

Division of Law Enforcement

Priority Issues for Division of Law Enforcement:

Law Enforcement is faced with a declining numbers of officer due to attrition and with the state of the budget has been unable to fill vacancies.

Strategies

- Recruit to fill vacancies in supervisory ranks and in field officer ranks
 - justify need for same and continue to find revenue sources for positions
- Complete modernization of Wickford Marine Base to prevent total degradation of this valuable facility
 - support Planning and Development in pre-construction and construction phases
- Develop plans to move headquarters facility to a more logical location more in line with our function
 - pursue possible takeover of RISP Wickford Barracks when they vacate it
- Insure the safety of the user groups at DEM facilities
 - maintain directed patrols of parks, beaches and campgrounds during high use periods
 - train Parks and Recreation Rangers in educating the public and encouraging voluntary compliance
 - train Parks and Recreation supervisory staff with use of limited enforcement powers and intermediate weapons for self-defense
- Provide a safer hunting environment in the state
 - Draft and secure a sponsor to introduce “Negligent Discharge” legislation
- Provide for a safer boating environment
 - insure all division breathalyzer operators are recertified
 - maintain high level of directed boating while intoxicated patrols during critical hours
- Provide boating safety education:
 - support and supply instructors for state boating safety course at CCRI
 - maintain online course on DEM website
 - provide challenge tests for boaters who feel that they have adequately prepared for test
- Reduce paperwork levels and reduce backlog in courts while still insuring public compliance with laws and regulations that we enforce
 - draft legislation allowing some select common violations to be paid by mail and introduce by x date