## Massachusetts Environmental Police's welcomes newest officers who will be protecting our natural resources

"The Massachusetts Environmental Police would like to welcome aboard our newest Environmental Police Officers.

The mission of the Massachusetts Environmental Police is to protect the environment and natural resources of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through enforcement, education, and public outreach.

The historical roots of our law enforcement mission can be traced back to the 1600ss when the need for fish, wildlife, and natural resource protection was just as apparent as it is today. The early Colonists of this region established laws related to the taking of fish and game.

The Environmental Police is the primary enforcement agency of the Commonwealth's boating and recreational vehicle laws and regulations. The Office of Law Enforcement is responsible for registering boats, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles in Massachusetts. Boating safety enforcement and recreational vehicle enforcement are an every day part of an Environmental Police Officer's patrol. With an enforcement fleet of over fifty vessels the Environmental Police patrol all waters of the Commonwealth, both Inland and Coastal.

Officers use 4X4 vehicles, all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles to patrol off-road areas throughout Massachusetts. These additional enforcement responsibilities compliment our mission of protecting the natural resources of the

Commonwealth.

Congratulations and Stay Safe!"-Massachusetts Environmental Police.