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MODULE II

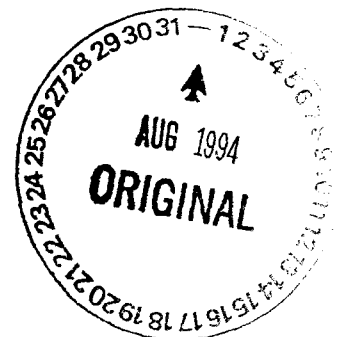
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STATEMENT OF RESEARCH PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to outline problems associated with the enforcement of laws on the waterways of Texas and other states, providing justification for the formation of marine divisions, to give examples of how waterways are policed in various jurisdictions including League City and lastly to provide information on boats, equipment and training, offering suggestions and alternatives to funding such as watercraft loan programs.

I believe that a genuine need exists for professional publications in the area of marine law enforcement. My initial research for this project has only reinforced that belief. It is also my intention to utilize this paper as a tool to educate members of city, county, and state governments on the need to police our waterways.

REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

A computer search of N.C.J.R.S. has revealed only, what I feel to be, three appropriate and up to date sources on this topic. I am planning a trip to the library at Sam Houston State University prior to Module III to continue my research and will also utilize professional publications at the League City Police Department.

STATEMENT OF PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Due to the somewhat limited availability of books and articles regarding this subject, I have chosen to survey (4) four to (5) other police agencies with marine units. These surveys will be conducted by telephone or mail using a standardized list of questions. I also plan to make at least (1) one on-site visit to a nearby agency for a first hand visit of their operations. As previously stated, my agency's (League City Police Department) marine division will be described in depth, including its history and current operations. Literary references currently included in the bibliography, along with others I hope to obtain, will also be used in the paper.

PROPOSED TABLE OF CONTENTS

A preliminary outline for the Table of Contents follows:

- I. Introduction
- II. Problems Facing Marine Law Enforcement
 - A. Violations of Criminal and Water Safety Laws
 - B. Lack of Public Awareness
 - C. Lack of Resources
- III. Profiles of Marine Units
 - A. Profile of Selected Jurisdiction
 - B. Profile of Selected Jurisdiction
 - C. Profile of Selected Jurisdiction

- D. Profile of Selected Jurisdiction
- E. Profile of League City Police Marine Division
- IV. Equipment
 - A. Boats and Accessories
 - B. Special Equipment
 - C. Uniforms
- V. Training
 - A. Minimum and Annual Training
 - B. Specialized Training
 - C. Facilitation of Training
- VI. Funding
 - A. Justification for Funding
 - B. Alternatives to Funding
- VII. Summary
- VIII. Bibliography

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Yates, T. "Watercraft for Law Enforcement" Law and Order, July 1991, 52-56.

"Personal Watercraft: Wave of the Future for Marine Law Enforcement" Law and Order, November 1990.

Name of city:

Name of officer interviewed or completing survey:

Address:

Telephone:

Days and times, you can be reached:

Population:

Number of Sworn Officers:

Description of marine jurisdiction (river, lake, etc.):

Approximate size:

Further descriptors:

Number of marinas, boat slips, ramps or other:

Number of officers and supervisors assigned to marine unit:

Full or part-time unit:

Year round or seasonal patrols:

Typical patrol schedule:

Common problems encountered (boating while intoxicated, hazardous operation of personal watercraft, etc.):

Number and description of boats and watercraft:

Is your agency participating in a watercraft loan program? If so with what company:

Number and description of tow vehicles:

Number and description of specialty vehicles (dive vans, jeeps, etc.):

What are your unit's minimum training standards?

Describe that training:

Is annual recertification training required?

What specialty or other training is offered or required?

Where is training offered?

Specialty units (dive team, lifeguards, etc.):

Yearly operating budget (if known):

What, if any, other agencies with marine units have concurrent jurisdiction with your agency:

List neighboring agencies with marine units:

What is your unit's mission:

Provide an example of an outstanding rescue, arrest, or other situation:

Please provide any statistics that may be of interest from 1993 or year to date:

Any additional information: