

WATER DISTRIBUTION CREW CHIEF

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for directing and overseeing a group of workers performing construction, installation, maintenance, or repair tasks related to the municipal water distribution system and water service lines connected to the water distribution system. The position may involve participation in the performance of construction and maintenance activities requiring the operation of various types of motor equipment. The work is performed under the general supervision of a Water Maintenance Supervisor or Water Distribution System Operator, with great leeway allowed for the use of independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Supervision is exercised over assigned subordinates. The incumbent is responsible for preparing appropriate reports and records associated with the performance of daily duties, and does related work, as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:

Oversees the installation and replacement of water mains;
Oversees the installation, replacement, or repair of water services, including proper tapping and assembly techniques;
Responds to reports of possible water line leaks or water main breaks and makes decisions for assembling and mobilizing required personnel and equipment;
Oversees and is responsible for the proper repair of broken or leaking water mains;
Takes the lead for a number of maintenance and repair oriented tasks including, but not limited to, hydrant maintenance, gate valve maintenance, hydrant flushing, and reservoir maintenance and repair activities;
Prepares activity records and reports;
Operates a vehicle and motorized equipment such as backhoes, loaders, and dump trucks in connection with the above work.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Strong knowledge of the practices, tools, and terminology associated with routine municipal water distribution system operation and maintenance. The incumbent must be familiar with the safe and proper methods of working with and around pressurized pipelines, and have a thorough knowledge of available repair sleeves,

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couplings, and fittings. The incumbent must have a good knowledge of the geography of the City; the ability to lay out and lead the work of others; the ability to understand and follow written and oral instructions; the ability to work well with others; the ability to prepare activity reports and records; must be dependable and willing to work under severe weather conditions and respond to emergencies; and must be in physical condition commensurate with the demands and duties associated with the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma.
One year of experience in the performance of duties associated with the repair and maintenance of a public water distribution system.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of a valid New York State operator's license appropriate for the vehicles operated.

(CLASS D)WATER OPERATORS LICENSE