

SENIOR LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for the supervision and performance of patrol work at a beach or swimming pool and insuring the safety of bathers. The work is carried out in accordance with established procedures and involves overseeing subordinates, observing those using the facility and, if necessary, providing assistance. The incumbent has considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies because an error in judgment may result in the loss of life. The class differs from that of Lifeguard in that Lifeguard is the entry level position of the series whereas Senior Lifeguard is at the second level and has greater responsibility. Work is performed under the general supervision of a higher level employee, with leeway allowed in responding to emergencies and in making work assignments. Supervision is ordinarily exercised over the work of subordinate personnel. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Plans, supervises and instructs lifeguards assigned to swimming and wading pools, and beaches;

Performs all duties normally assigned to a Lifeguard;

Stands watch protecting bathers and goes to their aid when necessary;

Assists in planning, directing and supervising the swimming instruction program;

Teaches in the swimming instruction program;

Enforces rules and regulations pertaining to beach, pool or wading areas;

Assists in operating chlorine and other swimming pool equipment;

Regularly tests pool water to insure proper sanitary regulations;

Keeps records and makes reports as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of first aid, lifesaving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water; ability to swim well; ability to plan and supervise the work of others; ability to establish and carry out preventive water safety precautions, to react to emergencies and take effective action; ability to establish and maintain effective public relations; good observation; mental alertness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- A. Possession of current American Red Cross (ARC) certification for Basic Life Support for the Professional Rescuer, (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer or their equivalents as determined by the New York State Department of Health; **AND**
- B. Two (2) seasons of work as a Lifeguard or equivalent experience.

Notes:

- A. It shall be the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure the compliance with all other age, training, and physical capability requirements and/ or other certifications that may be required by state or local codes including subparts 6-1 and 6-2 of the New York State Sanitary Code.
- B. Persons appointed to this title who function as a waterfront supervisor as defined in the New York State Sanitary Code must be at least 21 years old and hold a current American Red Cross water safety instructor's certificate or a certificate generally accepted as providing similar or equivalent level of competency, in addition to the above requirements.
- C. A Senior Lifeguard cannot perform Water Safety Instructor duties unless co-certified as such.

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Classification: Non-Competitive
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Classification: Non-Competitive
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