



Kansas Search & Rescue Response System

BOAT OPERATOR

Position Description

The Boat Operator is responsible for performing water operations of the task force/team during incident operations. The Boat Operator reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer, or other supervisor as assigned.

The Boat Operator is responsible for:

- The safe operation of all marine vessels deployed by the agency/task force
- Routine field maintenance of watercraft and equipment
- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the water rescue portion of the action plan in a safe manner
- Performing supervised water operations and providing periodic progress reports as needed
- Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
- Evaluating and modifying water operational tactics as needed
- Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
- Adhering to all safety procedures

Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to deploy as a Boat Operator in the Kansas Search & Rescue Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel who are fully capable of providing the water operational tactics and techniques required in a disaster environment.

Required Training

The Boat Operator shall:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations course or equivalent
- Meet all requirements of the Water Rescue Specialist
- Safe Boating certificate by the National Safe Boating Council or equivalent
- Complete the Boat Operator Position Task Book (every three (3) years)