

Law Enforcement Division
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DISTRICT 1

COs Jason Wicklund and Ryan Aho assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) with a vehicle that went through the ice in Iron County. The individuals were able to free themselves from the vehicle by breaking out a window and swimming to safety where a passerby brought them home. The COs and troopers interviewed the driver and passenger and learned that they were out on the lake joyriding and drinking beer before the vehicle went through the ice. The driver, who was driving on a suspended license, had also failed to immediately notify law enforcement of the accident.

COs Jason Wicklund and Doug Hermanson conducted a late night snowmobile patrol in Ontonagon County. With subzero temperatures in the area, snowmobile activity was very slow. The COs did manage to stop a few local snowmobilers who attempted to flee from them. Several violations were addressed including no trail permits, operating on the roadway, and failing to stop for a police officer.

CO Ryan Aho responded to the complaint of a dog that was caught in a trap on private property. The dog owner was able to free the dog from the trap, and directed CO Aho into where the illegal trap was set. Along with the illegal 330 body gripping trap that caught the dog, numerous illegal snares were found. Investigation led to the owner of the traps and a confession to the illegal sets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon observed an ORV operator operating recklessly on an area lake. The subject was stopped after spinning doughnuts on an ice skating rink with a passenger on the back of the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman checked four anglers on Deer Lake in Ishpeming. The subjects were using tip-ups and jig poles with minnows. The lake is a catch and release only with no live bait allowed. A check of fishing licenses found one of the subjects fishing without a Michigan fishing license. The subject attempted to use his Canadian fishing license and was ticketed. Verbal warnings were given for the illegal bait.

CO Mark Leadman was parked in a residential neighborhood in Negaunee waiting to meet a homeowner. CO Leadman heard a loud snowmobile start up and accelerate down an adjacent road. The snowmobile appeared around the corner with two male occupants who weren't wearing helmets and who were dressed in t-shirts and blue jeans. The operator saw the patrol vehicle and quickly returned back to the residence it came from. The CO pulled in directly behind the snowmobile as the two occupants were sprinting into the residence. A couple loud blasts on the air horn got the two subjects to return to Officer Leadman. The operator was ticketed for operating without a helmet.

CO Brian Bacon located an illegal trap line in Dickinson County. A check of the traps revealed evidence of a fresh take from one of the traps. With the assistance of Sgt. Marc Pomroy and CO Jason Wicklund, a suspect was developed and interviews were conducted. The investigation led to the taking of a fisher out of season from the illegal traps. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

District 2 COs conducted group patrols during the I-500 Snowmobile Race in Sault Ste. Marie. Several contacts and verbal warnings were issued along with 24 tickets for unregistered snowmobiles, no trail permits, no helmets and careless operation of snowmobiles. COs also assisted on a snowmobile accident in which a careless snowmobiler failed to stop at a road crossing and was struck by a car. The impact was hard enough to set off both the driver and passenger air bags in the car. The snowmobiler was very fortunate to walk away with only minor injuries.

Also during the event CO Jared Ferguson stopped a snowmobile that had a long ago expired registration and no trail permit. The driver quickly accelerated when CO Ferguson turned around on him, but he was quickly stopped by traffic at a nearby intersection. The driver became irate when he was ticketed instead of getting a warning and left the scene at a high rate of speed. Several minutes later he was still going at a high rate of speed when he blew through a stop sign at a busy intersection in front of CO Jerrold Fitzgibbon. He was stopped and ticketed for careless operation.

CO Derek Miller was conducting an ice fishing patrol when he contacted two subjects who complained that they hadn't caught a single fish. As the CO talked with the two unlucky anglers he observed snow that appeared to be moving. A closer look revealed several short northern pike. The CO asked again if they had caught anything and they assured him that they had not. CO Miller explained that it was unlikely that the pike made their way up through the ice on their own and he was on to them. They admitted keeping the short pike and were ticketed.

CO Mike Hammill encountered unattended fishing lines and after waiting approximately an hour the anglers showed up and it was discovered that they were also using too many lines. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jeff Panich observed a snowmobile without registration and no trail permit. As the CO attempted to make contact the subject fled at a high rate of speed. Certain of where the subject was headed, the CO went down a road to cut off the fleeing snowmobiler and stopped the subject as he was turning into his driveway. The subject was verbally abusive and told the CO that he had no jurisdiction because he made it home. CO Panich clarified that issue and took enforcement action.

