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BOAT OPERATOR (LAW ENFORCEMENT)

RESOURCE CATEGORY	Law Enforcement Operations
RESOURCE KIND	Personnel
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Boat Operator (Law Enforcement (LE)) responds to maritime law enforcement missions including enforcement, search and rescue, and basic firefighting missions
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Waterborne Response Team). 2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2	The Boat Operator (LE) possesses an operational knowledge of all aspects of being a part of a boat crew, serves in a sworn law enforcement capacity, is the senior position within a Waterborne Response Team, and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is responsible for safety and conduct of passengers and crew 2. Operates and navigates the boat safely 3. Completes missions 	Not Specified
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2	Completion of Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-established education requirements for entry-level employment as a sworn law enforcement officer	Not Specified



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TRAINING	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Training that includes the following topics: 1. Maritime law and enforcing maritime laws 2. Vessel screening (moving and stationary) duties 3. Stopping non-compliant vessels 4. Securing ports, waterways, and coastal areas 5. Maritime pursuit tactics, formations, and maneuvers 6. Application of force, use of force, and use of weapons 7. Helicopter/boat interface 8. Successful completion of the NASBLA Tactical Boat Operator's Course	Completion of the following: 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Operator for Search and Rescue (BOSAR) course or Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) Maritime Law Enforcement Training Program (MLETP) 6. Approaches to and rescues from burning or sinking vessels 7. AHJ-verified successful completion of the Use of Force Continuum	Not Specified
EXPERIENCE	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Knowledge of Use of Force, pursuit tactics, formations and maneuvers, pre-arrival enforcement procedures 2. Skills to stop non-compliant vessels, employ weapons systems, integrate with airborne and coastal assets, secure ports, waterways, and coastal areas, screen stationary and underway vessels, and conduct pursuits	Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities: 1. Knowledge of navigation publications, determining location with GPS, forces that affect boat handling, principles of boat handling, operational limitations of a boat, components of a boat's propulsion system, and piloting boat using dead reckoning 2. Knowledge of general towing principles in calm or heavy weather, mooring a disabled boat, boat maneuvering in calm or heavy weather, approaching a burning boat, helicopter/maritime interface, searches 3. Skill in docking and anchoring a boat, maneuvering in tight quarters, away from a pier, mooring, securing a boat, and identification of navigation lights and sound signals 4. Skills in recovery of a person in calm or heavy weather, uses of pumps, transfer of personnel in calm or heavy weather, taking a boat in tow (such as stern, alongside), and helicopter/maritime interface 5. Ability to evaluate risk, analyze and integrate information, solve problems, interpret information, communicate effectively, work well with others, coordinate with others to act as a team, organize, and plan	Not Specified



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PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arduous 2. Maintain physical fitness and swimming standards set through the Job Related Physical Ability Test (JRPAT) the AHJ sets 3. Maintain immunizations as outlined in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended Adult Immunization Schedule for the United States of America 	NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
CURRENCY	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Meet task-specific standards at least once every 6 months, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Escorting a Moving High Value Asset (HVA) 2. Protection of stationary or anchored HVA 3. Demonstrate weapons usage and control in maritime environment per AHJ guidelines 4. Boarding an underway vessel 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet task-specific standards at least once every 6 months, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Underway hours (20 hours, 10 of which must be nighttime hours) b. Maneuvering a boat for personnel transfer: 1 day and 1 night c. Navigation: Navigate in day or night d. Man overboard recovery: 1 day and 1 night 2. Meet task-specific standards at least once every year including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Basic Engineering Casualty Control Exercise (1 set of drills) b. Mooring evolution 3. Meet task-specific standards at least once every two years, including the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water survival exercise b. First aid training (burns, hypothermia, shock, bleeding, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)) 4. Weapons qualifications 5. Background checks applicable law permits or requires 	Provider must carry out and use any background checks as applicable law specifies. This may include a background check completed within past 12 months; sex-offender registry check; and a local, state, and a local, state, and national criminal history.
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS	Same as Type 2	Successful completion of the Law Enforcement Officer Certification at the requirement of the AHJ	Not Specified



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NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

REFERENCES

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5. FEMA, National Response Framework, June 2016
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9. USCG, Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10F, January 2007