

**Town of Eagle Lake Patrol
Year-End Report
May 1, 2005 – October 1, 2005**

To the Town of Eagle Chairman and Supervisors:

Our goal for the year was to do the best we could to help keep Eagle Spring Lake a safe place for the boating public, while enforcing the state boating laws and local ordinances. We also wanted to be a presence on the lake and be visible to the public.

Satisfaction - I believe we've accomplished our goal by looking at the reports and citations issued. We took several complaints from lake residents and acted on them. We towed may disabled boats to the boat launch or someone's pier. I believe the boaters behave better when the patrol boat is underway. No reported accidents again this year.

Staffing - There was one sergeant and three police officers, state certified, doing the job. Next year we would like to bring on board one more part-time officer to help fill the shifts. More duties for the clerical aspects, including the audit, were given to our own Town Clerk. Town of Mukwonago administrative clerk still assists with the citations.

Reported to the D.N. R.

2000	Town of Eagle	233.5 Patrol Hours	67 Arrests
2001	Town of Eagle	210.0 Patrol Hours	73 Arrests
2002	Town of Eagle	239.5 Patrol Hours	65 Arrests
2003	Town of Eagle	219.0 Patrol Hours	61 Arrests
2004	Town of Eagle	202.0 Patrol Hours	51 Arrests
2005*	Town of Eagle	233.0 Patrol Hours	64 Arrests

*thru 9-18-05

Citations Issued – Number 1 violation is P.F.D., either having none, not enough in the boat, or no throwable type IV. Number 2 is the SLOW NO WAKE violation. **Warnings:** There were over 140 written warnings given. We normally give a warning or two before a citation is issued; but we do believe in “attitude is everything”.

Equipment – Boat had some minor problems that we took care of. It ran well and was dependable. We will be taking it to M.W. Marine in Hales Corners for winterizing and maintenance on 9-26-05. **Badges:** As per the Town Resolution Terms & Conditions, item #5, Providing Badges for Officers – We feel at this time it is necessary to have each officer display a badge. We would like to order five badges that would be owned by the town, given to an officer to use and returned at the end of the each season. It would say “Officer” or “Sergeant”, Town of Eagle Lake Patrol, with the Wisconsin state emblem in the middle.

Budget 2006 – We are not asking for a wage or budget increase for next year. We feel we can provide adequate patrol and services for the town and lake residents with the present amount.

Swimming – We saw a sharp rise in new people using Eagle Spring Lake due to the new boat launch. Along with this brings more citations and warnings being issued. It is very important to us to have proper signage at the boat launch. Most boaters stopped did not see our sign posted and didn't know the lake rules. We've also seen more bigger boats and many more canoes and kayaks on the lake.

As always, we appreciate working with the Town Board and Eagle Spring Lake Management District to help us keep a safe lake.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town of Eagle Lake Patrol