

2009 SEAFWA
Law Enforcement Technical Session

Sunday, November 1, 2009

2:00pm **Law Enforcement Chiefs Business Meeting** (Casual Dress)
Colonel Terry West, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
International Ballroom F, M-2

Monday, November 2, 2009

12:00pm **Chiefs - Officer of the Year Luncheon** (Invitation Only) (Business Attire or Uniform)
(Chiefs should be prepared to give a bio for their officer of the year)
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International Ballroom A&B, M-2

2:00pm **Call to Order and Welcome**
Colonel Terry West, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
International Ballroom F, M-2

2:15pm **Dog Deer Hunting**

Captain Scott Klingel, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The use of hunting dogs to pursue deer in Georgia is a time-honored tradition that dates from colonial times. Over time, this tradition has evolved to its present form. This Power Point presentation will illustrate the history of hunting deer with dogs in Georgia. It will identify the major problems associated with the sport. The remedies implemented by the State, the deer dog hunting groups, and landowners will be illustrated and discussed. Discussion of the enforcement and success of regulations implemented will be illustrated with graphs and charts. The pattern of land ownership over time will be discussed and its impact on the future of hunting of deer with dogs.

3:00pm **Break**

3:30pm **National Association of State Boating Law Administrators**

John Johnson, NASBLA Executive Director & CEO

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) is committed to advancing maritime and conservation law enforcement in many different ways. Earlier this year, NASBLA launched Operation Dry Water, a national alcohol awareness and enforcement campaign that involved agencies in more than 50 states and U.S. territories in a targeted initiative to reduce the level of alcohol use and alcohol-related accidents and fatalities on our waterways. This presentation will share the results of that campaign and provide attendees with an overview of the association's training activities and research projects that are impacting law enforcement on the water.

Other topics to be discussed include NASBLA's Boating Under the Influence (BUI) Detection and Enforcement Training Certificate Program to be accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the results of a three-year study to develop and validate Standardized Field Sobriety Tests for use on the water, NASBLA's policy position to improve officer safety, and the association's

new individual membership program targeted toward officers on the front line of boating and conservation law enforcement. If you have specific questions about NASBLA or its training programs in particular that you want to pose in advance, please send them directly to John@NASBLA.org

4:15pm **Break**

4:30pm **Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact and IANRC updates**

Captain Mike England, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact has grown to 31 compact member states. We now have 10 of the 16 southeastern states as members. We will discuss the benefits to your agency and sportsmen in your state. The International Association of Natural Resources Crimestoppers association continues to grow and support Turn In Poacher programs across North America. Both groups work together to help fight poaching

5:00pm **Adjourn**, LE Hospitality

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

8:00am **Conservation Law Enforcement in a Large Metro City**

Sergeant Mike Barr, Georgia Department of Natural Resources
International Ballroom A&B, M-2

Protection of the natural resources does not stop at the city limit signs of your State. In most cases, a large city contains areas and populations which greatly impact the mission of natural resource departments. These areas are difficult to patrol using traditional methods and personnel and often become overlooked or ignored due to the complexity of natural resource issues. It has been my experience that these areas need more attention than less and the time spent with education, law enforcement, and application of your mission pays dividends throughout your entire State. People interacting with the natural resources account for the majority of concerns in all natural resource environments. Applying the natural resource mission within these Metro City environments will reach more people and promote your overall mission and protection of our natural resources.

8:45am **Break**

9:15am **Wildlife Law Enforcement GIS**

Brad Hadley, Missouri Department of Conservation

Computerized geographic information systems (GIS) are fairly recent developments that have advanced in lock step with the technological progress of computers. Despite the obvious value of a working GIS to natural resource management agencies, the law enforcement arms of those same agencies have been slow to embrace its potential for resource law enforcement purposes. This paper describes the progress of the development of a wildlife law enforcement GIS through its use in the completion of four exploratory projects: a wildlife poisoning case, investigation of the distribution of state-wide arrests for a single violation type for a single year, evaluation of the spatio-temporal distribution of one officer's arrests for a single violation type for the nine year period of 2000 – 2008, and analyses of wildfire incidents in Shannon County during the four year

period of 2006 - 2009. The projects herein show the utility of a GIS to wildlife law enforcement.

10:00am **Break**

10:30am **VID microphones**

Lieutenant Judd Smith, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

For years the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section has struggled with the many issues related to evidentiary video recording since the technology began to be available many years ago. The variety of environments that Rangers work in has made a single video system impractical. The advent and refinement of digital video in the past five years has led to the production of the current personal video system, the VidMic, used by the Law Enforcement Section across the state. Some topics to be discussed are the operation of the VidMic, digital media storage problems and solutions; methods of deployment and policy related digital evidentiary files.

12:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm **Critical Incident Reconstruction Team (CIRT)**

Sgt. Keith Byers, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section put together a special team of investigators over ten years ago. These investigators were charged with investigating and reconstructing some of the state's worst hunting and boating incidents. Over its eleven-year existence from 1998-2009; the Critical Incident Reconstruction Team has proven the need for such a specialized trained group of investigators. The presentation describes The Critical Incident Reconstruction Team's (C.I.R.T.) assigned duties, responsibilities, and training along with a brief history of the team. In this presentation there will be two case studies presented one of a hunting incident and one boating incident.

2:00pm **Break**

2:30pm **GPS Tracking**

Steven Shires, Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

Technology now allows the use of GPS to easily track suspects and their vehicles. This presentation will cover covert passive and real time GPS trackers, as well as the types of data and information that can be obtained from this type of device. We'll also take a look at how they can be used to enforce wildlife laws, along with certain techniques used in the installation and maintenance during wildlife investigations and the costs associated with their operation. We'll go over record keeping and GPS data testimony in court, and the legal and ethical discretion your agency must use when deploying these devices. Finally, we'll discuss two multistate wildlife cases where GPS trackers were deployed

3:30pm **Presentation of Officer of the Year Awards**