

City of Imperial Beach
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Title: Beach Lifeguard I
Department: Public Safety
Division: Ocean/Beach Safety

GENERAL PURPOSE

Under direction, maintain surveillance over a section of beach from an assigned station or patrols a section of beach in a vehicle, in the protection of life, prevention of accidents, and enforcement of City ordinances; performs aquatic and medical rescues; and performs other related work required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED

Works under general direction of Beach Lifeguard II 's.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED

None

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Safeguards the ocean and beach using public by maintaining surveillance over a assigned area from a station or, patrols an assigned area in a radio equipped emergency vehicle, and take preventative actions and safety interventions, in the protection of life and prevention of accidents; perform rescues and administer medical aid as needed; operates boats, all terrain vehicles, and specialized lifesaving equipment; performs search and recovery in the ocean and other waterways; interprets, explains, and enforces applicable codes, ordinances, regulation, policies and procedures to the public; maintains safety equipment, facilities, and supplies within the Lifeguard Division; prepares clear and concise records, reports, and logs; subject to twenty four hour emergency call; responds to emergencies when off duty; and completes other work assigned.

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

KNOWLEDGE OF

Knowledge of: records and reports, and public relations; all functions and duties performed by the division; modern principles, practices, and concepts of modern lifesaving techniques, boating safety, and equipment used; advanced first-aid and resuscitation methods and equipment operations; emergency medical system; ocean conditions and patterns; beach, surf, and ocean hazards; safe driving principles and practices; occupational hazards and safety practices necessary in the area of work assigned; principles and practices of underwater search and recovery techniques and basic diving physics.

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ABILITY TO

Ability to: interpret, explain, and enforce relative laws, ordinances, regulations; prepare clear and concise reports; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective relationships with persons and agencies concerned with the division; size up emergency situations and adopt a quick, effective courses of action; swim and/or operate water craft in adverse weather and surf conditions for extended periods of time; and meet department health and physical standards.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Stay alert in all conditions; observe and locate beach and ocean users in need of help; and respond to persons and property in distress in order to rescue or render aid and medical assistance in the surf, open ocean, swiftwaters, underwater, on beaches, and the roadways.

Occasional strenuous physical work requiring strength and endurance with exposure to environmental conditions of significant risk. There are periods of relative inaction, which still require alertness followed by high activity levels.

Requires occasional lifting of objects weighing up to 175 lbs. combined with twisting, bending or working on uneven surfaces.

Pass a comprehensive medical examination and drug screening prior to appointment. Uncorrected vision must not be worse than 20/40 in both eyes together, with acceptable color vision. Vision between 20/20 and 20/40 in both eyes must be corrected to 20/20 by glass or contact lenses. Hearing will also be tested for acceptable levels.

Pass a physical skills test involving physical strength, and swimming ability as a pre-employment and annual requirements.

Education & Experience

High school graduation, State of California accredited equivalency, or G.E.D.. Any combination of training and/or experience that could likely provide the desired knowledge and abilities.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of the following certificates will be required at time of application: San Diego Regional Lifeguard Academy's *Introduction to Open Water Lifeguarding* certificate; a valid Class "C" California Driver's License; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) American Red Cross for the *Professional Rescuer*, or American Heart Association

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Health Care Provider certificate; a valid American Red Cross *Emergency Response* certificate, or a valid San Diego County *Emergency Medical Technician I* certificate. Employees must requalify for these certificates as required to retain employment.

Applicants must at least 18 years of age upon hire.

PERIPHERAL DUTIES

May lead tours, or provides routine lifeguard operations and beach safety information to the media and general public; takes part in lifeguard and emergency medical training and drills; attends lifeguard staff meetings; testifies in court regarding matters of enforcement and litigation.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

Essential duties require the following physical skills and work environment:

Ability to sit, stand, walk, run, swim, dive, jump, kneel, crouch, stoop, squat, crawl, twist, climb, and lift 175 lbs.; exposure to cold, heat, noise, outdoors, vibration, confining work space, chemicals, explosive materials, mechanical hazards, electrical hazards, and ability to travel to different sites and locations.

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.