



**Tonto Rim Search and Rescue (TRSAR)
BOAT OPERATIONS & TACTICAL SUPPORT Team
Standard Operating Procedures
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SECTION I. MISSION

The mission of the Tonto Rim Search & Rescue (TRSAR) Boat Operations & Tactical Support (BOATS) Team is to provide the Gila County Sheriff’s Office with highly trained, qualified, and safety-focused volunteer personnel capable of conducting Boat and Dive Team rescue operations.

SECTION II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to define the training, certification, evaluation, and ongoing maintenance requirements for TRSAR BOATS team members. Successful completion of these requirements results in boat operation certification at the appropriate level and authorizes participation in boat operations consistent with that level.

SECTION III. REFERENCES

A. External Certifications

BOATS Team members must obtain certification from recognized external agencies. Such certifications may be used to support, but do not replace, Gila County Sheriff’s certification requirements, unless specifically approved by the BOATS Team Leader and the TRSAR Board. External certifying bodies may include, but are not limited to:

- BoatUS Foundations Boating Safety for Arizona
- National Safe Boating Council approved course
- Sheriff’s Office Lake Patrol In-House practical skills evaluation

B. Training and Evaluation References

- BoatsUS.org/Boatingsafetycourse-az course and test

SECTION IV. CERTIFICATION LEVELS

TRSAR Boat Operations & Tactical Support team maintains one certification level to ensure members operate within their demonstrated competencies. Boat Team members must show:

- Completion of a recognized National Safe Boating Safety course

- Gila County Sheriff's Office Lake Patrol In-House Training

SECTION VII. MAINTAINING CERTIFICATION

A. Annual Requirements

To maintain Boat Operations & Tactical Support Team certification, members must:

1. Attend BOATs training once per quarter

B. Skills Refresher and Re-Evaluation

1. Complete Gila County Sheriff's Lake Patrol In-House Training

C. Documentation

All training, evaluations, and mission participation will be documented and maintained by TRSAR with copies maintained by the Lake Patrol Coordinator

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