

TREE TRIMMER LEADWORKER

Class Definition

Under general supervision, leads a small crew in pruning, topping, planting, spraying, and removing trees.

Distinguishing Characteristics

Tree Trimmer Leadworker is a journey level class in the Public Works and Parks Recreation, and Community Services Department. Incumbents provide lead direction to a crew, and perform the more difficult assignments involved in tree planting, felling, pruning, spraying and removal. Incumbents may report to a Forestry Supervisor I or Parks Supervisor I.

Typical Tasks

(This list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Consequently, this information may not reflect Essential Functions for this class.)

Leads a crew, which may include inmate labor, and participates in the planting, felling, pruning, pest control, and removal of trees.

Climbs trees and operates aerial tower when trimming and removing trees; operates hand and power tools common to the trade.

Operates and maintains a variety of hand and power equipment and tools common to the trade.

Performs bracing, rodding, bolting, and other related tree care activities.

Sharpens and maintains tools, ropes, and other safety equipment used in tree trimming operations.

Performs grounds clean-up duties as necessary, including chipping, loading and raking.

Maintains daily work records.

Performs related duties as required.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills

Considerable knowledge of rigging methods and of the use and maintenance of tools and equipment common to the trade.

Considerable knowledge of tree trimming, treatment, and removal methods and techniques.

Knowledge of safe work practices involved in tree maintenance pertaining to the operation of equipment, electrical conductors, climbing, and felling techniques.

Some knowledge of insects, parasites, and diseases which attack trees.

Ability to climb and to work in tall trees and around high voltage lines within CAL-OSHA requirements.

Ability to operate an aerial tower from an extended truck boom to shape trees.

Ability to establish and maintain satisfactory relationships with employees and the general public.

Ability to perform heavy manual labor, such as lifting, bending and carrying 50 to 100 pounds of weight.

Ability to read, write and carry out written and oral instructions at a level required for successful job performance.

Skill in the operation and care of varied power tools and equipment common to the work.

Skill in the use and care of gaff climbers, ropes, knots, and the tools and equipment commonly used in tree trimming and tree surgery operations.

Minimum Qualifications

Two years of experience in tree trimming and climbing work.

Necessary Special Requirements

Possession of a valid Class C California Driver's License at time of appointment. A valid Class A California Driver's License may be required, depending upon assignment.

APPROVED: _____
Director

DATE: _____