

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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INSTRUCTIONAL BULLETIN#14-09

TO: All Fire and Rescue Personnel

FROM: Kurtis R. Wilson, Division Chief/ Operations *(LW)*

RE: Marine Station Staffing Policy

Purpose:

The purpose of this bulletin is to ensure safe operation of vessels within the JFRD marine division.

Overview:

The JFRD currently has three marine stations.

- Station 38- Marine 138- 50' Metal Craft and Marine 38- 20' RHIB center console
- Station 39- Marine 39- 32' twin outboard fire boat
- Station 40- Marine 140- 70' Metal Craft CBRNE and Marine 40- 32' twin outboard fire boat There are also various other smaller boats within the marine division that range in size from 10' to 18'.

Responsibility:

JFRD's marine division is considered a regional asset and has the potential to respond to marine emergencies, including fire, EMS, vessels in distress, and hazardous materials incidents, within the specified response area in addition to protecting the Jacksonville geographic area. (The response area is approximately from the port of Savannah Georgia to Port Canaveral.)

Staffing:

Personnel requesting a transfer into the marine division will be assigned based on current certifications related to marine activities. (RHIB, OUPV, etc.)

The minimum certifications required for permanent assignment are as follows.

- Coast Guard OUPV license
- JFRD deckhand certification (RHIB and Deckhand class)



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If the personnel requesting permanent assignment do not possess these certifications then they will be required to pass each course within the first six months of assignment.

There will be an evaluation at the end of the first six months of assignment to ensure that the employee can operate all JFRD marine vessels safely and efficiently.

This evaluation will be conducted by 2 Captains within the marine division (or their designees). This evaluation will be on the various small watercraft and 30' fireboats. If the evaluation is not completed to the standard of the marine division then that employee will be re-assigned within the JFRD.

If the above evaluation is successfully completed then the following classes and certifications must be obtained as provided by JFRD:

- JFRD FBOT
- NFPA Marine Firefighting 1 and 2
- State of Florida Hazardous Materials 160 Technician