

2015 WI DNR Bureau of LE

“Protecting People and Natural Resources”



Chief Warden Todd Schaller

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What does DNR bring to the Emergency Police Services table?

Here is a quick overview of:

- ✓ The agency and our mission
- ✓ Where we get our authority
- ✓ Over-all equipment and assests
- ✓ Specialized teams
- ✓ Contact information



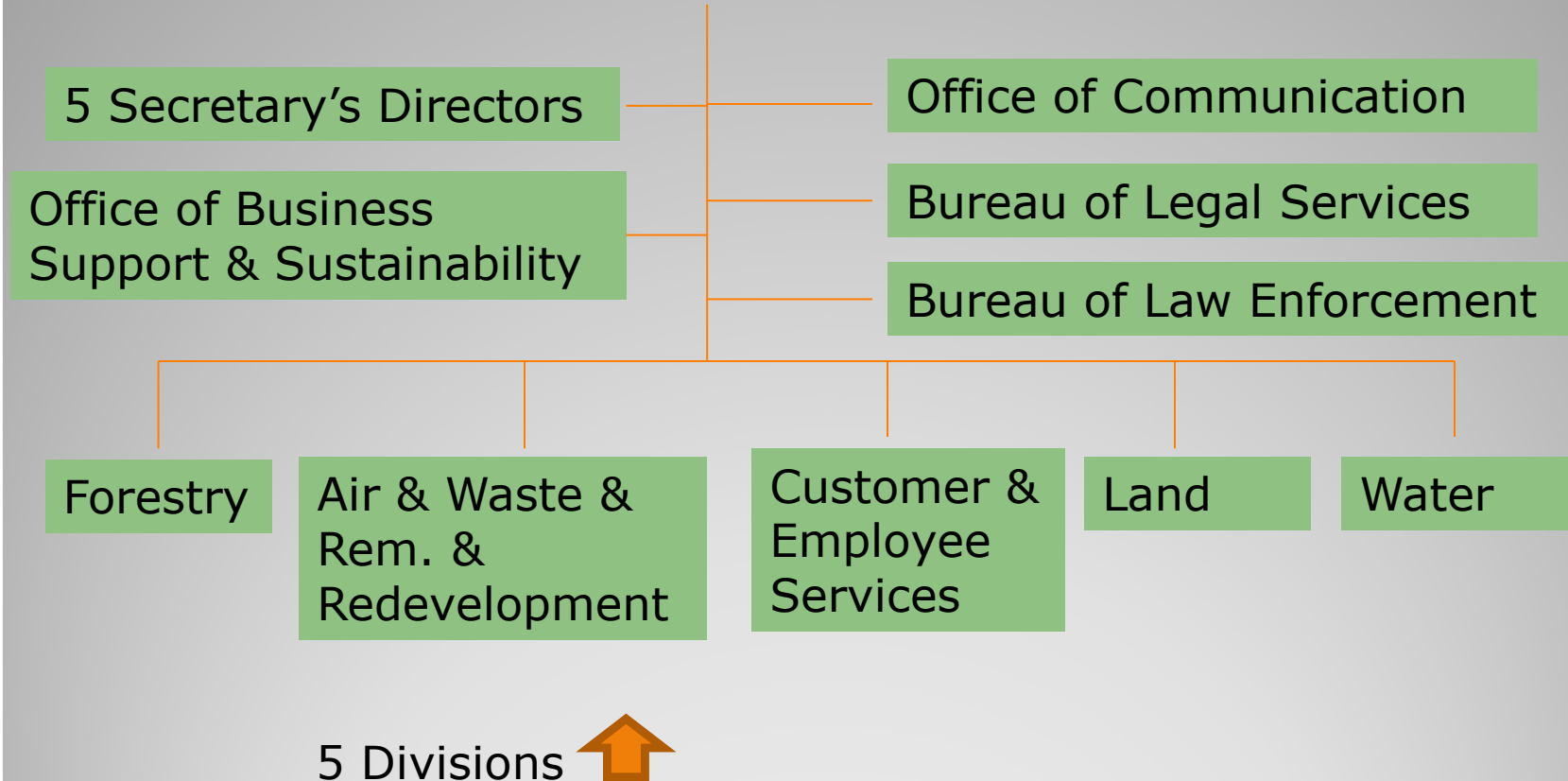
“Our very best is the
very least we can give”

