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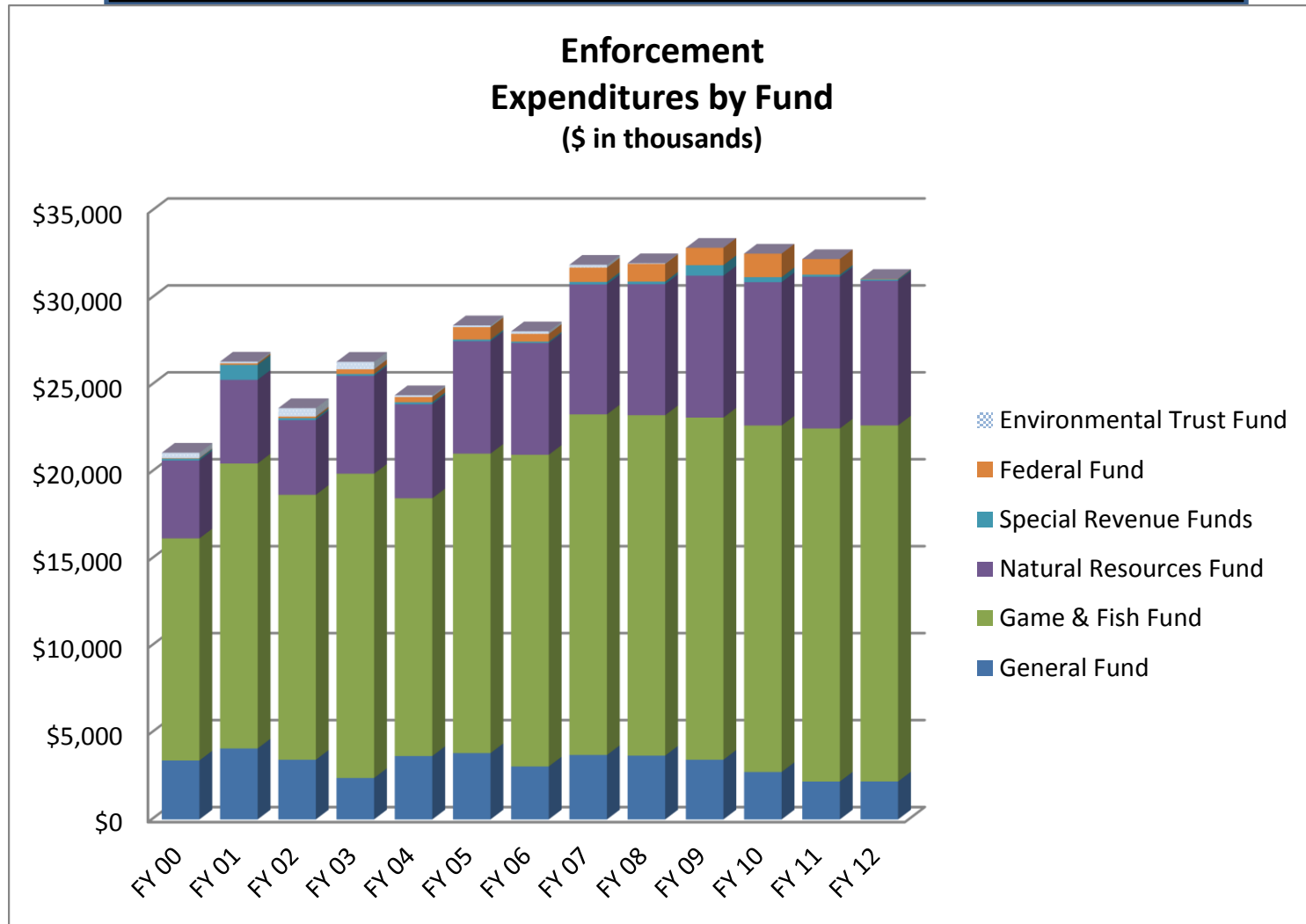




## Division of Enforcement

- Ensures public safety and compliance with laws regarding state game and fish; land and water based motorized and non-motorized recreational activities; natural resource commercial operations; and environmental protection.
- Provides conservation and safety education programs.
- Supports the overall effectiveness of the department's management goals by ensuring the fair and safe use of the state's resources through quality law enforcement.

