

STATE OF OHIO (DAS)
CLASSIFICATION
SPECIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION SERIES:

Watercraft Enforcement

SERIES NO.:

2692

MAJOR AGENCIES:

Natural Resources – Watercraft only

EFFECTIVE DATE:

07/01/2004

SERIES PURPOSE:

The purpose of the watercraft enforcement occupation is to conduct criminal & administrative investigations.

At the full performance level, incumbents conduct criminal & administrative investigations.

CLASS TITLE

Watercraft Investigator

CLASS NUMBER

26921

PAY RANGE

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EFFECTIVE

07/01/2004

CLASS CONCEPT:

The full performance level class works under general direction & requires considerable knowledge of watercraft law enforcement & investigation techniques in order to conduct criminal & administrative investigations (e.g., fatal &/or serious boating accidents) for assigned region, assist with coordinating activities of watercraft staff, recommend best use of staff/personnel during criminal investigations & law enforcement training, assist with development of statewide law enforcement programs & statewide training programs, & assist with development & coordination of watercraft enforcement program training classes.

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JOB DUTIES IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE: (These duties are illustrative only. Incumbents may perform some or all of these duties or other job-related duties as assigned.)

For assigned region, conducts criminal & administrative investigations (e.g., fatal &/or serious boating accidents), assists with coordinating activities of watercraft staff in evidence collection, preservation & accident reconstruction & coordinates assigned investigations (e.g., boat rental agents; registration agents; stolen vessels), participates in development of statewide law enforcement/search & rescue training programs, participates in development of statewide law enforcement program, assists with developing & coordinating watercraft enforcement program training classes for assigned region (e.g., writes lesson plans; develops tests & performance checklist; writes technical manuals), assists with coordinating instructor & basic level law enforcement courses, under direction of section manager, determines on-water or classroom course needs, provides training to watercraft staff & outside agency staff, teaches law enforcement techniques to interested groups & organizations (e.g., marine patrol officers; insurance companies) & acts as certifying officer for basic-level course & instructor-level courses.

Performs marine law enforcement activities & enforces regulations (e.g., Ohio Revised Code Sections 1547 & 1548, commercial & recreational boating); administers sobriety & alcohol-sensing tests (e.g., tests boaters suspected of being under influence of alcohol &/or drugs); issues citations to boaters; makes arrests; performs water rescues &/or recoveries (e.g., conducts water rescues of boaters & boating accidents to include collisions, swamping, capsizing &/or boating in hazardous areas); operates equipment in process of investigation/enforcement (e.g., watercraft; firearms, handcuffs; cameras; video camcorders; forensic evidence kits; rescue equipment; radio).

Conducts assigned conditional employment background investigations; provides protection, transportation & emergency response to state & federal executive branches &/or high-level government officials; gathers evidence & testifies in court as expert witness; serves & executes court issued warrants; assists prosecuting attorneys with assigned felony cases; represents division regarding watercraft law enforcement in court, hearings &/or meetings; acts as liaison between division & outside agencies (e.g., Marine Trade Associations, United States Coastguard; judges; prosecutors, Federal Bureau of Investigation); observes, assesses performance, evaluates & makes recommendations for agencies receiving state funds from Marine Patrol Grant Program under direction of section manager; plans & performs public relations activities (e.g., writes news releases & public service announcements; participates in boat shows/events; performs radio &/or television interviews &/or public announcements); assists in acquisition of law enforcement equipment; drafts & recommends revisions & new laws, rules & guidelines under direction of section manager; reviews articles & brochures; prepares routine & technical reports.

Operates & maintains (e.g., cleans & lubricates) vehicle, boats &/or motors; assists in office of related duties (e.g., answers telephone; greets visitors; operates ODNR radio); attends law enforcement training.

MAJOR WORKER CHARACTERISTICS:

Knowledge of investigation techniques & procedures; watercraft law enforcement; employee training & development; state & federal laws, rules & guidelines pertaining to watercraft & vessels; watercraft safety practices. Skill in operation & maintenance of watercraft; typewriter, computer & word processing*; firearms; handcuffs; cameras; video camcorders, forensic evidence kits; rescue equipment; radio; swimming. Ability to calculate fractions, decimals & percentages; recognize unusual or threatening conditions & take appropriate action; deal with problems involving several variables within familiar context; demonstrate physical fitness (i.e., swimming); handle sensitive &/or dangerous face-to-face contacts during investigations & enforcement of regulations.

MINIMUM CLASS QUALIFICATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT:

2 yrs. exp. as Watercraft Officer, 26911; valid driver's license. Probationary period is one year.

-Or successful completion of Ohio Basic Peace Officer Training Program; commissioned as watercraft officer by Ohio Department Of Natural Resources, Division Of Watercraft; 2 yrs. exp. in marine law enforcement; 2 yrs. exp. in training public/specialized groups in operation & maintenance of watercraft & related safety practices; completion of instructor-level certification in swiftwater/water rescue or equivalent; successful completion of OBEC (i.e., Ohio boating education course) instructor courses in boating & accident investigation or equivalent, interview & interrogation or equivalent & incident command system; must be able to swim; must be able to perform surface dive; must be 21 yrs. of age per Section 124.41 of Ohio revised code; valid driver's license. Probationary period is one year.

Note: Applicant must successfully pass background check by appointing authority, which includes polygraph,

psychological & medical examination. Per Article 31.05 of FOP Contract, applicant must be able to perform the Ohio Peace Officer Basic Training Program (OPOTC) Fitness Testing Entry Standards For New Recruits, as outlined in department directive. The final applicant accepted for this position will be required to submit to urinalysis to test for illegal drug use prior to appointment. An applicant with positive test results will not be offered employment per section 123:1-76-09 Ohio Administrative Code.

TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE CLASSIFICATION AFTER EMPLOYMENT:

Annual compliance with division's swimming requirements; per Article 31.05 of FOP Contract, must maintain agency required physical condition as outlined by department directive & pass required medical examinations; must qualify semi-annually with firearms & related equipment; must maintain OPOTC certification.

UNUSUAL WORKING CONDITIONS:

Travels overnight with some extended stays; may be on call 24 hrs., 7 days per week (including weekends & holidays); exposed to inclement weather, boating rescue, floods & environmental hazards/wastes, law enforcement violators & watercraft training which may cause substantial physical harm or death.