

LIFE GUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is important work involving the responsibility for the life and protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of a pool or beach area. Incumbent may be required to rescue persons experiencing difficulties in the water and administer life-saving techniques. Incumbent may also be required to administer simple first aid when necessary. The work is carried out under the general direction of the Waterfront Director and/or Assistant Waterfront Director.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

The following is indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Patrols bathing area during operating hours;
2. Patrols open water in a rowboat to prevent drowning accidents;
3. Implements/oversees buddy system and board system or other approved bather accountability system;
4. Responds to bathing facility emergencies;
5. Enforces beach and pool regulations;
6. Keeps beach or pool free of glass or other debris; assists in cleaning bathing and bathroom areas prior to and during operating hours;
7. Assists in giving first aid;
8. May instruct beginners in swimming.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Good knowledge of the principles and practices of water safety, artificial respiration and emergency first aid;
Ability to swim well;
Ability to operate water safety equipment;
Ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions;
Ability to function well under stress; tact; courtesy;
Personal characteristics necessary to perform the duties of the position;
Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Must meet requirements of Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code: Candidates must possess acceptable aquatic/lifeguard certification recognized by the New York State Department of Health and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. All CPR certificates are valid for 1 year from course completion, regardless of the expiration date noted on the card.

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