**Summary Objective**

The purpose of this position is to patrols the beach and ocean areas from an assigned lifeguard tower, patrol vehicle or vessel and performs rescue and accident prevention activities at the beach in an open water environment. Beach Lifeguards may be assigned to perform special division activities, such as dispatching, office coordinator, boat operator/deckhand and instructing in lifeguarding techniques. Employees educate and instruct the public on beach, water and other public safety matters.

This class works under general supervision, independently developing work methods and sequences.

**Essential Functions**

**The essential functions listed below are those that represent the majority of the time spent working in this class. Management may assign additional functions related to the type of work of the class as necessary.**

* Responds to emergency incidents, makes critical decisions and takes action to preserve life and prevent injuries; performs rescue, artificial respiration, and first aid work when necessary; maintains continued surveillance over designated area.
* Patrols public beaches in the open water environment and warn swimmers of dangerous surf or other hazardous beach conditions; post warning signs indicating hazardous conditions.
* Enforces departmental rules and regulations, City ordinances and state statutes governing beach safety; reports missing persons to the Beach Patrol office.
* Operates and maintains lifeguard vehicles, boats, rescue equipment and participates in the upkeep of facilities.
* Participates in continuing training and instruction in open water rescue techniques, first responder medical care, disaster response, occupational safety practices, public relations and a variety of other subjects related to lifeguarding.
* Measures and reports environmental conditions such as: wind speed and direction, air and water temperatures, surf and tide levels, beach erosion and visitor population.
* Conducts water safety lessons, presentations, and educational programs for schools, organizations, and the general public.
* Performs related work as assigned.

**Minimum Education and Experience Requirements:**

Requires High School graduation or GED equivalent.

Requires lifeguarding certification.

**Physical Demands:**

*Physical demands refer to the requirements for physical exertion and coordination of limb and body movement.*

* Performs light to medium work that involves walking or standing virtually all of the time and also involves exerting between 20 and 50 pounds of force on a regular and recurring basis or considerable skill, adeptness and speed in the use of the fingers, hands or limbs in tasks involving close tolerances or limits of accuracy.

**Unavoidable Hazards (Work Environment):**

*Unavoidable hazards refer to the job conditions that may lead to injury or health hazards even though precautions have been taken.*

* Involves routine and frequent exposure to: bright/dim light; dusts and pollen; extreme heat and/or cold; wet or humid conditions; extreme noise levels; animals/wildlife

**Special Certifications and Licenses:**

Lifeguarding Certification to include CPR, AED, O2 and First Aid training.

Possess a currently valid American Heart Association Basic Life Support certification.

Possess a currently valid Florida Department of Transportation Emergency Medical Responder Certification or equivalent or an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

**Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance**

The City of Riviera Beach is an Equal Opportunity Employer. ADA requires the City to provide reasonable accommodations to qualified persons with disabilities. Prospective and current employees are encouraged to discuss ADA accommodations with management.