

Onondaga County Sheriff's Office News

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Sheriff's Office Navigation Unit Receives Two Personal Watercrafts

Onondaga County, New York – The Onondaga County Sheriff's Office Navigation Unit will soon be patrolling the waterways on Sea-Doo personal watercrafts for the 2016 boating season, thanks to some help from BRP and a local dealer.

Dick Congel, owner of RC Congel Boats in Cicero, facilitated the loaner program agreement with BRP. Under this personal watercraft loaner program, a pair of 2016 GTX Sea-Doo's, were provided to the Sheriff's Office at no cost by RC Congel Boat Sales. The program allows agencies such as ours to use the machines all summer long and then turn them in at the end of the year.

Deputies assigned to the Sheriff's Navigation Unit during boating season are responsible for enforcing all New York State Navigation Laws, and patrolling and enforcing boating laws on all navigable waterways within and bordering Onondaga County. Some of their duties include law enforcement, accident investigation, search and rescue operations, commercial vessel inspections, marine inspections, and providing boater safety education. In 2015 our Navigation Deputies spent over 2100 hours assigned to Navigation details. The Deputies conducted 261 vessel inspections and issued 45 citations and gave 282 warnings.



Presenting the Sea-Doo personal watercrafts in the photo is Dick Congel (right) owner of RC Congel Boats, and Sheriff Gene Conway