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John,
As you know we have begun our scheduled deliveries of the BCM for the state police swat team, in furtherance of our cooperative endeavor to create the Louisiana Maritime Special Response Team. From the very beginning of this partnership, I have always believed that in order for this initiative to be achieved in the safest and most effective way, we each must be trained in each other's area of expertise. Wildlife agents must be trained in SWAT tactics and troopers must be trained boat operations and seamanship.

I also believe that this is important throughout our maritime domain with all our marine law enforcement and 1st responders. The foundation that the BOAT program provides is the minimum standard needed for marine law enforcement and 1st responders to provide safety and security, to be true force multipliers. This foundation can be built on with additional training and experience throughout their careers.

The ability to provide this certified program at our own facilities with our NASBLA instructors is not only convenient, but will surely provide us with a better chance at a 100% transition to the program. Additionally, it allows us to work with NASBLA to make the training more available to our partners on the water here in LA. It is clear that even though this program that is certified and recognized is more available than any other, there are some who cannot come up with the money, facilities or the people to host a class. I believe that our partnership will work to make the program even more available to marine LE and 1st responders in LA and in time become the accepted standard for LA, the BOAT standard.

Thank you,

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