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.

DNR has the oldest state law enforcement unit in Georgia. In 1911, the Georgia General Assembly passed legislation creating Game Wardens. In those days, they patrolled the woods and waterways on foot and horseback, carrying their own firearms, wearing the now collectible “quail badge” pinned to their chests.

The people, equipment, methods, and technologies have drastically changed in the last 109 years but the core beliefs most certainly have not. Their roles have continued to evolve but they still focus on their core mission of enforcing hunting, fishing, boating and environmental laws. They also provide public safety on all DNR-controlled properties and serve outdoor enthusiasts and the public throughout Georgia.

Today, the agency is well-respected as one of the top conservation law enforcement divisions in North America. Utilizing new and reliable equipment, deploying the latest technology, and employing top-tier men and women are the keys to meeting the Division’s mission of conserving natural resources and protecting the people they serve.

Georgia Game Wardens are POST-certified peace officers with statewide authority and full arrest powers. They are Georgia’s Law Enforcement Off the Pavement, serving alongside all other local, state and federal agencies in all areas of law enforcement. They are often called upon to go Off the Pavement to get the job done with their specialized training in:

- Woodland Operations
- Waterborne Operations
- Aviation
- Critical Incident Reconstruction
- Search-and-rescue
- Disaster response
- K-9
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The Ranger Hotline program, which provides a way for citizens to report anonymously potentially illegal wildlife and other conservation law violations, continues to be successful. If the information leads to an arrest, the tipster receives a cash reward funded by the Georgia Natural Resource Foundation. Last year, 172 tips were received by email for various violations.

Whether in the woods, on the lakes or rivers, or in the air enforcing the laws of the state; or in the classroom or community, educating young and old and encouraging safety and conserving our natural resources, DNR Law Enforcement Game Wardens are up

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

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Serving Since 1911—Trust, Fairness, Professionalism
CONSERVATION LAW ENFORCEMENT
BY THE NUMBERS

- 213 POST certified officers
- Each Game Warden serves 49,508 Georgia citizens
- 16,000 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 138 Wildlife Management Areas, 10 Public Fishing Areas, and 64 State Parks and Historic Sites.
- 1,401,101 Licensed Anglers
- 630,017 Licensed Hunters
- 335,723 Registered Vessels

Programs
- 130 Hunter Education
- 1,541 Information and Education
- 254 Boating Safety
- 177 Hunter Development

Cases
- 212 Water Search and Rescue
- 163 Land Search and Rescue
- 36 Hunting Incidents
- 143 Boating Incidents

Licenses Checked
- 26,279 Vessels Checked
- 20,817 Hunting Licenses
- 29,031 Fishing Licenses
- 409 Commercial Licenses

Activity
- 5,085 Boating Contacts
- 5,914 Hunting Contacts
- 3,080 Fishing Contacts

SPECIALTY UNITS
- Special Permits
- K-9
- Chaplains
- Aviation
- Marine Theft
- Investigative
- Region Investigators
- Critical Action Teams
- Body Recovery Team
- Critical Incident Reconstruction Team
- Special Operations Group

2019 OFFICER TRAINING
- 33rd Game Warden Academy
- NASBLA Seated Battery Standardized Field Sobriety Refresher
- De-escalation
- Use-of-Force
- Firearms
- Dynamics of Citizen/Police Encounters
- Domestic Violence Awareness
- Cultural Awareness Training
- Officer Water Survival

Funding

- Federal Funds - $5,169,407
- State Funds - $25,827,687

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Region IV - (912) 685-2145  Capt. Bob Lynn
Region V - (229) 430-4252  Capt. Rick Sellars
Region VI - (912) 264-7234  Capt. Chris Hodge