

COMPETENCY MODEL FOR STREET SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT (4158)

The following competencies have been identified as those that best separate superior from satisfactory job performance in the class of **STREET SERVICES SUPERINTENDENT**. (Numbers refers to the order of competencies in the Competency Bank.)

- 3. Judgment and Decision Making
- 8. Safety Focus
- 20. Job Knowledge
- 28. Supervision
- 32. Responsiveness and Follow-up
- 42. Resolves Conflict
- 47. Written Communication
- 53. Leadership

On the following pages are descriptions of each competency, including a definition, the level of the competency required for the class (*italicized*, **bolded**, and underlined), examples of behavioral indicators, and satisfactory and superior performance levels.

3. JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING – Accurately assesses situations, seeks new information if necessary, and applies all available information to reach sound conclusions/formulate effective response.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Training and guidelines needed to respond to immediate situations within very specific function are provided (or supervisor available to assist).
- Level 2: **General information and guidance to assist in responding to a variety of situations across a range of circumstances are provided.**
- Level 3: Little guidance available for responding to a wide range of complex situations with far-reaching and/or enduring consequences.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Effectively responds to atypical situations.
- Asks questions or otherwise obtains additional relevant information to make a decision.
- Formulates a decision and necessary actions based on available facts.
- Correctly infers appropriate response based on information provided and existing policies, personal experience, and/or consultation with others.
- Discusses conclusions/possible responses with others before taking action as necessary.
- Considers impact of decisions on all affected parties.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Correctly assesses routine and unusual situations and reaches appropriate conclusions for actions needed. Obtains additional information and/or consults with others as necessary.

Superior

Evaluates new situations accurately to establish an appropriate response or plan of action. Recognizes the impact on all affected parties, as well as the possible ramifications and/or repercussions of setting a precedent.

8. SAFETY FOCUS – Performs work in a way that minimizes risk of injury to self or others.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Maintain awareness of unsafe conditions and actions to avoid injury.

Level 2: Follow safety rules/procedures; avoid known hazards in the work environment.

Level 3: Carefully follow safety rules and procedures and consistently use all necessary safety equipment.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Wears seat belt.
- Ensures safe physical work environment by taking actions such as eliminating unstable stacks of materials, closing drawers so filing cabinets will not tip over, and keeping pathways clear of tripping hazards.
- Reviews safety procedures before beginning each job with known hazards.
- Follows safety procedures while performing work even when it takes more time.
- Uses safety equipment such as goggles, gloves, and earplugs as required or warranted.
- Frequently checks safety equipment for proper condition and operation.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Maintains awareness of personal safety to avoid injury or property damage during all work activities.

Superior

“Safety first.” Places avoidance of injury or property damage above all other job requirements. Mentions the need to follow safe work practices to co-workers. Actively seeks ways to avoid injury.

Safety Focus Areas

1. Knowledge of pertinent safety regulations and requirements related to work on a construction site, including the use and maintenance of equipment, such as fall protection, the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), and confined spaces in order to ensure work is performed safely and in compliance with safety regulations such as the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Cal/OSHA).
2. Knowledge of State and Federal regulations related to the handling and disposal of hazardous waste and materials, including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Municipal Stormwater and Sanitation Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements sufficient to ensure compliance and the protection of public health and the environment.
3. Knowledge of work area traffic control standards, regulations, and procedures, such as traffic detours and lane closures in order to control, protect and expedite vehicular and pedestrian traffic and ensure that work areas are safe.

20. JOB KNOWLEDGE – Knows information required to perform a specific job. Includes both widely available courses of study (for example, chemistry, human resources management, graphic arts) and City-specific information (parking regulation and ticketing practices; purchasing procedures; provisions of the City Charter).

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Knowledge is concrete, factual, and/or procedural and may be defined by the organization. Situations in which it is applied are quite consistent.

Level 2: Knowledge is substantive and may be defined by an external trade, field, or profession. Situations in which it is applied vary and, as such, require breadth and depth of understanding.

