

LIFE GUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves periodically overseeing the safety and welfare of bathers at a municipal pool during several months of the summer. Duties are performed under direct supervision. Life Guards have considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies and must be constantly alert to assist swimmers in difficulty and to enforce safety rules. Life Guards do related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

- Stands watch at pools or patrols beach, keeping bathers within bounds;
- Maintains order and enforces safety rules;
- Goes to the aid of bathers in difficulty;
- Applies resuscitation techniques and administers first aide;
- Keeps locker rooms, poolside and beach areas free of glass and other debris;
- Does routine maintenance on pool equipment;
- May instruct beginning swimmers.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of first aid, life saving and water rescue techniques; ability to swim well, ability to deal with the public in a firm yet friendly manner; ability to remain composed during emergency situations; alertness and good powers of observation; physical condition equal to the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Possession of a Red Cross or YMCA Senior Life Saving Certificate or an equivalent water safety certificate.

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