

## **Fox Waterway Agency Safety Policy Statement – March 23, 2016**

Pursuant to its enabling statute, the Fox Waterway Agency adopted rules and programs to improve and maintain the Fox Waterway “*for the purposes of boating, sailing, canoeing, swimming, water skiing, rowing, iceboating, fishing, hunting and other recreational uses, to help prevent or control flooding of the waterway, to improve recreational uses of the waterway, to prevent pollution and otherwise improve the quality of the waterway, to promote tourism, and to create and administer a procedure for establishing restricted areas.*” These rules and programs are available at: [http://www.foxwaterway.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Master\\_Ordinance\\_Book\\_December\\_2015.pdf](http://www.foxwaterway.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Master_Ordinance_Book_December_2015.pdf). Illinois law does not require the Fox Waterway Agency to restrict boat sizes, enact speed limits, prohibit swimming in certain areas, or to adopt other such rules and programs that relate to safety. It is the position of the Fox Waterway Agency Board that issues related to safety are more appropriately addressed by financially capable law enforcement agencies with arrest powers, including the U.S. Coast Guard, Illinois Department of Conservation police, and the McHenry and Lake County Sheriff’s police. Concerns or suggestions related to safety should be directed one of these agencies:

<b><u>U.S. Coast Guard</u></b>	<b>800-336-2628</b>
<b><u>IDNR – Conservation Police</u></b>	<b>847-608-3100</b>
<b><u>McHenry County Sheriff</u></b>	<b>Marine Base: 815-385-3239</b> <b>Main Office: 815-338-2144</b>
<b><u>Lake County Sheriff</u></b>	<b>Marine Base: 847-587-4470</b> <b>Main Office: 847-549-5200</b>