

## TODAY'S ENQUIRER

Front Page

▶ Local News

Sports

Business

Editorials

Tempo

Travel

Health

Technology

Weather

Back Issues

Search

Subscribe

## SPORTS

Bearcats

Bengals

High School

Reds

Xavier

## VIEWPOINTS

Jim Borgman

Columnists

Readers' views

## ENTERTAINMENT

Movies

Dining

Horoscopes

Lottery Results

Local Events

Video Games

## CINCINNATI.COM

Giveaways

Maps/Directions

Send an E-Postcard

Coupons

Visitor's Guide

## CLASSIFIEDS

Jobs

Cars

Homes

Obituaries

General

Place an ad

## HELP

Feedback

Subscribe

Search

Survey

Friday, June 6, 2003

## Water rescue squad in peril

### Boone unit tries to cut its costs

By **Brenna R. Kelly**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Faced with losing the water rescue team he started 36 years ago, Capt. Dale Appel said he will slash the unit's budget and resubmit it.

"If I keep crunching the numbers," he said, "I think I can make it suitable for Boone County."

Boone County Fiscal Court is considering cutting funding for the water rescue unit from its 2004 budget. At a meeting with County Administrator Jim Parsons Thursday morning, Appel asked for the chance to trim the \$162,228 budget before the county prepares its final budget.

Appel's goal is to maintain the level of service, including Ohio River patrols, rescues, and rescue divers, but at a lower cost.

"I don't plan on cutting down on patrols," he said. "But I may cut down on how we do that."

Appel plans to cut maintenance and fuel expenses which make up the bulk of the budget. The county allotted \$40,000 for maintenance in its preliminary budget, which did not include cuts to the water unit.

But Appel had asked for nearly twice that amount - \$79,250 - for maintenance, because several motors need to be replaced.

Appel said he isn't trying to trim to meet a certain dollar figure, but is trying to get the budget as low as he can.

Boone Water Rescue has about 35 volunteers who patrol, respond to emergencies and retrieve evidence for law enforcement. The unit has three county-owned boats and several personal watercraft.

The unit patrols 42 miles of Boone County shoreline and 8 miles of Kenton County. Kenton County and Covington pay Boone County \$15,000 each a year for the service. The revised budget may include asking Kenton and Covington to pay more, Appel said.

The water rescue team's budget had been slightly increasing from 1999 to 2002, but in 2003 it was cut almost \$10,000.

## Latest Headline News

Updated Every 30 Minutes

## AP TOP HEADLINE NEWS

- [Egypt Frees Islamic Militant Leader](#)
- [11 Die in Colombia Nightclub Bombing](#)
- [Worst Power Outage Since WWII Hits Italy](#)
- [Arafat Supporters March on West Bank](#)
- [Bush Aides Defend Intelligence on Iraq](#)
- [Poll: Californians Favor Recall Election](#)
- [Director-Writer Elia Kazan Dies at 94](#)
- [Hurricane Juan Moves Closer to Halifax](#)
- [Japan Pledges \\$1 Billion in African Aid](#)
- [Hall Keeps Chiefs Unbeaten With TD Return](#)

## NATIONAL NEWS

- [Director-Writer Elia Kazan Dies at 94](#)
- [Thousands in U.S. Protest Iraq Occupation](#)
- [Gas Prices Drop Over 10 Cents in 2 Weeks](#)
- [Pope Names 31 Cardinals, Only 1 From U.S.](#)
- [Poll: Californians Favor Recall Election](#)
- [Ky. Homeless Charged for Shelter Stays](#)
- [Gorilla Escapes From Boston Zoo, Hurts 2](#)
- [Vehicle Overturns in Calif., Killing 4](#)
- [Confederate Soldiers' Funeral Debated](#)
- [N.C. Fishermen Back to Work After Isabel](#)

## WORLD NEWS

- [Arafat Supporters March on West Bank](#)
- [Australian Leader Reshuffles His Cabinet](#)
- [Worst Power Outage Since WWII Hits Italy](#)
- [A Look at Cardinals, Appointed by Pope](#)
- [India: 15 Militants Killed Near Kashmir](#)
- [World's Oldest Man Dies in Japan at 114](#)

## BUSINESS NEWS

- [5 States to Start No-Call Law](#)

Appel did not know the county was considering cuts to his department when he put together his initial budget request of \$205,578.

"I just have to be more creative this time," said Appel, who planned to discuss the unit's fate with rescue team members Thursday night at an already-scheduled meeting.

