

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Position Title:** Beach Lifeguard  
**Department:** Fire Department  
**Supervisor:** Division Chief of Operations  
**Position:** Regular Part-Time

**Position Summary:** Under the general supervision of the Division Chief of Operations and/or his designees patrol the Seaside beach area, respond to emergencies, effect water rescues, and prevent accidents. Lifeguards interact with the public on a daily basis providing information and education.

**Supervision Exercised:** Works in close proximity with Fire Department personnel and other lifeguards. May be responsible for taking initial incident command at an emergency scene until fire department personnel arrive.

### **Principle Duties & Responsibilities:**

1. Patrol and watch designated sections of the beach and water from an assigned station or vehicle.
2. Provide water safety education and information to the public.
3. Interact with the public on the beach, answer questions and assist beach patrons with problems as much as feasible, while maintaining a professional and courteous relationship with the public.
4. Actively participate in drowning prevention actions to intercede before an emergency develops.
5. Respond to and participate in water rescues.
6. Provide First Aid, Medical attention, and CPR to those in need, including documentation of the contact.
7. Advises beach patrons of Municipal ordinances as well as State of Oregon Parks beach regulations.
8. Maintain radio communications with other beach lifeguards, the Fire Department, and Seaside Dispatch.
9. Work closely with Seaside Fire & Rescue and the Seaside Police Department as required.
10. Maintain vehicles, equipment, and supplies in good working condition.
11. Remove or notify Seaside Dispatch of any dangerous objects from the ocean and surfline that may pose a danger to persons.
12. Participate during in-service training.
13. Keep daily records of activities and operations.
14. Maintains the beach area around the tower and semaphores, to include garbage and debris removal.
15. Performs other duties as required.

### **Work Environment:**

1. Work is performed primarily in vehicles, and outdoor settings, in all weather conditions, including temperature extremes, during day and evening shifts.
2. Work is occasionally performed in emergency and stressful situations.
3. Employee is exposed to hazards associated with the beach environment and rendering emergency medical assistance, including risk of drowning, bodily fluids, noxious odors, fumes, chemicals, salt water, and sun exposure.
4. Often works in the ocean and in the surf zone.

5. Noise levels are usually quiet in vehicle and lifeguard tower setting and loud during training and emergency scenes.

**Physical Demands:**

1. Frequently required to sit; talk and hear; stand; walk; use hands to finger, handle, or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms.
2. Often required to climb or balance; occasionally to stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl and smell.
3. Frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds and occasionally assist lifting and/or moving up to 250 pounds (with a team).
4. Specific vision abilities required include close vision, distance vision, color vision, peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus.
5. Strong physical stamina is needed to swim in the ocean, paddle rescue boards in the surf zone; provide a safe rescue for a person in distress from the water to the beach.

**Skills Required:**

1. Basic understanding of the ocean environment and rescue techniques employed by lifeguards.
2. Strong communication and interpersonal relations ability.
3. Comprehensive knowledge of First Aid, CPR, AED use, and cervical immobilization.
4. Able to effectively operate emergency communications equipment.
5. Able to operate department apparatus and equipment.
6. Possess a valid Oregon driver license.
7. Physical ability to perform the duties associated with this position.
8. Ability to make sound decisions in non-emergency situations.
9. Familiar with operation of all apparatus and equipment utilized by the lifeguards and ability to transfer that knowledge and skill to others.

**Licenses, Certifications & Specialty Courses**

**Required prior to Employment:**

1. Social Security card
2. Valid Oregon Driver's License
3. Completion of the required pool and ocean swim test

**Required upon to Employment:**

1. Completion of the required pool and ocean swim tests
2. Completion of all Lifeguard training provided by Seaside Fire
3. Oregon ATV Safety Card

**Recommended:**

1. Current Lifeguard Certification is not required
2. American Heart Association BLS CPR
3. Oregon EMR or EMT Certification