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State and Local Law Enforcement Officials Announce Lake Quinsigamond Task Force



BOSTON— In an effort to increase public safety and marine compliance along Lake Quinsigamond, a consortium of local and state law enforcement agencies have created a joint Task Force aimed at ensuring residents and visitors are able to enjoy land and maritime activities on Lake Quinsigamond in a safe, responsible manner. Lake Quinsigamond Task Force members will be active this weekend and throughout the boating season.

The Task Force is composed of law enforcement and vessels from Shrewsbury and Worcester along with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. On the water, the group will collaborate to enforce boating and watercraft violations, ensure the legal and safe operation of watercraft. On land, the Task Force will enforce park, boat ramp and parking rules and regulations, and deter general criminal activity, with a focus on boat ramps.

“We are proud to work together with our law enforcement partners in Worcester and Shrewsbury to protect public safety and ensure Massachusetts residents are able to enjoy opportunities for outdoor recreation on Lake Quinsigamond,” **said Massachusetts Environmental Police Colonel Shaun Santos.** “Boating safety is a critical priority for the Massachusetts Environmental Police, and with increased activity on waterways across the Commonwealth, this collaboration with local police agencies will help us enforce these important regulations.”

Lake Quinsigamond boasts a large recreational presence of motor vessels, paddle craft, water sports, and anglers alike. Safety should be a priority for everyone operating on the water as speed restrictions and aids to navigation protect those who share the river.

These agencies wish everyone a happy and safe summer and look forward to collaborating again to ensure that Lake Quinsigamond is a place for all to enjoy.

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