foot coordination: performing work through using two or more.
Far Acuity: ability to see clearly at 20 feet or more.
Near Acuity: ability to see clearly at 20 inches or less.
Accommodation: ability to adjust vision to bring objects into focus.
Color Vision: ability to distinguish and identify different colors.
Lifting: raising or lowering objects weighing no more than 10 pounds, from one level to another.

Background Check Requirement

Criminal Check
Employment Verification
Licensure/Certification

Assessment Requirement

Alphanumeric Data Entry, ECOMM

Probation Period

Six (6) months.

Class Detail

Pay Grade: N-618
FLSA Code: N
Management Level: 10
Established Date: 9/21/2018
Established By: Lori Schumann
Revised Date: 5/24/19
Revised By: Ryland Feno
Class History: Updated assessment requirement.