# Division of Enforcement: History of Expenditures



- Majority of budget dependent on dedicated funds, which directs activities
- General Fund supports public safety and environmental protection activities

# Division of Enforcement: Program Budget and Strategic Objectives

**Strategic Objective 1:**  
Environmental Protection

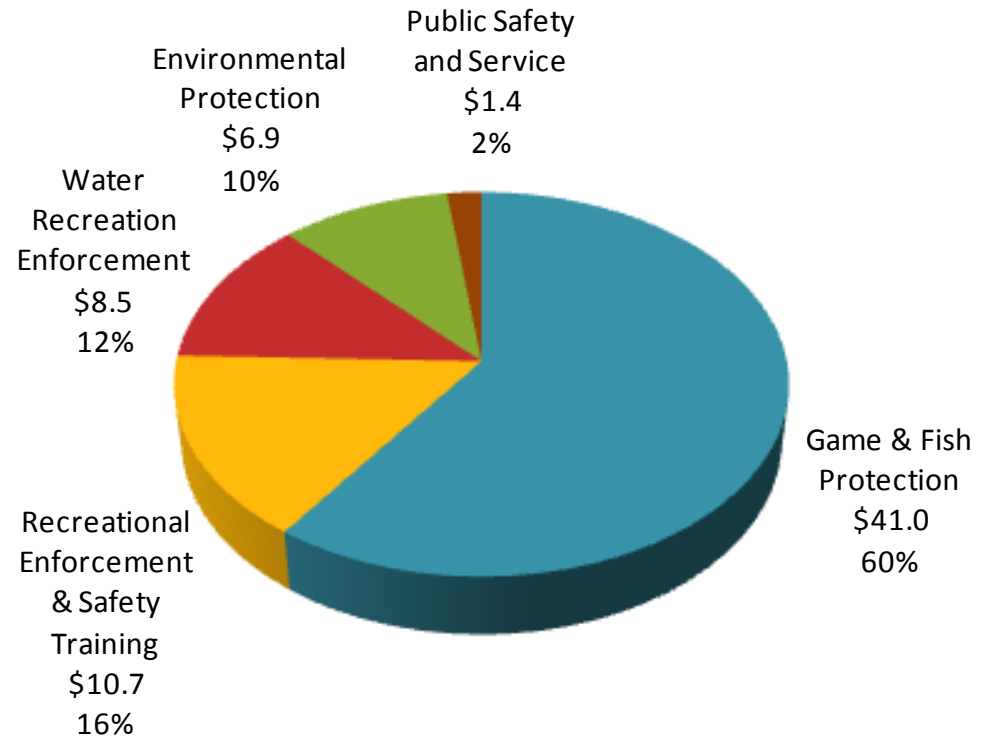
**Strategic Objective 2:**  
Fisheries and Game Protection

