



# Enforcement and Training Committee

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Charge assignments and editorial changes as of the committee meeting on  
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Committee  
Minutes



Submitted by: Matt Majors (TN), Chair

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## Enforcement & Training Committee

### Committee Charter

The Enforcement and 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.

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### **2012-2017 Committee 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.

**Enforcement & Training Committee**  
**Training & Certification Subcommittee**

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The Training & Certification Subcommittee will determine the training needs of the states, develop course content and materials, and identify potential course instructors.

**2014 Charges**

1. **NEW CHARGE:** Examine existing Swift Water Rescue courses and establish a draft curriculum to be forwarded to the NASBLA BOAT Advisory Board.

**Daryl Teter, (NE)– CHARGE LEADER:**

This subcommittee has long been the incubator for the development of new and emerging training for maritime law enforcement and emergency rescue personnel. During the last year several member agencies have expressed interest in the development of a national standard, under the NASBLA BOAT Program to address “Swift Water Rescue” (NASBLA – 2.3, 3.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.3)  
(RBS – 8.3)

This charge will focus on development of the train-the-trainer curriculum.

- The focused workgroup was seated by 2-10-14, when this group held their first conference call. Membership included:

Brandon Gust	Sub-committee Chair
Daryl Teter	Charge Leader
Rodger Norcross	Ohio
Ryan Walt	Pennsylvania
Chris Calhoun	Pennsylvania
Dan Kindig	Idaho
Jason Davis	Texas
Randy Henry	Oregon
Chris Jones	New Jersey
Chris Stec	American Canoe
Dave Abt	Mustang Survival
Pam Dillon	NASBLA Staff
Mark DuPont	NASBLA Staff
John Fetterman	NASBLA Staff

- Review and audit existing swift water course curricula.
- Format a course outline for establishment of a certificate course offering.
- BETA Testing to be scheduled for the fall of 2014.

The following work teams have been established to review each of the collected curricula and identify elements in those courses that address each of our target areas (Awareness, Equipment, Terminology, and Resources.)

- **Awareness:** Randy Henry, Ryan Walt and Dan Kindig
- **Terminology:** Daryl Teter, Jason Davis, and Pam Dillon
- **Equipment:** Chris Jones, Chris Stec, Dave Abt
- **Resources:** Rodger Norcross, Chris Stec., Brandon Gust

This group will begin the process of collecting samples of existing curricula that address the four critical areas (Awareness, Equipment, Terminology and Resources.) Members have been asked to submit their agency's or other organization's course material and outlines by posting them on BASECAMP).

**Deadline: March 3rd.**

Once the materials are collected and uploaded to BASECAMP by March 3rd, the work teams will review material collected and identify the elements of these curricula that meet our objectives.

**Deadline: April 7th.**

The entire Work Group will review a proposed outline of our course, based on the information collected and identified through a webinar/conference call. **Con-call tentative date: April 14th.** (Separate notice will be sent to identify the most available time and date for all work group members.)

2. **Carry Over:** Research web-based training based on results of BLA training survey.

(NASBLA – 3.3.1, 4.2, 4.5) (RBS – 5.2, 6.6, 9.16)

**Brandon Gust (SD) Charge Leader:**

NASBLA's 2013 training survey queried the states on their interest in web-based training for officers. All of the respondents indicated they would like to offer that type of training to their officers. This subcommittee will continue to serve as an advisory group for online training resources. This will include beta testing, review, monitoring, usage and updates as the NASBLA delivery model for online training matures.

- A survey model was created by Darren Rider, TN, and Brandon Gust, SD, to solicit specific areas of training, as identified by the NASBLA membership. The survey launched on May 28, 2013.
- The committee will review and identify the "hot topics" and work to develop and/or promote future courses based upon the need and interest expressed by the membership.
- Several courses currently within the BOAT Program catalog are well suited for the development of online learning prerequisites to shorten the individual course delivery requirements.