Appel plans to submit his revised plan to Parsons next week. Fiscal Court will vote on a final version of the county's budget June 24.

E-mail [bkelly@enquirer.com](mailto:bkelly@enquirer.com)

---

### TOP LOCAL STORIES

[Two students charged in peacock prank](#)  
[Ashcroft applauds city police agreement](#)  
[Sorry, Mom: Dads top gift list](#)  
[Ruby turning Syndicate into supper club](#)  
[School handyman keeps trouble at bay](#)  
[Test puts leg cells to work in heart](#)

### COLUMNS

[BRONSON: Bengals sack their own fans](#)  
[SMITH-AMOS: Was prison punishment or revenge?](#)

### CINCINNATI-HAMILTON COUNTY

[Gun program taking down crime](#)  
[Bengals, NFL argue lawsuit](#)  
[Teacher shares jungle expedition](#)  
[Reading Road owner vows to fight 'blight fix'](#)  
[Troubled charter school approved to return](#)

### AROUND THE TRISTATE

[Obituary: Gordon M. Scherer was legislator, lobbyist](#)  
[Tristate A.M. Report](#)  
[Good News: Park will celebrate activist](#)  
[School Notes](#)

### BUTLER COUNTY

[Family, Ryland settle in lead case](#)  
[Butler agency readies levy campaign](#)  
[Agency: Homeless population growing in Butler](#)  
[New firm taking over apartments in Monroe](#)

### CLERMONT COUNTY

[Teacher takes step toward space](#)  
[DUI checkpoint in Clermont today](#)

### OHIO

[Ohio budget passes Senate](#)  
[Ohio Moments: Columbus native hero of Midway](#)  
[Ohio State provost leaves](#)

### KENTUCKY

[Water rescue squad in peril](#)  
[Teacher quits amid allegations](#)  
[Levee has arts, special events](#)  
[Special ed needs prompt complaint](#)  
[Ft. Wright tests longer hours](#)  
[Results of primary certified](#)  
[Has man wrongly served 50 years?](#)

### Enforcement

- [Gas Prices Drop Over 10 Cents in 2 Weeks](#)
- [DaimlerChrysler CEO Quits NYSE Board](#)
- [Canadian Insurer to Buy John Hancock](#)
- [Hong Kong Tycoon Offers China No-Tax Zone](#)

### SPORTS NEWS

- [Hall Keeps Chiefs Unbeaten With TD Return](#)
- [Hamm Sits As U.S. Cruises by N. Korea 3-0](#)
- [Manning Throws 6 TDs in Colts' Victory](#)
- [Black Tennis Pioneer Althea Gibson Dies](#)
- [Tigers Avoid Tying Mets' Dubious Record](#)
- [Pujols Wins Closest-Ever NL Batting Race](#)
- [Ferotte, Moss Help Vikings Rout 49ers](#)
- [Lakers Coach in Eagle Same Night As Kobe](#)
- [Waltrip Ends Junior's Streak at Talladega](#)
- [Arizona Fires Mackovic After 1-4 Start](#)

Sep. 28, 2003

[HOME](#)

[LOCAL](#)

[SPORTS](#)

[BUSINESS](#)

[EDITORIALS](#)

[TEMPO](#)

[ENTERTAINMENT](#)

[CLASSIFIED](#)

[ARCHIVE](#)

[SEARCH](#)



Search our site by keyword:



Search also: [News](#) | [Jobs](#) | [Homes](#) | [Cars](#) | [Classifieds](#) | [Obits](#) | [Coupons](#) | [Events](#) | [Dining](#)  
[Movies/DVDs](#) | [Video Games](#) | [Hotels](#) | [Golf](#) | [Visitor's Guide](#) | [Maps/Directions](#) | [Yellow Pages](#)

[SUBSCRIBE](#)

[TRAFFIC](#)

[WEATHER](#)

[HOMES](#)

[CARS](#)

[JOBS](#)

[BENGALS](#)

[REDS](#)

[WCPO](#)

[ENQUIRER](#)

[CINCINNATI.COM](#)

[Search](#) | [Questions/help](#) | [News tips](#) | [Letters to the editors](#) | [Subscribe](#)  
[Newspaper advertising](#) | [Web advertising](#) | [Place a classified](#) | [Circulation](#)

Copyright 1995-2003. [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#), a [Gannett Co., Inc.](#) newspaper.  
Use of this site signifies agreement to [terms of service](#) updated 12/19/2002.