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## Press Release

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### SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES NEW RIVER BOAT

Columbia County- Sheriff David P. Bartlett announces that the Sheriff's Office has received a new 2014 Boston Whaler, 24ft patrol vessel. This vessel which is valued at \$125,000.00 was financed by the US Coast Guard Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund for improving recreational boating safety on the waterways in Columbia County. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office was one of six law enforcement agencies to receive one of these patrol boats. This partnering with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation afforded the Sheriff's Office the opportunity to use this vessel at no cost to the taxpayers of Columbia County.

"Having a vessel like this will help ensure that members of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Marine Unit are able to keep up with the increasing demands for patrolling our waterways. The vessel will ensure that our Deputy Sheriffs' are safe while assisting the boating community. I would also like to thank the United States Coast Guard and the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for assistance in obtaining this vessel, the inter-agency cooperation between the three agencies has been outstanding", stated Sheriff Bartlett.

The Columbia County Sheriff's Office currently have in their fleet: 2006 HydraSport 23ft boat, 1997McKee Craft 19ft boat, 2010 Zodiac 14ft rescue inflatable boat and a 2007 Jet Ski. The Marine Unit currently covers approximately 30 miles of the Hudson River as well as Kinderhook Lake, Queechy Lake and Copake Lake.