

## **Seasonal Ocean Rescue Lifeguard**

### **Primary Reason Why Classification Exists**

To perform seasonal lifeguarding operations and ocean rescue programs for the Town of Nags Head.

### **Distinguishing Features of the Class**

An employee in this class is responsible for ensuring the safety of facility patrons by preventing and responding to emergencies. The employee is also responsible for educating the public about beach and water safety and other public safety matters and to ensure compliance with state and local laws including beach ordinances. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Ocean Rescue Captain.

### **Essential Duties**

- Scans the area of surveillance to make sure that patrons are safe and behaving according to the rules.
- Acts in emergency situations and provides rescue and first aid assistance up to his or her training level until medical personnel arrives.
- Watches for unsafe conditions to prevent accidents and reports any hazards to the supervisor.
- Enforces rules consistently and fairly.
- Fills out reports for incidents or other records for reference.

### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

- Knowledge of lifesaving methods and procedures, including first aid and CPR.
- Skilled in swimming.
- Maintains a professional appearance.
- Interacts politely with facility patrons and acts as a role model for young children.
- Attends all meetings and training sessions for the ocean rescue staff.
- Ability to react quickly and calmly in emergencies.

### **Physical Requirements**

Work in this class is defined as heavy work requiring physical exertion of in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, and/or in excess of 50 pounds of frequently, and/or up to 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical activities may include climbing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, reaching, walking, standing, pushing, pulling, lifting, grasping, feeling, talking, hearing, and performing repetitive motions. Employee must have the physical strength, endurance, and ability to swim against currents, sit for extended periods of time, and ability to drag 150 pounds through ocean surf. Employee must have the visual acuity to distinguish people and objects at emergency scenes, both in and out of the water, with eyesight correctable to 20/40. Employee must have the stamina to work for extended periods of time in emergency situations.

### **Working Conditions**

Work is performed primarily in outside environmental conditions in extreme heat, constant sun, wind, blowing sand conditions, and rain. Employee is subject to noise which requires shouting in order to be heard above the sound of surf and crowd conditions. Employee is subject to workplace hazards including proximity to moving mechanical parts and equipment, exposure to

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chemicals, oils, fuels, and potential for blood borne pathogens, prolonged exposure to the sun, wind, and ocean environment. Employee is exposed to potential for personal harm or injury due to bites or stings from ocean fish, mammals, or crustaceans as well as sharp objects (glass, cans, nails, ocean shells, etc), and potential conflict with intoxicated persons who become belligerent and refuse to comply with instructions.

### **Education**

Graduation from high school or GED equivalency

### **Experience**

Must have current Lifeguard Training and/or Community First Aid Training, and Professional Rescuer Cardiopulmonary (CPR) within 3 weeks of employment.

**FLSA Status:** Seasonal recreational staff, not eligible for overtime.

### **Disclaimer**

This classification specification has been designed to indicate the general nature and level of work performed by employees within this classification. It is not designed to contain or be interpreted as a comprehensive inventory of all duties, responsibilities, and qualifications required of employees to perform the job. The Town of Nags Head reserves the right to assign or otherwise modify the duties assigned to this classification.

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