# Job Task Analysis

**Employer: Stanislaus County** 

**Occupation:** Emergency Dispatcher

Company Contact: Risk Management

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#### **INTRODUCTION:**

A complete job description is available through Stanislaus County Human Resources. The environmental factors, physical and functional demands for this Job Task Analysis were documented by Andersen Physical Therapy, Inc. The methodology for documentation consisted of on-site visits, using various measuring devices such as dynamometers and scales, as well as observation and interviews with employees and managers. A detailed record was made of the physical and functional demands of the job in terms of force pounds, weight, frequency, height, distance, anthropometric measurements, stamina, and degrees of range of motion. The determination of the frequencies of functional activities is based on standards provided by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Work Practice Guide for Manual Lifting (U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service).

The Job Task Analysis is organized as follows: General work description; safety requirements; equipment; environmental factors; and physical/functional demands.

#### **GENERAL WORK DESCRIPTION:**

The frequency of the following activities may vary according to the physical requirements of the specific job tasks that the employee may be required to perform at random intervals.

Under the general supervision of the department manager, learn and practice standardized dispatching procedures, gaining emergency report taking experience, and knowledge of the operations of the 911 emergency telephone system and the computer-aided dispatching system.

**SPECIFIC DUTIES:** Available through the Human Resources Department at the County of Stanislaus.

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stanislaus/classspecs

<u>Safety Requirements</u>: All employees are required to observe company safety procedures and standards to insure individual and collective safety, in addition to avoiding unnecessary risk to oneself, co-workers, customers, and property.

#### Equipment:

- 1. Computer/monitor
- 2. Desk
- 3. Foot pedal
- 4. Headset
- 5. Keyboard

- 6. Mouse
- 7. Pencils
- 8. Pens
- 9. Radio
- 10. Reference books

All employees within the **Emergency Dispatcher** position are required to provide physical assistance for all weight and frequency requirement needs of all job tasks in order to maintain a safe work environment. Employees must be physically capable of working in any of the job tasks within the **Emergency Dispatcher** position.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS**



The following percentages are given in terms of an eight-hour workday:

 Seldom =
 1% - 2%
 Frequent =
 34% - 66%

 Occasional =
 3% - 33%
 Constant =
 67% - 100%

	ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS	MAXIMUM FREQUENCY
1.	Unprotected heights:	Not Applicable
2.	Being around moving machinery:	Not Applicable
3.	Exposure to marked changes in temperature and humidity: outside temperatures may seasonally vary between 28-110 degrees	Not Applicable
4.	Exposure to dust, fumes, smoke, gases, or other irritating substances:	Not Applicable
5.	Driving:	Not Applicable
6.	Exposure to excessive noise:	Not Applicable
7.	Exposure to radiant or electrical energy:	Not Applicable
8.	Exposure to solvents or chemicals: Refer to MSDS document.	Not Applicable
9.	Exposure to slippery or uneven walking surfaces:	Not Applicable
10.	Working below ground:	Not Applicable
11.	Unusual fatigue factors: overtime	Frequent
12.	Working with explosives:	Not Applicable
13.	Excessive vibration:	Not Applicable
14.	Working with hands in water or other substance:  Hand protection is available	Not Applicable
15.	Working proximity:	Not Required Constant
16.	Working inside:	Constant
17.	Working outside:	Not Required

#### **FUNCTIONAL ACTIVITIES**



The frequency of the following activities may vary according to the physical requirements of the specific job tasks the employee may be required to perform at random intervals.

#### PHYSICAL AND FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

FREQUENCY DEFINITIONS	<u>SELDOM</u>	<b>OCCASIONAL</b>	<b>FREQUENT</b>	<b>CONSTANT</b>
Percent of the Day	1-2%	3-33%	34-66%	67-100%
Material Handling	1-4 Reps	5-32 Reps	33-250 Reps	251-2,000 Reps
Non Material Handling	1-4 Reps	5-32 Reps	33-250 Reps	251-2,000 Reps
Repetitive & Static Work	1-50 Reps	51-250 Reps	251-1,000 Reps	1,001-20,000 Reps

1.) PUSH: Pushing activities may require use of the back in conjunction with leg and arm musculature.

MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0** Pounds

Assistive Devices: Not Required.

*Comments:* Pushing is not utilized when performing job tasks.

2.) PULL: Pulling activities may require use of the back in conjunction with leg and arm musculature.

MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0** Pounds

Assistive Devices: Not Required.

*Comments:* Pulling is not utilized when performing job tasks.

3.) STAND-UP LIFT: Lifting weighted objects between floor and waist height.

MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0** Pounds

Assistive Devices: Not Required.

Comments: A stand-up lift is not utilized when performing job tasks.

4.) <u>LEVEL LIFT</u>: Lifting weighted objects from between waist and chest height level for a maximum horizontal distance of up to four feet.

MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0 Pounds** 

Assistive Devices: Not Required. Additionally, one or more person(s) assistance is available with weights greater than

10 pounds.

Comments: A level lift is not utilized in order to perform job tasks.

#### 5.) WEIGHT CARRY: Carrying weighted objects between waist and chest height beyond a distance of four feet.

#### MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0** Pounds

Assistive Devices: Not Required.

**Comments:** Weight Carry is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 6.) OVERHEAD LIFT/PULL DOWN: Lifting weighted object from/to chest and overhead height level.

#### MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

**0-100 pounds:** Not Required **Maximum Force: 0** Pounds

Assistive Devices: Not Required.

**Comments:** Overhead lift/pull down is not utilized when performing job tasks. Variables to overhead reaching will be the employee's height and anthropometric reach.

#### 7.) **OVERHEAD REACH:**

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Not Required

Comments: Overhead reach is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 8.) FORWARD REACH:

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Occasional

**Comments:** Forward reach is performed to a distance of 28 inches when operating, retrieving, returning, equipment, and supplies (e.g. desktop work). The degree of elbow extension required for reaching will vary according to the employee's anthropometric reach.

#### 9.) **STOOP**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Not Required

**Comments:** Stooping is not utilized when performing job tasks. Variable to stooping will be the employee's height. Stooping of the head, trunk and knees can be minimized or avoided by substituting alternate positions of squatting, kneeling or bending when performing job tasks.

#### 10.) **SOUAT:** (Unloaded)

MAXIMUM

**FREQUENCY:** Not Required

**Comments:** Squatting is not utilized when performing job tasks. Squatting may be minimized or avoided by substituting alternate positions of bending or kneeling. Partial squatting is a preferred lifting posture.

#### 11.) **FORWARD BEND**:

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Not Required

Comments: Bending forward at the waist is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 12.) **TWIST**:

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Not Required

**Comments:** Twisting at the waist is not utilized when performing job tasks. Twisting at the waist may be minimized by turning the whole body, including the feet and working from a swivel office chair.

#### 13.) **TURN**:

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Not Required

Comments: Turning is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 14.) **KNEEL**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Not Required

**Comments:** Kneeling is not utilized when performing job tasks. *Kneeling may be minimized or avoided by substituting alternate positions of bending, squatting, or half kneeling* 

#### 15.) **CRAWL**:

**MAXIMUM** 

FREQUENCY: Not Required

Comments: Crawling is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 16.) **STAIR CLIMB**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Not Required

Comments: Stair climb is not utilized when performing job tasks.

#### 17.) **LADDER CLIMB**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Not Required

**Comments:** Ladder climbing is not utilized when performing job tasks. Variables to overhead climbing will vary according to the employee's height and anthropometric reach.

#### 18.) **WALK**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Seldom

*Comments:* Walking is required to perform job tasks. Wheelchair accessible. Walking length varies between 3 feet and 75+ feet depending on job task (e.g. meetings, break room).

