

Grand Forks Fire Department

Standard Operating Procedures

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I. Scope

The purpose of this S.O.P. is to provide guidance to all fire department operators and passengers while conducting boat operations during training evolutions and emergency and non- emergency operations.

II. General Rules for Boat Operations

1. All personnel shall successfully pass the N.D. Boating safety course prior to operating Department vessels.
2. All personnel shall know, observe, and follow all boat and water safety regulations while operating department vessels in any capacity.
3. All personnel shall observe and follow guidance listed on the capacity plate so as to not overload the vessel.
4. All emergency response personnel shall properly don U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices, (PFD's) and suitable helmets prior to undertaking boat operations of training, and emergency and non- emergency evolutions.
5. Two boats shall be deployed during emergency, non-emergency, and training evolutions, unless environmental or mechanical conditions prevent it and shall be under the direction of the Training Officer or the Officer in Charge.
6. All operators shall wear the emergency kill switch tether where provided.
7. All personnel in the vessel shall act as scouts to warn the operator of hazards.
8. When operations are complete for the day, inventory checklists, and the Post Trip Checklist shall be completed to ensure that the vessels are in a constant state of Readiness. (Refer to the pre and post checklists, and the weekly checklist for details.)