



TOWN OF SURFSIDE LIFEGUARD

DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND RECREATION

NON-EXEMPT

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Maintains the safety and supervises a lifeguard program at a swimming area (beach or pool). Works is performed under the general direction of the Aquatic Supervisor.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Watches swimmers, bathers, weather, and water conditions vigilantly.
2. Performs rescue, artificial respiration, first aid, and emergency work as necessary.
3. Warns against dangerous practices and keeps weak swimmers and non-swimmers out of deep water.
4. Enforces rules and regulations regarding swim areas in a tactful and effective manner.
5. Makes first aid and maintenance reports and maintains equipment.
6. Trains physically to maintain physical abilities to perform duties and pass physical requirements.
7. Notifies proper authorities if public refuses to obey safety rulings.
8. Works with the public.
9. Performs other duties as assigned.

(These essential job functions are not to be construed as a complete statement of all duties performed. Employees will be required to perform other job related marginal duties as required.)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES AND SKILLS:

- Knowledge of water rescue methods and first aid techniques.
- Knowledge of rules and regulations concerning public safety.
- Ability to handle frightened or injured persons in the water.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergency situations.
- Ability to enforce rules and regulations firmly but tactfully.
- Ability to remain alert over long periods of time.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, employees, and the general public.
- Skill in lifesaving techniques and administering first aid.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

The required skills would normally be acquired through attainment of specialized training. At least one year of lifeguard experience is preferred.

(A comparable amount of training, education or experience can be substituted for the minimum qualifications.)

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS OR REGISTRATIONS:

Valid Red Cross advanced lifeguard lifesaving certificate, valid First Aid and CPR/AED training certificate. Certified Pool Operator certificate, Water Safety Instructor required for full time employees only.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL SKILLS:

- Acceptable eyesight (with or without correction).
- Vision 20/40 uncorrected
- Acceptable hearing (with or without hearing aid).
- Ability to communicate both orally and in writing.
- Moderate (15 to 44 pounds) lifting and carrying.
- Swimming.
- Walking.
- Bending.
- Running.
- Paddling.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS:

- Works inside.
- Works out-of-doors in various weather conditions.
- Ultra-violet radiation.
- Pool chemicals.

(Reasonable accommodations will be made in accordance with existing ADA requirements for otherwise qualified individuals with a disability.)

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Approved:

Town Manager's Signature: _____ 