

**Town of Eagle Lake Patrol  
Year End Report  
May 2008 to September 28, 2008**

To: Town Chairman and Supervisors

**Staffing:** This year the lake patrol had 5 part time officers, 1 Sergeant, and 1 administrative clerk on the payroll. Next year we will lose 1 and gain 1. Officer Braeger is retiring June of 2009 after putting the boat in service and after we do a boat safety class. If the town brings on the new officer, we will be at full strength again.

**Administrative Clerk:** With Sue working out of her home and not at the police department, it had a few challenges but we managed to work with it. It took more time on my part mailing out tickets, making copies for DNR and the court system. Sue also put in more time and energy to keep things running smooth and I appreciate her efforts. It is good to have someone that knows the reports and can do the audit efficiently. She will be doing the DNR audit this winter for us. Sue will be able to help again next year.

Also, a thank you to Lynn and Sandy for all their help with the boat safety program set up. There is so much done behind the scene, from phone calls, collecting and giving out books to help set up a boat class.

**Equipment:** We had a few minor problems with the boat but that is history now. We cleaned the boat and got it ready for sale. I bought new LED lights for the new boat and put the old Bimini top on new boat. It will be ready to go next spring. I made arrangements to have Eric Schmidt pick up the new boat in January.

**Budget:** I am not requesting any wage increase for 2009 as we will work with what we have. I appreciate the purchase of the new boat and the Board's support of the patrol.

General Information:

- \* Boat accidents on lake     None
- \* Citations issued             62
- \* Patrol hours                    205 Hours on lake
- \* Boat safety class             22 students completed the class and passed. We didn't expect this

many to attend class this late in the year. Tom Day made arrangements for to get a new PWC from a dealership to use in our class. We also had an expert on PWC's discuss to the class the workings and all aspects of these popular machines. It went over extremely well.

**Clean Boat – Clean Water Program:** As I reported to many this summer, there is a problem with the current way it is being run. There were several threats made to the children at the boat launch doing this program. I believe this has some merit to continue this next year but with changes. This program was set up to check for invasive species on boats and trailers and to give out information on this problem. I believe they can give out pamphlets on lake ordinances and state laws and to point out the problems areas. But this is all they should be doing, not doing a boat inspection for equipment and registration. By telling boaters they will get a ticket by the lake patrol if they go out on the lake because they have an expired decal, is not part of the program. Stick with what the program was meant for.

**Speed limit on lake:** I wrote a separate report for you to look at.

**Summary:** As stated in other reports from the past, I encourage Board members and other town and lake officials to consider riding on patrol with officers for a portion of our tour of duty. This is a common practice and offers the rider the opportunity to observe first hand practices put into operation by officers. We believe this can open the window for greater and more effective communication between the officers, town, and lake officials.

Thank you for all your support this 2008 season and I look forward to next year's boat season with enthusiasm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sergeant Dennis R. Nork  
Eagle Lake Patrol