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| Watercraft Accident Investigations | | |



I. Definition

Public waterways are City-controlled waters that can include creeks, rivers, reservoirs, quarries, lakes, and streams.

II. Policy Statements

- A. Sworn personnel shall ***either*** complete ***or advise the owner/operator of each vessel to complete*** the ***U.S. Coast Guard CG-3865*** form for all watercraft accidents resulting in the loss of life, personal injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid, and/or damage to property in excess of \$500, ***and submit it to their state reporting authority.***

Note: O'Shaughnessy and Hoover Dams are located in Delaware and Franklin Counties and fall under other jurisdictions.

- B. Sworn personnel shall not take a report when persons fall overboard or capsize their watercraft unless there is property damage, injury, or death.
- C. Should a watercraft be used to intentionally cause injury to a person or property, sworn personnel shall complete the appropriate incident report and if necessary, notify the appropriate investigative unit.
- D. A Marine Park officer shall be dispatched to the accident scene to take a report.

III. Procedures

A. Responding Personnel

1. Ensure that all emergency response services have been advised.
2. If injuries are involved, notify the precinct supervisor.
3. If fatalities or possible fatalities are involved:
 - a. To the extent possible, preserve the scene and evidence.
 - b. Notify the Accident Investigation Unit and the State Division of Watercraft.
 - c. ***As necessary***, notify the ***Dive Team Administration Sergeant or Dive Master.***
4. If a boat is submerged:
 - a. To the extent possible, preserve the scene.
 - b. Notify the ***Dive Team Administration Sergeant or Dive Master.***