

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY  
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

# NATIONAL URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE SYSTEM

A Component of the National Response Framework  
Emergency Support Function # 9



## US&R BOAT OPERATOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

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## **FEMA National US&R Response System**

### **Task Force Position Description**

US&R Boat Operator

#### **Position Specific Requirements:**

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.

#### **Description of Duties:**

The US&R Boat Operator is responsible for:

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

#### **Position Requirements and Criteria:**

Individuals who meet the following requirements and criteria will be eligible to become a US&R Boat Operator in the DHS/FEMA National 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.

#### **Required Training:**

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

- Complete all Administrative and General Training requirements
- Complete GPS Awareness Course
- Meet all requirements of a US&R Water Rescue Specialist
- Safe boating certificate by the National Safe Boating Council or equivalent

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- 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.