

## 2015 Marine Academy Requirements and Policies

On behalf of the Ottawa County Sheriff Office and the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, I want to welcome you to the 2015 State Marine Academy. The academy will be held from Monday, April 27 through Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Ottawa County Sheriff Office Headquarters Building at 12220 Fillmore Road, West Olive, Michigan commencing in the Main Conference room. We will be going to Yacht Basin Marina, 1862 Ottawa Beach Rd., Holland, MI 49424 and the Holland Aquatic Center, 550 Maple Ave., Holland, MI 49423 for offsite training during the last two days of the week.

The Marine Academy training is only one week long so in order to get the most out of our time we are requiring you to complete the following prior to attending:

**1. Read and study the Marine Safety Act contained in this web site:**

[www.michigan.gov/legrants](http://www.michigan.gov/legrants)

This site was created and designed by the DNR to provide a "one stop" portal for county agencies to make it easier to access laws and grant programs. The site was designed by the DNR to serve the relationship that exists between the counties and the State related to the various law enforcement programs.

Once at this site review: Watercraft Titling Part 803, Personal Watercraft Part 802, Charter and Livery Boat Safety, Recreational Trespass, Marine Safety Part 801, Littering, and all readings under the heading of Administrative Rules.

This is a great site to get to know and become familiar with.

**2. Also, study and *complete* the Michigan Boater Education Course. Your department should be able to provide you with the study material for this course or you can complete it online. Upon completion of the course you will be issued a Boater Safety Certificate. *Bring your Boater Safety Certificate to class. If you wish to become a Boater Safety Instructor with the DNR, the application will be available on the last day of class providing you have completed and passed all the requirements of the Academy and present your valid Boater Safety Certificate.***

**Dress:**

Dress will be "dress casual" which is **dress pants and collared shirt** for class room activities.

Take along "*work-out clothes*" for the Officer Safety Training portion as we will be doing strenuous activities. You will need a *gun belt* and *handcuffs* for the class. No weapon.

For the pool training, you will have to have *long pants* (dress pants work the best as it is similar to your uniform pants) that will get wet as well as a *swim suit and towel*.

On the day that we are doing practical boat handling on the water you will have to dress for the weather which can be from hot, cold, wet and/or rainy. Also you will need to bring your own Type II or III PFD.

**Other Items needed for Training:**

You are also required to bring a department sound meter if your department has them. Also you will need a PBT instrument for the PBT class if you are planning on attending that training.

**Requirements for graduation:**

You are required to attend each and every class unless you have received an excused absence prior to the class from the class facilitator. You are required to pass the exams. Also, remember “early is on time, on time is late”.

**Exams:**

There will be an exam each day on the beginning of the day over the previous day’s material. There will be a final exam on the last day of class which you must pass for class completion. There will also be other exams throughout the week as required by the instructors.

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