CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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CLASS CODE: 9904HX
UNIT: HOURLY/EXTRA-HELP

LEAD SEASONAL LIFEGUARD

*Class specifications are intended to present a descriptive list of the range of duties performed by employees in the class. Specifications are **not** intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, acts as a lead lifeguard at the City's beaches; maintains surveillance over an assigned ocean beach; protects life and prevents accidents; instructs and oversees the work of other seasonal beach lifeguards; rescues swimmers who are in distress; administers CPR when necessary, according to prescribed methods; ensures that seasonal lifeguards maintain a safe but enjoyable atmosphere for swimmers; remains alert to potential problems or dangerous situations at all times; and performs other related work as assigned.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES – *Examples of duties performed by employees in this class may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.*

May issue work assignments; supervises and trains seasonal lifeguards; conducts beach safety lectures and demonstrations; preserves order; performs rescues; warns swimmers of unsafe conditions and posts appropriate flags and signs; administers first aid and CPR when necessary; enforces rules and regulations pertaining to the beaches and the pier; answers questions from the public; participates in drills and training courses; keeps records and writes reports; performs maintenance duties; operates emergency rescue vehicles; and performs other related duties as assigned;.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Basic principles and practices of supervision and training.
Boat rescue operations.
Effective swimming styles.
Approved lifesaving methods for water safety and rescue of swimmers.
Appropriate placement of safety equipment and its usage.

Ability to:

Plan, organize, direct and evaluate the work of others.
Swim skillfully and teach others to swim.
Immediately evaluate an emergency situation and act decisively and effectively in response to the situation.
Administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) according to prescribed methods.
Communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
Establish and maintain effective working relationships and provide excellent customer service.
Handle monetary transactions.
Maintain beach or poolside discipline.
Safely operate an emergency rescue vehicle.

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience:

Previous beach lifeguard experience. If younger than age 18, an authorized Work Permit is required.

Training:

Must possess sufficient strength, agility, hearing, vision and swimming abilities to perform the mandatory beach lifeguard duties, including jumping from piers and jetties.

License:

A current, valid, California driver's license; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation for the Professional Rescuer (2 person CPR); Lifeguard Training or Introduction to Open Water Lifeguarding; and Emergency Response or EMT.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions:

Beach or pool, elevated lifeguard station, and office environment; exposure to all types of weather conditions; exposure to computer screens.

Physical Conditions:

Maintaining physical condition necessary for swimming, sitting, kneeling, bending, and standing for prolonged periods of time; speaking and hearing to exchange information; visual acuity to assess variety of situations and respond to those situations; read and interpret information.