

BEACH LIFEGUARD LIEUTENANT

*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 direction, to provide supervision of Lifeguard Service operations for the City of Oceanside in the protection of life, prevention of accidents, and enforcement of applicable City ordinances; to assist in the planning, coordination and management of assigned marine safety activities and operations; to assist in the development and implementation of divisional policies and procedures; to supervise and train subordinate staff; and to perform related technical and administrative duties 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.*

Plans, assigns, supervises and evaluates subordinate lifeguard staff; formulates and administers training for lifeguard personnel, including beach, ocean and emergency vehicle operations, water safety, work methods and procedures; assists in the development and enforcement of policies and procedures for the division; monitors and evaluates hazards associated with the marine environment; issues appropriate warnings and orders to inform the public of hazards and how to avoid them; assists in coordinating the selection and hiring of subordinate lifeguard staff; assists in ensuring lifeguards are properly certified; conducts first aid and C.P.R. courses; observes swimmers from beach towers or patrol vehicles; administers medical aid and performs cardiopulmonary resuscitation; conducts regular patrol of beach areas; enforces applicable marine safety laws, codes and ordinances; oversees removal of hazards and debris from beaches and ocean; inspects and supervises maintenance on a variety of aquatic and/or rescue equipment; participates in the preparation and administration of program budget; works with employees to correct deficiencies; implements discipline procedures; prepares documents and reports; plans, administers and supervises special programs as assigned; responds to complaints and inquires from the general public; coordinates marine safety services with other governmental and law enforcement agencies; represents the department at various lifesaving, medical aid, and water safety programs; interprets and explains applicable codes, ordinances, regulations, policies and procedures to the public; testifies in court regarding matters of enforcement and litigation; represents the department before committees and community groups.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- Operational characteristics, services and activities of a marine safety/ocean lifeguard program.

- Principles, practices and concepts of modern lifesaving techniques, boating safety, and related equipment.
- Methods and techniques of ocean lifeguarding.
- Principles of supervision and training.
- Principles and practices of public relations.
- Basic law enforcement practices dealing with the laws of arrest, search and seizure.
- Report writing and record keeping.
- Ocean conditions and patterns.
- Beach, surf, and ocean hazards.
- Safety standards and procedures.
- Safe driving principles, practices and techniques
- Principles and practices of underwater search and recovery techniques.
- Modern office procedures, methods and equipment including computers and applicable software applications.
- Pertinent Federal, State, and local laws, codes and regulations.
- Incident command system operations.

Ability to:

- Plan, assign, train and supervise the activities of lifeguard staff.
- Interpret, explain and enforce relative ordinances, regulations, and basic law enforcement practices.
- Act quickly and calmly in emergencies.
- Administer first aid and C.P.R. as necessary.
- Coordinate various special aquatic events.
- Swim with endurance and proficiency at a level necessary to perform assigned duties.
- Operate emergency vehicles, boats and personal water crafts in a safe and effective manner.
- Respond to requests and inquires from the general public.
- Perform advanced lifeguarding duties.
- Operate office equipment including computers and supporting word processing and spreadsheet applications.
- Prepare and maintain accurate and complete records and reports.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Establish and maintain effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Experience and Training Guidelines

Experience: Three years increasingly responsible full-time experience in developing, implementing and participation in an ocean lifeguarding, water safety, or boating patrol function; including two years of lead or supervisory experience.

Training: Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth grade supplemented by specialized training in open water lifeguarding.

License or Certificate:

- Possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License.
- Possession of an appropriate, valid C.P.R. certificate.
- Possession of an appropriate, valid Emergency Medical Technician certificate.
- Possession of a Swift Water Technician certificate.
- Possession of an Inflatable Rescue Boat Operator certificate.

- Possession of a Personal Water Craft Operator certificate.
- Possession of basic SCUBA certificate.
- Possession of a P.C. 832 certificate.

Within 18 months of employment: ARC-Instructor certification in emergency Response for the Professional.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Varied work schedules including a variety of shifts, weekends and holidays.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Environmental Conditions: Beach environment; work around or in water; exposure to sun, heat, potentially hazardous chemicals and gases, and inclement weather conditions; exposure to poor water quality due to sewage spills and high bacterial counts; extensive public contact.

Physical Conditions: Essential functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for heavy, moderate or light lifting; swimming, running, walking, standing and sitting for prolonged periods of time in the performance of lifesaving functions.