#### 19.) **SIT**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Constant

**Comments:** Sitting is optional to perform job tasks. Worksite is equipped with office equipment that allows for sit or stand options thereby minimizing the frequency of sitting.

#### 20.) **STAND**: (Static)

MAXIMUM

**FREQUENCY:** Not Required

**Comments:** Static standing is not required to perform job tasks. Worksite is equipped with office equipment that allows for sit or stand options thereby minimizing the frequency of standing.

#### 21.) **BALANCE**:

MAXIMUM

FREQUENCY: Seldom

Comments: Adequate balance is required for safe walking.

#### 22.) HAND/FOOT CONTROL:

#### MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT

HAND:

Right: Not Required
Left: Not Required
Both: Not Required
Either: Not Required

FOOT:

Right: Not Required
Left: Not Required
Both: Not Required
Either: Frequent

*Comments:* Hand controls are not utilized to operate equipment. Foot controls are utilized to operate equipment (e.g. foot pedal at radio positions).

# 23.) <u>UPPER AND LOWER EXTREMITY COORDINATION:</u>

#### **MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT**

Simple Grasp: Occasional
Firm Grasp: Seldom
Fine Manipulation: Constant
Eye/Hand Coordination: Constant
Hand/Foot Coordination: Frequent

*Comments:* Grasping and coordination activities are performed when retrieving, returning, storing, adjusting, moving, and/or operating equipment, controls, and supplies (e.g. desktop work, documents).

**Simple grasping** is utilized to perform job tasks (e.g. lift and manipulate objects weighing less than 5 pounds; handwrite).

Firm grasping is utilized to perform job tasks (e.g. lift and handle objects weighing 5 pounds or greater).

**Fine manipulation** is utilized to perform job tasks (e.g. handwrite, keyboard, mouse, headset connection; handwrite, page turn).

**Eye/hand coordination** is utilized to perform job tasks (e.g. handwrite, keyboard, mouse, headset connection; handwrite, page turn).

**Hand/foot coordination** is utilized to perform job tasks (e.g. foot pedal at radio position.

Depending on individual hand dominance, one hand may be used more frequently than the other when performing job tasks.

#### 24.) **CERVICAL (NECK) MOVEMENT:**

**MAXIMUM REQUIREMENT** 

Static Neutral Position: Frequent

Flexing: Frequent
Rotating: Frequent
Extending: Frequent

*Comments:* Neck movement is utilized when performing job tasks (e.g. desktop work, utilize up to 5 monitor screens, read, handwrite). *Participating in observation of work environment allowing for safe working conditions. Full cervical range of motion is required to safely perform the job tasks.* 



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# JOB TASK ANALYSIS SUMMARY

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The following is a summary of the physical demands of the Job Task Analysis that were obtained for the position of:

## EMERGENCY DISPATCHER

Functional Activities	Maximum Requirements	Functional Activities	Maximum Requirements
Push (Force)	0 pounds	Stair Climb	Not Required
Pull (Force)	0 pounds	Ladder Climb	Not Required
Stand Up Lift	0 pounds	Walk	Seldom
Level Lift	0 pounds	Sit	Constant
Weight Carry	0 pounds	Stand (Static)	Not Required
Overhead Lift/Pull Down	0 pounds	Balance <sup>1</sup>	Seldom
Overhead Reach	Not Required	Hand Control	Not Required
Forward Reach <sup>1</sup>	Occasional	Foot Control	Not Required
Stoop	Not Required	Simple Grasp <sup>1</sup>	Occasional
Squat (Unloaded)	Not Required	Firm Grasp <sup>1</sup>	Seldom
Forward Bend	Not Required	Fine Manipulation <sup>1</sup>	Constant
Twist	Not Required	Eye/Hand Coordination <sup>1</sup>	Constant
Turn	Not Required	Hand/Foot Coordination	Frequent
Kneel	Not Required	Cervical (neck) Movement <sup>1</sup>	Frequent
Crawl The critical demands of the job.	Not Required	•	

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