Level 3: Knowledge is abstract, conceptual, and/or complex and may be supported by a well-defined academic discipline or authoritative sources (e.g., laws, ordinances, government guidelines/regulations/codes). Situations in which it is applied may vary greatly or be novel.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs work correctly/avoids technical (job content related) errors.
- Answers technical questions about work accurately.
- Asks few technical questions about the performance of routine work activities.
- Offers advice (“coaching”) to new employees regarding their work.
- Develops training programs for other employees.
- Sought out as a source of information by others.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Sufficient job knowledge to perform work correctly independently. Answers technical questions about work correctly.

Superior

Expertise in technical job information sufficient to serve as a resource to others. May develop training manuals/programs and/or give internal and/or external presentations related to work.

Job Knowledge Areas

1. Knowledge of street service operations such as sidewalk repair, cleaning, maintenance and resurfacing of City streets, including support services such as asphalt plant maintenance and operation, staffing, training, equipment, and scheduling requirements in order to meet the needs of the assigned division.
2. Knowledge of the major components of a street cleaning and pothole repair program, such as street sweeping routes, seasonal debris fluctuations, and best practices for pothole repair in order to plan and evaluate the work of incumbents engaged in street maintenance activities.
3. Knowledge of plans, specifications, and grade sheets as it relates to street construction or maintenance projects, sufficient to estimate the material, equipment, supplies, and staff labor needed to complete jobs which include resurfacing and reconstruction of a street system, and the repair and construction of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.
4. Knowledge of departmental emergency operations and procedures, such as day and night shift deployments and staff redeployment procedures, sufficient to properly assign staff to respond to various events, such as civil unrest, fires, or floods.
5. Knowledge of standard engineering specifications for roadwork set forth by Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (SSPWC), such as minimal compaction required for asphalt roadways and minimum compressive strength for concrete structures, sufficient to interpret and apply them to street repairs and construction.
6. Knowledge of the various types of road distresses such as potholes, oxidized road surfaces, cracks, base failures, and off-grade asphalt and concrete sufficient to determine what needs to be repaired.

28. SUPERVISION – Ability to assume direct responsibility for all aspects of the performance of a work group, which requires knowledge and/or ability in the areas of:

- Planning and goal setting
- Creating a safe and positive work environment
- Establishing standards and training employees
- Motivating employees and teambuilding
- Performance Management (assigning, monitoring, facilitating, reviewing and evaluating work, and providing feedback)
- Supporting and developing employees through delegation and participation
- Taking disciplinary action including progressive discipline
- Provisions of employees' MOU's and handling grievances
- Legal requirements including EEO, ADA, FLSA, FMLA, and Workers' Compensation provisions
- Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies related to the management of employees
- Administrative Code provisions related to the management of employees
- Budget processes sufficient to request and justify expenditures in a correct and timely manner

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Supervises small workgroup of employees performing the same or highly related work.

Level 2: Supervises a larger workgroup of employees performing various types of work.

Level 3: Supervises employees including provision of coaching and advice to subordinate supervisors.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Plans, assigns, and monitors work progress.
- Trains employees to do work.
- Evaluates work and gives positive and negative feedback.
- Displays knowledge of legal requirements including applicable Federal and State laws, Administrative Code provisions, Civil Service Commission Rules and Policies, and MOU provisions.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to supervise a workgroup in terms of task orientation, interpersonal concerns, and personnel administration.

Superior

Proficiency in supervision sufficient to serve as a resource to others and/or represent department position in a public forum.

32. RESPONSIVENESS AND FOLLOW-UP – Executes actions as requested or to which a commitment has been made; continues involvement as needed.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Willingly accept job assignments and, upon completion, asks whether any other actions are necessary.

Level 2: Ensure that all job responsibilities are fulfilled within their designated timeframes. Willingly accept, and may volunteer for, additional assignments, but does not overextend. Anticipate and accommodate the need for continued involvement.

Level 3: *Ensure that staff and other resources are available (or can be made available) to reasonably allow for completion of work before making a commitment. If not, make adjustments to ensure completion of work or re-establish priorities and communicate to all involved parties. Recognize the probable need for continuation of some staff involvement beyond the designated timeframe to ensure success.*

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Willingly accepts assignments and completes assigned work.
- Monitors “completed” work to determine whether additional issues to be addressed have arisen.
- Volunteers for assignments when able to assure their timely completion.
- Carefully considers available staff and resources, and competing priorities, before making commitments to complete additional work.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Completes assigned work. Realistically appraises the likelihood of completing additional work before accepting or volunteering for it. Recognizes the usual need for follow-up once assignments are submitted.

