

BOAT OPERATOR (LAW ENFORCEMENT)

TYPE	TYPE 1	TYPE 2
DESCRIPTION	Same as Type 2	<p>The Boat Operator (Law Enforcement (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:</p> <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
CATEGORY	CRITERIA	CRITERIA
EDUCATION	Same as Type 2	Completion of Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-established education requirements for entry-level employment as a sworn law enforcement officer
NOTES: Not Specified		

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TRAINING	<p>Same as Type 2, PLUS:</p> <p>AHJ-required training that includes the following topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. FLETC Maritime Law Enforcement Training Program (MLETP) 9. Successful completion of the NASBLA Tactical Boat Operator's Course 10. Successful completion of the NASBLA Tactical Boat Operator qualification tasks 	<p>Completion of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100 2. IS-200: Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents 3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction 4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction 5. Boat Crew Member training that meets the following AHJ-verified position-specific key skills and aptitudes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Crew efficiency b. Risk factors c. Team coordination d. Boat characteristics and stability e. Boat handling f. United States Coast Guard (USCG) Navigation Rules and Regulations g. Piloting and navigation h. Crew fatigue i. Maneuvering j. Anchoring k. General sailing rules l. Plotting a magnetic course m. Operating a global positioning system (GPS) n. Operating radar o. Basic search and rescue (SAR) p. Knowledge of seamanship q. Chart usage 6. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) Boat Crew Member course 7. Successful completion of the NASBLA Boat Operator for Search and Rescue qualification tasks 8. Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) Inland Boat Operator Training Program (IBOT) 9. Approaches to and rescues from burning or sinking vessels 10. AHJ-verified successful completion of the Use of Force Continuum 11. NASBLA Boat Operator for SAR qualification tasks 12. NASBLA Boat Operator for SAR course <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Search patterns (Expanding Square, Sector, Parallel) b. Heavy weather approaches c. Calm and heavy weather towing d. Helicopter/boat interface e. Mooring disabled boat <p>(Continued)</p>

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TRAINING		(Continued) f. Usage of portable pumps g. Recovery of persons in water h. Maneuvering alongside boats for rescue or transfer operations
	NOTES: 1. For Type 1 Boat Operator, successful completion of NASBLA tasks that a nationally credentialed NASBLA tactical instructor or a certified USCG Tactical Coxswain administered and documented. 2. For Type 2 Boat Operator, successful completion of NASBLA tasks that a nationally credentialed NASBLA instructor or a certified USCG Coxswain administered and documented.	
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 Experience: AHJ-verified experience demonstrated as a NIMS Type 2 Boat Operator (LE)	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 Experience: AHJ-verified experience demonstrated as a Boat Crew Member (LE)
	NOTES: Not Specified	
PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS	Same as Type 2	1. Perform duties under arduous circumstances characterized by working consecutive 12-hour days under physical and emotional stress for sustained periods of time 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
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CURRENCY	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Meet task-specific standards at least once every 6 months, including the following: 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	1. Meet task-specific standards at least once every 6 months, including the following: 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. Helicopter Interface: 1 day and 1 night d. Navigation: Navigate in day or night e. Man overboard recovery: 1 day and 1 night 2. Meet task-specific standards at least once every year including the following: 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: a. Water survival exercise b. First aid training (burns, hypothermia, shock, bleeding, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)) 4. Successful completion of the NASBLA Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Boat Crew Member qualification tasks 5. Weapons qualifications 6. Background checks applicable law permits or requires
	NOTES: 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	1. Certification as Boat Operator (LE) at the determination of the AHJ 2. Successful completion of the Law Enforcement Officer Certification at the requirement of the AHJ
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ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS OR DESIGNATIONS

1. ☐ Can be ordered as an individual asset
2. ☒ Can be ordered in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Waterborne Response Team)
3. ☐ Can be ordered in conjunction with a NIMS typed unit
4. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment
5. This position typically works 12 hours per shift, is self-sustainable for 72 hours, and is deployable for up to 14 days

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Waterborne Response Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509: Boat Crew Member (Law Enforcement)
3. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), Boat Operations and Training Program Manual, Volume 1, 2010
4. National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), National Incident Management System (NIMS) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide PMS 310-1, 2016
5. United States Coast Guard (USCG), Boat Crew Seamanship Manual, COMDTINST M16114.5C, September 2003
6. USCG, Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, Volume I, COMDTINST M16114.32C, January 2013
7. USCG, Rescue and Survival Systems Manual, COMDTINST M10470.10F, January 2007

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

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