



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Office of the Chief of Police
FROM: Sergeant William R. Fraass, Marine Patrol Commander
SUBJECT: Marine Patrol Achievements in 2009
DATE: 1/20/2010

This memorandum is to serve as a summary of the achievements of the Sausalito Police Department's Marine Patrol Program for 2009.

TIME UNDERWAY

In 2009, The Sausalito Police Marine Patrol logged 60 hours of patrol time on Richardson Bay.

During the months of November and December newly assigned Marine Patrol Officers received a total of 11 hours of training in operating Marine 1. Numerous other training sessions were scheduled but had to be cancelled due to foul weather and unsafe conditions on the water.

The total hours Marine 1 was underway was 71. This number will undoubtedly increase during 2010 due to additional boat operators being added to the program as well as a newly developed training program.

TRAINING

In November of 2009, the Marine Patrol Program added 5 additional members.

In the last year, we have created a comprehensive Marine Patrol Training and Procedure Manual as well as revised the Marine Patrol Training Program. Officers are now receiving a minimum of 4 hours of training each month on Marine 1.

The Sausalito Marine Patrol is conducting constant training with the Marin County Sheriff's Office's Marine Patrol regarding areas such as tactics, communications between vessels, boarding, rescues, and towing distressed vessels. In this last year, Marine Patrol representatives from the Sausalito Police Department, San Rafael Police Department, and Marin County Sheriff's Office have agreed to maintain consistent training regarding boat operations so that all officers can crew/operate any patrol boat on the water if needed or necessary.

Detective Shoup (Lead Boat Operator) attended a 40 hour Boating and Waterways basic operations training course. Detective Shoup also attended the California Boating Safety Officers Association annual meeting in Oakland.

ENFORCEMENT/SERVICE

During 2009, the Sausalito Marine Patrol Program took the following actions in enforcement/service/events:

1. Searched for an escaped felon
2. Recovered an outstanding stolen vessel
3. Assisted the Marin County Sheriff's Office with a Animal Cruelty Investigation
4. Assisted the Marin County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Coast Guard in law enforcement operations along Richardson Bay.

5. Active in enforcement of Vehicle Code, Penal Code, Harbor's and Navigation codes, Fish and Game, Title 13 and Title 14, Sausalito Municipal Codes, and Boating Under the Influence Investigations.
6. Conducted a "Voyage Termination" for a vessel operating in an unsafe manner in Richardson Bay
7. Conducted Homeland Security Checks in the area of the Golden Gate Bridge and Station Golden Gate.
8. Conducted several vessel assists due to damaged vessels and vessels suffering from mechanical problems.

EVENTS

During 2009, Marine 1 participated in the following events:

1. Blessing of the Fleet
2. Opening Day on the Bay
3. Fourth of July Fireworks
4. Sausalito Art and Wine Festival
5. Fleet Week.

For the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol's participation in Fleet Week, they received a letter of thanks from the U.S. Coast Guard Captain in command of Sector San Francisco.

IMPROVEMENTS/CHANGES

In 2009, the Sausalito Police Marine Patrol obtained the following new equipment:

1. FLIR Thermal Imaging Infrared Camera
2. Night Vision Image Device
3. Rescue Throw Ropes
4. Frisboy Rescue Devices

In September, Sergeant Fraass assumed responsibility of Marine Patrol Program from Sergeant Skoog.

The Marine Patrol Training and Procedure Manual was created which lists expectations and goals for the program, operating guidelines, safety rules, equipment instruction, uniform, and many other aspects of the Marine Patrol Program.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Fraass', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William R. Fraass
Sergeant