- During this committee year this subcommittee will look at prerequisite elements associated with “Boating Under the Influence Transitional Training” to the Seated testing standards, “GPS”, “Boat Crew Member” and Boat Operator for Search and Rescue” for possible online learning components.
  - This subcommittee will report those findings to the BOAT Advisory Board for consideration and development by the BOAT Program Director.
  - Mark DuPont has proposed next steps in evaluation/design of e-learning component of BCM. The rest of the catalog will be examined by Brandon Gust, Mark DuPont, Andrew Cox and Dan Maxim. Brandon Gust will coordinate.
3. **Carry Over:** Evaluate and refresh all law enforcement guidance documents and templates being distributed by NASBLA’s Operation Dry Water.  
(NASBLA 2.4, 4.2, 4.5) (RBS 2.3, 2.3.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 8.3, 8.6.4)

**Randy Henry (OR) Charge Leader**

Assure that all documents and templates distributed to marine law enforcement are national in scope and deliver the most up-to-date information and guidance.

- <http://www.operationdrywater.org/>
  - Several of the documents simply need date and/or data adjustments for the 2014 operation, which is being handled by Hanna Helsby. Documents will be posted on Basecamp for general comments to be received by Feb. 28. Several suggestions have been made including recommendations for use of posters, and to gather feedback annually after ODW. Committee will consult with NASBLA on process for closing loop and encouraging BLAs to seek operational feedback from LE/partners on lessons learned, document suggestions, public relation successes, etc.
  - Documents returned to NASBLA for posting no later than March 7th.
4. **This Charge was eliminated on the recommendation of the BUI Instructor Team lead by Richard Moore. --- 11-12-13** Continue furthering the credibility of the validation research by promoting the funding and development of supportive studies for the Seated Battery of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) and seek utilization of the NASBLA standards

nationally and universally by multiple levels of law enforcement jurisdictions and disciplines. (NASBLA 3.3) (RBS 6.2,6.3 & 6.6)

5. **New Charge:** Examine the elements associated with the establishment of reasonable suspicion rather than probable cause to board a recreational vessel and develop a model procedure, policy or directive as appropriate and determined by this subcommittee.

**Tim Dunleavy (NH) Charge Leader:**

- Consider federal and state jurisdiction
- Identify barriers, privacy and legal implications in establishment of a model policy.
- The committee has been wrapping up the research on boats stops made solely for safety inspections w/out articulable suspicion or probable cause and has developed a listing of approximately 20 different court decision summaries and a spreadsheet showing current policies from around the NASBLA Community. The committee also intends to draft a sample policy for consideration. The charge leader was not present at the meeting but noted progress is being made.
- Tim Dunleavy provide his research results, which were posted on Basecamp effective 2-26-14.
- Next steps – John Fetterman will coordinate a conference call with this subcommittee to evaluate the results of Tim’s work.



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The Enforcement Techniques & Technology Subcommittee will research training and technology resources and create a reference library for NASBLA stakeholders and pursue improvements in enforcement standards and practices.

**2013 Charges**

1. **Carry Over:** Based on 2013 Survey – further development and consideration of a NASBLA APP  
 (NASBLA – 1.4, 2.4.3, 2.6, 4.2) (RBS – 6.6, 7.4, 9.2)

## Mike Pratt (DC) Charge Leader –

Substantial effort was given to exploring the various phone APPS available to marine law enforcement and emergency rescue personnel. While many APPS on the market do serve the boating community in various ways there seemed very little had direct value to the needs of the First Responder and or the marine law enforcement officer. The 2013 Committee year produced a whitepaper from One Click Outdoors.

- This subcommittee will work in the development of outlining the functionality of a NASBLA phone APP for recommendation and development.
- The development of a NASBLA phone APP must:
  - a. Directly serve functional needs of marine law enforcement.
  - b. Development cost covered by vendor.
  - c. Provide a positive revenue stream for NASBLA.
- During the 2-18-14 Meeting - The Committee was in favor of moving forward with the project but agreed was challenged by several issues. One challenge was many marine patrol officers may not have access to smart phones as standard issue equipment and would not benefit from the charge.
- One Click has come forward with a package that would support the app through the use of advertising which we should explore.
- In addition the charge has evolved over the past years from a recreational boater app to a marine LE app.
- It was decided that a brief survey to BLA's regarding how many agencies are using smart phones.
- Depending on the substance of that survey, our direction to move forward will adapt to the needs of the marine LE officer.

