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Conservation Law Enforcement Program Standardization



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Goal

- The ultimate goal of standardization is to develop a safe and effective program that is recognized within the USAF, DoD, and by other Federal and state law enforcement agencies, and the general public





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Objectives

- **Enhance Enforcement of Environmental Laws/Regs**
- **Enhance Force Protection Capabilities**
 - **Directly and indirectly support SF and OSI**
- **Improve Program Effectiveness**
 - **“One look..one feel”**
 - **Increase law enforcement authorities and powers**
- **Improve Safety and Reduce Liability**
 - **Implement Federal Training Standards**
 - **Ensure the right people are doing the job**
 - **Improve recognition among Federal and state agencies, and the public**





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Scope

- **USAF is addressing the full spectrum of law enforcement program areas**
 - **Training**
 - **Qualifications**
 - **Credentials**
 - **Physical Fitness**
 - **Firearms and ammunition**
 - **Vehicles and equipment**
 - **Uniform and soft equipment**
 - **Use of Force**
 - **Non-lethal Weapons**
 - **Operations**
 - **Record-keeping and Reporting**
 - **Evaluations/ESOH CAMP**





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Way Ahead

■ FLETC Partner Organization

- USAF and USMC jointly pursuing PO status for NRPT
- ~\$140K Annually
 - Funding covers lodging, meals, and training costs
 - USAF/USMC project 20 students annually
 - 2 Detailed or FLETC Instructors
 - Partner Organization costs rotated annually between Air Force and Marine Corps





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Way Ahead

- **Obtain FLETC/NRPT for designated Conservation Officers or Criminal Investigator Training Program (CITP) for Special Agents**
 - **MAJCOM's centrally budget for projected students**
 - **MIPR funds to FLETC upon completion of training**
 - **Interim Training Coordinator: Jim Mercier, Vandenberg AFB**





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Way Ahead

- **FLETC/NRPT Projections**
 - **Build a database of all Conservation Officers**
 - **Develop annual training projections**
 - **Submit personnel info to Training Coordinator**
 - **Submit list of NRPT-trained personnel to USFWS**





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Way Ahead

- **FLETC Advanced Training**
 - Supervisor Training, ARPA, ESA, MBTA, MMPA, etc.
 - Units fund travel and tuition
 - Space-A until PO status approved





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Way Ahead

■ CLEP Credentials

- Issue USAF Conservation Law Enforcement Badge to designated Conservation Officers
- Issue MAJCOM ID cards
 - Limited duty ID cards issued until FLETC/NRPT or CITP is completed

BADGE NUMBER: CLEP-0XX NAME: John Q. Public SSAN: XX-XXX-XXXX RANK: HEIGHT: EYES: HAIR: DOB: WEIGHT:	 	 picture  Conservation Officer
 Command Natural Resources Manager		

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE Conservation Law Enforcement	
	
This is to Certify That John Q. Public	
whose identification and photograph appear opposite is a sworn member of the USAF Conservation Law Enforcement Program and is hereby delegated powers and authorities in accordance with the 16 U.S.C. 670(a), and the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). He/She is authorized to bear firearms and access all areas and enter any facility in the performance of official duties. Possession by another person is prohibited (18 U.S.C. 499, 506, 701). If found, return to the nearest DoD installation.	





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- **Draft USAF/USFWS Law Enforcement MOU**
 - **Delegation of certain USFWS authority and powers**
 - **Lacey Act and Lacey Act Amendments of 1981**
(18 U.S.C. 42, 16 U.S.C. 3371-3378)
 - **Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712)**
 - **Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979**
(16 U.S.C. 470aa-mm)
 - **Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544)**
 - **Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1384)**
 - **Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act**
(16 U.S.C. 718-718k)
 - **Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act**
(16 U.S.C. 668-668d)
 - **Airborne Hunting Act (16 U.S.C. 742j-l)**
 - **National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act**
(16 U.S.C. 668dd)





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Way Ahead

■ **Draft USAF/USFWS Law Enforcement MOU**

■ **Requirements**

- **FLETC/NRPT for all Conservation Officers**
- **One year of OJT**
- **Follow USFWS Use of Force policy**
- **Work under supervision of USFWS for off-installation issues**
- **Develop local LE agreements with USFWS state offices**





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Way Ahead

■ **FY04 DoD Legacy Project**

■ **GOAL**

- **Standardize the Conservation Law Enforcement Program across DoD**

■ **Objectives**

- **Initiate Inter-Service discussions**
- **Develop a Strategic Plan for development of standards and subsequent implementation**
- **Develop appropriate DoD Policy Documents/Directives**
- **Initiate/facilitate Service-specific policies**





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Summary

- **Standardization is a comprehensive process**
- **Installations must provide sufficient personnel to manage and enforce environmental laws/regs**
 - **In-house and/or cooperative enforcement**
- **USAF will grandfather initially to ensure continuity**
- **Full cooperation between NR, SF, OSI, USFWS, NMFS, and state agencies is essential**
- **Training is paramount!!**