Superior

Completes assigned work in an expeditious manner. Often ready to accept additional work or volunteer for it. Readjusts priorities and/or revises plans to maximize productivity. Diligently monitors the possible need for follow-up.

42. RESOLVES CONFLICT – Acknowledges and takes action to eliminate ineffective/disruptive interpersonal relationships.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Recognize that conflict is inappropriate in the workplace; ensure no personal involvement in conflict or promptly seek elimination if such involvement occurs. May try to avert conflict among co-workers or to eliminate it if it occurs.
- Level 2: **Monitor staff for possible signs of arising conflict and, when noted, immediately intervene to reconcile. Recognize when the differing perspectives of different organizational units become disruptive and address the issues with involved parties or management, as appropriate.**
- Level 3: Recognize that the purposes/objectives of certain entities are inherently at odds and approach interactions with them with sensitivity and facilitates others' doing so as well. Recognize the debilitating nature of emergent conflict among organizational segments and, when noted, immediately intervene to reconcile.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Recognizes when a conflict is emerging or has emerged.
- Mentions the need to resolve conflict to other involved party(ies).
- Brings together parties in conflict and encourages them to resolve/ facilitates resolution.
- Articulates the common objectives of conflicting entities.
- Enlists the participation of conflict resolution specialists when warranted.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Diffuses conflict at work. Uses other means of addressing interpersonal friction, disagreement, or competing goals. Notes and seeks resolve of conflict among others.

Superior

Recognizes interpersonal, intra-organizational, and internal-external organizational interactions with conflict potential, and seeks to avoid. When signs of emerging conflict noted, immediately takes steps to eliminate.

47. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Communicates effectively in writing.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

- Level 1: Write notes/e-mails. Completes forms with some open-ended responses (sentences).
- Level 2: **Write letters, articles/reports, and/or detailed descriptions of activities/occurrences.**
- Level 3: Write lengthy reports, instruction manuals, in-depth analyses/reviews of complex issues and/or articles for publication. Reviews the written work of others.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Writing includes the necessary information to convey the intended message.
- Sufficiently few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar to not interfere with the intended message or distract the reader.
- Little editing or re-writing needed to produce a final product.
- Composes materials efficiently.
- Information is presented in a well organized manner.
- Tone and degree of formality are appropriate to the purpose and audience.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Writes material that clearly communicates the necessary information; needs little editing.

Superior

Precisely uses words and organizes information in a way that enhances presentation of the message. Virtually no editing needed.

53. LEADERSHIP – Influences others toward goal accomplishment.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Assume responsibility for operations or a situation when necessary. Direct the actions of others or otherwise ensure required actions are taken. Remain responsible until relieved or situation is resolved.

Level 2: Motivate others to continual activity focused on goal accomplishment. Provide clear objectives and articulate individual activities necessary to achieve them; ensure resources necessary to do so are available. Monitor work progress and provide feedback; assess results.

Level 3: Articulate a vision, convey it to others, and assign responsibilities (or assure they are assigned) for achieving it. Monitor progress, make adjustments as necessary, and evaluate results.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Evaluates circumstances, determining what needs to be done, and ensuring individual responsibility for performing specific actions is assigned.
- Follows-up to ensure that specific actions have been taken and overall objective has been accomplished.
- Clearly communicates objectives and responsibility/individual actions necessary to achieve them.
- Monitors work in progress, provides feedback to those involved, and makes adjustments to work plans/processes to ensure goal attainment.
- Evaluates completed work for quality, thoroughness, and effectiveness to determine whether re-work or additional work is required to meet intended objectives and to provide learning for future assignments

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Assumes responsibility for work of others when required or necessary. Ensures actions taken to achieve objectives, and evaluates results to determine any follow-up needed.

Superior

Articulates vision/states clear objectives and assigns responsibility/motivates others toward achievement. Monitors progress; gives feedback; evaluates results; ensures follow-up.