



***National Association of  
State Boating Law  
Administrators***

**2016 Enforcement & Training Committee**

**Working DRAFT (v.3)**

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**2016 Subcommittees:**

- **Training and Certification**
- **Techniques and Technology**

# 2016 Enforcement & Training Committee

The Enforcement & Training Committee met \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***NASBLA Enforcement & Training Committee Charter***

*The Enforcement & Training Committee will work to advance boating safety by researching and disseminating information on new techniques and technologies for marine law enforcement officers; developing training and certification programs; and addressing boating under the influence issues.*

*These tasks will be addressed through the work of two subcommittees: Training & Certification and Enforcement Techniques & Technology.*

## ***Committee 2012 - 2017 Vision Statement:***

To assist this committee in charting the necessary building blocks and progressive charges over the next five years, this committee has developed several strategic elements. These elements will become the guideposts in all charges developed over the five-year period. Each committee cycle will define the objectives/charges that will promote the strategic elements and help define the actionable goals for each committee work year.

1. Promote the adoption of the BOAT Program in all states and territories.
2. Maintain national training standards and third-party certification and acceptance consistent with and accepted by DHS. Promote those national standards in “all hazards” related legislation.
3. Identify, study, and report to membership on emerging technology and applications for the maritime community of law enforcement and first responders.
4. Assure that marine law enforcement has the tools, information and messaging to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities within the recreational boating community.
5. Assure that marine law enforcement is trained and ready to ensure the safety and security of America’s waterways and maritime community.
6. Create building-block opportunities and seek creative solutions in the establishment of a NASBLA National Training Academy for the education and training of marine law enforcement and boating safety and security professionals.

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## **Training and Certification Subcommittee**

### **Chair: Jeff Weaver (GA)**

### **Training and Certification [Charge LE\_TC-2016-1]:**

#### **Charge Status [Continued charge from 2013]:**

During the CY 2015 report to membership the NASBLA Law Enforcement Committee recommended endorsing the FEMA approved Swift Water training program, developed by the state of Pennsylvania.

Furthermore the CY 2015 NASBLA Law Enforcement Committee recommended a further examination and possible development of an **"Instructor lead" Swift Water Solo Rescue Course**. The concept was defined to provide training to the officer working unassisted during field patrol; how to survive and render aid as possible in swift water conditions.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives [2, 3, 3.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.3]; 2012-16 Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives [8.3]

**Charge Leader: Kenton Turner**

**Charge Members: Corey Britcher, Shawn Alladio, Pat Brown**

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## **Training and Certification [Charge LE\_TC-2016-2]:**

### **Charge Status [annually recurring]:**

Evaluate and refresh all law enforcement guidance documents and templates being distributed by NASBLA's Operation Dry Water.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives [2, 4, 4.2, 4.5]; 2012-16 Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives [2.3, 2.3.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 8.3, 8.6.4]

**Charge Leader: Herb Angell**

**Charge Members: Joe Carro (Grant Manager), Corey Britcher,  
Michael Wesolowski**

## **Training and Certification [Charge LE\_TC-2016-3]:**

### **Charge Status [New Charge for 2016]:**

**Design and conduct a national training survey** to determine recommendations for the NASBLA BOAT Advisory Board, for new course development in service to the maritime law enforcement community

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives:

Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives:

**Charge Leaders: Les Casterline Jeff Weaver**

**Charge Members: Paul Ouellette, Pat Brown**

## **Techniques and Technology Subcommittee Chair: Adam Gormely (ME)**

### **Techniques and Technology [Charge LE\_TT-2016-1]**

#### **Charge Status [New Charge for 2016]**

**Water Jet Devices.** Explore the issues and make recommendations in the form of policy and / or model act to deal with the growing industry surrounding water jet devices.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives:

Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives:

