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OCEAN LIFEGUARD I

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CLASS: Under the general supervision of an Ocean Lifeguard Lieutenant or Ocean Lifeguard Captain, performs entry-level protective service work guarding the safety of patrons at assigned ocean beaches and provides information pertaining to beach and ocean conditions.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES: (Note: The listed duties are illustrative only and are not intended to describe each and every function which may be performed in the job class. The omission of specific statements does not preclude management from assigning specific duties not listed herein if such duties are a logical assignment to the position.)

Assists in enforcing the rules and regulations governing the conduct of beach patrons in order to prevent unsafe practices and accidents.

Stays alert in order to detect potential hazardous conditions and patrons in distress.

Rescues and renders appropriate first aid procedures to beach patrons as necessary.

Assists in performing administrative duties, including keeping daily records of patrons assisted, patrons rescued, first aid provided, weather conditions, and ocean conditions.

Assists in maintaining the general appearance and cleanliness of the assigned beach area.

Responsible for answering questions from beach patrons when possible, without being distracted from ocean lifeguard duties.

Participates in daily in-service training.

Maintains and monitors assigned equipment and supplies.

Performs related work as required.

REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE: No formal training or experience required.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be able to successfully complete the Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard Performance Test, which includes swimming 500 meters in an ocean environment and a physical agility test, in accordance with the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) Advanced Guidelines.

Must be able to successfully complete the Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard Training Academy.

Must possess or obtain by the completion of the Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard Training Academy, a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification from an approved agency and maintain said certification in an active status during the term of employment.

Must possess or obtain by the completion of the Brevard County Ocean Lifeguard Training Academy, an Emergency Medical Responder certification from an approved agency and maintain said certification in an active status during the term of employment.

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In the event of a hurricane, major storm, natural or man-made disaster which may threaten the area, the employee will be required to perform emergency duties as directed.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES: (Note: The knowledge, skills, and abilities identified in this class specification represent those needed to perform the duties of this class. Additional knowledge, skills, and abilities may be applicable for individual positions.)

Some knowledge in the use of personal computers, including Microsoft Outlook, Word, and Excel, or other similar software applications.

Ability to learn water safety, rescue, and basic first aid techniques.

Ability to learn the rules and regulations for assigned ocean swimming areas.

Ability to exercise good judgment in enforcing rules firmly and tactfully.

Ability to learn to accurately complete daily electronic reports and Electronic Patient Care Reports (ePCRs).

Ability to remain alert for long periods of time.

Ability to remain calm during stressful situations.

Ability to identify and prevent dangerous situations or emergencies, and take effective and appropriate action.

Ability to establish effective working relationships with co-workers and beach patrons.

Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.

Ability to exercise effective crowd control.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS: This is an emergency services first responder position requiring moments of intense physical activity.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Work is primarily performed in a beach environment and involves prolonged exposure to salt air, wind, extreme sun, lightning, other inclement weather, and insects. Work also involves exposure to potentially stressful situations.

THIS IS A TEMPORARY POSITION.

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