**Strategic Objective 3:**  
Recreational Enforcement and  
Safety Training and Education

**Strategic Objective 4:**  
Public Safety and Service

**Strategic Objective 5:**  
Water Recreation Enforcement

**FY2012-13 Enforcement  
Program Breakdown by Activity  
\$68.5 Million**



# Division of Enforcement:

## Strategic Objective 1. Environmental Protection

**Public Result:** A clean, healthy environment with sustainable uses of natural resources.

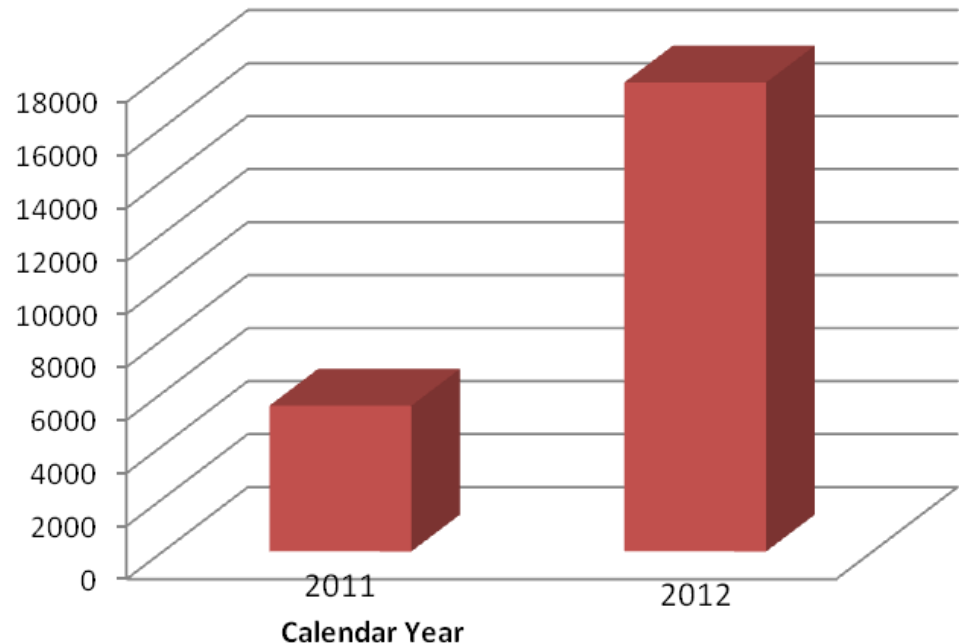
**DNR Performance Measure:** Number of boats/ trailers inspected and violation rates observation

**Why is this important?** Enforcement activity is geared towards compliance to help control the spread of AIS. Enforcement is a primary motivator to changing behavior. Slowing the spread of AIS will preserve current recreational value of the lakes and waterways until more permanent eradication and control methods can be developed.

**How are we doing?** DNR increased enforcement efforts from 5,500 boats/trailers inspected in 2011 to 17,700 in 2012, with violation rate reduction from 18% in 2011 to 14% in 2012. New legislation also allowed for mandatory check stations to increase scope of inspections.

**What is needed to make progress?** Continued investment in enforcement, compliance, and education is needed to address this challenge.

# of boats/trailers inspected



# Division of Enforcement:

## Strategic Objective 2. Fisheries and Game Protection

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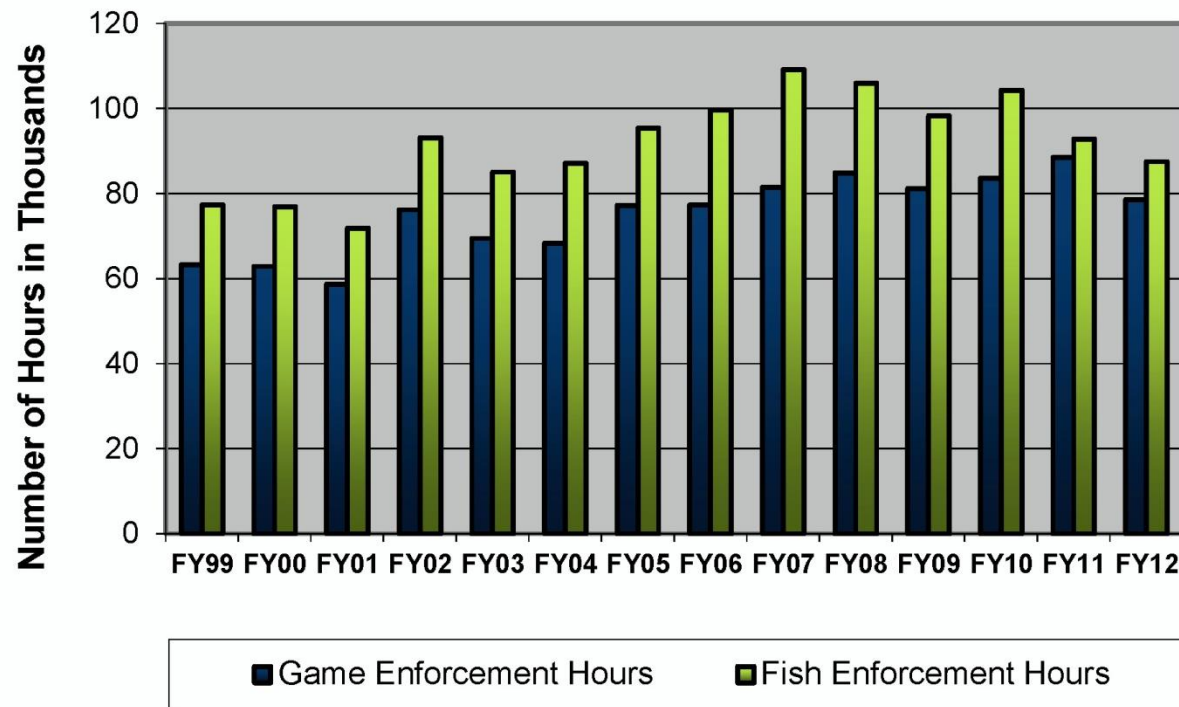
**DNR Performance Measure:**  
Number of game and fish law enforcement hours