CO Jeff Panich was patrolling the St. Ignace area and encountered a subject operating a snowmobile without a helmet or a trail permit. Upon contact the subject stated that he was from Mackinac Island and that he didn't need to follow those rules. CO Panich

explained the law and then issued a verbal warning for the helmet and a ticket for the trail permit. The subject became upset and was sure that people from Mackinac Island don't need to follow State regulations because they're on an Island.

COs in Delta County participated in a group patrol on Little Bay DeNoc over the weekend. Heavy fishing activity was found with very few violations. However, one subject was ticketed for unattended lines. The male subject was sleeping in his pickup truck with the engine idling. After several minutes, the COs were able to get him to wake up, then after some discussion, ticketed him for leaving his tip-ups unattended.

DISTRICT 3

Emmet County COs Carl VanderWall and Duane Budreau along with Sgt. Mike Borkovich conducted a special Sturgeon spearing patrol at Black Lake located in Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties. The Officers along with Fisheries personnel monitored fishing and safety activity during what turned out to be a one day event.

CO Duane Budreau worked northern Emmet County for fishing and snowmobile activity which has slowed down substantially due to bad ice and slush on many inland lakes. Snowmobile activity has shifted to roadways and trails, leading to several complaints of high speed operation on roadways and resulting in several tickets being issued for safety-related issues. Officer presence on trails and roadways has resulted in one of Michigan's safest snowmobile seasons in recent history so far this season.

Approximately 325 anglers participated in the winter sturgeon season on Black Lake. The sturgeon were active and a total harvest of eleven sturgeon were taken. COs patrolled the lake prior to and during the season, with minimal problems. When the seventh fish (this year's quota) was taken, COs notified the remaining anglers the season was over. The four additional fish either had already been taken, or were taken in the first few minutes it took to notify all the remaining anglers.

CO Matt Theunick reports four vehicles through the ice on area lakes in the last couple of weeks, including three trucks and a tractor. All vehicles have been recovered and removed.

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint regarding a sturgeon possibly taken prior to the season. CO Theunick walked half-way across Black Lake to the suspect shanty. He found a 48" muskie had been taken, and not a sturgeon.

When CO Kelly Ross and Sgt. Joe Molnar contacted an angler on Clear Lake, he informed the COs he was thinking about calling because he kept catching short trout and they were dying while he was trying to return them to the water. He also had three fish over a legal limit. A ticket was issued for his short trout.

DISTRICT 4

While on snowmobile patrol, CO Sean Kehoe witnessed a pickup truck/snowmobile accident. The operator of the snowmobile failed to stop before crossing a road and was struck by the truck. Fortunately the operator of the pickup swerved at the last moment dissipating the impact force. The operator of the snowmobile was thrown off the sled. Luckily no injuries to either parties but the snowmobile did sustain considerable damage. The operator of the snowmobile was ticketed for careless operation and CO Kehoe was commended on his response time.

District Four officers teamed with officers from the Wexford County Sheriff Department, U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and MSP to work a group snowmobile patrol over the weekend at the North American Snow Festival in and around Cadillac. In total the joint patrols resulted in 44 tickets/arrests and 88 verbal warnings. Tickets issued included registration and trail permit violations, fishing violations, alcohol violations, suspended licenses, careless operation and operate within 100' of open water. The officers responded to one complaint, two agency assists and policed one personal injury accident on the trail system.

While working the group patrol effort on Lake Cadillac, CO Steve Converse stopped a snowmobile improperly displaying the registration decal. The operator was confused and displayed indications of intoxication. CO Converse conducted field sobriety tests on the operator who failed them. The snowmobile operator was offered a breathalyzer test which he refused. Based on the poor performance during the field sobriety tests the snowmobile operator was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and was transported to the Wexford County Jail.

CO Sam Koscinski contacted a snowmobile and observed something unusual with how the trail permit was attached. Investigating, CO Koscinski noted that the trail permit was carefully placed on a piece of thin plastic and that thin plastic was then Velcro tapped to the windshield of the snowmobile. The operator was then able to move his trail permit from machine to machine as needed as it was not permanently affixed to the snowmobile. A ticket was issued and the permit seized.

CO Sam Koscinski was one of the first law enforcement officers on scene of a snowmobile personal injury accident involving an operator who went off the snowmobile trail and into a tree. The snowmobile was modified with a second throttle on the left side. The operator advised he had entered a corner too fast and went to apply the brakes and accidentally hit the secondary throttle instead. The snowmobile hit the tree at approximately 45 mph. Fortunately the operator sustained only minor injuries. CO Koscinski assisted with processing the scene and transporting the operator for medical attention.

