

## LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under general supervision, an incumbent is responsible for the protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of the pool or beach area. The primary responsibility of a lifeguard is the safety of facility users. Does related work as required.

### EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Patrols bathing area during operating hours, preventing injuries and minimizing or eliminating hazardous situations;

Patrols open water by means of rescue boat, rescue board, or surfboard to prevent drowning accidents;

Enforces all rules of the facility;

Administers first aid or CPR as professional rescuer to victims of an emergency within the limits of their training;

Responds quickly to all emergency situations in the water;

Travels to bathers in danger, by means of swimming, rescue boat, rescue board, etc. and performs rescue procedures;

Participates in locating missing persons at the facility;

Cleans bathing area prior to and during operating hours;

Assists in teaching learn to swim, aquatic exercise, and aerobics in the water;

Conducts oneself in a professional manner.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of principles of water safety; good knowledge of first aid and CPR as professional rescuer; strong swimming skills; ability to meet and deal with the public effectively; ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions; good judgment; initiative; courtesy; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: There are no minimum requirements of experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Incumbents must possess a current life-guarding certificate from one or more of the following: the American Red Cross; American Heart Association; YMCA; or Boy Scouts of America; and must also maintain current certifications in first aid and CPR as a professional rescuer. in addition, candidates must pass a practical test administered by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation.