

King County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit

Definitions of data collected for Marine Unit Contracts and Unincorporated Areas

	TERM	DEFINITION
Non-Chargeable / Regional services	Search and Rescue Events (SAR)	<p>"Search and Rescue" means the act of searching for, rescuing or recovering a person or persons who are lost, injured, or killed while outdoors or as a result of a natural, technological or human caused event including downed aircraft. See RCW 47.68. Subsections include the following incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAR Fatalities: This number reflects the deaths that can be defined as a SAR event. Most usually a drowning in the lakes or rivers. Can be any type of SAR event from a swimming accident to a major disaster event. • SAR Dives: This identifies the number of times divers are deployed for a SAR. • SAR Person Rescue: A person on or near the water in life threatening circumstances. Examples of person rescue include swimmers, rafters, and tubers. • SAR Boat Rescue: A vessel in peril that needs immediate assistance to save life.
	DCFS	Dispatched calls for service (DCFS): Includes reports of incidents that that are received by the King County Communications Center and dispatched to deputies.
Chargeable services: Used for cost purposes	On-View	<p>On-Views: On-views are events that are self-generated by law enforcement officers. On-view work can result from deputy self observation or information received directly from other individuals. Pre-planned scheduled events such as community meetings or safety classes are also considered on-view work.</p> <p><i>Note: Some On-views may be additionally broken down and included in the following "other services" categories.</i></p>
	Buoy Servicing	Buoy Servicing: Maintenance of buoys and aids to navigation. This includes inspection, repair and replacement of buoys.
	Vessel	Vessel: Any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, other than a seaplane. It does not include inner tubes, air mattresses, small rafts and floatation devices or toys customarily used by swimmers.
Other services provided with contract	Vessel Accident	Vessel Accident: An incident that causes damage to a vessel or property and/or causes injury to person.
	Vessel Stop	Vessel stop: Law enforcement officer contact of a boater in a vessel. Vessel stops may lead to enforcement actions, such as a safety inspection or the issuing of a citation or warning.
	Enforcement Action	Enforcement Action: When law enforcement officers use their legal authority to investigate potential illegal activity. If an illegal activity is determined to have occurred, results from enforcement actions can include verbal warnings, the issuing of citations, physical arrests.
	Vessel Inspections	<p>Vessel Inspections: A visual examination of a vessel for compliance of water safety laws. Vessels may be examined to determine that they are sea worthy and/or to ensure they contain appropriate safety equipment such as horns, flares, engine venting systems, fire extinguishers, and life vests.</p> <p><i>Note: The inspection is recorded on a form which is sent to and used by the Washington State Parks Boating Program to track and monitor boater safety issues. Information gained through the forms helps State Parks focus safety education efforts on appropriate user groups.</i></p>
	Dive Calls	Dive Calls: When Marine Unit divers are deployed for dispatched, on-viewed, or follow-up calls. Examples of dive calls include evidence searches for a criminal investigation or to recover property, inspections for damage to docks or piers due to accidents, investigations into accidental or intentional sinking of vehicles or vessels in rivers or lakes, and underwater inspections for public safety or dignitary protection.

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Other services provided with contract (continued)	Boat Assist	Boat Assist: A vessel in need of assistance for non-life-threatening circumstances. Examples of boat assists include engine or propulsion failure, vessels that have run aground, or minor mechanical service help.
	Person Assist	Person Assist: A person or persons in need of assistance for non-life-threatening circumstances. Examples may include resident requests for information or directions, or helping rafters and swimmers back to shore.
	Citations/Notice of Infractions (NOI)	Citations/Notice of Infractions (NOI): Citations and Notice of Infractions (NOIs) (traffic or civil law) are written documents that give people notice that they have committed a violation of the law. Notices of Infractions (NOIs) are used for violations of civil or non-criminal traffic law. Citations cover criminal misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor offenses. Citations may also be submitted directly to the courts to initiate legal proceedings against those suspected of committing an illegal act.
	Educational/Community Events	Educational/Community Events: Water safety education for local schools & groups. Examples include classroom presentations, education dives at the parks, and attendance at community events.
	Hazard removal	Hazard removal: Removal of debris that may constitute a danger to the boating community.
	Fatality	Fatality: Water-based death.
	Oil Spill Investigation	Oil Spill Investigation: The investigation of a reported, suspected, or active spill of oil into a body of water.
	Boating Under Influence (BUI)	Boating Under Influence (BUI): Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
	Overloading	Overloading: Operating a vessel over the authorized weight capacity.
	Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Use	Personal Flotation Device (PFD) Use: Failure to have the required number of PFDs on a vessel available for use or, when required, failure to wear them.
	Registration Violations	Registration Violations: Any violation dealing with vessel registration requirements.
	Speeding	Speeding: Operating a vessel over the legal speed limit.
	Water Skiing Violation	Water Skiing Violation: Violation of Washington State laws regulating water skiing.
Swim Violation	Swim Violation: Swimming in violation of State or local laws. Examples include swimming in a designated "no swimming" area or swimming too far from shore.	