



## **Roane County Anti-Drug Coalition (RCADC)**

**June 1, 2022**

**Members/Guests Present: Amanda Daugherty, Matilyn Lands, Brad Goss, Shawn Scalf, Tracy Christian, Laura Buckingham, McKayla Gallaher, Michael Yates, Destiny O’Neal, Dr. Terry Stevens, Jeanna Steele-Mack, Nathan Wray, Ashley Freeberg, Brad Daugherty, Maretta McNichol, Beth Sams, Mike Barber, Laura Conner, Anne Pirtle, Taylor Matsko, Charles Stallings, Allen Lutz, Kaley Kepplinger, Donna Miller, David Fugate, Misty Peddicord, Demerius Bunch, LaDonna Booker, LaTausha Gilmore**

Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our June coalition meeting was held as a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting.

Nathan Wray updated attendees on the Children’s Attitude and Motivational Program (CAMP) which began today. There are 14 kids, ages 13-17, who have been referred to the program by juvenile court.

Brad Daugherty with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) presented in-person and Taylor Matsko with National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) presented via Zoom on Operation Dry Water. NASBLA is a national non-profit, 501(c)3 organization that works to develop public policy for recreational boating safety. NASBLA represents the recreational boating authority in all 50 states and the U.S. territories, and their vision is, “a flourishing culture of safe, enjoyable boating for everyone.” Operation Dry Water is a year-around boating under the influence awareness and enforcement campaign. The 2022 national Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement three-day weekend will take place July 2nd-4th. The July 4th holiday is unfortunately known for drinking, boating and deadly accidents. The mission of Operation Dry Water is to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related accidents and fatalities through increased recreational boater awareness and by fostering a stronger and more visible deterrent to alcohol use on the water. Alcohol is the leading contributing factor in recreational boater deaths, but since the launch of Operation Dry Water in 2009, the number of boating fatalities with alcohol named as a contributing factor has decreased in the United States. On July 1, 2021 boating under the influence (BUI) penalties aligned with driving under the influence (DUI) penalties in the State of Tennessee. On July 1, 2022 a new law will go into effect in Tennessee regarding wake boarding safety. TWRA and the Kingston Police Department will both take part in Operation Dry Water this year. The following website contains campaign resources, press kits, and media releases which are free to use: <https://www.nasbla.org/operationdrywater/home>

Beth Sams with the Roane County Sheriff’s Office provided attendees with a monthly calendar of events which includes new recovery meetings in the area.

Brad Goss with the Office of Emergency Services and Homeland Security provided a flyer for training on how to be a part of the Community Emergency Response Team and the Tennessee Yellow Dot Program which is designed to supply first responders with an individual’s medical information in the event of an emergency.

Our next coalition meeting will be Wednesday, August 3rd at 12:00pm at the Kingston Church of Christ Family Center. Our July meeting has been canceled due to the July 4th holiday. We encourage everyone to have a safe and fun holiday weekend and to boat responsibly.