

New Hampshire Department of Safety  
Division of State Police –  
Marine Patrol



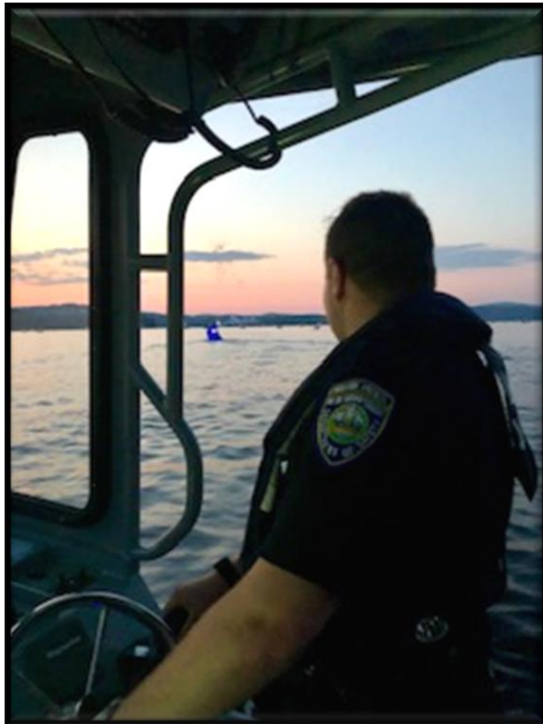
# Who We Are

The Marine Patrol is a unit of the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, and is the primary agency responsible for enforcing New Hampshire's boating laws.



# Who We Are

The unit is comprised of full-time & part-time officers dedicated to promoting and ensuring safe boating upon New Hampshire's public waters.



# About Us...Major Functions of Marine Patrol

- Law Enforcement
- Navigational Aids
- Boating Education
- Moorings
- Permitting (Events / Swim Lines / Fishing Tournaments)



# About Us...Law Enforcement Operations

This incorporates the following areas:

- Officer Patrols
- Maintenance
- Support Staff



# Types of Marine Patrol Officer Assignments

There are two types of MP Officer Assignments:

**Field Officer** – This officer is issued a 16' boat and trailer and is assigned to a county or counties. They tow the State vessel behind their personal vehicle and are reimbursed for their mileage.

**Stationary/Fixed Officer** – This officer is assigned to a body of water where a boat is kept at a dock for the season (i.e. Winnepesaukee, Winnisquam, Newfound, Squam, Coast, etc.).



