

Reservoir Patrol

207.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

It is the duty and responsibility of members of the WSSC Reservoir Patrol to preserve peace, protect life and property, prevent crime, apprehend criminals and enforce laws and regulations on the WSSC reservoir. The Reservoir Patrol will utilize various specialized patrol vessels to accomplish this mission.

207.2 POLICY

Our policy is to maintain an effective flow of information throughout the Department to facilitate the control and supervision of emergency situations or significant events and to effectively communicate with the public and media. The designated Reservoir Patrol standard operating procedures will serve as the guidance and direction in the operations of the WSSC Reservoir Patrol.

207.3 PROCEDURES

- (a) Members operating departmental vessels shall give their full time and attention to the operation of the vessel and shall comply with all applicable navigational rules. In addition, while the vessel is being operated all persons on board shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.
- (b) Only members assigned to the Reservoir Patrol are authorized to ride in a vessel, except when authorized by the Reservoir Patrol Commander or if they are on official police business.
- (c) Members assigned to a departmental vessel shall be held accountable for the vessels care and operation, to include:
 1. The manner in which it is operated.
 2. Daily inspection and activities report through the records management system.
 3. Refueling the vessel upon completion of their tour of duty if fuel level falls below $\frac{1}{2}$ tank or is unreadable.
 4. Safeguarding of the vessel as well as its assigned equipment.
 5. Ensuring that the oil level is maintained and that the various safety devices are in working order.
- (d) Prior to operating any departmental vessel members shall ensure that the vessel is in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard equipment standards. Each vessel shall have one personal flotation device (type I, II, III, or V wearable) for each person on board and one type IV (throwable), a fire extinguisher, sound producing device, and navigational lights.
- (e) Equipment and/or maintenance deficiencies shall be noted in the Float Plan recorded through the records management system. Deficiencies that cannot be immediately corrected shall be reported to a Reservoir Patrol Commander to make a determination

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on the serviceability of the vessel. A work order shall be completed by the vessel operator for all maintenance related matters.