

LIFEGUARD

DEFINITION

Performs a variety of duties to insure the safety of participants in the Town's recreational swim program.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This is a part-time seasonal position. This position differs from the Pool Manager classification in that the latter is responsible for the overall operation of the Town's annual swim program including recreational swimming, swimming instruction, and pool maintenance. The Lifeguard class differs from the Water Safety Instructor in that the Lifeguard position does not require the WSI certificate and is not responsible for swimming instruction.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED/EXERCISED

Supervision is provided by the Pool Manager. Supervisory activities are limited to the supervision of pool patrons as they participate in the Town's swimming programs.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Supervises aquatic activities to prevent accidents and injuries; cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas and activities; enforces pool rules; rescues swimmers in danger; performs first aid and CPR; maintains good public relations; and participates in staff training.

OTHER DUTIES

Performs pool and facility maintenance as necessary and other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Experience/Education/Training

Sufficient experience, education, and training to perform lifeguarding activities. Some experience as a lifeguard is desirable, but not required.

Knowledge/Ability

General knowledge of principles and techniques of water safety; lifeguard procedures; emergency procedures; first aid and CPR. Ability to perform emergency and lifesaving procedures; supervise groups of swimmers; remain calm in emergency situations; work with people of all ages and varying aquatic skills; follow oral and written instructions; communicate effectively; maintain physical condition appropriate to the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Working Conditions

Position requires sitting, standing, walking on level and slippery surfaces, climbing, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, stooping, squatting, and crouching in the performance of daily activities. The position also requires near, far, and color vision while performing lifeguard activities. The need to move and push large cement chairs and special events boxes and the need to lift and carry students weighing 40 pounds or over also is required. The nature of the work requires the incumbent to work outdoors in all weather conditions including wet, hot and cold; climb ladders; walk on scaffolds; work in confined spaces and unusual heights. The incumbent may use pool chemicals and solvents exposing the employee to fumes, dust and air contaminants which may cause eye and skin irritation. The incumbent also must be available to provide life saving techniques, work irregular or extended hours, work in fatiguing conditions and with constant interruptions, and, at times, work with impatient and irritated patrons.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Certificates

Possession of Lifeguard Training, First Aid for Safety Personnel (Title 22) [a.k.a. EMSA] and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the Professional Rescuer certificates are required at date of appointment.

Age

Must be at least 15 years old at date of appointment.

May require evidence of a negative tuberculin test taken within the past two years.