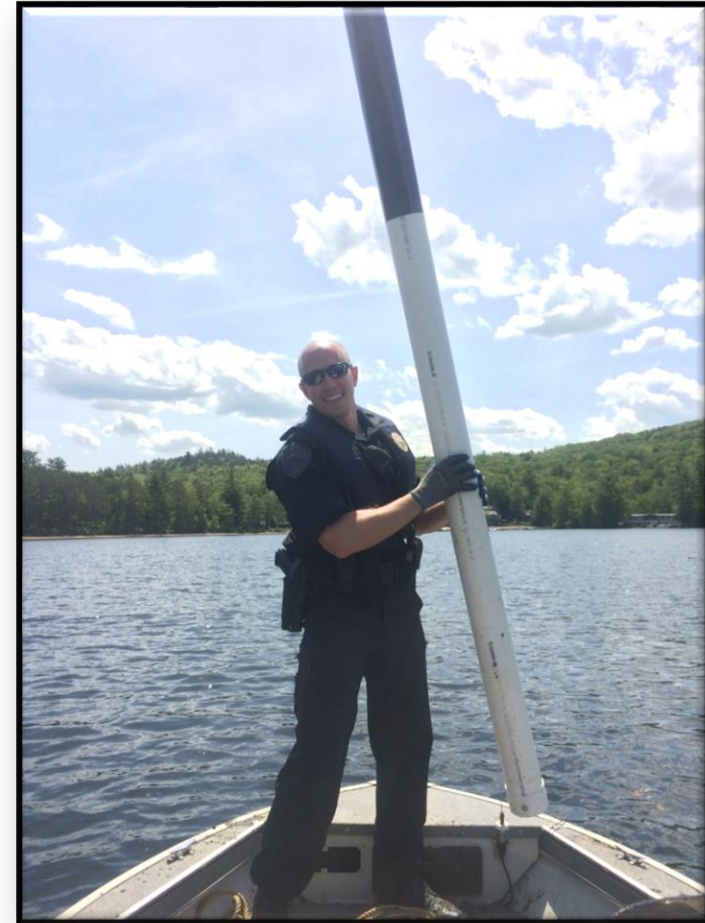
# What We Do

- Enforcement of State boating laws
- Enforcement of State criminal laws
- Investigation of all boating accidents and drownings



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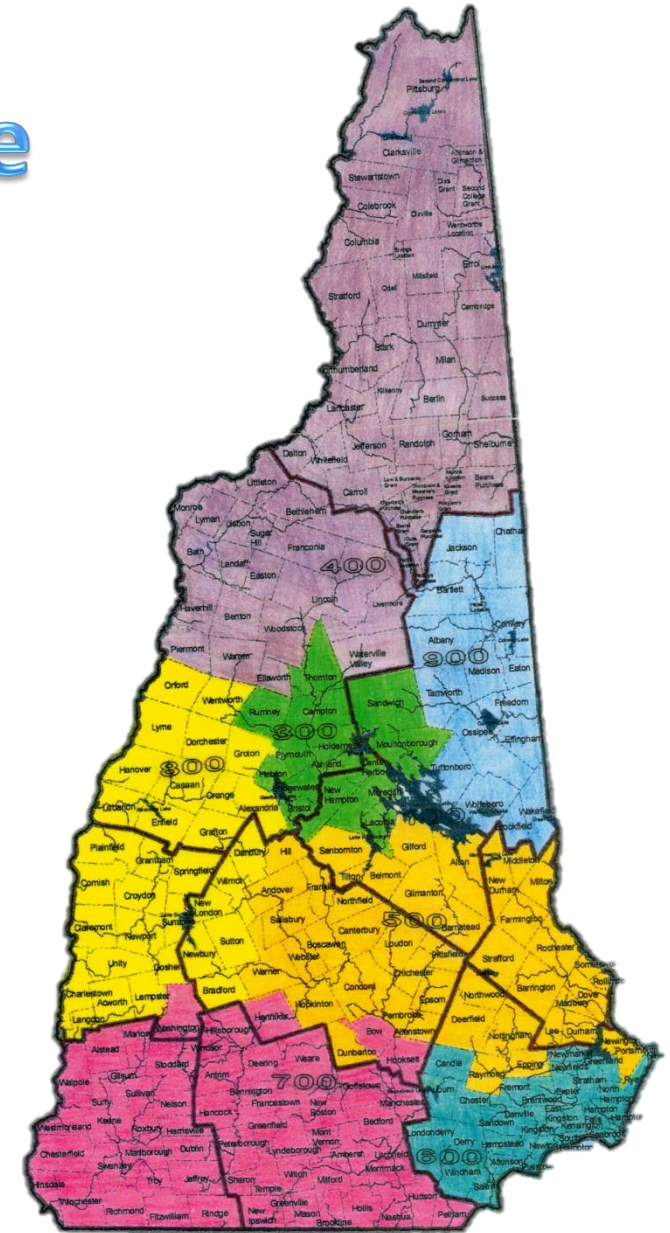
- Installation and maintenance of approximately 3,000 marine navigational aids
- Inspection of commercial vessels
- Testing of commercial vessel operators
- Providing security on the seacoast





# Where We Operate

Marine Patrol has enforcement authority on all public bodies of water having 10 or more acres, including lakes, ponds, rivers, and the ocean.



# When We Operate

The Marine Patrol operates 365 days per year, with the primary operational period running from May through October.



