

**BOONE COUNTY WATER RESCUE  
MONTHLY REPORT  
August 2001**

**General Activities**

1. For the month of July, the team had two general meetings, Fire Chief meeting and a coast Guard meeting reference the upcoming fire works (Riverfest) we would have 3 boats, each boat would be located in various area's. One boat would be next to the fireworks barge it self, one would be located at the mouth of the Licking River and the last boat would work the mid stream area from the Licking River to the I-275 bridge. The primary purpose as always is to serve as the primary medical support for any emergencies on the river. Any towing or other non-life threatening situation would be handled after the event. Each boat would carry a complete set of trauma equipment and the minimum of 4 people of which two would be EMT's. Covington Fire Department would supply three fire fighters on boat 219 in the event that fire-fighting support would be needed. The following scheduled was provided to the Coast Guard. On Friday August 31<sup>st</sup> one boat would be on duty from 18:00hrs to 02:00 hrs with a full crew of four, on Saturday September 1<sup>st</sup> one boat would be on duty from 14:00hrs to 02:00hrs and Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> three boats would be on duty from 12:00hrs to 02:00hrs. Also a plan was in place in case of a drowning, verses people in the water that adequate personnel would be on standby in the event that divers and support personnel would be needed. Areas were established so equipment and personnel could get the water without any delays. The area of responsibilities would be from Covington to the extreme end of Boone County and up the Licking River. It will take 29 people to fill the shifts for the 3-day weekend.
2. There was two days of preparation for Riverfest, checking all medical supplies, fire fighting equipment, radios, cameras and engines on all the boats.
3. A committee was created to re-organize the dive truck, Van and Squad to carry all equipment needed for any detail.

**Public Relations**

1. We had at least 2to3 people man the booth at the Boone County Fair each night displaying our diving equipment, and showing adults and children how easy it would be to save a persons life using a basic throw bag.
2. Handed out safety brochures and boating regulations and answered questions concerning the team.

### **Training**

1. Ice Rescue training course is being organized for the 2001-2002.

### **Boat Patrol**

1. Boat Patrol is on going each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, there has been very little to report outside of the high fuel cost and bad weather on the weekends general boat traffic and activity has been extremely light this year.

### **Evidence Collection**

1. Boone County City of Verona, we were requested to search a small pond on the Waller property looking for a small hand gun used in a murder, there was 17 of our units that participated in the search and over 190 man hours. The search consisted of checking the bottom of the lake by using divers with metal detectors and divers making 1 foot arch patterns covering the entire bottom of the lake digging down in the lake silk. The weapon was not found.