Wisconsin Conservation Warden Honor Guard

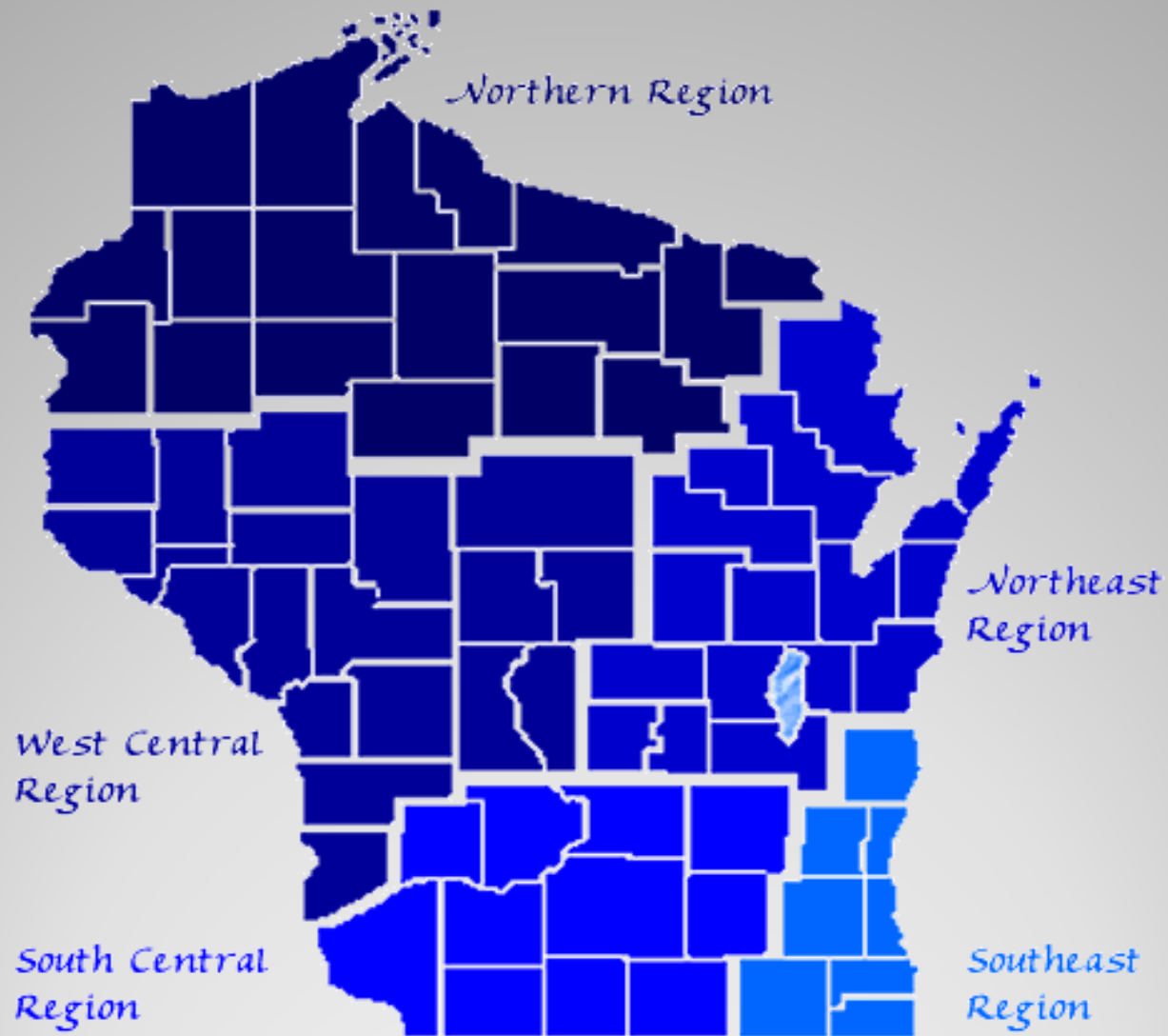


**The Bureau of LE falls under the
Office of the Secretary**

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WI DNR Basic Structure



Bureau of Law Enforcement

Chief Warden Todd Schaller

- Deputy Chief Karl Brooks
- Northeast (Green Bay) – Capt. Ben Trembl
- West Central (Eau Claire)– Capt. Rick Rosen
- Northern (Spooner) – Capt. Dave Zebro
- South Central (Madison) – Capt. Casey Krueger
- Southeast (Milwaukee)– Capt. Kevin Mickelberg
- Training – Capt. Jeremy Plautz
- Recreational Vehicle – Capt. April Dombrowski
- Environmental Enforcement – Steve Sisbach

