CITY OF CARPINTERIA POSITION OF LIFEGUARD I and LIFEGUARD II

DEFINITION

Under supervision, performs varied lifesaving and accident prevention services in assigned area. Responsible for assisting and rescuing swimmers, assisting other lifeguards in responding to emergencies, enforcing regulations and issuing citations when necessary. Helps maintain clean and safe conditions.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is an hourly rated, part-time, position assigned to Community Pool or City Beach. May be assigned as Pool or Beach Lifeguard, Jr. Lifeguard Instructor, Aqua Camp Leader or, depending on experience, to other ocean/beach recreation program.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Lifeguard I

This is the entry level class in the Lifeguard series of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II and Senior Lifeguard. This class is distinguished from the Lifeguard II by performance of duties assigned, extent of experience and level of supervision required. Employees at this level are not expected to perform with the same independence of direction and judgment on matters related to established procedures and guidelines as are positions at the II level. Since this class is typically an entry level class, employees may have limited related work experience. Employees work under immediate supervision while learning job tasks.

<u>Lifeguard II</u>

This is a full journey level class within the Lifeguard series of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II and Senior Lifeguard. This class is distinguished from the Lifeguard I position by the assignment of a full range of duties. Employees at this level receive only occasional instruction or assistance as new or unusual situations arise and are fully aware of operating procedures and policies with the work unit. Positions in this class are commonly filled by advancement from the Lifeguard I level.

Senior Lifeguard

This is a supervisory position within the Lifeguard series of Lifeguard I, Lifeguard II and Senior Lifeguard. This class is distinguished from the Lifeguard I and Lifeguard II positions by the level of responsibility. Positions in this class are commonly filled by advancement from the Lifeguard II level. (See Job Description for Senior Lifeguard)

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

Receives direct supervision from Beach Superintendent/Senior Lifeguard.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES

Perform standard public lifeguard services at the City beach adjacent offshore areas and/or City swimming pool; in emergencies may assist in lifesaving activities in adjacent areas.

Provide continuous lifeguard surveillance of an assigned area.

Participate in and instruct a variety of aquatic/recreational activities as assigned.

Knowledge of pertinent City and State laws and regulations.

Enforce policies, rules and regulations. Beach lifeguards may be called upon to issue citations to offenders.

Apply appropriate rescue, lifesaving and first aid techniques.

Assume responsible role in the event of emergencies and take charge of lifesaving activities, applying appropriate rescue, lifesaving and first aid techniques.

Maintain lifeguard equipment.

Respond to public inquiries relating to programs and provide safety information to patrons.

Comply with all standard lifeguard operating procedures.

Example of duties (continued)

Clean and maintain assigned areas, including litter pickup, and comply with health and safety standards set forth by City and State laws and regulations.

Perform other related duties as required.

QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

Knowledge of:

Standard lifesaving techniques including first aid and CPR.

Hazards involved in aquatics and appropriate water safety and sanitation requirements.

Applicable City and State Codes and regulations.

Use, care and maintenance of lifeguard equipment.

Ability to:

Interact and relate effectively with those contacted in the course of work; establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow workers; interact effectively with public.

Instruct aquatic-related programs.

Respond to emergency situations in a rapid and effective manner.

Enforce applicable laws, rules and regulations in objective and even-handed manner.

Effectively use lifeguard equipment, including care and maintenance of such equipment.

Successful complete required health screen and training program.

Communicate clearly and concisely.

Bilingual ability Spanish/English preferred but not required.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES

Must possess current American Red Cross Standard First Aid Certificate, CPR certificate and current Lifeguard Training Instructor Certification or ability to obtain such certification within thirty (30) days of hire.

Pool lifeguard position requires Water Safety Instructor Certificate or ability to obtain such certification within thirty (30) days of hire.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Any combination of experience and training that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities is qualifying.

Lifeguard I - Prior on-site lifeguard or related experience preferred but not required.

Lifeguard II - Three years experience or other specialized training relative to position.

STANDARD UNIFORM

All City lifeguards are required to wear approved lifeguard uniform when on duty.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

Environmental Conditions:

Field environment; inclement weather conditions, work in emergency situations, flexible work hours.

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Physical Conditions

Positions in this class require physical ability to perform all job duties. Essential and marginal functions require maintaining physical condition necessary for maintaining continuous surveillance of assigned area, standing, walking, running, swimming for prolonged periods of time; moderate or light lifting or carrying, kneeling, repeated bending, operating motorized vehicles and boats.

Class specifications are only intended to present a descriptive summary of the range of duties and responsibilities associated with specified positions. Therefore, specifications may not include all duties performed by individuals within a classification. In addition, specifications are intended to outline the minimum qualifications necessary for entry into the class and do not necessarily convey the qualifications of incumbents within the position.