

STOCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL ORDER

DEATH OR DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSON WHILE BOATING  
SUBJECT

DATE: March 1, 2005

NO: R-3

FROM: CHIEF ERIC JONES

TO: ALL PERSONNEL

INDEX: **Boating Accident resulting  
in Death or Disappearance**

**Accident Resulting in Death  
or Disappearance While Boating**

**Death While Boating**

**I. POLICY**

A. Sworn personnel receiving an initial report of a casualty involving the death or disappearance of a person as the result of a boating accident within the City limits shall notify the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development of the incident by Teletype.

**II. LAW**

A. California Administrative Code, Title 14-6503. Peace officer reports to department. Pursuant to Section 656(c) of the Harbors and Navigation Code, a peace officer or harbor police officer, upon receiving an initial report of a casualty involving the death or disappearance of a person as a result of a boating occurrence, shall immediately forward such report, by quickest means available, to the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development in Sacramento.

**III. PROCEDURE**

A. It is the duty of the investigating officer taking the report to complete an Significant Incident Report (S.I.R.) and a Teletype request form with all pertinent information. Address the Teletype to California Department of Justice, Sacramento, and the Teletype Code SPS. The message itself will be addressed "ATTENTION: Department of Navigation and Ocean Development." (Headquarters personnel will be responsible for sending it.).

B. Arrangements have been made with the California Department of Justice, Sacramento, to submit these reports via CLETS. Procedures shall be as outlined in California Law Enforcement Telecommunications: System User Manual Message Formats, page 2.2-1, September 10, 1970. Please send all messages to the attention of the Department of Navigation and Ocean Development.

1. The initial report should contain the following information:

- a. The date, time, and exact location of occurrence.
- b. The name of each person who died or disappeared.
- c. The registration number, or name of the vessel if documented.
- d. The names and addresses of the owner and operator.
- e. A brief summary of the circumstances.