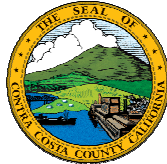


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May 31, 2005

Sheriff Warren Rupf
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street, 7th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Sheriff Rupf:

I am writing with regard to the increasing problem of drunken and reckless driving on our waterways and the need for increased Sheriff's marine patrols to address this pervasive problem.

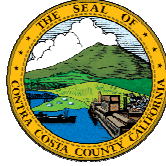
As you know, the approaching summer season will bring an increase in drunk driving and reckless driving incidents on our waterways. The problem is becoming increasingly more apparent and we are in need of Sheriff's patrols to address this problem throughout the course of the week and the weekends. An increased presence and enforcement effort by the Sheriff's office would prevent boaters prone to drunk driving and reckless driving from attempting to predict when the Sheriff's office will be out in force and when they will not.

In my previous position with Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, our office successfully carried legislation which increased the penalties for drunken driving on the waterways. It is tough legislation like this which our county needs to proactively enforce on a continual basis.

In addition, I believe that we as a county need to conduct a very proactive awareness campaign that educates boaters about the laws and penalties for drunken and reckless driving on our waterways and the fact that our Sheriff's office is proactively enforcing those laws.

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I am committed to partnering with you in helping your office to address this serious problem that continues to occur in East County. If there is anything I can do to assist you in these efforts, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

MARY N. PIEPHO
County Supervisor, District III