



## **Kansas Search & Rescue Response System**

### **WATER RESCUE SPECIALIST**

#### **Position Description**

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

The Water Rescue Specialist is responsible for:

- Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the water rescue portion of the tactical action plan
- Performing supervised water operations and providing periodic progress reports as needed
- The operation and routine field maintenance of watercraft and equipment
- 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 Water Rescue Specialist 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 Water Rescue Specialist shall:

- Meet all administrative and general training requirements
- Complete the FEMA National US&R Response System GPS Operations course or equivalent
- Meet the requirements of NFPA 1006 (2017) – Standard for Technical Rescue Personnel
  - Rope Rescue: Technician Level – Chapter 5
  - Animal Technical Rescue: Technician Level – Chapter 9
  - Surface Water Rescue: Technician Level - Chapter 16
  - Swiftwater Rescue: Technician Level - Chapter 17
- Safe Boating certificate by the National Safe Boating Council or equivalent
- Complete the Water Rescue Specialist Position Task Book (every three (3) years)