CO Steve Converse was patrolling in Manistee County when he observed persons pulling a snowmobile from the river. After contacting the individuals, he found that one

of them had attempted to cross the river on the snowmobile. A ticket was issued for the illegal operation.

Sgt. Kevin Hackworth was patrolling in Lake County when he responded to an officer calling for assistance due to a foot chase. A MSP trooper had stopped a person for a traffic violation in a rural area. When the trooper returned to his patrol vehicle, the operator fled on foot. Sgt. Hackworth arrived and assisted with the apprehension of the subject. Approximately 2.5 pounds of marijuana was discovered in the vehicle.

CO Brian Brosky was investigating subjects who purchased too many deer licenses in Mason County. One of the subjects interviewed admitted to the taking of an overlimit of bucks. The subject was ticketed for the possession of an illegal deer.

COS Jeff Ginn and Mike Wells conducted a snowmobile patrol on Newaygo County's Hess Lake. The COs issued multiple tickets for registration and trail permit violations. The COs also reported that a plane with skis on its floats attempted to land on the lake and crashed due to the heavy snow and slush cover. Fortunately no one was injured in the accident.

COS Jeff Ginn and Troy VanGelderren conducted a deer processor inspection and observed a suspiciously tagged spike buck. Further investigation revealed the license was purchased after the taking of the deer and was shot by an individual who had never completed a hunter safety course. Tickets were issued for the violations and the deer was seized.

CO Jeff Ginn and Sgt. Mike Bomay observed suspicious vehicle tracks entering a section of Federal Land in Newaygo County. The COs followed the tracks to four subjects taking wood from Federal Land without a permit and operating a motor vehicle in a closed area. CO Ginn contacted a nearby USFS Officer who responded and issued a ticket for the timber theft.

CO Jeff Ginn stopped two juveniles operating snowmobiles with no helmets and no adult supervision. Both snowmobiles were being operated with expired registrations, no trail permits and neither youth had completed a snowmobile safety course. Tickets were issued to the youths parents.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to a complaint from the sheriff's department of a recreational trespass in progress. A coyote hunter exited his vehicle without hunter orange and an uncased rifle and pursued a coyote onto private property without permission. The subject shot at a coyote being pursued by hounds next to the landowner's barn, but missed as it ran into the barn. The subject followed the hounds and the coyote into the barn and shot at the animal again. He then grabbed the coyote and his hunting dogs and fled the scene. CO Ginn along with a local deputy located the trespasser a short distance from the complainant's residence. CO Ginn was able to obtain a confession to the violations and will be seeking arrest warrants.

CO Troy Mueller reported high snowmobile activity in and around Osceola trails and lakes due to the excellent snow conditions. CO Mueller reported making contact with nearly 500 snowmobiles throughout the weekend. The majority of the violations addressed were for registration and trail permit violations.

CO Brian Lebel reported that an individual who was charged with shooting multiple deer with a crossbow at night over a lighted bait pile during the closed season in the City of Big Rapids pled guilty and was ordered to pay \$6,000 in restitution and \$500 in fines.

DISTRICT 5

CO Matt Liestenfeltz assisted MSP in with a complaint regarding two dairy calves that were killed. CO Liestenfeltz determined that the tracks outside the pens were those of dogs. Officer Liestenfeltz began tracking the dogs in the snow and located them at a neighboring house a few miles away. One of the dogs was covered in blood and had an injured leg from the pens. The case is still under investigation.

COs Jon Warner and Bobbi Lively participated in a feeding flight in Oscoda County which revealed two feeding sites. CO Warner contacted subjects at both locations and enforcement action was taken.

COs John Huspen and Chris Bowen, along with snowmobile deputies from Crawford County, conducted a joint patrol on the trails in Crawford County. The patrol resulted in eight careless operation tickets to subjects who failed to stop at stop signs marking public highways, and one railroad trespass ticket.

COs Brian Olsen, Joel Lundberg, and Steve Lockwood conducted a group snowmobile patrol on state trails and encountered a subject on state land slow-rolling the two-tracks with a loaded .22 caliber rifle in his car, apparently road hunting for deer. The subject was a repeat offender with this being his third violation within the last two years for a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

COs Steve Lockwood, Jason McCullough, and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez, provided assistance to MSP in searching for a man who was last seen at the site of an automobile accident. The subject has now been missing for a week and has yet to be located.

