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**Law Enforcement Training and Certification Committee
Working Document
2019 Committee Charges and Membership**

Col. Corey Britcher (PA) - Chair

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 (TC)** and **Techniques & Technology (TT)**.*

Committee 2018 - 2022 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.*

LE_TC-2019-1 "Operation Dry Water"

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

Barry Lucero, Charge Leader

Working Group: Graham Selm, Corey Britcher, Steve Paul, Bryan Baronet

Staff: Hannah Helsby

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** Since the start of the Operation Dry Water campaign, recreational boater deaths with alcohol use listed as the primary contributing factor have decreased 27 percent (From 2008 - 2015). It is important for the law enforcement committee to continue to monitor and advise on the ODW campaign to ensure that the needs and wants of those implementing the campaign on the local, state and federal level are being satisfied and the size and impact of the campaign continues to grow nationally.
- ✓ **Deliverables: The 2018 event took place June 29 - July 1, 2018.** The LE Committee will be working with the ODW Manager, Hannah Helsby in setting the LE Event date for 2019, as well as updating and reviewing enforcement and resource support materials. The LE Committee will again assist in design and criteria for a 2019 awards program, there are multiple award categories for agency, officer and media recognition. The preliminary 2018 results will be finalized and forwarded to the NASBLA Executive Board www.operationdrywater.org/

LE_TC-2019-2 "National Training Survey"

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

Josh Underwood, Charge Leader

Working Group: Aaron Kerr, Bryan Baronet,

Staff: John Fetterman

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** A national survey of training needs of NASBLA's membership and the maritime law enforcement and public safety community as a whole is a valued priority. To support elements of the Recreational Boating Safety Strategic Plan, NASBLA and the BOAT Program's Strategic Plans, a highly trained, qualified and credentialed maritime law enforcement/public safety professional is an important and essential ingredient to our collective success. Training, and the competencies of the professionals that patrol America's waterways, are directly related to the safety, security and recreational enjoyment of those waterways. Results will be forwarded to the BOAT Advisory Board, for action.
- ✓ **Deliverables:** This annual survey is intended to guide the LE Committee is exploring emerging trends of the training needs of the MLEO community. (Produce and deliver the 2019 Surevy)

LE_TC-2019-3 Curricula review and approval of BETA testing for the (UAV) Drone Piloting Course

Training should be evaluated against: include but not be limited to:

- 1) Is the course material applicable for marine law enforcement applications?**
- 2) Does the course provide adequate pilot training?**
- 3) Is the course in alignment with the FAA Part 107 Regulations?**

Jason Luce, (ME) Charge Leader

Working Group: Larry Furlong, Chris Jones, Andrew Cox, Aaron Kerr

Staff: Dave Considine

NEEDS STATEMENT: The use of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) or "drones" by Public Safety Agencies is increasing at a significant rate. Continuing developments in both technology and governmental regulations concerning UAS use will require Public Safety Agencies to regularly update their techniques, tactics, policies and procedures in order to stay in compliance. The NASBLA Drone Pilot course will address components of a successful Public Safety Agency UAS program including preplanning, Certificates of Authorization, FAA waivers, and CFR Part 107 Remote Pilot Certifications. A "hands-on" component of the NASBLA Drone Pilot course will prepare UAS pilots to safely and effectively use drones in the maritime environment.

- ✓ **Deliverables:** Release of a UAV Drone Piloting 3-Day course of instruction.

LE_TC-2019-4 Micro-learning development

Identify, produce and publish micro learning modules in alignment with subject matter areas of interest as forward from the results of the National Training Survey.

Wanda Roberts, (GA) Charge Leader

Working Group: Grahm Selms, Josh Underwood

Staff; Ron Sarver

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** *As more law enforcement agencies employ and expand their mission and response requirements, it has been recognized as a critical need for the law enforcement committee to identify and compile the "best practices" elements for development into a national training curriculum for marine officers. It is imperative that officers have quick and easy access to short crisp modules of learning to pinpoint their training needs. The goal of this committee will be to keep pace with areas of subject matter micro learning topics, producing a full catalog of topics as refresher or new areas of learning for the maritime officer.*

- ✓ **Deliverables:**

LE_TT-2019-1 “Cut-Off Switch Wear”

“Evaluate the current number of marine law enforcement agencies within member organizations who have adopted a mandatory engine cutoff switch wear policy. Once a full understanding of agencies/organizations with a wear policy is obtained the committee and the Techniques & Technology Subcommittee shall develop guidance for law enforcement to increase wear rates.”

Tom Shipp, (FL) Charge Leader

Working Group: Barry Lucero, Adam Gormely, Ed Sztuka, Graham Selm, Bill Schwarz

Staff: John Fetterman

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** Use of engine cutoff switches (ECOS) have been proven to aid in reducing and preventing both injuries and deaths within the boating community. Compliance in the use of ECOS devices remains low. It is the purpose of the law enforcement committee to gather information on compliance rates, policy mandates, and other relevant data in an effort to assist law enforcement agencies with the development of policies and procedures for ECOS wear by officers while underway. The goal is to enhance officer safety as well as promote usage within the recreational boating community by example unless or until compliance is required by legislation.
- ✓ **Deliverables:** This will be a multiple year charge, the assessment work done during the 2018 committee cycle revealed very few member states require ECOS wear other than on PWC. The Evaluation Survey. During the 2019 Committee year to increase the number of states that require ECOS use by (X %).

LE_TT-2019-2 “Measures of Effectiveness”

“Assemble a comprehensive listing of products produced by the Law Enforcement and Training Committee over the last 3 years and validate, track and conduct analysis on the measures of effectiveness of each committee product produced during this timeframe. Report those findings to the LE and Training Committee for consideration of modification or success of each product.”

Brooke Mitchell, (DE) Charge Leader

Working Group: Larry Furlong, Rachel Zechenelly, Richard Carson

Staff: John Fetterman

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** Over the past several years the NASBLA Law Enforcement and Training committee has delivered several products to be used at various levels within the states Recreational Boating Safety Programs. As with every program; it is time to review and evaluate those products to ascertain their level of usefulness. This review should also be viewed as an opportunity to implement changes to improve upon the product or to archive those which are no longer useful.
- ✓ **Deliverable:** This will be a standing charge (17-18 &19) with the recommendation to be reassessed every 3-5 years going forward. Any data gathered will be cataloged and with recommendations being made to the committee for ways to improve upon or update the materials already in the library.

LE_TT-2019-3 “ Blood Draws for BUI”

“Investigate electronic search warrant capabilities and current use to draft guidance and or policy document for attaining search warrants for blood draws in BUI cases”.

Chris Jones, Charge Leader
Working Group: Adam Block, Wanda Roberts

- ✓ **NEEDS STATEMENT:** During an impairment related investigation recent court decisions such as Missouri v. McNeely have significantly limited an officer’s ability to conduct warrantless blood testing for the purposes of determining an operator’s blood alcohol concentration (BAC). To successfully prosecute impaired vessel operators, the necessity to utilize non-consensual blood draws as an essential process to prevent suspects from refusing the chemical test to avoid prosecution. This committee will collect the most current, technological and innovative practices regarding non-consensual blood draws to provide a clear understanding of applicable state laws for the purposes of obtaining chemical evidence through the use of search warrants, which have become vital to this process.

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