**Why is this important?** Without adequate enforcement, violations can result in significant impacts to limited fish and game resources.

**How are we doing?** DNR has maintained the current level of hours devoted to fish and game enforcement.

**What is needed to make progress?** A records management system will enable DNR to collect adequate data to determine meaningful violations rates for the various enforcement efforts related to fish and game.

**Number of Law Enforcement Hours by Activity**





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## Strategic Objective 3. Recreational Enforcement & Safety Training & Education

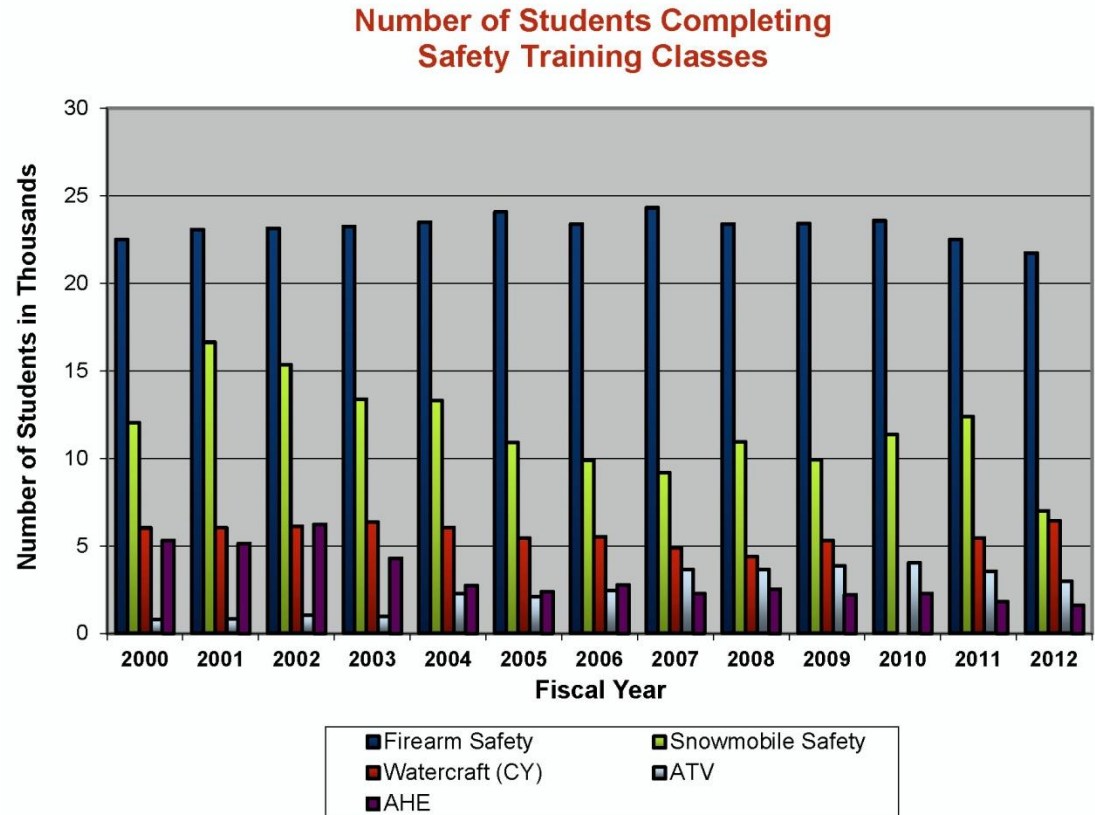
**Public Result:** People in Minnesota are safe.

