



LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MISSION

The Mission of the Law Enforcement Division is to conserve our natural resources and to protect the people we serve. We maintain public support through fair and vigorous law enforcement, quality education, and community involvement. We commit ourselves to our Vision and Mission by practicing our core beliefs: trust, fairness and professionalism.



A PROUD HERITAGE

Conservation Law Enforcement is not a new concept. In fact, DNR has the oldest state law enforcement unit in Georgia. In 1911, the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation creating Game Wardens. Over the years, the name has changed but the mission has remained the same. Conservation Rangers, as they are currently known, have been protecting and conserving wildlife and serving outdoor enthusiasts and the public in Georgia for over 100 years.

In July 2013, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Board of Directors formed the "Law Enforcement Division." This division was created for several reasons, but some of the more significant ones were:

- Align functions and duties within DNR Divisions
- Eliminate duplication of services
- Standardize training, equipment, policies and chain of command to reduce liability

Although this is a new division, it has an old focus. Conservation Rangers utilize a variety of techniques to deliver law enforcement services that support conservation, public safety and legal usage of Georgia's Public Trust Resources. Enforcement is coupled with a strong commitment to education and outreach statewide. For example, rangers teach Hunter and Boater Education Classes free of charge to the public. These classes are designed to teach and promote safe and ethical actions by all of Georgia's sportsmen and women.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2013 Ranger of the Year	RFC David Webb
2012 Georgia Boating Officer of the Year	Cpl. Shawn Elmore
2012 Investigative Ranger of the Year	Cpl. James Keener
2013 Rocky Wainwright Waterfowl Award	Cpl. Greg Wade
2013 James R. Darnell Award Recipient	Cpl. Mark Patterson
2012 NWTf Officer of the Year	Cpl. Mark Patterson



DNR Law Enforcement Honor Guard

CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

- 190 certified officers
- 12,000 miles of rivers patrolled
- 500,000 acres of impounded waters patrolled
- Coastal Patrol: 100 linear miles of shoreline and out to 200 miles offshore
- Land Patrol: Over 37 million acres. This includes public and private land, including 110 Wildlife Management Areas, 10 Public Fishing Areas, and 63 State Parks and Historic Sites.
- 828,869 Licensed Anglers
- 392,000 Licensed Hunters
- 323,000 Registered Vessels

Programs

- 623 Hunter Education
- 1,121 Instruction and Education
- 458 Boating Safety
- 320 Hunter Development

Cases

- 331 Water Search and Rescue
- 153 Land Search and Rescue
- 53 Hunting Incidents
- 129 Boating Incidents

Licenses Checked

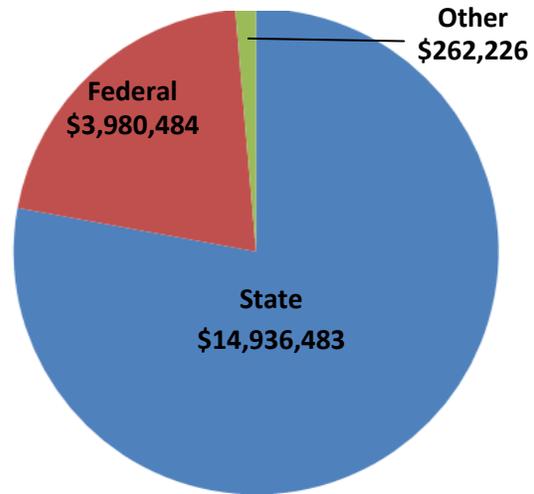
- 23,088 Hunting Licenses
- 31,078 Fishing Licenses
- 615 Commercial Licenses

Contacts

- 31,835 Boat Checks
- 4,168 Boating Contacts
- 6,826 Hunting Contacts
- 2,573 Fishing Contacts
- 13 Trapping Contacts
- 495 Environmental Contacts



FY2013 FUNDING

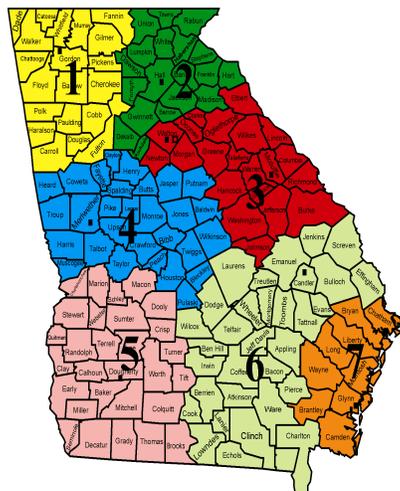


SPECIALTY UNITS

- K-9
- Chaplains
- Aviation
- Marine Theft
- Investigative
- Region Investigators
- Critical Action Teams
- Body Recovery Team
- Critical Incident Reconstruction Team
- Counter Terrorism Task Force

OFFICER TRAINING

- 30th Conservation Ranger Academy (480 hours)
 - 12 graduating cadets
 - Field Training for all newly hired rangers (6 months)
- Deadly Force Training and Firearms Qualification (8 hours)
- Advanced Interviews and Interrogations (24 hours)
- SUV/Truck Emergency Vehicle Operations & Defensive Driving Techniques (8 hours)



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Region III - East Central (706) 595-4211

Region IV - West Central (478) 751-6415

Region V - Southwest (229) 430-4252

Region VI - Southeast (912) 685-2145

Region VII - Coastal (912) 264-7234