

DEPARTMENT: ALL APPLICABLE
CLASSIFICATION: NON-COMPETITIVE (seasonal only); APPROVED AS FULL-TIME FOR CITY OF NORTH TONAWANDA AND NEWFANE SCHOOLS NYSCSC 09/09/2008
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CHIEF LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: This is routine work involving responsibility for leading a group of lifeguards/laborers in patrol of a bathing facility or recreation area in order to ensure the safety and welfare of bathers/park patrons. There is considerable leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment. All work is performed under the general direction and policies of a superior. A considerable amount of sound judgment is necessary in employees of this class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

1. Stands watch or patrols bathing facility or recreation area, keeping people within bounds and going to their aid when they are in difficulty;
2. Leads the work of a group of lifeguards/laborers;
3. When assigned, leads swimming or first aid instructors;
4. Instructs lifeguards/laborers in methods of patrolling the bathing facility or recreation area;
5. Schedules and stations lifeguards/laborers at strategic points;
6. Instructs patrons in facility regulations;
7. Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Thorough knowledge of first aide, lifesaving and rescue work as applied to accidents in the water and out; ability to swim well; ability to deal with the public and secure cooperation without unnecessary antagonism; ability to lead the work of others; good observation; mental alertness; good moral character; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

One (1) season of experience as a lifeguard or swimming instructor **AND** possession of current Lifeguard Training and CPR certifications. Lifeguard certifications are generally valid for two (2) years and CPR is only valid for one (1) year from course completion regardless of the expiration date on the card. For employment at a Level II B Pool and/or Beach, candidates must also possess a Waterfront Skills certification.

NOTE: Standards for lifeguard and CPR certifications are contained in NYS Sanitary Code Part 6. Refer to www.health.ny.gov for most current certification list.