**DNR Performance Measure:** Number of students completing safety training classes

**Why is this important?** DNR encourages safe and responsible recreation by providing education and safety training and law enforcement. The safe and responsible use of motorized recreational vehicles protects life and property and ensures natural resources are protected.

**How are we doing?** Current fatal accident rates for all categories are below the national average.

**What is needed to make progress?** Additional monitoring and enforcement would reduce accident rates and impacts to environmentally sensitive habitat.



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## Strategic Objective 4. Public Safety and Service

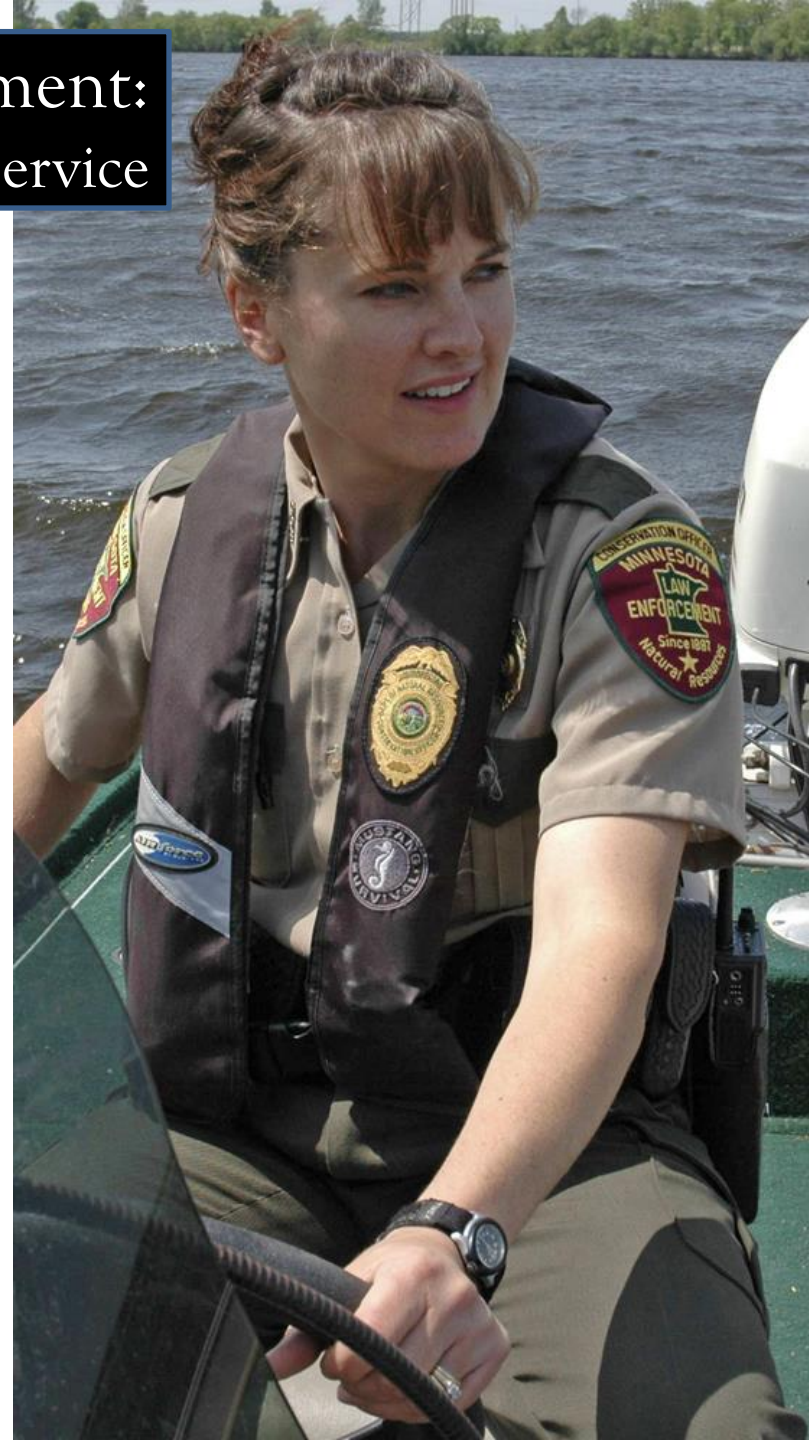
**Public Result:** People in Minnesota are safe.