**Charge Leader: Tom Shipp**

**Charge Members: Joe Carro, Jim Brown**

### **Techniques and Technology [Charge LE\_TT-2016-2]:**

#### **Charge Status [New Charge for 2016]**

**Search warrants for blood draws, in BUI arrests.** Investigate electronic search warrant capabilities and current use to draft guidance and or policy document for attaining search warrants for blood draws.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives:

Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives:

**Charge Leader: Tim Baumgarten**

**Charge Members: Brandon Gust, Matt Majors, Tom Shipp**

## Techniques and Technology [Charge LE\_TT-2016-3]:

### Charge Status [Continued from 2012]

With passage of NASBLA Resolution 2012-1 and the full support of NASBLA membership, work to attain full compliance with a mandatory life jacket wear policy for marine law enforcement within member organizations/agencies. The committee and the Techniques & Technology Subcommittee will work with individual states and assist them in creation and passage of mandatory wear policies for their officers.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives: [1.4.6, 2.3]; 2012-16

Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives: [2.7, 4.3]

**Charge Leader: Adam Gormely**

**Charge Members: Herb Angell, Les Casterline, Corey Britcher**

The committee will continue all efforts to gain 100% compliance among all NASBLA member agencies and beyond (agencies other than member agencies).

- Once identified, the committee will attempt to identify obstacles or roadblocks that have prevented adoption of such a policy.
- Once identified, the charge leader will work within the subcommittee to assign a mentor and any assistance necessary to encourage policy passage in 2016.
- Adam Gormely (ME) announced on 3-3-15 that 3 states still do not have this policy in place: Nebraska, Wyoming and California.
  - NEBRASKA has a policy drafted and is in the process of trying to get it approved.
  - WYOMING, at this point, is advising that all of their employees are trained and strongly encouraged to wear life jackets while on the water, but there is no written policy mandating it. Based on recent discussions with administrators and feedback from officers in the field, that is not likely to change anytime soon. Life jacket wear will continue to be a key component of their training, but ultimately left to the discretion of individual officers. Wyoming Game and

Fish Department has invested in more inflatable PFDs to address complaints of discomfort on hot days and they are seeing an increase wear because of this.

- CALIFORNIA at this point is reporting that the large number of agencies that subcontract with the state remains a roadblock to requiring mandatory wear policy for each individual agency. In an effort to help, Washington State, who administers grant allocations in a similar fashion, has been discussing their strategies with CA.
- Adam Gormely further stated that the Officer Water Survival course is a real eye-opener for managers to understand the importance of this policy. The subcommittee suggested that perhaps we should get AFWA to join in and support this effort. John Fetterman (NASBLA) is a member of the AFWA Law Enforcement Committee and will place the topic on the next meeting of that committee.
- NASBLA offered to send officers at no cost from Wyoming to an approved officer Water Safety course in Tennessee. Unfortunately no officers were able to attend at that time.

**Recommendation:**

- It is the recommendation of this subcommittee that this charge be continued until attaining 100 % member state compliance.

## **Techniques and Technology [Charge LE\_TT-2016-4]:**

### **Charge Status [recommended for CY-2016]**

Develop a branded message from law enforcement to RBS boating public through a series of articles from law enforcement for publication in SCA, Currents and social media portals.

Ref: NASBLA Strategic Plan Objectives [1.1, 2.4, 2.6, 3.1.1, 3.3.3, 4.2.1]; 2012-16 Strategic Plan of the Recreational Boating Safety Program Objectives [2.7, 3.5, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7]

The focus of this charge will be to re-examine the NASBLA's " MODEL ACT ON USE OF ENGINE CUT-OFF SWITCHES", and develop info-graphics and marketing tools to



assist states in utilization of this model act, as requested by the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC)

Strategies:

- Review 2005 Model Act
- Develop INFO\_GRAPHIC
- PSA - - - - Outline
- Explore state policies for officer use

**Charge Leader: Matt Majors**

**Charge Members: Adam Gormely, Joe Carro**