

LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of a Lifeguard Captain, recreation staff member or school official, an incumbent in this class is responsible for the protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of the pool or beach area. The incumbent monitors the activities in the swimming areas to protect the safety and welfare of persons using the swim facilities (either pool or beach). While this work consists primarily of routine patrol tasks, there is considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergency situations. Supervision is not usually a function of this position. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative Only)

Maintains order in swimming areas, patrols bathing beach and/or pool area, keeping bathers within bounds;

Responds to bathers in difficulty by going to their aid;

Enforces beach and/or pool regulations;

Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid;

Instructs swimming and/or acts as an aid in instructing all levels of national certifying programs sponsored by the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, etc.

Assists in the upkeep and cleanliness of bathing area prior to and during operating hours;

Helps to monitor and assure proper chemical balance in water facility (chlorine levels, calcium hardness, pH and total alkalinity); follows Federal and State regulations pertaining to handling and disposing of hazardous waste materials;

Keeps the beach/pool free of glass and other debris;

Performs other routine duties such as repairing equipment, as needed;

May patrol open water in a rowboat to prevent drowning accidents.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND ATTRIBUTES: Thorough knowledge of principles of water safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, operation of water safety equipment, and first aid (with emphasis as applied to accidents in the water); ability to swim well; ability to meet and deal with the public effectively; ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions; ability to read, write, speak, understand, and communicate in English sufficiently to perform the essential duties of the position; reliability in emergency situations; courtesy; resourcefulness; physical condition commensurate with duties of the position.

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: Current lifeguard training certificate issued by the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, YMCA, YWCA, or Boy Scouts of America, and current certification in first aid and CPR as a professional rescuer. It is the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure that the candidate maintains current certification throughout the course of employment.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Depending on assignment, incumbents may be required to be certified as a Water Safety Instructor within one (1) year of employment.

SPECIAL NOTE: Candidates may be required to pass a practical water test administered by the Department.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT FOR APPOINTMENT IN SCHOOL DISTRICTS:
In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation, Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, candidates for appointment in school districts must obtain clearance for employment from the State Education Department prior to employment based upon a fingerprint and criminal history background check.

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Cities of Rye and Peekskill
Mamaroneck #1, Yorktown #2, Greenburgh #5, BOCES #1
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