

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**LIFEGUARD SERGEANT**

**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;
- 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;
- Investigates complaints and accidents;
- Testifies in court regarding matters of enforcement and litigation;
- Ensures proper maintenance of marine safety equipment, facilities and supplies;
- 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 recruitment. Please refer to the most recent Job Announcement for updated minimum qualifications.

Two years of experience at a level equivalent to the City of San Diego's classification of Lifeguard II, performing an ocean lifeguard or boating safety patrol enforcement function on a year round basis; **OR** one year of experience ocean lifeguarding with the City of San Diego, **AND** one year of experience patrolling City 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. Possession of a valid Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate. Possession of a valid California Class B Driver's License, and a California Department of Motor Vehicles Medical Certificate dated within the last two years.

- \* **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.