**DNR Performance Measure:** Ability to respond to requests for assistance in times of natural disaster, search and rescue, and civil unrest, as well as respond to requests from other agencies.

**Why is this important?** The health and welfare of citizens in their time of need is our highest priority. Local agencies do not have the personnel or specialized equipment and training required to respond in times of need.

**How are we doing?** Enforcement has been able to respond to requests for assistance. However, due to the nature of dedicated funding restrictions, when significant incidents occur, DNR is forced to reduce enforcement efforts in other environmental activities.

**What is needed to make progress?** The ability to maintain environmental enforcement activities even in years of higher than usual natural disasters.





# Division of Enforcement:

## Strategic Objective 5. Water Recreation Enforcement

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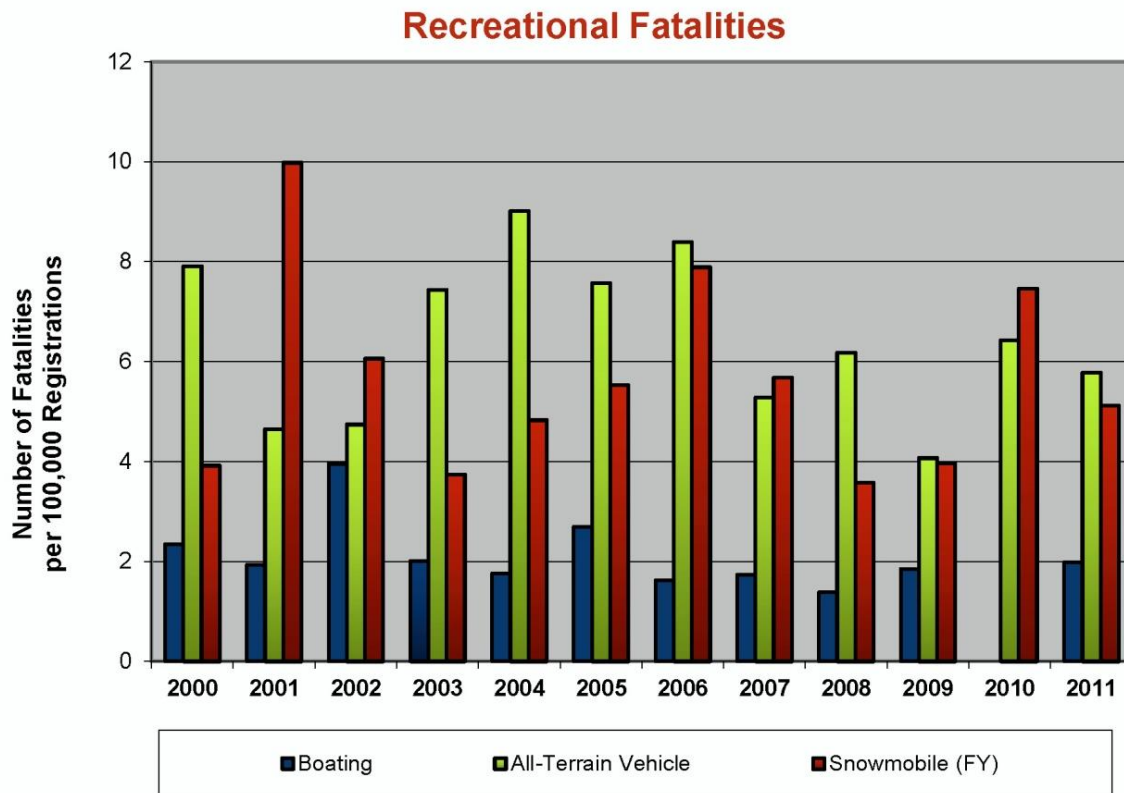
**DNR Performance Measure:**

Number of boating fatalities per 100,000 registrations.

