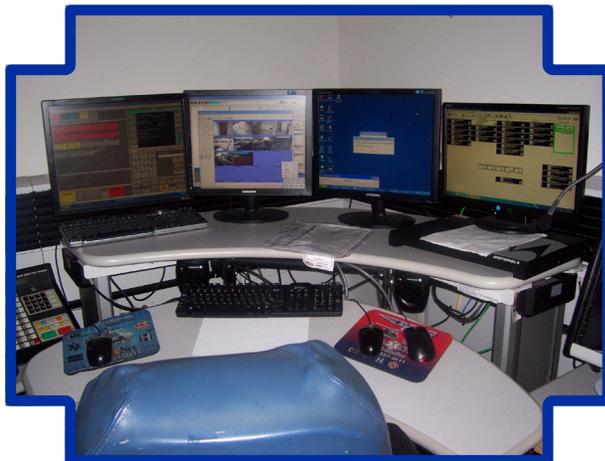


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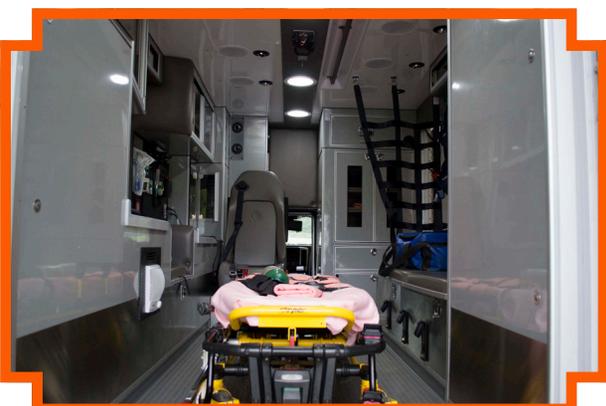
Your Emergency Medical Services career begins at your local Technical College. Technical schools conduct the basic course on a semi-annual basis. The course is taught two nights per week, from 6:00pm-10:00pm. The course at Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College is taught by Bill Williams, who is also a paramedic with Orangeburg County EMS. The basic course is 18 weeks in duration, and ends with a National Registry testing board, (practical and written). The cost for the course is approximately \$1,200 per student, which includes the books and other training material needed for the class. Scholarships may be available for qualified students. Please contact your local EMS director for additional information.



Orangeburg County EMS runs a 3 shift rotation, (A,B,C) with 13 people per shift. OCEMS also includes the 911 dispatchers, who work a 12 hour shift rotation. OCEMS staffs six ambulances on a 24 hour, 7 days a week basis, and covers the entire county of 1,100 square miles. The service runs all ALS units when possible. Each ambulance is staffed with a paramedic and EMT-I, or EMT-B. All street employees work a 24 – 48 hour schedule which means the crews work 24 hours on, and will be off for the next 48 hours. OCEMS responds to over 12,000 medical calls annually. OCEMS is competitive in salary with an annual starting salary of \$28,755 – Basic, \$31,419 – Intermediate, and \$35,940 – Paramedic. All salaries have a range of pay increase for experience. Orangeburg County offers several different insurance packages, paid holidays, annual leave, and sick leave. OCEMS is also a member of the state retirement system.

TRAINING

Once you become an employee of OCEMS, your training will continue with an in-house monthly inservice program. All employees have the opportunity to attend classes to obtain the next level of certification. All training conducted while employed by Orangeburg County will be paid for by OCEMS, and set up a schedule compatible with your work schedule. There is also opportunities for advancement to higher skill levels, and managerial positions that become vacant within the department. Training in the EMS field is always changing, and Orangeburg County EMS is committed to providing the training necessary to give our patients the best care available.



HOSPITAL AND AIR TRANSPORT

Excellent communication with the local hospital allows for the crews to alert them of incoming medical and trauma emergencies. Protocols are in place for stroke alert and cardiac arrest. Air transport for the most severe trauma cases that need to be taken to a level 1 trauma center is available via a local helicopter, Life Net, stationed at the rear of the hospital. The service also has access to Meducare helicopter on the far eastern side of the county. OCEMS is able to make ground transports to 2 hospitals: The Regional Medical Center, (TRMC), and Trident Regional Medical Center.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Orangeburg County has a large number of DOT certified first responder volunteers working within the county with their local fire departments. The EMS service conducts first responder training classes for the local volunteers. First responders are trained in CPR and basic first aid skills, which allows them to provide care until the ambulance can arrive on scene.

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