# When We Operate

Patrols are conducted in all weather and water conditions, and at all times of the day or night, depending upon enforcement requirements.



## Helpful Information

Many lakefront homeowners do not include house numbers on the waterfront side of their residence. It is helpful for property owners to add their house number so it can also be seen from the water in the event of an emergency.



## Helpful Information...Boats

When calling to report a violation or boating emergency, if possible provide a description of the boat including:

- Bow Number if visible
- Make
- Color(s)
- Style
- Canvas / Bimini Top & Color
- Number People on Board
- Description of operator/people
- Last known direction of travel



# Frequent Boating Violations

Safe Passage violations – operating above headway speed when within 150 feet of other vessels, shore, swimmers, docks, etc.

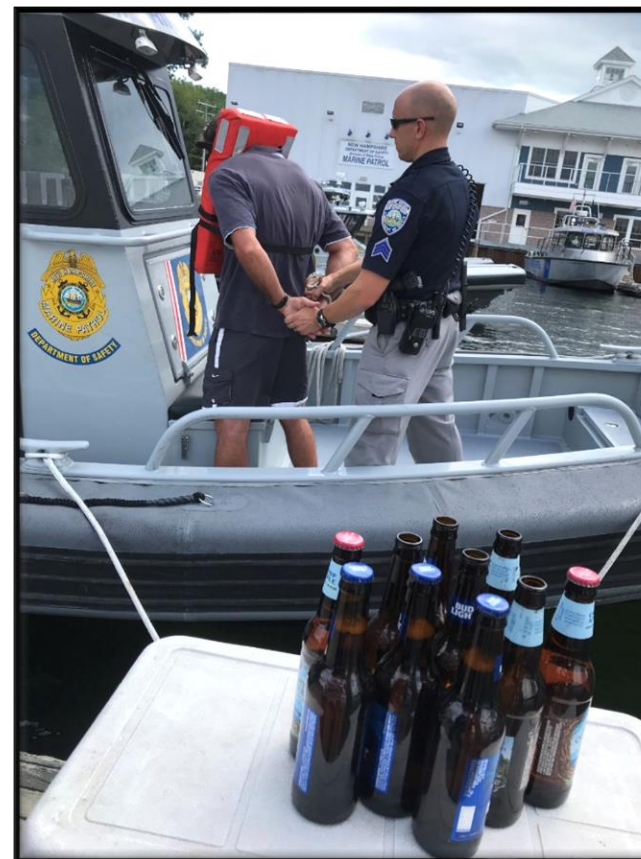
Water ski law violations - towing more than 2 persons on skis, not enough observers, etc.

Unregistered boat violations / improper display violations



## Frequent Boating Violations (cont.)

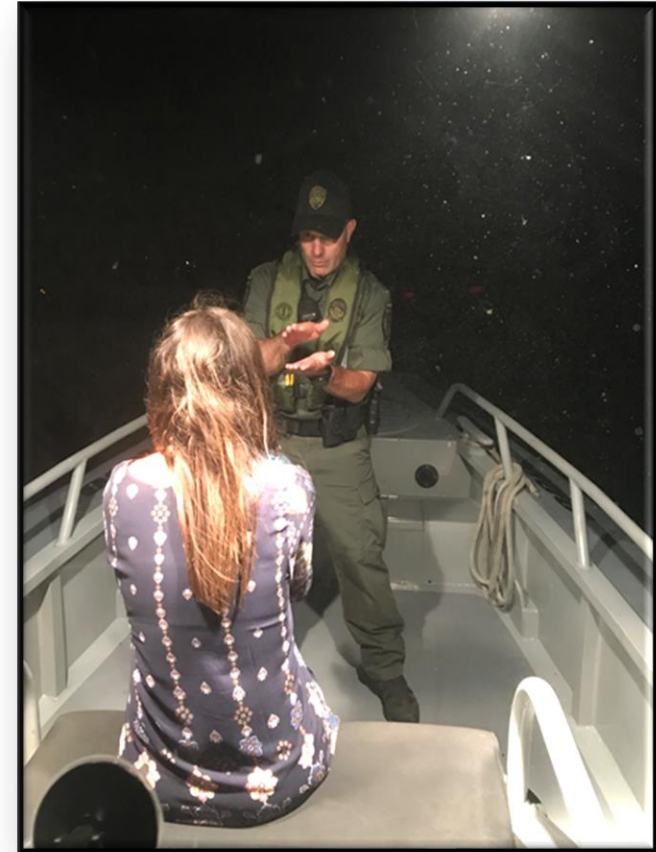
- Lighting violations
- Operating without a valid boater education certificate
- Careless and Negligent Operation
- Boating While Intoxicated



