

## Marine & Recreational Vehicle Division

### Activity Report

2011

The Marine and Recreational Vehicle (MRV) Unit operates year around and provides police services related to recreation related activity that takes place with boats, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles in Ontario County.

This unit provides both education and law enforcement services related to the use of these recreational vehicles. During warm weather months, daily boat patrols are maintained on both Canandaigua and Honeoye lakes. Less often patrols are done on Canadice, Hemlock and Seneca lakes. Along with boat patrols on the lakes, MRV staff patrol areas that border the lakes, including parks, launch sites, and water treatment plants. They also answer calls related to navigation complaints on these waterways and aid disabled boaters as needed. During the winter season, MRV members provide snowmobile patrols as needed within the county. This unit also provides patrols using all terrain vehicles as needed in the county.

Members of the MRV unit operate 4 vessels, 2 of the boats are assigned to Canandaigua Lake, one is assigned to Honeoye Lake, and the other, which was put into service in late September 2007 is maintained on a trailer for use where needed. The Whaler boat assigned to Canandaigua Lake was replaced in 2008. The Donzi boat that was also assigned to Canandaigua Lake was replaced in 2011 with another new Whaler patrol boat. In addition to the boats, the MRV unit maintains 2 snowmobiles and 3 all terrain vehicles. The MRV unit is also assigned 3 pick up trucks that are used to deploy crews and move equipment as needed. The trucks are also used by MRV staff to ensure that 24 / 7 emergency coverage is also available to handle responses to off hour calls for help. All 3 trucks are housed centrally at the old county garage in Canandaigua.

During the year 2011, members of the MRV attended training schools in basic vessel operation, advanced vessel operation, all terrain vehicle operation, firearms, AED / CPR, decibel meter training and other in service training topics.

In addition to their patrol work, member of the MRV unit maintain all of their assigned equipment on a daily basis. They do assist regular patrols with police service calls; assist with special detail events, including the Naples Grape Festival and several others. Staff from this division also provided educational programs for both boater safety classes and snowmobile safety classes on a regular basis. During the year 2011, they also provided assistance at the Ontario County Fair and distributed safety materials at the sheriff's display. Off season, members of the MRV are assigned to Eastview Mall and provided extra patrols during the holiday shopping season. Their presence at the mall has help prevent thefts from parked cars for several years. While at the mall detail, they do

provide police services on a regular basis, including response to car crashes, and shoplifters.

During the year 2011, MRV members handled the following activity:

• Complaints	658
• Vessel Inspections	758
• Snowmobile Checks	129
• Boat Accidents	3
• Snowmobile Accidents	2 *
• Warnings Issued	104
• Boating While Intoxicated	0
• Citations Issued	18
• Details	32
• Meetings Attended	4
• Call Outs	12
• Drowning	3 **
• Snowmobile Safety Class	1
• Boaters Safety Class	3
• Recovered Boat	11
• Assist Disabled Boaters	47
• Towed Boats	25

\*1 fatal snowmobile crash on CR # 18 in Gorham

\*\* Assisted with drowning / recovery operations in Canandaigua City, Seneca County and Sodus Bay in Wayne County for two days.

Several goals were met for the year 2011, these included:

- Replaced Donzi boat with new Whaler patrol boat
- Updated equipment on other patrol boats

Goals for 2012 include the following:

- Obtain AED equipment for 3 patrol boats
- Ensure daily operation of AVL equipment on each patrol boat
- Attend needed training schools

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