

**DEPARTMENT:** DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**CLASSIFICATION:** NON-COMPETITIVE  
**APPROVED:** REVISED MARCH 21, 2000

**WATCHPERSON (North Tonawanda)**

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** The work involves responsibility for maintaining security of the buildings and grounds of the City Public Works Department Headquarters and for responding to emergencies on an assigned shift. The incumbent works under the direct supervision of a Public Works Supervisor and must be able to function calmly and efficiently in emergency situations. Does related work as required.

**TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

1. Periodically tours buildings and grounds at public works headquarters;
2. Responds to emergency calls and sets up flares and barricades at washouts and other hazardous locations;
3. Receives and records all telephone calls on assigned shift;
4. Relays information to supervisors and summons personnel to deal with emergency situations;
5. Operates radio-telephone and maintains radio log;
6. Salts bridges when icing conditions occur;
7. Operates motor vehicles, when necessary, in the buildings and on the grounds of the public works headquarters as well as in response to emergency calls;
8. Picks up dead animals reported on city roadways;
9. Reports any unauthorized persons found on headquarters property;
10. Loads sand and salt on trucks;
11. Inspects doors, windows, locks and equipment for indications of tampering or unauthorized entry;
12. Cleans, washes and paints equipment;
13. Performs routine custodial and maintenance tasks when not engaged in other duties.

**FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Ability to operate heavy motorized equipment; ability to maintain basic records; ability to perform calmly and efficiently in emergency situations; willingness to work outside under adverse weather conditions; ability to understand and carry out oral and written instructions; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Possession of the appropriate Federal and State Motor Vehicle Operator licenses.