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## **CCSO** participates in Operation Dry Water over Fourth of July weekend

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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. - The Charleston County Sheriff's Office will join law enforcement agencies across the nation in heightening their focus to prevent impaired boating during the annual Operation Dry Water weekend, set for July 4-6, 2025.

The goal of this national campaign is to reduce alcohol and drug related incidents and fatalities on the water. This operation underscores the importance of sober boating for a safe and enjoyable experience. Deputies will increase patrols to enforce boating under the influence laws, engaging with boaters to promote awareness and safety. The campaign also aims to foster a culture of responsibility, ensuring boaters understand the risks of operating or riding on a vessel while impaired.

Since its launch, Operation Dry Water has removed 7,453 impaired operators from U.S. waterways, preventing dangerous and potentially tragic consequences. The campaign has engaged over 3.1 million boaters through its annual three-day outreach initiatives.

Operation Dry Water is funded by a grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, administered by the U.S. Coast Guard. It is also a program of the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

For more information, visit http://www.operationdrywater.org.