

HEAD LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is skilled work involving responsibility for training, control, and supervision of lifeguards, as well as maintenance of bathing areas, and safety of public use of swimming and recreational facilities of the beach or waterfront area. Duties include supervising daily beach operations, maintaining facilities, planning and conducting in-service training for staff. Work is performed under general supervision of a Park Superintendent, Program Director or Recreation Administrator. Supervision is exercised over lifeguard staff. Performs related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Supervises enforcement of or enforces beach regulations, safety rules and regulations;
Supervises and participates in cleaning of bathing area prior to and during operating hours;
Arranges or participates in arrangement of lifeguard Duty Schedules;
Schedules, monitors and participates with training lifeguards in water safety principles and use of life saving equipment;
Maintains discipline among lifeguards;
Supervises and performs rescue operations, traveling to bathers in danger by means of swimming, rescue board, etc., in accordance with accepted rescue procedures;
Supervises and administers first aid or CPR as professional rescuer, to victims of an emergency, within limits of training;
Participates in monitoring and patrol activities in beaches and swimming areas to prevent accidents;
Inspects facilities and equipment for cleanliness and operating efficiency;
Maintains daily records and prepares activity and incident reports;
May assist with conduct of instructional swimming programs;
Performs a variety of related activities as required.

Typical Work Activities are intended only as illustrations of possible types of work that might be appropriately assigned to an incumbent of this title. Work activities that do not appear above are not excluded as appropriate work assignments, as long as they can be reasonably understood to be within the logical limits of the job.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of principles of water safety; thorough knowledge of water rescue techniques; good knowledge of first aid and CPR procedures and techniques; strong swimming skills; ability to respond calmly and provide leadership in emergency situations; ability to communicate

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effectively with groups and individuals; ability to establish and maintain effective and professional working relationships with a variety of people including children and teenagers; ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions; good judgment; initiative; courtesy; resourcefulness.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Two (2) seasons of lifeguarding experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Possession of a current valid advanced lifesaving certificate; basic life support cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR); and
2. Standard First Aid certificates from the American Red Cross or equivalent certifying agency on the basis of standards approved by the New York State Department of Health.