

MDNR Law Enforcement



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House Appropriations Sub-Committee Budget Hearing
Chief Gary Hagler



LED Law Enforcement Academy

- ◆ Each officer will participate in a 22-week officer academy
- ◆ Graduation is scheduled for June 13, 2014
- ◆ 18-week on-the-job field training probationary period
- ◆ Permanent assignment by Fall 2014



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Conservation Officer Areas of Responsibility

- ◆ **Protect Michigan's nearly 100,000 square miles of Land and Water mass**
 - 3,288 miles of shoreline along the Great Lakes
 - 11,000 inland lakes
 - 36,000 miles of rivers and streams
 - 12,000 miles of recreational trails
- ◆ **Provide public education at a variety of venues**
- ◆ **Contacted 350,000 Michigan citizens and visitors in 2012**



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2015 Budget Recommendation and Expected Outcomes

- ◆ **2015 Budget = \$3.5m additional on-going general fund, hiring 25 Conservation Officers**
- ◆ **Expected Outcomes**
 - Increased capability for life-saving efforts and public safety
 - Greater number of patrol hours and miles driven
 - Increased assistance to local law enforcement agencies
 - Provide appropriate protection of Michigan's world class natural resources
 - 80,000 additional customer contacts, outreach and educational opportunities



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Rural Policing-Standing at the Ready

- ◆ Specialized training and equipment will provide assistance especially in rural areas
- ◆ Vital part of law enforcement across the State of Michigan



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Life Safety, Resource Protection And Resource Based Economies

- ◆ Provide special training and equipment to execute life-saving rescues
- ◆ Achieve voluntary compliance and encourage safe and legal conduct
- ◆ Protect the hunters and anglers that spend \$4.8 billion annually in Michigan



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Marine Safety Program



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Marine Safety Program

- ◆ **804,000 Registered vessels**
 - Michigan Ranks 2nd in the nation

- ◆ **40,000 sq. miles of water**
 - Michigan Ranks 2nd in the nation
 - 4 of the 5 Great Lakes
 - 11,000 Inland Lakes
 - 36,000 miles of rivers and streams



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Marine Safety Program

- ◆ **Marine Safety law enforcement patrols**
- ◆ **Search and rescue**
- ◆ **Charter and Livery inspections**
- ◆ **Investigations for:**
 - special event permits
 - local watercraft controls
 - buoy permits
- ◆ **Boating safety training**
 - Approximately 20,000 students trained annually



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Marine Safety Program

- ◆ **Funding for marine safety from two sources:**
 - State Marine Fund
 - Federal U.S.C.G. Recreational Boating Safety Grant
- ◆ **Two primary components**
 - State (DNR Law Enforcement Division)
 - Counties (Grant Program)



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Marine Safety Program

- ◆ **Conservation Officers**
 - Operational in all counties
 - Partner w/ USCG and Local Enforcement Agencies
- ◆ **Response capabilities to both Inland and Great Lakes Issues**
- ◆ **Variety of vessels**
 - Canoes/Kayaks
 - Personal Watercrafts (PWC)
 - Power vessels up to 40'



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Marine Safety Program

◆ Port Security

- Recent grant awards
- Enhanced capabilities on the Great Lakes
- Port security vessels stationed at:
 - Marquette, Manistee, Port Huron, Muskegon, Marine City
- Sonar, Thermal Imaging, vessel upgrades



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MDNR Law Enforcement

- ◆ 2014 - Deploying new Conservation Officers
- ◆ 2015 - Deploy 25 new Conservation Officers



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Shields of Gold



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Questions?



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