

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**  
**SAN DIEGO CITY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**LIFEGUARD III - 1603**

**DEFINITION:**

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

**DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:**

This is the super-journey/lead classification in the Lifeguard series. Incumbents of this class perform the full range of duties of the journey-level Lifeguard II class and perform training and lead functions.

**\* EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:**

- Leads subordinate lifeguards in maintaining surveillance over an assigned area on the oceanfront or Mission Bay or on bay patrol activities;
- Safeguards the using public at public beaches or at Mission Bay;
- Provides technical instruction and training in various aspects of marine safety including the safe and proper operation of inflatable rescue boats; fire, bay patrol, and surf rescue boats; cliff rescue vehicles and all-terrain cycles; portable pumps; and in the operation of a marine dispatch center;
- Performs beach, cliff, and water-related rescues;
- Administers first aid;
- Enforces aquatic and beach regulations and ordinances;
- Patrols assigned areas in radio-equipped emergency vehicles;
- Warns the public of dangerous conditions and posts warning devices;
- Patrols Mission Bay Park by boat to enforce boating and waterways regulations;
- Regulates boating, waterskiing, and guest mooring traffic;
- Performs search and recovery functions on Mission Bay and other waterways;
- Performs marine firefighting functions and pump-outs of vessels taking on water; tows disabled boats;
- Checks registration of vessels and inspects safety equipment for compliance with specified requirements;
- Performs marine firefighting work;
- Keeps records and writes reports;
- Maintains safety equipment, facilities, and supplies;
- Performs other related duties.

**\* 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.**

**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>.

One year of full-time experience performing ocean beach lifeguard duties and/or boating safety patrol enforcement duties at a level equivalent to the City of San Diego's classification of Lifeguard II or higher with the City of San Diego, and possession of the following valid certificates: Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Cliff Rescue Vehicle (Rescue 44) Operator, and Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus (SCUBA); **AND** possession of at least one of the following group of valid certificates: Bay Boat Field Training Officer, Surf Boat Field Training Officer, Bay Boat Field Training Officer, Fire Boat Field Training Officer, Personal Watercraft Field Training Officer, or Off Road Vehicle Field Training Office. 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.