

US&R Boat Operator

Task Force Position Description

A. Functional Description

The US&R Boat Operator is responsible for performing the water rescue operations of the Task Force. The US&R Boat Operator reports directly to a Rescue Squad Officer.

B. Description of Duties

The US&R Boat Operator is responsible for the following:

1. The safe operation of all marine vessels in possession of the US&R Task Force
2. Routine field maintenance of watercraft and equipment
3. Implementing technical skills and operating equipment necessary for completing the water rescue portion of the action plan in a safe manner
4. Performing supervised water operations and providing periodic progress reports as needed
5. Ensuring accountability and maintenance for all issued equipment
6. Performing additional tasks or duties as assigned
7. Evaluating and modifying water operational tactics as needed

C. Position Requirements and Criteria

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become a US&R Boat Operator in the National Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Response System. The intent of these requirements is to select personnel fully capable of providing the water operational tactics and techniques required in a disaster environment.

D. Required Training

The US&R Boat Operator shall adhere to the following:

1. Complete all Administrative and General Training requirements
2. Complete a *FEMA US&R GPS Awareness Level Course* (Course Code: 9G6200)
3. Meet all requirements of a US&R Water Rescue Specialist
4. Obtain a safe boating certificate by the National Safe Boating Council website or equivalent
5. Boat operator requirements as outlined in the *US&R Boat Operator Position Task Book*. All objectives are to be completed while operating in each type of vessel in possession of the US&R Task Force.