DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:

This is seasonal supervisory work involving the responsibility for the life and protection of persons swimming or otherwise using the recreational facilities of a pool or beach area. Incumbent may be required to rescue persons experiencing difficulties in the water and administer lifesaving techniques. The incumbent may be required to administer first aid for other injuries suffered in the waterfront area. The position differs from Lifeguard by the addition of record keeping and supervisory responsibilities. Supervision is exercised over seasonal employees. The work is carried out under general direction from the administrative official.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Typical work activities for incumbents in this title include those listed below in addition to those typical work activities performed by lower level titles in the series. They are indicative of the level and types of activities performed by incumbents in this title. It is not meant to be all inclusive and does not preclude a supervisor from assigning activities not listed which could reasonably be expected to be performed by an employee in this title.

1. Patrols bathing area during operating hours;
2. Patrols open water in a rowboat to prevent drowning accidents;
3. Enforces waterfront regulations;
4. Supervises lifeguards at park;
5. Trains lifeguards in proper lifesaving, first aid, and CPR techniques;
6. Submits weekly reports on lifeguards’ activities;
7. Leads and participates in beach cleaning;
8. Provides knowledge of emergency first-aid practices and procedures.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of the principles and practices of water safety and artificial respiration sufficient to train and oversee a staff of life guards;
Ability to plan and supervise the work of others;
Ability to maintain simple records and accounts;
Ability to rescue swimmers in trouble and to administer proper lifesaving and first aid techniques;
Ability to operate water safety equipment;
Ability to understand and carry out oral and written directions;
Ability to function well under stress;
Personal characteristics necessary to perform the duties of the position;
Physical condition to commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates must possess a current American Red Cross Lifeguard Training program certificate; American Heart Association course in basic life support for the professional rescuer; current American Red Cross Community CPR or the equivalent at the time of appointment. If the appointing authority operates a beach or waterfront facility, the candidate must also possess an American Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard certificate or its equivalent. Plus two seasons of full-time paid experience as a lifeguard.