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CONSERVATION POLICE OFFICERS URGE BOATERS TO AVOID DRINKING AND DRIVING BOATS DURING INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS

HARRISBURG (June 29, 2009) – Conservation Police Officers Lodge 114 today reminded boaters to avoid drinking and driving watercrafts while celebrating during the July 4th holiday weekend.

“The July 4th weekend is a great time to take to Pennsylvania’s waterways and celebrate with family and friends,” said Officer Frank Dooley, president of the Conservation Police Officers Lodge 114. “But the celebrations can quickly turn into tragedies when alcohol is involved. Drinking and driving a boat can be deadly, and it’s illegal.”

Dooley encouraged Pennsylvanians to designate a sober driver for their watercrafts.

“We want everyone to enjoy their holiday weekend on our waterways and, with a little common-sense, we hope to have an incident-free celebration,” Dooley said.

Boating under the influence (BUI) is illegal in Pennsylvania, and Conservation Police Officers can arrest intoxicated boaters.

Conservation Police Officers Lodge 114 is comprised of Wildlife Conservation Officers employed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) and Waterways Conservation Officers employed by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC). The 280 officers who embody the lodge make this Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) lodge one of the largest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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