Sweeper Operator

JOB CHARACTERISTICS

Purpose
Operates and maintains power driven street cleaning equipment in an assigned area; performs related and other work as required.

Equipment, Methods & Guidelines
Use standard operating guidelines as contained in City reference manuals, state and federal environmental guidelines, and equipment operation manuals; and personal protective equipment. Incumbents typically use vacuum street sweeper, broom street sweeper, dump truck, pickup truck, and steam cleaner. As assigned, use storm drain cleaning machine.

Working Conditions
Outside work with exposure to noise, vibrations, dust, darkness, traffic conditions and variable weather.

Physical Demands
Prolonged periods of sitting, moderate lifting, reaching, and stooping. Emphasize eye-hand-foot coordination, vision, and hearing.

Supervisory Guidance Received/Given
Supervision received consists of oral and written instructions intended to define objectives and problems and to prescribe general methods for achieving objectives.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES
1. Independently operates a power driven street sweeper to clean residential and business street surfaces and gutters.
2. Transports and dumps street sweepings at prearranged dump sites and advises other personnel to remove accumulated debris.
3. Inspects, starts up, operates, and shuts down equipment in a manner that ensures safety of self and others; protection of equipment and property; and the efficient accomplishment of objectives.
4. Cleans, inspects, adjusts, services and repairs equipment; advises equipment maintenance personnel of need for major mechanical repair.
5. Locates, inspects, and cleans storm drainage facilities during inclement weather; sets up traffic warning signs in case of flooding conditions.
6. Responds to emergency or complaint calls regarding debris on street surfaces; ensures that appropriate action is initiated and that appropriate personnel is notified.
7. Interfaces with the public concerning complaints and questions regarding street sweeping operations.
8. Reads and interprets maps and basic blueprints.
9. May provide training to new employees in the work unit.
10. For relief or training purposes, may be assigned maintenance activities of personnel in higher level classifications.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge and Abilities
Knowledge of safe operation of trucks and construction equipment; of applicable sections of the California Vehicle Code. Ability to operate power driven street sweeping equipment; to service and make adjustments and repairs to mechanical equipment and to recognize the need for more extensive repair work; to work independ-
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ently; to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; and to establish and maintain cooperative and effective relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education/Experience
Any combination equivalent to experience and education that would likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

   Education: Satisfactory completion of high school or the equivalent.

   Experience: Three years of construction and maintenance experience, preferably including one year of employment in the operation of street sweeping equipment.

Other Requirements
A California Driver's License and a satisfactory driving record are conditions of initial and continued employment. Possession of a Class A California Driver's License is required.