

**STATEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
AND
THE UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS®**

STATEMENT OF POLICY ON BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

This statement of policy is between the Arizona Game & Fish Commission (hereafter referred to as AZ-G&F) and the United States Power Squadrons (hereafter referred to as USPS).

In furtherance of their mutual goals, the AZ-G&F and the USPS (a private, non-profit, non-governmental, and non-military organization dedicated to promoting boating safety through education) agree to work together according to the guidelines for activities set forth below, to work in mutual cooperation in teaching boating safety courses and ultimately to create a safer operating experience for Arizona boaters.

Now, therefore, the parties understand the following:

I. The United States Power Squadrons supports the boating safety program by:

- A. Scheduling and administering its boating safety courses in the state through the USPS administrative structure.
- B. Continuing to conduct and administer the boating safety courses in accordance with the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) guidelines and course requirements.
- C. Utilizing state boating guide covering Arizona boating regulations in the conduct of USPS NASBLA approved courses.
- D. Inviting AZ-G&F participation in the classes covering state boating regulations and Laws.
- E. Providing AZ-G&F information on the date, time and location of boating safety public courses. Provide the name and telephone number of a contact person.
- F. Providing each student successfully completing the USPS NASBLA approved courses with a USPS Certificate of Completion. Certificates awarded for "home study" course completion shall be appropriately marked.
- G. No state fee shall be associated in any manner with fees charged for textbooks, materials and other course supplies and those charged to defray any custodial or classroom usage fees.
- H. Providing a principal USPS point of contact to work directly with the State Boating Law Administrator, or designated representative, in the execution of this program.

II. The Arizona Game and Fish Department shall have the following responsibilities:

- A. If and when state boating education requirements are established, the AZ G&F will review the USPS NASBLA-approved courses and determine if all requirements are satisfied. If so, then the AZ G&F will recognize the successful completion of said courses as meeting state boating education requirements.
- B. Provide assistance in developing 10 examination questions on state specific laws and regulations.
- C. Provide state Boating Guides and other material for each student attending the NASBLA approved USPS courses.
- D. Provide initial orientation workshops to all USPS instructors covering state of Arizona boating laws and regulations.
- E. Provide the USPS instructors periodic updates concerning changes in state boating laws and regulations.
- F. This statement of cooperation in no way precludes the Department from entering into a similar agreement with any other organization.
- G. The Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Commission and the State of Arizona do not officially endorse, sanction or license USPS in it's administration of boating safety courses.

III. Mutual responsibilities:

- A. Any amendments made to this understanding must be with written consent of both parties.
- B. The effective date of the understanding is ___Oct 8_, 2004 , and may be terminated by either party upon a 30 day written notice. It is agreed between the parties that this memorandum and attachments represent the complete agreement between the parties.
- C. The parties shall comply with Executive Order 99-4, which mandates that all persons, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or political affiliation, shall have equal access to employment opportunities, and all other applicable State and Federal employment laws, rules, and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act. The parties shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants for employment and employees are not discriminated against due to race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin and disability.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said parties have herewith set their hands and seals as of the day and year first above written.

For the United States Power Squadrons:

(signed by) C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN _____

Chief Commander

Date 08/12/04

For the State of Arizona:
ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION

(signed by) Steve K. Ferrell _____

Deputy Director

Date 10/08/04