2. **Carry Over:** Develop a branded message from law enforcement to RBS boating public.  
(NASBLA: 1.1, 2.4, 2.6, 3.1.1, 3.3.3, 4.2.1) (RBS: 2.7, 3.5)

### **Tim Worrell (VA) Charge Leader ---**

Create NASBLA-branded material for utilization by marine law enforcement to the RBS boating public on the various activities (media card the size of a UTT on Navigation Rules).

- *Review previously developed products and evaluate.*
- *Develop marketing strategy for existing products of value.*
- *Analyze future initiative for development focused on the “Teaching Moment”.*
  
- Michelle Maruk will meet with John Fetterman to clarify the points to be made in the introductory “Teachable Moment” article to appear in the SCA. We want to highlight the literature that is available to the officers through past committee projects and include a small photo of it at the end of the article.
  
- Tim Worrell and Ed Huntsman have submitted 200 word articles for the Newsletter on BUI and Boating Education. Adam Gormley and Jeff Weaver will submit their articles within the week on Navigation rules and Life Jacket wear.
  
- Chris Moore said that NASBLA could produce a PDF of the literature for officers requesting it with their Agency logo in lower corner so they could print it from their office. NASBLA has all 50 states on file. Our goal with this is to improve the literature availability to the field force.
  
- John Fetterman will work with Christy Moore (Trapp Communications) to develop photos and graphics to go with the articles.
  
- ICON for the series will be:



- Hannah Helsby has agreed to post the “Teaching Moment” articles to the NASBLA facebook and Twitter sites.
  - Ed Huntsman will work with Chris Moore to see if a QR code could be attached to any requests for materials so a measurement of participation in the program can be gathered.
3. **Carry Over:** 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. (NASBLA 1.4.5, 2.3) (RBS: 2.7, 4.3)

**Adam Gormely (ME) Charge Leader:**

The 2013 Committee year yielded the addition of five (5) member agencies to the list of those that have a mandatory wear policy for marine law enforcement officials.

- *The committee will continue all efforts to gain 100 % compliance of all NASBLA member agencies and beyond. (Agencies other than member agencies)*
- *Once identified, they will attempt to identify obstacles and or road blocks 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 2014.*
- Currently four (4) states do not have a mandatory life jacket wear policy. Those states are: California, Wyoming, Nebraska and Colorado.
- A new letter will be drafted by Adam Gormely and sent again to the policy makers for each state asking them to enacting a mandatory wear policy. The charge leader will be proposing a plan that calls for site visits to each state for a face to face meeting. In the meantime, Andrew Cox has gained some valuable insight to who we may need to speak to regarding speaking to the CBSOA in California in an attempt to get the officers themselves to buy in to the idea.

4. **New Charge:** Evaluate and make recommendations on the development of a NASBLA Edition Patrol vessel.

**Skip Camejo (CT) Charge Leader:**

This charge is created as the result of a sponsorship agreement with Brunswick Commercial and Government Products. The monetary sponsorship was created to provide direct support to the NASBLA BOAT Program. This subcommittee will:

- Evaluate and make recommendations based development of a “NASBLA EDITION” boat.
- Consisting of a baseline boat package with customized accessories recommended.
- The Pilot project, per terms of the agreement, NASBLA will and must adhere to the non-disclosure agreement signed by NASBLA.
- Skip Camejo made a detailed presentation outlining the results of the most recent member survey originally launched on 1-16-14, which collected 30 responses. The results of which:
- Narrowed the committee to identify the 21’ GUARDIAN with a 250 HP, with aluminum trailer. Accessories will be listed in the final announcement.



- Used by one officer, towed by ½ ton pickup truck, launched by one officer.
- Still considering a 750 Impact as a possible second offering