Sheriff’s Rescue Boat Facility at Vantage

**Location:**
This project is located at Vantage, near the Columbia River off Boat Ramp Road. The site is on county-owned property.

**Project Description:**
For this project, Public Works designed and built a new facility to house the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Vantage area river rescue boats for Columbia River work. Public Works also provided contract and construction management services. The building is 1,024 square feet and 14 feet high with 2 overhead doors.

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Funding:
Funds from the County Sheriff’s Department were used to pay for this project.

Schedule:
The low bid for $46,915.00 from Steel Structures of America was accepted on April 15, 2014. The project is complete.

Site Grading
Trusses and Girts on 6-18-2014

Siding and Concrete Slab Installed
Why does the Sheriff’s Department need a boat storage facility at Vantage? Here is the answer:

**From the Kittitas County Sheriff Department website at:**
http://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/sheriff/marine.aspx

“The Sheriff’s Office has 4 boats, specifically designed to meet the demands of the water classification and intended service. We have a 20 foot class I patrol boat used for Patrol and Rescue on the Columbia River and the larger lakes in the upper county. We have an 18 foot rescue jet boat used for patrol and rescue on the small lakes and rivers. It is also used to support diving operations. We have an 18 foot flat bottom jet sled with an outboard jet used primarily on the Yakima River for rescues.

We also have a 12 foot inflatable jet boat which is staged in the upper county. This boat is used for rescue on the smaller lakes, ponds and sections of river in the upper county where the larger boat cannot operate.

On major holidays, we provide a multi-agency enforcement presence on the water with the Grant County Sheriff's office and the Coast Guard where we strictly enforce those laws relating to safety, such as negligent operation, boating under the Influence and not having the required safety equipment such as ski flags and life jackets.

The Sheriff's Office currently has 15 deputies who are cross-trained as Marine Patrol Officers and Boat Operators. Eight of these Deputies are also cross trained in Swift-Water Rescue. They specialize in responding to all of the incidents involving our moving water such as rafters caught in log jams, spillways and siphons.

We have four Deputies trained In Public Safety Diving. They are called upon to recover the bodies of drowning victims, investigate water related deaths and to recover vehicles, stolen property and other items beneath the surface.”
Stephen Mutch is transported by members of the Kittitas County Sheriff’s Office swiftwater rescue team to the Irene Rinehart boat launch Friday, Jun 15, 2012. (Brian Myrick / Daily Record)