

SPLASH Water Safety Campaign 2017
Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division
Expandable Programs and Demonstrations
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The SPLASH Water Safety Campaign is an expandable program that begins with the PowerPoint presentation. Please review the PowerPoint in detail and add your local statistics or statistics for the year as needed. Stats can be found on the DNR LED website under the Boating Tab:
<http://d7.gadnr.org/le/boating-statistics>

Children or Sensitive Groups

Slide #4 contains a graphic picture from a body recovery at Sweetwater Creek State Park in 2016. If this is not appropriate for your audience, please black out this slide.

Expandable Program

The SPLASH PowerPoint is approximately 15 minutes with you expanding on personal experience as needed. The program can be also be expanded to meet the needs of your presentation group. The proper place to expand the program is on slide # 12 which shows old school PFDs vs. New Technology PFDs.

Demo One Participative (Adds approximately 15 minutes)

Items needed: Container full of Type I – V PFDs of various sizes and conditions. Select volunteers to stand with you and try on/wear PFDs. Demo old PFD that are not serviceable and why. Demo USCG Ratings. Demo proper wearing technique. Demo increase in comfort with Type III inflatables and what activities are appropriate to use a Type III. Demo Type IV throw-able and throw away from audience or safe direction to demo how far can be thrown to someone in trouble. Use caution in this exercise for safety. Applaud your volunteers.

Demo Two Participative (Adds approximately 30 minutes)

Items needed: Container of PFDs including large adult, small adult, children, infant PFD, and throw-able type IV (**Note: Do not use DNR LED Inflatable as it might get inflated. Use good judgement on the capabilities of the volunteers and safety for the demo*).

Select volunteers from audience. Various size adults help show the point of the exercise. Keep the PFDs undisclosed in a large black plastic bag or container.

Have volunteers sit in chairs simulating seats in a vessel. Choose a Captain of the vessel. Obtain a volunteer to time the exercise.

Explain that on your mark, the boat your volunteers are in hits an object and begins to take on water and that it is their job to quickly get on life jackets before the vessel sinks. Time the event.

On conclusion, show that some adults had to wear children's PFDs and some smaller framed persons had to wear oversized PFDs which will come off in contact with water (lift PFD off small framed person as water would).

Go through the types of PFDs, appropriate sizes, appropriate wear, being prepared.

Remain interactive with the group and answer questions. Applaud your volunteers.

Demo Three Custom

Adjust to your audience and situation with your own developed demonstration.