

Department: Towns

SPEC DISK D4

Classification: Non-Competitive (Seasonal)

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Grade: _____

HEAD LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for supervising and performing routine patrol work looking after the safety and welfare of the bathers at a swimming area. Work is performed under the general direction of the responsible Board, Commission or Swimming Area Director. There is considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies. Supervision is exercised over the work of all lifeguards and junior lifeguards. The incumbent does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative only)

Supervises patrol work of looking after the safety and welfare of the bathers at a swimming area;
Stands watch or patrols bathing beach keeping bathers within bounds and going to their aid when they are in difficulty;
Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid;
Instructs beginners in swimming;
Keeps the beach free of glass and other debris;
Performs other routine duties such as repairing equipment;
Maintains order;
Enforces compliance with beach rules.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

A thorough knowledge of first aid, life saving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water; ability to swim well; ability to deal with the public and to secure cooperation without unnecessary antagonism; ability to keep records and to make simple reports and arithmetic computations; ability to plan and direct the work of others; good observation; mental alertness; good moral character; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

At least 18 years of age.

Possession of a current American Red Cross basic life support for the professional rescuer CPR, or equivalent

combination; and possession of a current lifeguard training certificate from a certifying agency (such as the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts, YMCA) acceptable to the State Health Commissioner; and

Two seasons of lifeguarding experience.

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