

**BOONE COUNTY WATER RESCUE
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2001**

General Activities

1. For the month of September, the team had two general meetings and a Fire Chief's Meeting.
2. Preparing Ice Rescue classes.
3. General office and bay area cleanup.

Public Relations (Water Safety Programs)

1. Kenton County, Independence - Taylor Mill Safety Fair, handed out water safety brochures and displayed equipment the team uses.

Evidence Collection

1. Boone County, Ohio River City of Constance, just down stream from the Anderson Ferry on the right descending bank, we found two vehicles approximately 150' out from shore. They were found with sonar and later we used drop cameras to look at the site further. It was found the vehicles had at least 4' of mud on top of them and also a large amount of trees and debris. The cost to remove them would have been not cost effective.

Security Detail

1. After the September 11th tragedy, we were requested to check all the bridges, power plants and water intakes in Boone and Kenton County. We had aboard 4 of our units and 2 sheriff's deputies.

Boat Patrol / Rescues

1. Kenton Co., City of Covington, 22:00hrs August 1st , we were contacted by a small pleasure craft that a 47 foot boat was out of fuel mid stream and that they would not be able to tow the boat. We arrived, attached to the boat and began towing the boat out of the channel; a towboat was heading down stream and was very concerned that we would not be able to get out of the way in time. The boat was extremely heavy and had 17 people aboard; we towed and secured the boat at Watertown Marina.
2. Campbell County, City of Dayton, 23:00hours, August 1st , after securing the 47 foot boat we were on our way out of Watertown Marina when we were hailed by a 22 foot pleasure craft with two people aboard. They had lost power. We jumped their boat and got them on their way.

Riverfest 2001 Boat Patrol /Rescues

1. **Kenton Co., City of Covington, August 2nd , we started boat patrol at 10:00 hrs and secured our boats at 02:00 hrs August 3rd . We had three boats out on patrol assuming the duties as the primary medical support and fire protection. We also maintained commercial traffic security and various other tasks that would be needed. There were 17 of our personnel used and 3 Covington Fire Fighters. The following noted events took place.**
 - a. **There were 6 boats adrift without power that needed a jump to be on their way.**
 - b. **City of Wilder's Fireboat had major engine problems. We towed the boat back to Wilder after the fire works.**
 - c. **City of Cincinnati's FireBoat was without power. We restarted their boat.**
 - d. **Anchor entanglement on one small pleasure craft. We got their anchor line untangled from their prop.**
 - e. **Two boats collided. Minimum damage. All enforcement boats had departed. We advised both owners of the boats to exchange names and insurance information. No injuries.**
 - f. **Assisted the commercial boats when departing their mooring after the fireworks.**
 - g. **At 23:00 hrs, we were requested to respond to a houseboat anchored approximately mid stream and that a 60-year-old female was having chest pains. We arrived approximately 1 minute after the call. When our EMT's boarded the vessel, the patient was on the sofa and was alert but was experiencing chest pains and difficulty breathing. The patient stated that she felt like "an elephant was sitting on her chest." The EMT's took all necessary vitals and advised her that she should be transported to the nearest hospital. She agreed but her husband who was somewhat inebriated and hostile refused to allow us to transport. Also the husband would not allow us to gain necessary information in regards to patient refusal and he only signed the sheet. Other friend that was aboard urged her to go anyway to no avail.**