
Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit

Recreation and Boating Fund

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit is to promote boater safety through education, enforcement and active patrol of all waterways located in and around Clallam County. The Marine Patrol Unit investigates all boating related crimes and boating accidents that occur on all waterways located in and around Clallam County.

Functions:

- Provide and maintain trained professional Marine Patrol Officers.
- Promote boater safety through aggressive use of the Boater Safety Inspection program and through enforcement of all boater safety laws.
- Actively enforce the Washington State Boat Registration law.
- Investigate all boating accidents and boating related crimes that occur in Clallam County.
- Actively patrol all official scheduled boating events that occur in Clallam County.
- Patrol of area lakes during the summer months to promote safe operation of all watercraft on local inland waters
- Maintain all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.

Long Term Goals:

- Aggressively educate the public on boater safety issues through the use of the Boater Safety Inspection program.
- Establish an active water safety education program in local schools.
- Offer to the public three Boater Safety Classes per year.
- Establish an active presence during peak boating times on all marine waters located in Clallam County.
- Promote boater safety through the use of Public Safety Announcements in the local media.
- Identify and seek additional sources of funding for the Marine Patrol Unit.
- Find funding for equipment purchases, radar and plotter and new outboard motor for Zodiac.
- Build and maintain a strong work ethic in the Marine Patrol Unit.

Short Term Objectives:

- Increase Marine Patrol Unit's activity for State Park's reporting requirements.
- Promote Boater Education Card requirement for boaters.
- Decrease BUI incidents
- Decrease boating accidents through aggressive patrols and education.

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- Increase PFD (life jacket) usage through education and on the water patrols.
 - Offer to the public three Adventure in Boating Classes in 2010.
 - Identify all boating related events that occur in Clallam County and schedule personnel and vessels to patrol those events.

Accomplishments in 2008:

- Boarded and inspected 870 vessels
- Contacted over 2100 individuals aboard vessels
- Patrolled all major boating events that occurred in Clallam County
- Worked joint marine patrols with US Coast Guard, US Border Patrol, Bainbridge Island Police Department Marine Unit, and Washington State Fish and Wildlife.
- Regular Public Boater Safety Announcements aired on KONP radio during boating season.

Additional Funding Secured in 2009:

- Boater Safety Grant for 2009 and 2010 for \$18,858 for wages and benefits for increased patrol hours.
- Special Emphasis Grant for 2009 and 2010 for \$11,390 for wages and benefits for BUI (boating under the influence), PFD (life jackets), and Boater Education Card emphasis patrols in Marine Area 5 – Sekiu.

Performance Indicators:

- Hours spent patrolling waterways
- Number of Safety Inspections completed
- Statistical tracking and review of boating safety incidents, injuries, and property damage.
- Year to year comparison analysis of safety training programs and their content.

Workload Indicators:

| | 2007 Actual | 2008 Actual | 6/30/09 Actual | 2010 Estimated |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| Reportable activity to Washington State Parks | 142 | 870 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Hours spent actively patrolling waterways | 163 | 459 | 148 | 500 |
| Number of Safety Inspections completed | 133 | 870 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Citations written for boater safety violations | 8 | 5 | 0 | 25 |
| Citations written for vessel registration violations | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Boater education programs given to the public | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Public events attended by the Unit to promote safe boating. | 6 | 12 | 6 | 12 |

Operating Budget

Revenues:

| | 2007 Actual | 2008 Actual | 6/30/09 Actual | 2010 Budget |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | 16,397 | 59,098 | 47,654 | 52,735 |
| Taxes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Licenses and Permits | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | 35,115 | 58,048 | 35,471 | 53,748 |
| Charges for Goods and Services | 0 | 0 | 200 | 0 |
| Fines and Forfeits | 187 | 0 | 0 | 300 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | 50,000 | 0 | 1,301 | 3,250 |
| Other Financing Sources | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| General Tax Support | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | \$85,302 | \$117,146 | \$84,626 | \$110,033 |

Expenditures:

| | 2007 Actual | 2008 Actual | 6/30/09 Actual | 2010 Budget |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Salaries and Wages | 14,803 | 23,522 | 7,066 | 35,000 |
| Personnel Benefits | 3,712 | 6,735 | 2,122 | 5,695 |
| Supplies | 11,483 | 2,412 | 637 | 3,000 |
| Other Services and Charges | 12,351 | 7,671 | 3,074 | 14,450 |
| Intergovernmental Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interfund Payments for Services | 252 | 1,145 | 246 | 2,000 |
| Capital Outlay | 0 | 28,007 | 0 | 0 |
| Ending Fund Balance | 42,701 | 47,654 | 71,481 | 49,888 |
| TOTAL | \$85,302 | \$117,146 | \$84,626 | \$110,033 |

Agency Structure:

- The Chief Criminal Deputy position oversees all of the Marine Patrol Unit's activity.
- The Marine Patrol Unit is staffed with four commissioned Deputy positions who are trained as Marine Patrol Officers.
- One Deputy position has been designated by the Sheriff as the unit's coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for the daily operations of the unit.
- There is one Reserve Officer currently assigned to the unit and two volunteers that are available to assist in some activities the unit performs.