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|  | <b>POLICY</b>                                   |                      |
|   | <b>HR-104 Operation of Vehicles and Vessels</b> |                      |
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## Policy

The operation of any RCMSAR vessels or vehicles and any private motor vehicles used in support of RCMSAR operations is to be carried out in a safe and professional manner. Vehicle and vessel operators are to follow all regulation including those related to being distracted. Persons found to be in contravention of any regulation is responsible for any penalty that is imposed by an outside agency and may be subject to discipline up to and including termination.

## Reason for Policy

For RCMSAR members to be able to perform their taskings, both on the water and ashore, they must operate in a professional manner while complying with all regulations and operational guidance. Operating any vehicle in a dangerous manner or in contravention of prescribed laws may result in a serious incident which could include the loss of life or the inability to respond to a SAR.

This policy is a reminder to all members that RCMSAR does not support or condone the operation of any motor vehicle involved in a SAR response in a fashion what could be dangerous or outside the laws as presented in the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act.

This policy is a reminder to all crew that operating a vessel in a dangerous, distracted or manner outside regulations is not condoned.

## Guidelines

1. All persons operating a vehicle while participating in an RCMSR event or operation is to comply with the British Columbia Motor Vehicle Act.
2. Electronic devices, other than those required for the safe operation of a vessel or to execute the mission are not to be used while operating a vessel. Amplification to this policy will be provide in Operational SOPs.