

CLASS SPECIFICATION
SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
LIFEGUARD II - 1593

DEFINITION:

Under general supervision, to maintain surveillance over an assigned coastal area to protect life and property and to prevent accidents; to enforce local and state laws; to instruct and lead the work of subordinate lifeguards; and to perform related work.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This class differs from Lifeguard I in that Lifeguards II serve as the in-charge guards of a lifeguard station and lead the work of Lifeguards I. Incumbents of this class are subject to 24-hour emergency call and are assigned to varying work schedules including night schedules.

*** EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Safeguards the using public by maintaining surveillance over an assigned area within a lifeguard district on the oceanfront or Mission Bay;
- Performs beach, cliff, and water related rescues in coastal and inland areas; enforces regulations including local and state laws;
- Issues citations and makes arrests;
- Patrols assigned area in radio equipped emergency vehicle;
- Warns the public of dangerous conditions and posts warning devices;
- Administers medical aid and performs cardio-pulmonary resuscitation;
- Operates cliff rescue vehicle, rescue boats, patrol boats, and specialized lifesaving equipment;
- Dives in open water, with or without self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (SCUBA);
- Performs search and recovery functions on Mission Bay, ocean, or inland lakes and waterways;
- Dispatches mobile lifeguard units;
- Checks registration of vessels and inspects safety equipment for compliance with specified requirements;
- Regulates boating, waterskiing, and guest mooring traffic;
- Performs marine fire-fighting functions and pump-outs of vessels taking on water;
- Communicates directly via radio, intercom, and phone with major rescue and enforcement agencies;
- Trains in the use of helicopters as a rescue tool, and may be required to affect a rescue from a helicopter or act as a ground communicator to help land a helicopter;
- Monitors emergency marine radio bands and responds to calls for assistance; screens phone and radio calls for help and coordinates an appropriate response;
- Furnishes routine information to the media and the public;

* **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.

- Testifies in court regarding matters of enforcement and litigation;
- Acts as a “first responder” and may be required to drive an ambulance in emergencies;
- Performs marine firefighting work;
- Provides instruction and training in various aspects of marine safety to other lifeguards;
- Tows disabled boats;
- Assists supervisors in evaluating and rating the work performance of subordinate lifeguards;
- Keeps records and writes reports; maintains safety equipment, facilities, and supplies;
- Conducts aquatic events and water safety programs.

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

High school graduate, or passage of the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or General Education Development (GED) examination, **AND** six months of full-time experience (900 hours) as a lifeguard at a public ocean front beach. Possession of the following valid certificates: American Red Cross CPR for the Professional Rescuer or equivalent; American Red Cross Emergency Medical Response Certificate or Emergency Medical Technician Certificate issued by the State of California or National Registry Certificate and recognized by the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Authority (LEMSA); City of San Diego Main Tower Observation Certification; Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA) Certification; and City of San Diego Personal Watercraft (PWC) Operator Certification. Possession of a valid California Class C Driver’s License.