## Frequent Violations (cont.)

Boating While Intoxicated minimum penalties (1<sup>st</sup> offense)

- Class B Misdemeanor
- \$500 fine
- 9 month loss of driver's license, 6 months suspended if they follow provisions outlined in the statute
- 1 year loss of boating privileges

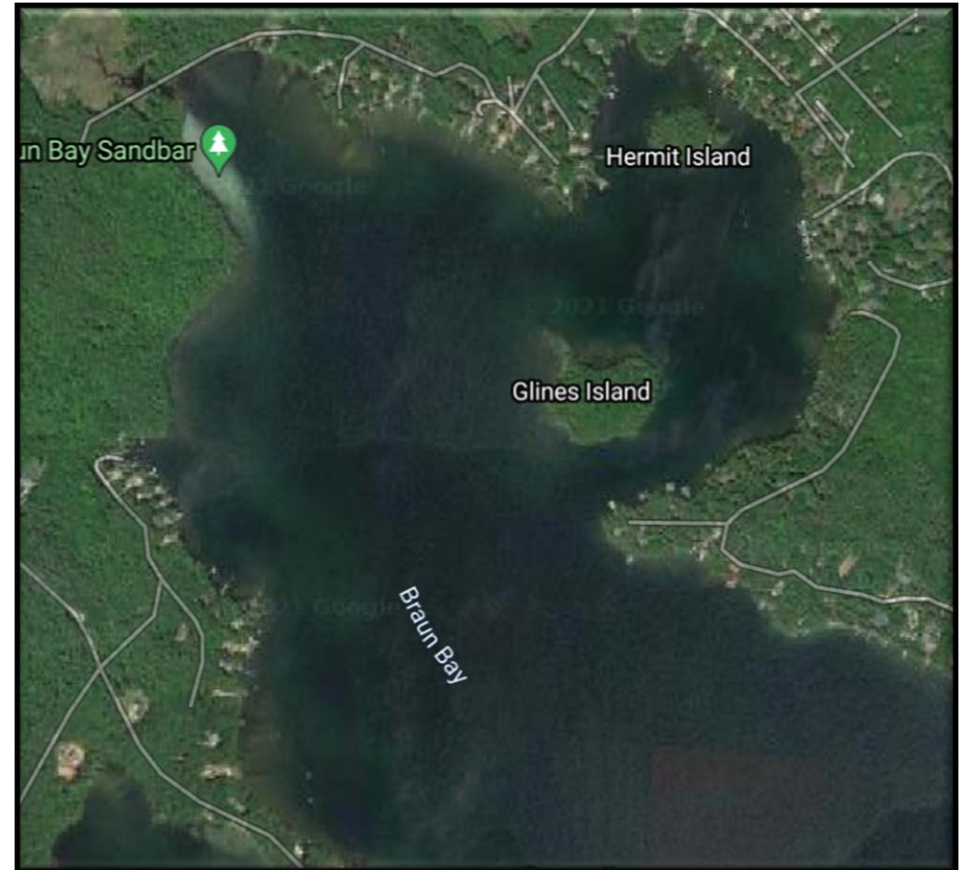




# Rafting Violations

There are a few specific areas on waterways where rafting is restricted.

