

LIFEGUARD

GENERAL DEFINITION

Safeguards and regulates the conduct of patrons to prevent unsafe practices and accidents at County Park facilities.

ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

Serves under the general direction of the Parks and Recreation Head Lifeguard.

TYPICAL TASKS

- Strictly enforces policies, rules and regulations governing conduct of patrons and promptly warns users of safety hazards;
- Maintains order, discipline and constant surveillance of swimmers;
- Acts immediately and appropriately to secure safety of patrons in the event of an emergency;
- Performs rescues and follow up procedures, including administration of first aid;
- Assists in preparing records concerning accidents, rescues, assists and first aid;
- Performs ticket sales, retail sales and food preparation;
- Performs other duties as may be assigned.

ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Comprehensive knowledge and demonstrated abilities in the exercise of good judgment in routine and emergency situations and maintain positive working relationships with both fellow employees and the public. Must possess considerable knowledge of water safety, rescue and first aid techniques; have thorough knowledge of emergency services and auxiliary services available in the surrounding community; and the ability to prepare and record varied reports.

TRAINING, EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school or currently attending high school. Incumbent should have a minimum of one year of experience in lifeguarding.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS

Must have the ability to work weekends and holidays; must have a successful criminal background check.

All Lifeguard applicants must possess current certification in and maintain a valid American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguarding, which includes CPR for the Professional Rescuer and First Aid.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must be able to demonstrate high skill level in swimming, approaches, carries, resuscitation, assists and victim removal.

