



THE CITY OF PISMO BEACH HAS AN OPENING FOR OCEAN LIFEGUARD

WHO ARE WE?

Pismo Beach is a full-service, oceanfront city with a population of about 8,500, located in San Luis Obispo County, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The City's commercial base is primarily tourism-oriented, with a significant number of hotels, motels and restaurants. There is no smog, which makes the area healthy for outdoor activities.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BEACH

The City Beach extends approximately 1.5 miles. The temperatures generally are mild during the summer months. They can occasionally reach the high 90's. The predominate northwest wind can reach speeds of up to 35 knots, which can create extreme ocean conditions. Occasionally, tropical storms from the southwest and strong northwest winds can create large swells that reach the Central Coast. When this occurs, ocean dynamics change, and rip and lateral currents develop, resulting in dangerous conditions for ocean swimmers.

WHAT IS THE ORGANIZATION?

Cal Fire / City of Pismo Beach Fire Department. Full-time staff includes the Battalion Chief, three Captains, and three Fire Apparatus Engineers. Additionally, the department employs 20 reserve/paid call firefighters and approximately 20-25 seasonal lifeguards and junior lifeguard program instructors.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PISMO BEACH LIFEGUARD DIVISION

Lifeguards are members of the Pismo Beach Fire Department. Lifeguards are hired on a seasonal basis and may work from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. The lifeguards protect the 1.5 mile stretch of beach with five lifeguard towers and a patrol vehicle. Lifeguards are supervised by a Lead Lifeguard who reports directly to the Lifeguard Administrator, on-duty Fire Captain and/or the Battalion Chief. Seasonal staffing consists of approximately 20-25 lifeguards.

PISMO BEACH LIFEGUARD MISSION

The Pismo Beach Lifeguard Mission is to provide an elevated intensity of life and beach safety to the visitors and residents of Pismo Beach.

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION?

This is a seasonal position working schedules of up to 40 hours per week. Lifeguards are responsible for safeguarding the public in the water and on the beach. Duties include: rescue and administration of emergency medical care to injured victims, prevention of accidents both in the water and on the beach, constant assessment of the changing surf conditions, public education and notifying beach patrons of potential hazards, and searches for lost persons both in and out of the water. While performing these duties, Lifeguards must be able to follow instructions, communicate effectively both orally and in writing, prepare reports, and establish and maintain a positive working relationship with other city employees.

WHAT EDUCATION, LICENSES, AND CERTIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED?

Applicants must demonstrate that they have a sound aquatic background with knowledge of ocean and beach hazards, as indicated in the application and resume. To qualify for the swimming test and subsequent selection processes, applicants must be 18 years of age or older (17 if graduating with a high school diploma), possess a high school diploma or GED and possess a valid California driver's license. Applicants must also possess certification in CPR for the Professional Rescuer and Title 22 First Aid **OR** a current EMT certification prior to beginning employment.

SWIM TEST

Applicants must complete a 900 meter ocean swim in 18 minutes or less. This test is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2017. Applicants who meet the minimum screening qualifications will be notified of the specific time and location of the swim test.

WHAT IS THE COMPENSATION OF THE POSITION?

The compensation during USLA Ocean Lifeguard Academy is \$10.50 per hour. Upon completion of the Academy, the compensation is \$15.86 an hour. Social security and worker's compensation are provided. No other welfare, retirement, or paid leave benefits are provided. Health care is provided upon request.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

Candidates who meet the minimum screening qualifications will be notified of the date(s) and time(s) of the swimming performance test and oral board interviews. Applicants who successfully complete the swim test will have an oral interview that same day. Further, qualified applicants will be subject to a background investigation, including fingerprinting and a criminal history check with the Department of Justice. Conditional job offers will then be made with final appointment subject to successful completion of a pre-employment physical exam, TB test, a drug screen, and successful completion of our mandatory USLA Ocean Lifeguard I Academy.

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE POSITION?

The deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday, March 23rd, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

To apply please go to <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pismobeach>

TRAINING DATES FOR THE USLA OCEAN LIFEGUARD I ACADEMY: TBD

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Please contact 805-773-7031 or email mpearson@pismobeach.org

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