



Sheriff - VRF Boating Program 11004.811.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit is to promote boater safety through education, enforcement, and active patrol of all waterways located in and around Clallam County. The Marine Patrol Unit investigates all boating related crimes and boating accidents that occur on all waterways located in and around Clallam county.

Function

- Provide and maintain trained professional Marine Patrol Officers.
Promote boater safety through aggressive use of the Boater Safety Inspection program and
- through enforcement of all boater safety laws.
- Actively enforce the Washington State Boat registration law.
- Investigate all boating accidents and boating related crimes that occur in the county.
- Actively patrol all official scheduled boating events that occur in the county.
Patrol of area lakes during the summer months to promote safe operation of all watercraft on
- local inland waters.
- Maintain all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.
- Provide multi-jurisdictional marine response assets for responding to international border related threats.

Trends/Events

The CCSO Marine Unit works with Washington State Parks to promote boating safety. The unit patrols waterways during times of peak recreational activities that mostly include fishing and kayaking. During the summer months, the waterways of Clallam County are utilized by a large number of tourists participating in these water activities. Clallam County is an attractive tourist destination that hosted over 3.25 million visitors in 2019 (Jim Vleming-Clallam County Profile). Washington State ranks 11th nationally in recreational boating related deaths. From 2015 through 2022 the CCSO Marine Unit investigated 16 boating accidents resulting in injury, 8 resulting in death, and 2 accidents where a recreate boater remains missing. In 2022 the unit had patrol boats on the water for 135.5 hours, with --- officer hours attributed to those patrols. During the summer of 2021 and continuing through the summer of 2022, the CCSO Marine Unit increased its patrol presence on Lake Sutherland with a goal of 10 additional patrols during peak lake usage in 2022. Due to staffing challenges, our boating hours in 2023 saw a decrease. We anticipate up to 3 additional deputies in the next year receiving training required to augment our ability to patrol the waterways. In 2018 the unit received approximately \$22,500 in grant funding the WA State Parks. The unit has seen a marked reduction in grant funding from state parks since 2018 with 2023 funding being approximately \$13,500 and 2024 funding being approximately \$13,186.

Goals

1. Educate the public on boater safety issues through the Boater Safety Inspection program.
2. Increase public awareness of weather and water navigation hazards.
3. Establish an active presence during peak boating times on all waters located in Clallam County.
4. Promote boater safety through Public Safety Announcements in the local media.
5. Promote mandatory Boater Education Card requirements for all boat operators.
6. Decrease boating accidents, property damage, injuries and fatalities.
7. Prevent, Detect, and Deter International Border related threats.

Workload Indicators

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	135.5	96.25	44

Grant Funding Sources

No grant funding.

Revenues

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	133,406	143,151	44,652	63,450
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	22,374	0	25,143	25,210
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	155,780	143,151	69,795	88,660

Expenditures

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	143,151	44,652	66,560	57,114
Salaries and Wages	3,129	12,137	2,380	15,000
Personnel Benefits	455	993	443	1,946
Supplies	4,739	178	0	4,000
Other Services and Charges	4,306	3,131	411	10,600
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	82,059	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	155,780	143,151	69,795	88,660

Staffing

	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	6/30/24 Actual	2025 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	0.00	0.00	