

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

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

In August we had 2 team meetings, a fire chief's meeting, a Coast Guard meeting and several meetings to prepare for the Boone Co. Fair.

It should be noted that the Cincinnati Fire Department is becoming very selective in what calls they will be responding to. Until now, Cincinnati had been responding to all emergency calls in Boone County from the Great Miami River to the Licking River when 219 is not in the water.

Disciplinary actions were taken on 3 units. 1 unit was removed for lack of participation, 1 supervisor was removed for behavior that was unbecoming of an officer and 1 unit suspended for actions unbecoming of a team member.

The Toyota /WEBN fireworks detail was completed.

- 1. Friday, August 30th, 219's assigned duty hours were from 14:00hrs to 02:00hrs. Responsibilities included fire and EMS support. We also handed out safety literature. The crew consisted of 1 operator, 2 EMTs and 1 crewman.**
- 2. Saturday, August 31st, 219's assigned duty hours were from 14:00hrs to 02:00hrs. Responsibilities included fire and EMS support. We also handed out safety literature. The crew consisted of 1 operator, 2 EMTs and 1 crewman.**
- 3. Sunday, September 1st, 218, 219, 220 and 1 Jet Ski (until 2100 hours) participated. Boats were scheduled for 2 shifts from 10:00hrs to 17:00hrs and 17:00hrs to 05:00hrs. 29 water rescue units aboard the boats along with 2 Covington fire fighters who were aboard 219.**

TRAINING

1. All EMTs had their final glucose monitor training by AER.
2. In-house Jet Ski training was conducted on the Ohio River for 4 team members.

EVIDENCE COLLECTION

Boone County

1. Called by Boone PSCC for the Sheriff's Department. We were requested to respond to Petersburg Landing for a vehicle that had accidentally went into the Ohio River. While looking for that vehicle, our divers found another vehicle that was stolen a year ago from Ohio. Both vehicles were removed from the water. This detail was strenuous. One vehicle had floated over 100' from shore. We had to hook the vehicle twice before we could get it out of the water.

BOAT PATROL RESCUES/ BOATER ASSISTS

Boone County Rescues

- (a) A Jet Ski operator signaled our crew and advised that he was out of fuel. Jet Ski was given with enough fuel to allow him to get to a refueling station.
- (b) Received a distress call at 01:30 from Boone PSCC for a boater who was stranded around Big Bone. This boat was not found.
- (c) The crew was signaled that a boat was adrift. Boat was towed to the nearest harbor.
- (d) A boater signaled our crew at Petersburg and stated that he was out of fuel. Enough fuel was given to allow the boater to reach a refueling station.

Boone County Boater Assists

- (a) Coast Guard requested help with traffic control at the Paul Brown Stadium. A boater who was mid-stream was viewing the big screen TV mid stream thus holding up commercial traffic. The crew assisted with traffic control until the football game ended.
- (b) We were requested to find a Cabin Cruiser that was running mid stream with no running lights. Boat was found and operator was advised to turn on his running lights.
- (c) A small boat was lost and was trying to get back to Petersburg. They were given directions and distance to Petersburg.
- (d) A boater who advised that he had found a human bone on the bank around the Bellevue area signaled our crew. Investigation revealed an animal bone.

Kenton County Rescues

- (a) A boat was adrift with engine problems this boat was towed to Rivertown Marina.
- (b) The commercial boat, the Paul Blazer, requested us to move 3 boats that were mid stream under the bridges in Covington. There were 3 boats tied together. Boats did not see the barge coming.

Kenton County Boater Assists

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- (b) A boater signaled our crew and advised that a boat was in distress near the icebreakers in the Cincinnati area. This boat was not found.
- (c) We were advised that a boat was operating without a stern light. We advised the boater to turn the light on.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 1. The Edgewood National Night Out demonstration was held August 7th. We displayed our diving equipment, showed the team video, demonstrated several safety techniques and gave out safety brochures.**
- 2. Met with a Cincinnati Enquirer photographer. Photographer took pictures of our divers in action for a special memorial publication on September 11th. We were chosen from over 250 other organizations from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. If our team is chosen, the article will be published September 11th.**
- 3. We had a highly visible and attractive booth at this year's Boone County Fair. It was a huge success. Our EMTs performed 192 blood pressure screenings; our divers explained what we do, how our equipment works and stressed water safety". Our crew personnel entertained approximately 2100 children with our "be a lifesaver, win a LifeSaver-rescue a duck" water game, giving away a couple thousand pieces of Lifesaver candy; 373 people signed up to win a supershooter.**