**Why is this important?** With the highest per capita boat ownership in the nation, citizens deserve the ability to enjoy recreation with low levels of risks.

**How are we doing?** Minnesota consistently has a significantly lower fatal accident rate than the national average. The past several years have seen some of the lowest rates on record. We have also kept non-fatal accidents at under 100 total for the past several years.

**What is needed to make progress?** Continued investment in water recreation enforcement and boat and water safety.

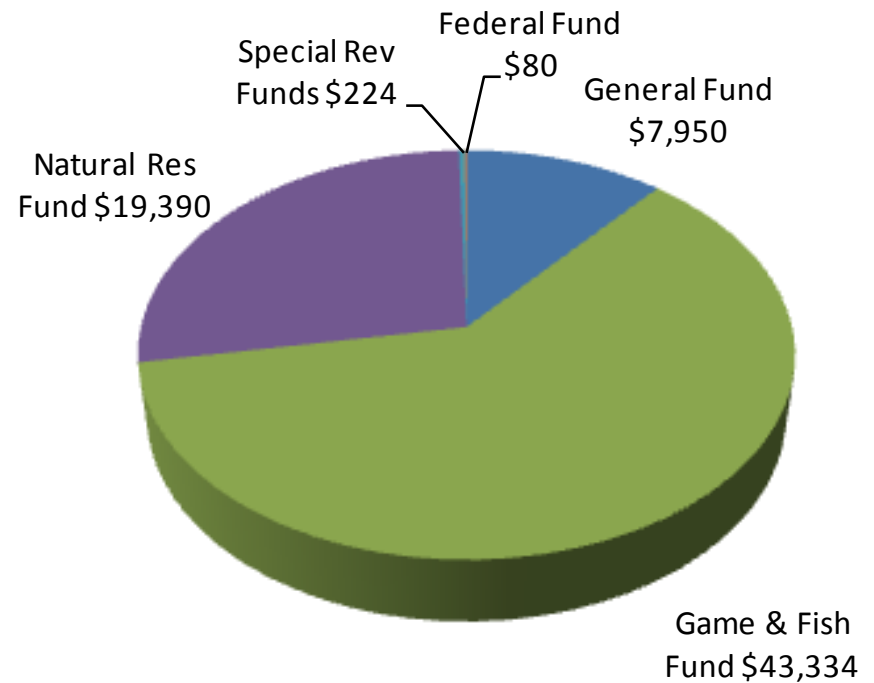


# Division of Enforcement: FY14-15 Budget Overview by Fund

## FY2014-15 Governor's Recommendation Enforcement \$71.0 Million

FY14-15 budget includes:

- \$1.9 million increase (Game and Fish Fund)
- \$1.2 million increase (General Fund) for aquatic invasive species enforcement



# Change Item: Conservation Officer Pre-employment Education Program

\$250,000 FY14/\$250,000 FY15

(Game and Fish Fund; Natural Resources Fund)

**Description:** This is a low-cost, innovative approach to diversify the conservation officer workforce to better reflect changing demographics.

- Recruit and hire diverse mix of highly qualified candidates who hold 4-yr degrees in fields other than enforcement
- Provide law enforcement training through state community college system and a living wage during training

## **Outcomes:**

- More trained COs and more diverse CO workforce
- Six CO PREP candidates trained per year





# Division of Enforcement



Performance Measure	Target	Outcome
AIS Violation Rates	Less than 10%	14%
Number of hours devoted to Fisheries Enforcement	85,000 hours	87,500
Number of hours devoted to Wildlife Enforcement	70,000 hours	78,600
Fatal Accident Rates	Maintain current rates below national averages: ATV = <8.38/100,000 registrations Snowmobile = <5.00/100,000 registrations Boat = < 2.00/100K boat registrations	5.85/100K 2.73/100K 1.98/100K
Non-fatal Accident Totals	< 100	67
Number of hours devoted to Public Safety	6,500	17,450*
Percentage of protected class candidates in the workforce	18%	14%

(\* includes response to Federal fire requests)