

Class Concept

Positions are responsible for ensuring the safety of Park's coastal beaches, waterways, lakes and aquatic facilities by preventing and responding to real and potential emergency situations. Duties include rescue and administration of emergency medical care; preventing accidents both in the water and on the beach or facility; constant assessment of changing weather and/or surf conditions; enforcement of local municipal codes pertaining to water and beach safety; performing public education and communication to the general public of potential hazards; and performing searches for lost persons both in and out of the water.

Recruitment Standards

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Basic knowledge of water/coastal rescue methods and techniques.
- Basic knowledge of the surveillance methods used to recognize and prevent injuries in bathing areas.
- Basic knowledge of water rescue equipment.
- Ability to administer first aid.
- Ability to maintain rescue equipment.
- Ability to enforce swimming regulations.
- Ability to swim in accordance with certification standards.
- Ability to remain calm during water-rescue operations.
- Ability to observe and report hazardous swimming conditions.
- An understanding of beach/facility characteristics, rules, policies, and procedures.
- Ability to obtain a valid certification in the following: American Red Cross Lifeguard Training; First Aid and American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

Minimum Education and Experience

Must be at least 15 years old and pass appropriate swimming requirements.

Necessary Special Qualifications

Employees in these positions must have a valid American Red Cross certification in life guarding/first aid and CPR/AED for professional rescuers prior assuming full duties and responsibilities.