In rafting restricted areas, boaters must anchor their vessels at set distances from shore and other boats.



# Rafting Violations



Picture from [Laconia Daily Sun](#), July 2019

# Rafting Violations

## PART Saf-C RAFTING RULES

(a) In addition to and in conjunction with the requirements of RSA 270:44, no person, except as otherwise provided herein, shall, in a prohibited location or at a prohibited time:

(1) Form or allow a boat which he or she is operating or in charge of to be a member of a raft consisting of 3 or more boats;

(2) Form or allow the boat which he or she is operating or in charge of to be a member of a raft if any part of such raft is:

a. Less than 150 feet from shore; (75 feet in the case of Braun Bay, Lake Winnepesaukee) or

b. Less than 50 feet from any other raft; or

c. Less than 50 feet from any occupied single boat which is stationary upon the waters of the same lake or pond; and

(3) Anchor a single boat and cause it to remain stationary upon the waters of a lake or pond other than momentarily if any part of such boat is:

a. Less than 150 feet from shore; or

b. Less than 50 feet away from any raft; or

c. Less than 25 feet away from any other single boat which is stationary upon the waters of such lake or pond.

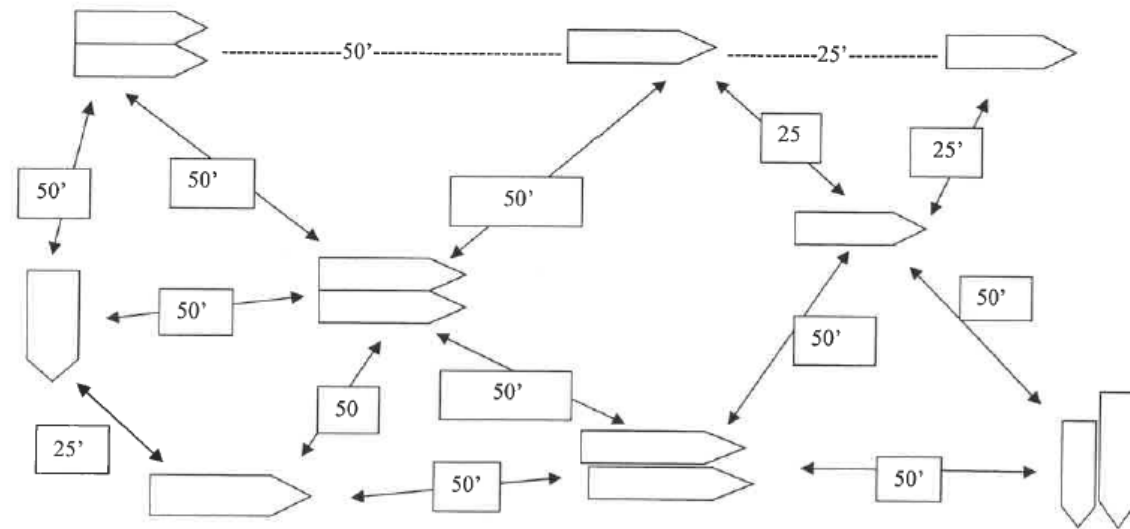
# Rafting Violations

SHORELINE

All boats must anchor at least 150' from shore (except Braun Bay (Winnepesaukee), which is 75')

No more than two boats can tie together.

Below shows *minimum* distance requirements between boats as stated above.



