

WDFW Region 3
Law Enforcement Program

REGION 3 ENFORCEMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

▶ Detachment 18 – Sergeant and 6 Officers
Kittitas and Yakima Counties

- 21 Foot Jet Boat in Ellensburg
- 16 Foot Outboard Jet in Yakima
- Two UTV's, Two ATV's, 2 Snowmobiles

Detachment 19 – Sergeant and 5 Officers
Benton, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties

- 24 Foot Jet Boat in Tri-cities
- 14 Foot Outboard in Pasco
- 21 RHIB in Walla Walla
- Two ATV's

ENFORCEMENT CHALLENGES

- ▶ **Public Lands**
 - WDFW Owned and Controlled Lands
 - DNR Lands
 - Federal Lands
- ▶ **Fish / Game / Wildlife / Habitat**
- ▶ **Treaty Tribe Considerations**

▶ ***REGION 3 ENFORCEMENT
HIGHLIGHTS***

▶ **Objective 1: Prevent Illegal Take and Trafficking of Fish and Wildlife**

- Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife
- Goal 2: Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife related recreational and commercial experiences

Trafficking Live Rattlesnakes



Rattlesnake seized during buy/bust operation.

Sturgeon Poaching



Officer Nasset releasing an unlawfully retained sturgeon.

Joint WDFW / USFW Waterfowl Emphasis Patrol



Swan Poachers Caught



USFWS Refuge Officers with the poached swans.

Deer Wastage



Two-point dumped off the cliff.

Objective 2: Increase Threatened and Endangered Species Protection

Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife

Goal 2: Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife related recreational and commercial experiences

Salmon / Steelhead / Bull Trout



Officer C. Myers with two violators and a seized salmon.



Chinook Salmon speared in the American River.

Reported Wolves in Captivity



Objective 3: Prevent Invasive Species Introduction

- ▶ Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife
- ▶ Goal 2: Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife related recreational and commercial experiences
- ▶ Goal 3: Promote a healthy economy, protect community character, maintain a high quality of life, and deliver high quality customer service

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CHECK STATIONS



- ▶ **Objective 4: Increase Protection of Fish and Wildlife Habitat / Public Lands**
- ▶ Goal 1: Conserve and protect native fish and wildlife
- ▶ Goal 2: Provide sustainable fishing, hunting, and other wildlife related recreational and commercial experiences

Land and Habitat Destruction



Sunnyside WLA Dumping



Winter Lands Patrols



Officers Watts, Peterson, Myers and Sergeant Grant conducted snow machine patrol on the LT. Murray

Waterway Protection



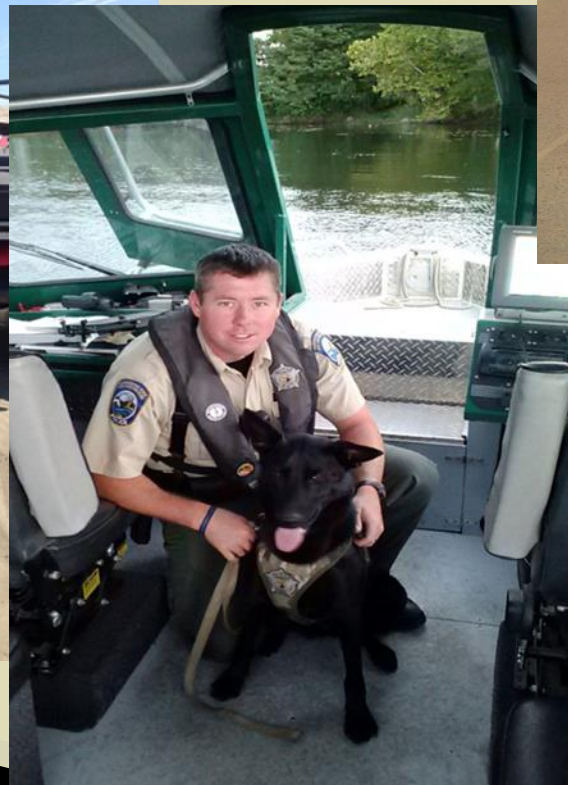
An unattended suction dredge in Swauk Creek with several violations.

Marijuana ERAD Team



WDFW SOG team members loading illegal marijuana plants and grow items onto ORV.

Lands Patrol Methods



Ongoing Lands Issues

- ▶ Dispersed Target Shooting Issues
- ▶ Access Area Usage
- ▶ Winter Range Elk Protection Closures

Objective 5: Increase Program Profile and Better Connect with the Public We Serve

- ▶ Goal 3: Promote a healthy economy, protect community character, maintain a high quality of life, and deliver high quality customer service
- ▶ Goal 4: Build an effective and efficient organization by supporting our workforce, improving processes, and investing in technology

Hunter Education and C.O.R.T.



Officer Nasset contacts three future hunters in a mock contact during a hunter education class.

School and College Outreach



Officer McGary and K9 Olive with the Mesa Elementary Fourth Grade Class.

Specialized Outreach

- ▶ Kittitas Law CEO Meetings
- ▶ Yakima Valley Law Enforcement Administrator
- ▶ Tri-Cities Chiefs Meetings
- ▶ Wild Futures Public Meetings
- ▶ Kittitas Field & Stream / Richland Rod & Gun
- ▶ Sportsman Shows
- ▶ Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- ▶ Mule Deer Foundation
- ▶ The Nature Conservancy

Objective 6: Improve Public Safety and Consumer Protection

- ▶ Goal 3: Promote a healthy economy, protect community character, maintain a high quality of life, and deliver high quality customer service

General Policing Activities



K-9 Olive - Subject Tracked and Arrested on Warrant

Boating Safety



Officers Peterson and Scherzinger assisted a disabled vessel below Wanapum.

Wildfires



Dangerous Wildlife



Bear in orchard west of Prosser.

Objective 7: Maintain Orderly Fishing, Hunting, Commercial and other Outdoor Activities

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- ▶ **Objective 8: Improve Best Practices in Business Operations**
- ▶ Goal 4: Build an effective and efficient organization by supporting our workforce, improving processes, and investing in technology

Best Business Practices

- ▶ Participation in Promotional and New Hire Examination Boards
- ▶ District Team Participation
- ▶ Specialized Training for Officers