



# MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## STANDARD OPERATING INSTRUCTION

### MARINE OPERATIONS – HARBOR PATROL UNIT

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REVIEWED/APPROVED BY:

Inspector Willie Murphy

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WILEAG STANDARD(S): 2.4.6, 6.1.2,  
12.2.1, 13.1.6

### ROLL CALL VERSION

Contains only changes to current policy.  
For complete version of SOI, see SharePoint.

### III. MISSION

The mission of the Milwaukee Police Department Harbor Patrol Unit is to enhance safety and provide police services on the waterways, and in those areas and assignments deemed appropriate by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division, with an emphasis on reducing crime, fear and disorder.

### IV. ORGANIZATION

A. The Harbor Patrol Unit shall consist of specially trained personnel, boats and equipment. The Harbor Patrol Unit shall be assigned to the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division with such hours and duties as directed by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division. Assignment to the Harbor Patrol shall be under the sole discretion of the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

### V. RESPONSIBILITIES (WILEAG 2.4.6, 6.1.2, 12.2.1)

#### A. HARBOR PATROL SUPERVISOR

The Harbor Patrol supervisor shall be responsible for:

1. Supervising the assigned personnel in all duties, under the direction of the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.
10. Creation of unit postings, conducting applicant interviews and background investigations, administering of physical testing, and making personnel recommendations to the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.

#### B. TRAINING OFFICERS

Training officers shall assist in those duties related to training as directed by the Harbor Patrol supervisor, with the approval of the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2)

## J. OFFICERS

Officers assigned to this unit shall:

3. Attend formal training as directed and approved by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.2, 6.1.2.4)

## VI. UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT (WILEAG 6.1.2, 13.1.6)

### B. VEHICLES

Vehicles will be inspected monthly by the vehicle manager and the results indicated on the ~~District One~~ Specialized Patrol Division - Harbor Patrol *Vehicle Equipment Check List* (form PS-10). Officers will make the following daily checks on the squad assigned to them.

### C. BOATS

5. Equipment normally carried on boat 1595 during the boating season will minimally consist of the following:
  - a. Search and Rescue
    - ~~iii. Personal Locator Beacons (2)~~
    - ~~iii~~ iv. Type IV Personal Floatation Device (PFD) with Strobe
    - ~~v. Life Jackets (6)~~
    - ~~iv~~ vi. Rescue Line Bag (2)
    - ~~v~~ vii. Dewatering Pump
    - ~~vi~~ viii. Type B-1(2) Fire Extinguisher (2)
    - ~~vii~~ ix. Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Camera
    - ~~viii~~ x. First Aid Kit/Oxygen
    - ~~ix~~ xi. Furuno NavNet Electronics/Navigation Package
    - ~~x~~ xii. Thermal Eye Handheld Infra Red Monocular
    - ~~xi~~ xiii. Night Vision Monocular with Head Mount
    - ~~xii~~ xiv. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

## b. Towing

- iii. Bow Eye Towing Bridle, 2520'
- iv. "V" Towing Bridle, 2540'
- v. ~~Three strand line, 5/8"x25' (4)~~ 3/4 Red Towing Line, 35' (2)
- vi. ~~Double braid line, 1/2"x25' (5)~~ 3/4 White Towing Line, 25' (4)
- vii. 3/4 Black Working Line, 25' (6)
- viii. Tow shackle
- ix. Tow fenders (4)

## d. Enforcement Equipment

- ~~iii. Bluetooth Printer~~
- iii. Image Stabilizing Binoculars
- iv. Standard Horizon Marine VHF Radio (2)
- ~~vi. Sound Level Meter~~
- v. Preliminary Breath Test (PBT)
- ~~viii. Marine Accident Investigation Kit~~

6. Equipment normally carried on boat 1596 during the boating season will minimally consist of the following:

## a. Search and Rescue

- ~~iii. Personal Locator Beacons (2)~~
- iii. Type IV PFD with Strobe
- ~~v. Life Jackets (4)~~
- iv. Rescue Line Bag (2)
- v. Dewatering Pump
- vi. Type B-1(2) Fire Extinguisher (2)
- vii. First Aid Kit / Oxygen

~~viii~~ x. Furuno NavNet Electronics / Navigation Package

~~ix~~ xi. FLIR Camera

~~x~~ xii. Thermal Eye Handheld Infra Red Monocular

~~xi~~ xiii. Night Vision Monocular with Head Mount

~~xii~~ xiv. AED

~~xiii~~ xv. Stokes Litter

b. Towing

~~iii~~ iii. Bow Eye Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 20'

~~iv~~ iv. "V" Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 40'

~~v~~ v. ~~Three strand line, 5/8"x25' (4)~~ ~~3/4~~ Red Towing Line, 35' (2)

~~vi~~ vi. ~~Double braid line, 1/2"x25' (4)~~ ~~3/4~~ White Towing Line, 25' (4)

~~vii~~ vii. ~~3/4~~ Black Working Line, 25' (3)

~~viii~~ viii. Tow shackle

~~ix~~ ~~viii~~ ix. Tow fenders (4)

d. Enforcement Equipment

~~iii~~ ~~iii~~ iii. ~~Bluetooth Printer~~

~~iii~~ ~~iv~~ iii iv. Image Stabilizing Binoculars

~~iv~~ ~~v~~ iv v. Standard Horizon Marine VHF Radio (2)