# Boating Accidents

By law, a boating accident must be reported when it meets any of the following criteria:

- \$2,000 or greater combined property damage
- missing person
- personal injury
- death



# Boating Accidents

- Falls from boat
- Leaving boat for object that flew out of boat
- Sinking/capsizing/swamping
- Grounding
- Injuries while underway
- Fires/explosions





## 2022 Statistics

**35** Water Rescues

**2,544** Calls for Service

**597** Commercial Tests

**540** Commercial Inspections

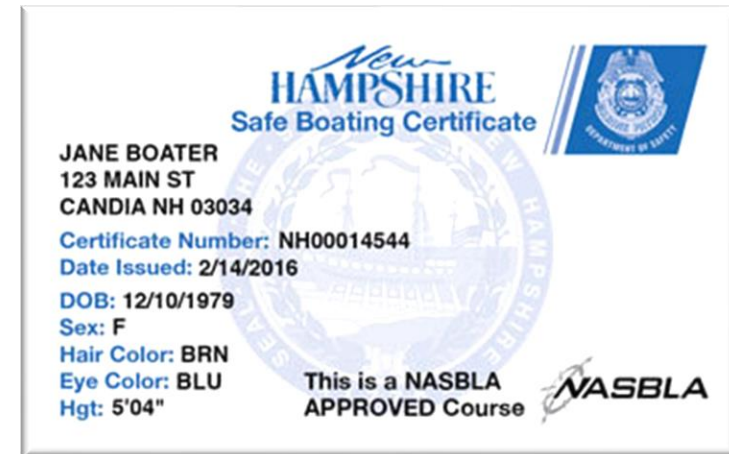
**41** Reportable Accidents

**26** Drownings

# Boating Education

NH law requires anyone operating a boat with an engine greater than 25 Hp to have proof of valid boating education on board.

When MPOs stop a vessel, they will check for BE in addition to asking for the operator's ID and vessel registration.





# Boating Education

Certificates accepted include:

- Issued by NH (1996 or later)
- NH temporary certificate (not expired)
- NH commercial boat operator license (not expired)
- Out of state certificate issued by the state and NASBLA approved
- U.S. Power Squadron certificate
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary certificate
- Federally issued commercial boating license



	<b>Vermont State Police</b> Safety Education Programs	
Name: <b>John Doe</b>		
Address: 103 South Main Street Waterbury, VT 05671-2101		
DOB: 02/24/82 Sex: M Eyes: Brown Hair: Brown		
Issue Date: 05/10/2006 Certificate Number: <b>1099</b>		
Certificate Type: <b>Boating</b>		

# Navigation Aids

All of the inland navigational aids throughout the state are built in-house. They are all deployed and maintained by Marine Patrol personnel.



# Moorings Program

In 2008, the legislature created a petition process where waterbodies other than the six covered by statute (at the time) could petition the Department of Safety, and after a hearing, become part of the regulated mooring program.



# Moorings Program

The lakes where moorings permits are currently required are as follows:

- Winnipesaukee
- Winnisquam
- Squam
- Pleasant Lake,  
(Deerfield/Northwood)
- Ossipee
- Newfound
- Sunapee
- Bow

# Moorings Program

In 2022 there were:

- 5,368 permitted moorings
- 2,620 decals were issued
- 128 new mooring applications



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee

Hiring Process:

**Application**

**Physical Fitness Test**

Derived from Cooper Standards  
35<sup>th</sup>% based on age & gender

**Written Test**

2 Hours: Math, Reading  
Comprehension, Grammar &  
Incident Report Writing



# NEW HAMPSHIRE POLICE STANDARDS AND TRAINING

## FITNESS TESTING - 35<sup>TH</sup> PERCENTILE

### MALES:

AGE	RUN (1.5 MILES)	SIT-UPS (60 SECONDS)	PUSH-UPS
18-29	12:53	37	27
30-39	13:24	33	21
40-49	14:07	28	16
50-59	15:20	22	11
60-69	17:11	18	9
70-79	19:39	18	9

### FEMALES:

AGE	RUN (1.5 MILES)	SIT-UPS (60 SECONDS)	PUSH-UPS	
			Modified	Full Body
18-29	15:14	31	22	14
30-39	15:58	24	17	10
40-49	16:46	19	11	8
50-59	18:37	12	10	-
60-69	20:46	5	4	-
70-79	22:20	5	4	-

# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee



Next Steps:

