Boating Education
Statistics
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Officer Specialists Bryce Phillippi and Damon Pulaski recently taught boater safety to the Pasco County Sheriff’s Office Junior Explorer program. The children enjoyed learning about safe boating and will hopefully obtain boater education cards.

Brian Rehwinkel and Ivey Dockery of FWC’s Boating Safety Unit gave a presentation at a Boating Safety Instructor Workshop. The Boating Safety Unit provides training around the state to boating safety instructors from multiple organizations such as U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and America’s Boat Club (formerly U.S. Power Squadron).
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Top Ten Counties-Boating Safety Education Identification (I.D.) Cards Issued

- Duval: 1,320
- Brevard: 1,389
- Orange: 1,491
- Okaloosa: 1,521
- Lee: 1,545
- Pinellas: 2,034
- Broward: 2,216
- Hillsborough: 2,302
- Palm Beach: 2,593
- Miami-Dade: 3,671

*48,771 cards issued in calendar year 2018 (does not include temporary certificates)
3,581 cards were issued to out-of-state residents

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I.D. Card Distribution by Age

- 0-16: 8,144
- 17-21: 9,584
- 22-35: 15,442
- 36-50: 6,503
- 51 and up: 9,068
- No age info*:
  - Unknown 50 / Less than 1%
  - Male 35,440 / 73%
  - Female 13,281 / 27%

*48,771 new cards issued. An additional 973 cards issued as reprints for lost, damaged and change of information.
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Operators Involved in Accidents-Education/Age

Operators Involved in Fatal Accidents-Education/Age