~~v~~ ~~vi~~ v vi. PBT

7. Equipment normally carried on boat 1597 during the boating season will minimally consist of the following:

a. Search and Rescue

~~iii~~ ~~iii~~ iii. ~~Personal Locator Beacons (2)~~

~~iii~~ ~~iv~~ iii iv. Type IV PFD with Strobe

~~v~~ ~~v~~ v. ~~Life Jackets (4)~~

- iv vi. Rescue Line Bag (2)
- v vii. Dewatering Pump
- vi viii. Type B-1 ~~2~~ Fire Extinguisher (2)
- vii ix. First Aid Kit ~~/Oxygen~~
- viii x. Furuno NavNet Electronics / Navigation Package
- ix xi. FLIR Camera
- x xii. Stokes Litter
- xi. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

b. Towing

- iii. Bow Eye Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 20'
- iv. "V" Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 40'
- v. ~~Three strand line, 5/8"x25' (4)~~ 3/4 Red Towing Line, 35' (2)
- vi. ~~Double braid line, 1/2"x25' (4)~~ 3/4 White Towing Line, 25' (4)
- vii. 3/4 Black Working Line, 35' (6)
- viii. Tow shackle (2)
- ix xiii. Tow fenders (5)

c. Crew Safety

8. Equipment normally carried on boat 1599 during the boating season will minimally consist of the following:

a. Search and Rescue

- i. Rescue Heaving Line (~~2~~ 1)
- iii. Rescue Line Bag (~~2~~ 1)
- v. Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher (2)
- vii. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- viii. Furuno NavNet Electronics / Navigation Package

- ix ~~viii~~. Hull-Mounted Sidescan Sonar
- b. Towing
  - iii. Bow Eye Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 20'
  - iv. "V" Towing Bridle, ~~25~~ 40'
  - v. ~~Double braid line, 1/2" x 25' (6)~~ 3/4 Red Towing Line, 35' (2)
  - vi. 3/4 White Towing Line, 25' (2)
  - vii. 3/4 Black Working Line, 35' (6)
- d. Enforcement Equipment
  - ~~iii. Bluetooth Printer~~
  - iii ~~iv~~. Image Stabilizing Binoculars
  - iv ~~v~~. Standard Horizon Marine VHF Radio (WILEAG 6.1.2.3, 13.1.6.2)

## VII. **TRAINING** (WILEAG 2.4.6, 6.1.2, 13.1.6)

### B. OUTSOURCED TRAINING

1. New officers are mandated to undergo specific training mandated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), including:
  - a. MPD or DNR 40-hour new officer/warden boat operation training.
  - b. MPD or DNR 4-hour new boat patrol officer/warden administrative training.
  - c. Wisconsin DNR Boater Safety Course if born after January 1, 1989.

## VIII. **HOURS OF ASSIGNMENT**

The Harbor Patrol Unit shall be comprised of shifts as designated by the commander of the First District Specialized Patrol Division. Personnel shall work eight (8) hour shifts as scheduled by the Harbor Patrol supervisor.

## IX. **USE OF THE HARBOR PATROL** (WILEAG 6.1.2, 13.1.6)

### A. SPECIAL USE

In addition to the regular patrol duties as directed by the commander of the First District Specialized Patrol Division, the Harbor Patrol may be used for:

1. Search and rescue operations, including ice rescue.
2. Safety and security for maritime events, such as fireworks, regattas and races, air shows and festivals, dignitary visits, etc.
3. Search and recovery of human remains and other evidence from bodies of water. Recovered human remains will be transported to the US Coast Guard facility at 2420 S. Lincoln Memorial Drive unless the investigation dictates otherwise.
4. Transportation and support of the Underwater Investigation Unit.
5. Transportation and support of the TEU Maritime Interdiction Unit.
6. Requests for assistance from the US Coast Guard, Transportation Safety Administration, Department of Natural Resources, Milwaukee Fire Department, and other maritime partner agencies.
7. Public education programs, instructing boater safety courses, displays and lectures.
8. Voluntary boat safety inspections.  
(WILEAG 6.1.2.1, 13.1.6.1, 13.1.6.2)

#### B. REQUESTS FOR THE HARBOR PATROL

1. All requests for the Harbor Patrol at planned events shall require the approval of the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division or designee.
2. Unplanned or unscheduled use of the Harbor Patrol shall be approved by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division or designee, or higher authority.

### X. PATROL PROCEDURES

#### B. BOAT PATROL

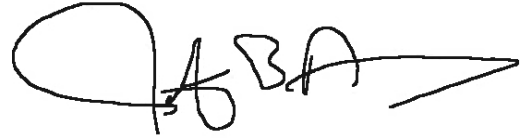
1. Area of Operations
  - b. Harbor Patrol assets may respond to reports of life-threatening maritime emergencies outside city limits and within Milwaukee County, by request of the US Coast Guard or another municipality. Responding officers should secure permission from the ~~District One~~ Specialized Patrol Division shift commander or higher authority while en route or as soon as practicable.

#### 2. Dates of the Boating Season

Dates of the boating season will be determined by the commander of the ~~First District~~ Specialized Patrol Division.

3. Travel to the Marina

Officers shall report for duty at ~~District One~~ the Specialized Patrol Division and utilize department vehicles to travel to **REDACTED**, where boats are normally kept, unless otherwise instructed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J.B.N.' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

JEFFREY B. NORMAN  
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

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