WATERBORNE RESPONSE TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Waterborne Response Team is a maritime security and response asset that deploys to provide security and protection for ports, boats, facilities and critical infrastructure located on or near the water. The team also serves as an immediate response element to all maritime threats, disasters, critical incidents and acts of terrorism
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Law Enforcement Operations
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	The Waterborne Response Team: 1. Conducts critical response functions, such as life-saving assistance and rapid impact assessments 2. Secures and contains disaster and critical incident scenes and areas impacted by Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) 3. Provides waterborne security for high-risk maritime tactical operations 4. Conducts search, rescue and recovery operations
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	1. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation and meals, prior to deployment 2. Discuss the following items prior to deployment: a. Communications beyond intra-team communications, such as programmable inter-operable communications with Command, General Staff, the military and other supporting resources b. Presence of contaminated environments and need for related personal protective equipment (PPE), clothing and equipment c. Security and force protection needed upon arrival 3. The requestor determines the appropriate number of boats and teams based on operational and mission needs 4. The provider provides transport for personnel and equipment

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	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	4	3	Same as Type 4	2	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 5	Intended for 12-hour performance capacity. Requestor may add additional Boat Operators based on mission and operational needs
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Boat Crew Member (LE)	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1 - NIMS Type 1 Boat Crew Member (LE)	Same as Type 4	1 - NIMS Type 1 Boat Crew Member (LE)	Intended for 12-hour performance capacity. Requestor may add additional crew members based on mission and operational needs

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	1 - Boat Greater than 30 feet long, with two engines, capable of operating in seas up to eight feet, 40 knots of wind and speeds greater than 25 knots	1 - Boat Greater than 20 feet long, with two engines, capable of operating in seas up to four feet, 30 knots of wind and speeds greater than 25 knots	1 - Boat For operations in water of 18 inches or more	1 - Boat For operations in water of 18 inches or less	1. Requestor may add additional boats and crew to the team based on mission and operational needs 2. Boats must have ventilation systems in accordance with US Coast Guard (USCG)33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 175 and 183 and 46 CFR Part 25 3. Boats must have a Backfire Flame Arrestor in accordance with USCG 46 CFR Parts 25 and 58 4. Boats must have a “Discharge of Oil Prohibited” placard and a system or items to prevent oil or oily waste from discharging into any waters in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Parts 151 and 155 5. Boats must carry safety equipment in compliance with federal regulations
ILLUMINATION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1 - Blue light 1 - Siren	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 5, PLUS: 1 - Spotlight	Boats must have navigation lights and sound producing devices in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 83
TOWING EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Towline	Not Specified	The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) determines appropriate mooring and towing lines to fit the boats’ capabilities
VESSEL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	2 - Fenders	Personnel should use additional fenders. Use fenders to perform law enforcement missions safely, to come alongside other boats during the transfer of personnel from one boat to another and to moor

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 5	1. PFDs must be in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 175 2. PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks
SAFETY EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 5	1. Visual distress signals must be in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 175.01 2. Fire extinguishers must be in accordance with USCG 46 CFR Part 25 3. Boats must carry safety equipment in accordance with all applicable federal laws and regulations and any other applicable local, state, territorial and tribal laws, rules and regulations
NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	1 - Global Positioning System (GPS) Unit	Not Specified
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4, PLUS: 1 - VHF-FM marine radio	Same as Type 5	Radios should have the capability to provide for interoperable communication between dispatch center or command personnel, aviation support and other operational units assigned to the same mission
PERSONNEL PROTECTION (WEAPON) EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	1 - Rifle, .223 caliber or larger	Not Specified	Not Specified	Sworn Law Enforcement officers should carry their duty weapons and have certification in the use of all weapons on board the boat
ELECTRONIC WATERWAY SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	1 - Radar unit	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	TYPE 4	NOTES
FIRST AID EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Same as Type 4	Same as Type 5	Not Specified

COMPONENT	TYPE 5	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Boat Operator (LE)	Intended for 12-hour performance capacity. Requestor may add additional Boat Operators based on mission and operational needs
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Not Specified	Intended for 12-hour performance capacity. Requestor may add additional crew members based on mission and operational needs
OPERATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	1 - Boat For operations in special conditions, for example, air boat, hovercraft, swamp buggy	1. Requestor may add additional boats and crew to the team based on mission and operational needs 2. Boats must have ventilation systems in accordance with US Coast Guard (USCG)33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 175 and 183 and 46 CFR Part 25 3. Boats must have a Backfire Flame Arrestor in accordance with USCG 46 CFR Parts 25 and 58 4. Boats must have a “Discharge of Oil Prohibited” placard and a system or items to prevent oil or oily waste from discharging into any waters in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Parts 151 and 155 5. Boats must carry safety equipment in compliance with federal regulations
ILLUMINATION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	1 - Flashlight 1 - Sound producing device Navigation lights, if operating at night	Boats must have navigation lights and sound producing devices in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 83

COMPONENT	TYPE 5	NOTES
TOWING EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Not Specified	The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) determines appropriate mooring and towing lines to fit the boats' capabilities
VESSEL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Not Specified	Personnel should use additional fenders. Use fenders to perform law enforcement missions safely, to come alongside other boats during the transfer of personnel from one boat to another and to moor
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	1. Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) 2. Anti-exposure coveralls or dry suits when operating in water temperature less than 60 degrees	1. PFDs must be in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 175 2. PPE is mission specific and may vary by working environment; it includes protective footwear, protective clothing for skin exposure, eye and ear protection, respirators, gloves and masks
SAFETY EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	1. Visual Distress Signals 2. Fire extinguishers 3. Appropriate safety equipment	1. Visual distress signals must be in accordance with USCG 33 CFR Part 175.01 2. Fire extinguishers must be in accordance with USCG 46 CFR Part 25 3. Boats must carry safety equipment in accordance with all applicable federal laws and regulations and any other applicable local, state, territorial and tribal laws, rules and regulations
NAVIGATION EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Not Specified	Not Specified
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	1 - Handheld two-way radio	Radios should have the capability to provide for interoperable communication between dispatch center or command personnel, aviation support and other operational units assigned to the same mission

COMPONENT	TYPE 5	NOTES
PERSONNEL PROTECTION (WEAPON) EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Not Specified	Sworn Law Enforcement officers should carry their duty weapons and have certification in the use of all weapons on board the boat
ELECTRONIC WATERWAY SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Not Specified	Not Specified
FIRST AID EQUIPMENT PER BOAT	Basic first aid kit	Not Specified

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

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9. USCG 33 CFR Part 151: Vessels Carrying Oil, Noxious Liquid Substances, Garbage, Municipal or Commercial Waste, and Ballast Water
10. USCG 33 CFR Part 155: Oil or Hazardous Material Pollution Prevention Regulations for Vessels
11. USCG 33 CFR Part 175: Equipment Requirements
12. USCG 33 CFR Part 183: Boats and Associated Equipment
13. USCG 46 CFR Part 25: Requirements
14. USCG 46 CFR Part 58: Main and Auxiliary Machinery and Related Systems