

**BOONE COUNTY WATER RESCUE
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2002**

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

1. In August we had 2 general team meetings, 1 department head meeting, several personnel meetings, a fire chief's meeting, a Coast Guard debriefing for the Riverfest detail, and several in-house division meetings. Regular boat patrol has now ended and the boats are used only as needed.
2. On October 19th, we will be the EMS and Fire support for the boat race between the Belle of Cincinnati and the Belle of Louisville. This race will start in Covington, continue to the city of Dayton, and will return to Covington. We will be deploying 3 boats with full crews for this detail.
3. On October 19th, we will have a boat and crew at Rabbit Hash for the fall River-sweep.
4. We are updating our SOP manuals. The target completion date is January 1st.
5. Boats 218 and 219 are scheduled to be removed from the water on November 28th.

CONCERNS

1. This is an old concern of mine but I feel it should be re-noted again. There has been a decline in personnel participation at details during business hours. We are having fewer units participate during these hours. Units are not as willing to lose a day's wages for details.
2. Our response time to the scene takes over an hour. We have received complaints from fire and police departments.

TRAINING

1. On Nov 2nd, at Camp Ernst Lake, underwater camera training will be conducted jointly with Campbell County Rescue. This training will be an introduction to our new team members, as well as Campbell Co. Water Rescue on equipment usage and underwater recovery techniques for a submerged airplane.
2. We are preparing our ice rescue training class for January and February.

Vehicle Accident
Boone County

Called by Boone PSCC for the Sheriff's Department for a 1999 corvette that was in a lake on Big Bone Church Rd. Operator was traveling on Big Bone Church Road when he lost control and ran his vehicle into the lake. The vehicle was resting, approximately 132', out into the lake. The vehicle was found and removed from the water. The insurance company was billed for this detail.

Kenton County Rescues

A boater contacted the Coast Guard that his boat had lost power and was adrift between Covington and Villa Hills. The boat and occupants were secured and towed to safety.

Kenton County Boater Assists/Rescues Riverfest

During the Riverfest detail we had several requests for our services. Our primary duties were EMS and Fire support.

1. Requested numerous times to assist law enforcement with traffic control
2. Requested numerous times to remove boats from restricted areas
3. Checked for an oil spill reported in the Newport area
4. Help re-establish anchor lines that were broken due to boat operator inattention
5. Provided jump starts to numerous boats
6. Requested to assist law enforcement with a lady that had been assaulted aboard a boat. She had been struck and had a large contusion and swelling under her left eye. Our EMTs assisted her while law enforcement was attempting to arrest her husband. She refused treatment and stated that she had fallen down. Other witness failed to corroborate her story.
7. We towed 3 boats that had engine failures to safe areas.
8. We secured a 42' Carver boat and 3 teenage passengers. Teenagers were left aboard the boat in the middle of the water. The father reportedly left them anchored but failed to return. None of the teenagers knew how to operate the boat. We towed the boat to a safe area and secured the children.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 1. The team had a safety booth at the Ft. Wright safety fair. Team members handed out water safety brochures, diving equipment was displayed, team video was shown, and water rescue techniques were demonstrated.**
- 2. Participated in the September 11th memorial at Northern Kentucky University.**
- 3. 2 new public relation boards have been built to enhance our water safety programs at functions such as schools, police departments, churches and public safety fairs.**
- 4. On October 12th, the team will be participating in the Union EMS/Ryle High School Safety fair.**