

Enforcement & Training Committee

Committee Charter

The Enforcement and Training Committee will work to advance boating safety by researching and disseminating information on new techniques and technologies for marine law enforcement officers; developing training and certification programs; and addressing boating under the influence issues.

These tasks will be addressed through the work of three subcommittees. For 2011, those subcommittees are the Training and Certification Subcommittee, the Enforcement Techniques and Technology Subcommittee, and the Boating Under the Influence Subcommittee.

The Committee and Subcommittees will meet March 4-5, 2011 in Lexington, Kentucky.

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Training & Certification Subcommittee

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Associate Members:

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The Training and Certification Subcommittee will determine the training needs of the states, develop course content and materials, and identify potential course instructors.

2011 Charges

1. Develop training program for Officer Water Safety and Survival. (NASBLA 3.3.1, 3.3.3, 3.4.1, 3.5,) (RBS 6.5, 8.3))

During 2008 NASBLA surveyed the states' to determine interest in several training opportunities. The BLAs identified; Officer Water Safety and Survival was the course most often listed. Further development of an Officer Water Safety and Survival Course was outlined and during this 2011 year this subcommittee will complete and present a training curriculum inclusive of teaching materials and Student Guide.

Water Safety – Awareness (out of the water)

Water Safety – Survival (in water; and

Water Safety – Defensive Tactics (awareness and survival modules are prerequisites)

2. Research and Develop web-based training based on results of BLA training survey. (NASBLA 3.3.1, 3.3.3, 3.4, 3.5,) (RBS 6.5, 8.3))

NASBLA's training survey asked if the states were interested in web-based training for their officers. All of the respondents said they would like to offer that type of training to their officers. This subcommittee will continue to serve as an advisory group for online training resources. This will include beta testing, review, monitoring, usage and updates as the NASBLA delivery model for online training matures during 2011.

3. Conduct a comprehensive review of the NASBLA BOAT Program course content, inclusive of the BOAT Manual, Basic Crew Qualifications Course, Boat Operator Search and Rescue Course and the Tactical Operators Course. (NASBLA 3.3.1, 3.3.3, 3.4, 3.5) (RBS 3.3, 5.2, 6.2, 6.5, 8.3))

Review and conduct an evaluation of relevance to NASBLA membership organizations in order to articulated, in a position paper, clarifying applicability towards meeting the USCG definition of "adequate law enforcement."

Enforcement & Training Committee

Enforcement Techniques & Technology Subcommittee

State Members:

Joel Wilkinson, ME, Subcommittee Chair
Michael Pratt, DC
Burke Waldron, AK
Stephanie Weatherington

Associate Members:

Andy Cox, FLIR
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Gary Owen, National Water Safety Congress
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The Enforcement Techniques and Technology Subcommittee will research training and technology resources and create a reference library for NASBLA stakeholders and will pursue improvements in enforcement standards and practices.

2011 Charges

1. Survey the states and create a list of technologies and training resources. (NASBLA 2.3, 2.4, 3.4, 3.5, 4.2,) (RBS 6.5, 8.3, 9.2))

Identify new and emerging technology, and continue to build upon previous subcommittee resource information and post as resources and information to marine law enforcement. Get training information and link to users.

2. Develop a branded message from law enforcement to utilize in promotion of life jacket wear and various technologies available to the RBS boating public. (RBS – 2012 4.3)

Create NASBLA branded material for utilization by marine law enforcement to the RBS boating public on the various activity specific and new technologies of life jackets available to promote and increase life jacket wear.

3. Develop a branded message for law enforcement agencies on mandatory wear. (RBS – 2012 4.3)

Create a NASBLA branded material for distribution to law enforcement and first responders working on the water to encourage and promote mandatory wear of life jackets by those professionals

4. Research and evaluate e-ticket technologies and explore areas of data collection, tracking and reporting. (RBS – 2012 10.9)

Survey NASBLA members on the use of e-tickets and research other agencies currently utilizing this technology and determine if promotion of this technology will enhance data collection, prosecution tracking and reporting of boating law violations

5. Evaluate and make recommendations on the Model RFP created by ABYC utilizing ABYC standards in the acquisition process of purchasing vessels for marine law enforcement.

A small task Group has been working with ABYC over the last year and has created a matrix based on the ABYC standards, in plain English. This subcommittee will evaluate the comprehensive listing of vessel elements and make recommendations to fill any gaps overlooked by the Task Group. The finished ABYC matrix and Model RFP will be reviewed and approved by this subcommittee, as a resource in the acquisition of law enforcement vessels.

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Boating Under the Influence Subcommittee

State Members:

Chris Huebner, NC, Subcommittee Chair

Tim Baumgarten, AZ

Glenn Moates, TN

Associate Members:

Bill Gossard, NTSB

Karen Steely, Aaron Foundation

The Boating Under the Influence Subcommittee will serve as an advisory group to Operation Dry Water and conduct research and develop products to assist states in combating boating under the influence.

2011 Charges

1. Work with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to explore the feasibility and effectiveness of legislation that links BUI violations with a person's motor vehicle driver's license. Inventory states, analyze some case studies. (NASBLA 3.3.3, 3.5, 4.5) (RBS 6.4)

As a continuation of this charge for 2011, this subcommittee has attempted repeatedly to gain a response from NHTSA and NTSB. The Director of Governmental Affairs should be tasked to pursue a response and based on the response this subcommittee will make a recommendation based on prior survey models which were accomplished during the 2010 charge year.

2. Serve as an advisory group to Operation Dry Water. Evaluate previous ODW participation and results. (NASBLA 3.3, 3.4, 3.5) (RBS 2.3, 2.3.1, 2.4, 2.5, 5.2, 6.2, 6.5, 6.6, 8.2, 8.3)

3. Validate and finalize the rollout of Standardized Field Sobriety Tests. (NASBLA 3.3, 3.4, 3.5) (RBS 6.2 & 6.3 & 6.6)

During 2010 the new field sobriety tests has been finalized and an implementation plan is in place. This subcommittee will work with the BUI Instruction Team to assure comprehensive rollout strategies are accomplished, through train-the-trainer and incorporation into new delivery of NASBLA BUI instruction. A progress report will be posted prior to the 2011 annual NASBLA conference.

4. Establish a baseline of alcohol and or drug use while boating utilizing; BARD, Performance Report Part II and USCG form 4100 and accident data.

Collect data available from BARD, PRII and USCG 4100 and determine a baseline of alcohol and drug use as a contributing factor in accidents and fatalities.