

New Durham Fire Department

Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

SOG 255 **Fire Boat (New Durham Boat 1) Guidelines for Fire (FS) Responses**
Fire Boat (New Durham Boat 1) Guidelines for Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Responses.

PURPOSE: To ensure an effective response with adequate personnel and equipment

SCOPE: All Fire Boat 1 responses

SPECIFICS:

- The Fire Boat will respond to fire calls (FS) or emergency medical calls (EMS) as required with sufficient personnel and equipment for the nature of the call.
- The boat operator has the ultimate and final responsibility for the safety and conduct of all occupants of the boat while underway.
- Responses shall be limited to an adequate number of personnel to safely manage the nature of the incident as determined by the officer in command, The boat operator is not included in the roster of responding personnel and does have the final approval regarding the number of occupants in the boat.
- Prior to departure, the boat operator shall ensure that:
 - each occupant has donned an approved PFD and shall wear the PFD while underway.
 - there are no less than 2 spare PFDs on board.
 - there is a throwable rescue device on board.
- On return from the service, the boat operator shall complete a Boat Post-Usage Report.