

## **BEACH SAFETY SPECIALIST**

### CODES/PAY RANGE

Class Code: 3010

EEO Code: D

Pay Range: 116

### MAJOR FUNCTION

Skilled beach safety work assisting visitors to the beach, preventing injuries and rescuing distressed swimmers.

### ILLUSTRATIVE DUTIES

(NOTE: These are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work performed. The omission of specific duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment to the position.)

Places traffic cones, speed limit and traffic zone signs according to the tide and condition of the beach. Opens and closes beach access gates.

Maintains order and discipline among swimmers and other persons.

Rescues swimmers in distress. Applies resuscitation and administers medical aid when necessary.

Answers questions and provides information regarding the beach, the tides, storms, marine life and related subjects. Offers help or assistance to patrons who appear to need it without being asked. Assists beach patrons whose vehicles become stuck in the sand.

May enforce compliance with ordinances relating to the Beach Code.

Ensures the public observes protected beach areas. Helps beach patrons park in safe zones on the beach; away from the protected beach dunes. Performs various duties related to environmental issues.

Assists beach safety personnel with securing the beach from vehicular traffic at high tides and beach closings. Assists beach safety personnel during an emergency as needed.

Makes periodic inspections of the beach and beach walkways, removing litter, trash and broken glass for safety. May be required to do minor maintenance on beach walkways, signs, and in the restrooms. Assists in monitoring the maintenance contract.

Performs related work as required.

### KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Ability to extend an hospitable attitude toward visitors and customers on the beach assuring they will have a safe and enjoyable stay and want to return for future visits. Ability to establish positive, cooperative working relationships with other beach personnel.

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Knowledge of approved water rescue methods and specific medical aid techniques.

Ability to rapidly learn rules and regulations relating to beach activities. Ability to exercise tact, firmness, and good judgment in enforcing such rules and regulations. Ability to prevent dangerous situations from arising, to recognize emergencies and to take effective action.

Skill in surf swimming, lifesaving and medical aid.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Graduation from high school or possession of G.E.D. Persons with two years experience in a customer service field or closely related experience may receive preference. Successful completion, within six weeks, of Ocean Rescue class (to include First Responder certification) conducted by County Beach Safety. Must meet all physical and performance requirements established by the County for the Lifeguard classification. Must obtain EMT certification within one year of employment and maintain thereafter.

Must semi-annually meet the physical ability requirement of a 500-meter swim of a measured course in ten (10) minutes.

### **ADA REQUIREMENTS:**

Environmental Demands: Outside work. Exposure to weather including humidity, heat, cold, rain, wind, sand and salt air, and salt water. Exposure to adverse ocean conditions including water temperatures as low as fifty degrees.

Physical Demands: Hearing, seeing (close up & distance), standing, sitting, shouting, waving arms, running in sand & water, lifting, carrying, pushing, pulling, reaching and feeling. Ability to swim. Ability to patrol the beach. Ability to see, hear, talk. Ability to lift 50 lbs.

Mental Demands: Ability to comprehend and apply information contained in manuals. Ability to speak clearly and concisely. Concentration on surf. Decisions on proper rescue and treatment.

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