Bureau of Law Enforcement

Our charge **Bureau of Law Enforcement**

- **Maintain healthy and diverse wildlife populations and habitats.**
- **Enhanced opportunity, safety and enjoyment of outdoor recreational experiences in WI.**
- **Enhance public safety by being ready to respond to emergencies, natural disasters and acts of terrorism.**
- **Lead by Example in conservation and pass on the conservation ethic to future generations.**
- **Protect health and the environment through clean air, land and water.**
- **Lead, adapt and manage the organization to achieve our mission while providing our people with fulfilling careers.**

BLE when fully staffed= 230 personnel

(sworn + non-sworn)

- 198 Conservation Wardens are authorized by state statute. We have been maintaining about 178 wardens the last few years
- We also have specific non credential positions
 - Environmental Enforcement Specialists
 - Hotline & Call Center Staff
 - IT support
 - Program support positions

Bureau of LE staff

- **Natural Resources – 29.921**
- **Recreational Vehicles – 29.921**
- **Environmental Laws**
- **Rescues, emergencies, and disasters - 23.09(4)**

The department on it's own motion and shall, when so directed by the governor, assist other state, county, and local government agencies or do things reasonably necessary in the rescue of persons lost in forests of the state, or who may be otherwise in danger of loss of life, in the recovery of the bodies drowned, persons, and in the cases of emergency or disaster, by assigning equipment and employees of the department to such rescue, recovery, emergency, and disaster relief missions

- **Expanded Authority – 29.921 (5)**

Authority

- Environmental Crimes Unit
- Special Operations Unit
- Marine Unit
- Homeland Security Administrator
- 5 Mission Ready Teams
 - ✓ Tactical Boat Team
 - ✓ ROV Team
 - ✓ Statewide Tactical Team
 - ✓ NRB/VIP Protection Team
 - ✓ Tactical Flight Officer Teams



Specific Teams/Roles



- **P25 Compliant Radios**
- **MACH**
- **.223 AR-15 Rifles with optics**
- **Remington 870 shotguns**
- **Mobile Data Computers/Printers**
- **GPS and Mapping software**
- **Night Vision/Thermal Imagery**



BLE Resources- 4 X 4 Squads

ALL SHAPES AND SIZES



BLE Resources- Boats

Approximately 125 within BLE

- Handy for marijuana eradication, search & rescue, lost subjects, securing large rural properties, etc..



BLE Resources- ATV's



Approximately 136 within BLE

BLE Resources- Snowmobiles



Approximately 22 within BLE

BLE Resources- Motorcycles



We have 11 planes
*2 with FLIR

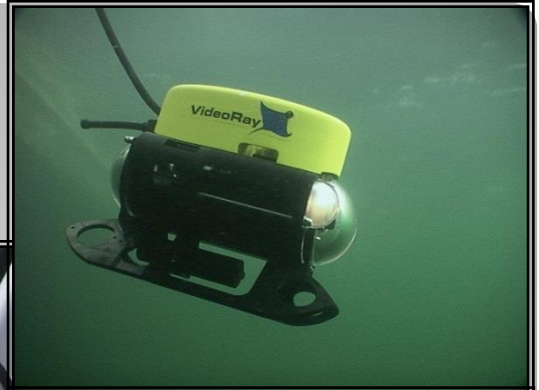


Staged in:

- Oshkosh
- Rhinelander
- Siren
- Madison
- Eau Claire

BLE Resources- Planes

- Handheld FLIR
- Side Scan Sonar
- Sound Meters
- ROV
- GPS Trackers
- Surv. Cameras



BLE Resources- Specialty Equipment

DNR has a long standing relationship with FBI that includes yearly Maritime Tactical Training



Assisting Agencies

DNR has supported multiple dignitary missions



Assisting Agencies

**Whatever the need, DNR
has always stepped
forward to meet new
challenges.....**



Assisting Agencies

- In addition to the BLE, we have the ability to draw resources from the other DNR Divisions.

- Heavy equipment
- Water pumps
- Additional LE Officers from Parks & Forestry
- Specialists to assist with spills, fires, dam emergencies, floods, haz-mat, and tornadoes
- We have several ICS Teams



Additional Dept. Assets

- TIP LINE **1-800-TIP-WDNR**
- DUTY OFFICER **608-576-5358**

*** You can call the Duty Officer or WI Emergency Management to request a plane or any other DNR resource**

Contact Information



Questions?