



**Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)  
June 5, 2019**

**Members/Guests Present: Jeanna Steele-Mack, Ashley Freeberg, Sarah Harrison, Nathan Wray, Beth Sams, Gary Cosby, Marilyn Calfee, Nancy Steele, David Ridings, Brenda Adams, Shawna Adkins, Renee Salyers, Cathy Day, Donna Forstrom, Senator Ken Yager, Terry Stevens, Sherry Samples, Brad Daugherty**

Marilyn Calfee opened the meeting with introductions and then proceeded to introduce Brad Daugherty with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Brad provided information on Operation Dry Water which is a year-round boating under the influence (BUI) awareness and enforcement campaign with heightened enforcement on the three-day weekend that takes place annually around the Fourth of July holiday. Brad is one of two full time TWRA officers and there is a third part time officer during the summer months. Summer and boating season are the busiest time of the year for TWRA officers. A BUI includes drugs as well as alcohol. Brad advised that a BUI doesn't enhance a person's charges if they already have a DUI, but it does enhance the charges if they have another BUI. He stated that it is legal to drive a boat and drink alcohol as long as your blood alcohol content (BAC) is less than 0.08% which is considered legally impaired. Brad reported that there were no fatalities in Tennessee during the Memorial Day weekend, but that there were 21 BUI citations in Tennessee over the holiday weekend. Brad advised that there were 240,751 registered vessels in Tennessee in 2018 with 112 reported incidents of which 12 were related to jet skis. He stated that Loudon County reported the most incidents with 10. The total number of recreational boating fatalities was 23 in Tennessee during 2018 with 81 injuries. The number of recreational paddle craft fatalities was 7 in 2018.

The infractions that Brad sees most often on the water are: lack of boat registration, not enough life jackets for every individual on the vessel, children 12 and under not wearing their life jackets, boats not having their lights on at night, and jet skis that are out on the water at night. He stated that a basic fine is \$372 which includes court costs. Any Tennessee resident born after January 1, 1989 must show the TWRA-issued wallet Boating Safety Education Certificate as proof of successful completion of the TWRA Boating Safety exam. Brad counseled that adults who are issued a boating citation might be able to take boating education in order to reduce their charges. Brad advised that some people might be able to consume more alcohol while on land without becoming impaired while a lesser amount of alcohol consumed on the water can cause greater impairment due to the "stressors" of sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion. Brad reported a low number of BUI's in Roane County due to the high visibility and presence of TWRA officers. Brad stated that he makes many drug related busts at the lake access areas and lake banks. Brad provided all attendees with The Handbook of Tennessee Boating Laws and Responsibilities.

Senator Ken Yager provided information on the legislation related to opioids, substance abuse treatment, and recovery schools which passed this year. Renee Salyers with WestCare provided information on an upcoming training for Mental Health First Aid which will be held on September 11, 2019 from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at WestCare. Beth Sams provided a monthly activity calendar of events which will take place during the month of June in Roane County.

Sarah reminded everyone that the July coalition meeting has been canceled as it falls the day before the Fourth of July holiday. The next coalition meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7th, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. at the RCADC office.