

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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LETC/LEC STATE REPORT

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Law Enforcement Division (LDWF/LED) are continuing to work vessel and dockside fisheries enforcement inspections for any federal/state cooperatively managed species violations. We are also continuing to conduct TED compliance inspections as well as inspection of catch shares.



LDWF/LED recently graduated the Class of Academy 32, adding 12 cadets to the ranks. Our in-service program consists of continued training in all basic peace officer standards along with specialized training for wildlife agents. This years In Service training includes advanced defensive tactics and a DWI wet lab to assist in the detection of impaired operators.



Construction continues on our new training facility. Recently we completed construction of our new POST approved firing range. The range includes 14 shooting positions, a steel bullet trap and shooting positions up to 100 yards.

All enforcement agents have received new Glock 19 side-arms as well as new portable radios. The Glock training transition is complete and the new pistols are deployed statewide.

The Enforcement Division has started a UAV (Drone) Program to assist with wildlife and fisheries enforcement as well as Search and Rescue and Homeland Security Operations. Two UAV's have been acquired and are equipped with day and night vision cameras. Our pilots are undergoing training and certification and Policies and SOP's are being developed.

With the success of the I-Pad JEA application, we are working on a time, attendance and compliance intercept application which will optimize patrol information on observed compliance based on compliance intercepts made by our enforcement agents, advancing conservation law enforcement, strategic planning, performance measures and officer safety. We have completed the design phase and construction phase has been granted.

LDWF/LED division is continuing to educate fisherman, industry representatives, and updating policies and procedures associated with all federal and state regulated species. We are currently working the priority execution model as stated in the 2018 JEA contract. Coastal agents have undergone continued TED training with the help of NOAA GMT and Coast Guard.



Agents will be participating in several large outreach events along the coast. Upcoming events are: The Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo, The Faux Pas Rodeo, and the Oilman's Rodeo, to name a few, where Agents educate and inform fishermen about updated rules and regulations pertaining to federally managed fish. Fishermen from around the state attend these events with each agent making hundreds of contacts discussing recreational and commercial regulations.

