

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH  
CLASS DESCRIPTION**

**JOB CODE 920**

**OCEAN RESCUE LIFEGUARD**

**GENERAL**

Technical and responsible work patrolling the City beach to provide the safest possible conditions for beach patrons and bathers using preventative lifeguarding. Work is performed under supervision.

**EXAMPLES OF ESSENTIAL DUTIES**

(These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

- Patrols beach from an assigned station or rescue vehicle providing a uniformed presence insuring the safety of swimmers and patrons using applicable victim detection methods and evaluating environmental concerns, i.e., marine life, dangerous current~ electrical storms.
- Educates the public and enforces all rules, ordinances and state statutes governing public beaches to prevent accidents and maintain order, assists or rescues swimmers in distress utilizing appropriate rescue techniques and renders first aid and/or resuscitation to swimmer or patrons following local medical protocol.
- Maintains rescue vehicles, rescue equipment, first aid equipment and performs custodial duties to identified facility areas on a regularly scheduled basis.
- Conducts lectures and educational programs for schools, organizations and the general public.
- Maintains current certifications and physical fitness.
- Maintains regular and punctual attendance record.
- May supervise part-time personnel when necessary.
- May be required to submit reports or records required by Fire-Rescue or State.
- Performs related work as required.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of local and State water safety rules and regulations; hazardous currents, weather conditions and marine life.
- Ability to follow oral and written instructions.
- Ability to handle distressed swimmers and patrons, implement emergency action plans and administer emergency medical protocol in stressful situations.
- Ability to serve the public and fellow employees with honesty and integrity in full accord with the letter and spirit of all city ethics and conflicts of interest policies.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with the general public, co-workers, city officials, regulatory agencies and personnel and members of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds regardless of race, religion, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

- High school graduate or GED equivalent.
- Nationally recognized Lifeguard Training (American Red Cross, YMCA, or United States Lifesaving Association)
- First Aid and Safety from American Red Cross or other acceptable agency.

- CPR for the Professional Rescuer or American Heart Association Health Care Provider Certifications
- Must obtain DOT First Responder certification within 30 days of hire
- Must complete EMT coursework and successfully pass the State or National examination within one year probationary period.
- Must obtain WSI or LGI and HIV/AIDS certifications within probationary period.
- Some ocean lifeguarding experience desired.
- Must pass department administered swimming and rescue skills test.
- Possession of a valid, appropriate driver's license and an acceptable driving record.

A comparable amount of training and experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must have the use of sensory skills in order to effectively communicate and interact with other employees and the public through the use of the telephone and personal contact as normally defined by the ability to see, read, talk, hear, handle or feel objects and controls. Physical capability to effectively use and operate various items of office related equipment, such as, but not limited to a, personal computer, calculator, copier, and fax machine. Significant standing, walking, moving, climbing, carrying, bending, kneeling, some crawling, reaching, and handling, sitting, standing, pushing, and pulling. Ability to pass physical requirements test (e.g., prolonged running in ankle deep sand, swimming through "crashing surf," pulling, lifting and carrying unconscious victims, etc.) Ability to perform frequent lifting up to 25 lbs. Occasional exposure to adverse weather conditions and moderate to loud noises outdoors. Sedentary work to extreme labor-intensive work based on rescue situations. Lifeguard may be confronted with a terrified victim whose strength and resistance is increased beyond normal. Outside work under all weather conditions and moderate to loud noises. Occupational hazards include possible exposure to communicable diseases and pool chemicals.

Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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Bargaining Unit: General Employees  
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