

# 2014 Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer Awards



## Annual Deputy of the Year Program

Deputy Waterways Conservation Officers (DWCOs), working with Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs), perform mainly specialized law enforcement duties in protecting, conserving and enhancing Pennsylvania's aquatic resources.

Deputies work long hours, often on weekends and holidays. As volunteers, they receive a small stipend to help with expenses; however, they are not otherwise compensated.

Any officer may nominate a deputy for this service-based recognition. Regional committees in the Commission's Bureau

of Law Enforcement and Regional Outreach and Education Coordinators review the nominations to choose one award recipient in each region. The six nominee award winners are presented with a dated plaque at their annual winter region meeting. The awards carry the distinction of the recipients knowing that their peers selected them.

The six region nominees are reviewed for a final selection of the Statewide Deputy of the Year award winner. ☐

photo-Marlene Walter



DWCO Gary W. Walter, the Northcentral nominee, received the 2014 Statewide Deputy of the Year Award. Pictured with DWCO Walter are Captain Gerald B. Barton (left) and WCO Steven G. Boughter (right).

photo-Sergeant John G. Hopkins



DWCO Theodore E. Rusin (right) is the Southwest Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Rusin is Captain Thomas J. Crist.

photo-Sergeant Thomas J. Tarkowski



DWCO Eric J. McKinnis (right) is the Northwest Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO McKinnis is Captain Robert R. Nestor.

photo-Lieutenant Colonel Don Lawver



DWCO Jeremy A. Ney (left) is the Southcentral Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Ney is Captain Alan Robinson.



DWCO Mitchell K. Marcus (right) is the Northeast Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Marcus is Captain Larry L. Bundy.



DWCO David F. Eichler (right) is the Southeast Region's Deputy of the Year Award Nominee. Pictured with DWCO Eichler is Captain Raymond A. Bednarchik.

## Years of Service Recognition

During the annual awards presentations, the Commission recognized the following DWCOs for their years of service.

### Northwest Region

5 years: David M. Faber, Daniel E. Reiber, Jayson M. Hoovler and Eric J. McKinnis  
10 years: Anthony Rao Jr.

### Southwest Region

5 years: Walter D. Smith  
20 years: Lonnie K. Lowndes  
30 years: Stephen J. Kutchman  
40 years: Randolph G. Conray

### Northcentral Region

5 years: Chriss L. Brower  
20 years: David W. Twoey  
35 years: E. Lawrence Krest  
40 years: Gary W. Walter

### Southcentral Region

5 years: Stanley R. Zivanovich Jr.  
15 years: Andrew E. Seman

### Northeast Region

10 years: Peter J. Napoli Jr.  
25 years: David A. Martin

### Southeast Region

15 years: David W. Breyan  
45 years: Theodore W. Romberger

## Becoming a DWCO

DWCOs engage in successful work from a variety of backgrounds and choose to be DWCOs for many reasons. All DWCOs share a common commitment: to safeguard the public along our waterways and to protect, conserve and enhance Pennsylvania's aquatic resources and the environment. Many DWCOs use their training and experience to move on to other law enforcement occupations.

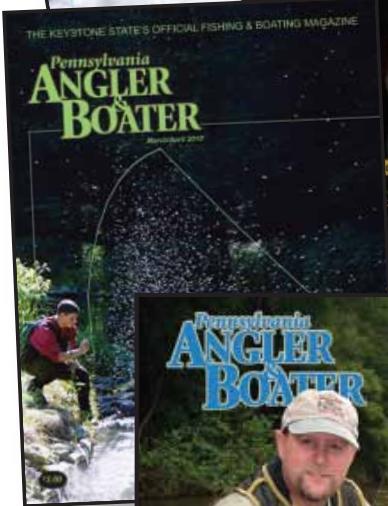
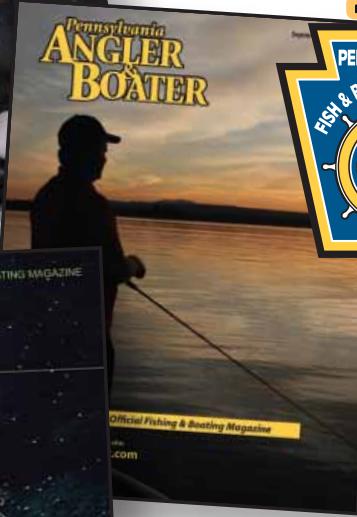
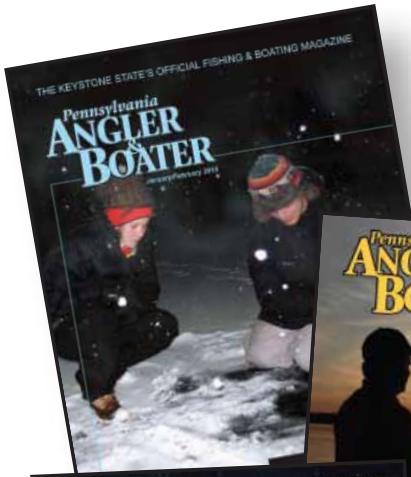
Anyone interested in learning more about DWCO positions should contact the nearest Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission Regional Law Enforcement Office. These offices are listed on the Commission's website at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com) and in the *Pennsylvania Fishing Summary*.



# Always Wear Your Life Jacket

## Make sure the life jacket fits

For a life jacket to work properly, not only does it need to be on your body, it should fit properly as well. A properly fitting life jacket is more comfortable (meaning you are more likely to wear it) and is a legal requirement, but more important, it functions better. Life jackets that are too large can ride up or even come off when you are in the water. For more information, go to [www.fishandboat.com/boatcrs/pfd/fit.htm](http://www.fishandboat.com/boatcrs/pfd/fit.htm)



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