Oral Board Panel Interview

Background Check

Medical/Physical Exam

Psychological Exam

Fingerprinting



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee

## Automatic Disqualifiers:

- **Used marijuana** within 12 months
- **Illegally used a controlled substance**, other than marijuana within 36 months
  - Under 21 years of age at the time of use, within 24 months
- Manufactured, transported for sale, or **sold a controlled substance**
- Been **dishonorably discharged from military service**
- Been **convicted of a misdemeanor**
  - involving dishonesty, unlawful sexual conduct, physical violence, controlled substances, moral turpitude, or any offense which would cause a reasonable person to doubt the applicant's character, honesty, or ability.

**SECTION VI - CRIMINAL / MOTOR VEHICLE INQUIRIES**

Have you used illegal drugs within the past twelve months? Yes  No  If yes, explain. (Use additional sheets if necessary.) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever used, tried, experimented, or in any way introduced to your body by any means, one or more of the following illegal drugs?

Drug	Yes	No	Date First Used	Date Last Used	Number of Times Used	Average Frequency
Amphetamine (crossstops, bennies, ecstasy, "uppers")						
Barbiturates, hypnotics, or other "downers"						
Cocaine						
Crack, rock, ice						
Hashish Hash oil						
Heroin or other opiates						
LSD Psilocybins or other hallucinogens (mushrooms)						
Marijuana						
Methamphetamine (speed, crack)						
PCP (angel dust, ketamine, sherm)						
Steroids						
Pharmaceutical drugs not prescribed to you (Ex: Adderall, Dilaudid, Oxycodone, Percocet, Valium, Vicodin)						
Drug:						
Drug:						
Drug:						
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# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee



## Precision Marine Patrol Officer Training



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee

- **MPOT'S** start at: \$23.46 / hr.
- **200+ Hour Non-Residential Academy at PSTC** (Paid Training Hours)
  - Tuesday: 6pm - 10pm
  - Thursday: 6pm - 10pm
  - Saturday: All Day
  - **Begin:** End-July
  - **Graduate:** Beg-December
- ✓ **Certified** to work as a **Part Time Police Officer** anywhere in the state of NH
- Upon receiving Academy Certification & 520 hrs. of service: \$25.45 / hr.



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Academy Graduates will endure approximately 2 ½ weeks of additional classroom & force training:

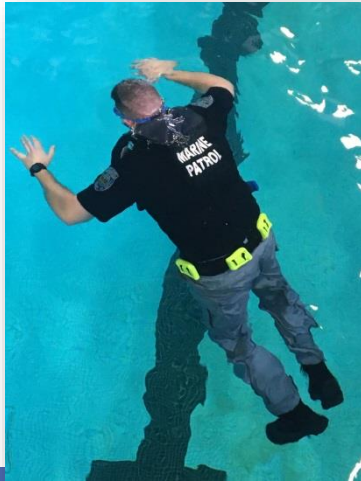
- Professional Standards of Conduct
- Boating Laws and Rules
- Boating While Intoxicated
- Evidence
- Expandable Baton
- Handcuffing
- OC Spray
- Boating Accident / Drowning Investigation
- Boating Safety Equipment
- Homeland Security



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee



Officer Water Survival Training



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee

On The Water Training 40 – 100 hrs:

- Boat Preparation
- Trailer
- Docking
- Boating While Intoxicated
- Knots
- Throw Ring & Item Retrieval
- Towing
- Going to Shore w/out a Dock
- Boat Stops
- Twin Engine Ops



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee



Marine Patrol Officer  
Firearms Training



# Marine Patrol Officer Trainee

- Make **\$23.46** up to 40 hrs. seasonally
- Get **paid for your training**
- Earn your **NH Part Time Police Officer Certification**
- Build your law enforcement **resume**
- Gain valuable **training and experience** in your field of study
- Earn **college credit** while working
- Make a **positive difference** in your community





Questions?



Thank you for your attention and  
safe boating!

