

## **Applying Community Oriented Policing to the Conservation Law Enforcement Profession**

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Conservation law enforcement agencies are challenged by the fact that traditional constituents (people who hunt, fish and boat) are generally a declining segment of the population. Since Community Oriented Policing (COP) has proven effective, in part, at expanding public relationships, it was important to determine if COP principles could benefit the conservation law enforcement profession. This research examined officer knowledge of and attitudes about COP, the application of COP by other conservation law enforcement agencies around the nation, and methods of improving the application of COP to benefit officers, their agency, and the people they serve. The research showed that certain COP principles, properly applied, are critical to the well-being of conservation law enforcement agencies.