

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**LIFEGUARD SERGEANT - 1592**

**DEFINITION:**

Under direction, to supervise lifeguard operations in an assigned area of a lifeguard district or boating safety unit; and to perform related work.

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This class differs from Lifeguard II in that Lifeguard Sergeants serve as first-level supervisors over an assigned area of a lifeguard district, and Lifeguards II serve in a lead capacity.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Supervises lifeguard activities within an assigned area;
- Supervises and assists in rescue operations;
- Instructs and trains subordinates in various aspects of marine safety operations;
- Helps determine and ensures appropriate beach staffing levels;
- Explains and enforces state and local laws and regulations;
- Develops operational manuals;
- Assists in writing policies, procedures, and standards;
- Prepares written reports and correspondence;
- Establishes work schedules and makes work assignments;
- Initiates disciplinary measures as required;
- Patrols in a radio equipped emergency vehicle or vessel to monitor activities within assigned area;
- Commands a fire boat during fires and major rescue incidents;
- Assists in the preparation of the budget;
- Coordinates with and requests assistance from other agencies as required;
- Directs activities at major emergency incidents;
- Coordinates special events;
- Investigates complaints and accidents;
- Testifies in court regarding matters of enforcement and litigation;
- Ensures proper maintenance of marine safety equipment, facilities, and supplies;
- Develops curriculum for education and training;
- Evaluates and rates the work performance of subordinates.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Please note: the minimum qualifications stated below are a guide for determining the education, training, experience, special skills, and/or license which may be required for employment in the class. These are re-evaluated each time the position is opened for

- \* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES performed by employees in this class. The list may not include all required duties, nor are all listed tasks necessarily performed by everyone in this class.**

recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Description for updated minimum qualifications: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sandiego/classspecs>.

Two years of full-time experience performing ocean lifeguard and/or boating safety patrol enforcement duties at a level equivalent to a Lifeguard II or higher with the City of San Diego (a position that safeguards swimmers at public beaches and performs boating safety functions; performs rescues; administers first aid; and enforces aquatic and beach regulations and ordinances); **OR** one year of full-time of experience ocean lifeguarding with the City of San Diego, **AND** one year of full-time experience patrolling City of San Diego lakes and reservoirs by boats and motor vehicles to enforce security and safety regulations, and to ensure the safety of patrons involved in lake recreational activities. Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate issued by the State of California or National Registry Certificate and recognized by San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA), **AND** Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) Certification is required at the time of hire. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver License.