



**Volunteers
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Operations Memorandum

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To: Unit Leaders

cc: Management Team

From: David Rees-Thomas, Manager of SAR/Operations

Subject: SAR Response

Recently JRCC attempted to page one of our Stations for a vessel aground with cold, wet persons on board. After the second page a coxswain called JRCC stating that it may be hard to round up enough crew, but, yes, the vessel was operational.

While we have no contractual agreement to do so, JRCC expects a CCGA-P Dedicated Response Vessel when tasked to be underway within 30 minutes. At least the minimum crew stipulated by the CCGA-P Crewing Regulations must be on board.

If for any reason you cannot meet this requirement, your vessel is not operational. You must contact JRCC and, in most cases, take your vessel off-line.

For Stations which are shorthanded and routinely stand down, this requires that someone take responsibility for ensuring that JRCC is kept up to date with their vessel status.

There is no stigma attached to standing down a CCGA-P vessel. To be unable to respond when called by JRCC, however, is severely damaging to the Station's reputation and that of the organization as a whole.

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