CO Joel Lundberg, assisted by CO Steve Lockwood, arrested a snowmobile operator on the state trail system. The subject was operating an unregistered snowmobile with a suspended operator's license and a blood alcohol content over the legal limit. This is the third time the subject has been arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The subject was lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 6

CO Jeremy Payne was watching three anglers on Hall Lake and observed that they had 11 tip-ups and each also had a pole in hand. The CO then noticed that one of the tip-up flags popped up. The angler that checked it pulled up a northern pike that appeared to be short to the CO. One of the other anglers then yelled out and asked how big it was. The angler with the pike yelled back that it was 22 inches. The third angler then yelled that he better get it in the house. The angler then put the pike in a bag, got on his ORV and started heading for shore. The CO started running behind the houses and met the angler just before entering the residence. The pike was short and additional short pike were seized. The three out-of-state anglers were also issued tickets for fishing with too many lines, and not wearing helmets while operating ORVs.

CO Dan Lee, on ORV patrol, worked on the Shiawassee River and encountered numerous violations for unlicensed ORVs, equipment violations and 100 foot violations. CO Lee also observed an angler off by himself near the Spaulding Drain. A check of the subject produced short walleyes.

COs Dan Lee, Chad Foerster, Quincy Gowenlock, Ken Lowell, Jay Person, Larn Strawn, Jeremy Payne, PCO Mike Drexler and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly conducted a snowmobile group patrol in the middle of the Shiawassee State Game Area (SGA). The river system has extremely heavy snowmobile activity and many anglers have had to remove their shanties due to the extremely high speeds and violations of the 100 foot rule. Numerous complaints are received every year from anglers with safety concerns. The COs issued over 20 tickets.

While patrolling the Rush Lake SGA, CO Robert Hobkirk stopped four snowmobiles along Sand Road. The lead snowmobile was operated by the only adult in the group. After pointing out nine violations, CO Hobkirk issued a ticket to the adult for an unregistered snowmobile.

While patrolling Huron County on a snowmobile, CO Robert Hobkirk contacted a subject who was coyote hunting. While checking the subject's hunting license, he told CO Hobkirk that all of his firearms were cased and unloaded. As the subject showed CO Hobkirk that his shotgun was unloaded by opening the action, a shell was ejected and caught by the CO. The individual was issued a ticket for having a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

CO Nick Atkin was on patrol when he observed an ORV pulling a small trailer operating on a busy snow covered roadway. The CO stopped the operator who was not wearing a helmet and failed to have his ORV licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Seth Rhodea and Robert Hobkirk teamed up with local deputies to conduct a group patrol on the snowmobile trails in Sanilac County. During the patrol several tickets were issued for unregistered snowmobiles and no trail permits. Three tickets in particular were written to a group of snowmobilers who printed off fake registrations that

matched the colors of their machines. After closer inspections and interviews, the subjects admitted to the violation. Numerous warnings were also given during the patrol.

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a complaint of a hunter who shot a turkey while coyote hunting. A local deputy was patrolling in the area where the hunters were running their dogs when he witnessed one of the hunters shoot a turkey. He contacted the DNRE and CO Rhodea responded and interviewed several hunters about the incident. When the subject was contacted at his residence he admitted to shooting the turkey and was ticketed for taking a turkey out of season.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted a subject who was suspected of feeding deer in southern Huron County. Upon questioning the subject, he at first denied putting out any feed then admitted that he had put some feed out so he could get better pictures on his camera. A ticket was issued.

While off duty, CO Seth Rhodea was contacted by a MSP trooper who had responded to a residence and located three untagged deer hanging in a garage. Upon questioning the homeowners, they admitted to shooting the deer in November and December, but said they just didn't have time to tag the deer. Tickets were issued for failing to immediately validate and attach kill tags.

DISTRICT 7

COs Mike Mshar and Patrick McManus were conducting a snowmobile patrol in Allegan County when two machines fled from the COs at a high rate of speed. After several miles, the lead machine became stuck in a snow bank while attempting to turn around and evade CO Mshar. The driver was apprehended and ticketed for multiple violations including driving while suspended. CO McManus stopped the second machine on the roadway and found the operator was 11 years old, had no safety training course and was operating in excess of 70 mph. COs impounded the two unregistered machines.

COs Mike Mshar and Chuck Towns were conducting an ice fishing patrol in Allegan County when they observed a subject operating double on an ORV and carrying a child in the cargo basket. The driver was ticketed for violations and removed from the roadway.

COs BJ Goulette and Ivan Perez were conducting an ice fishing patrol in Ottawa County when they contacted two subjects who were ice fishing and had several pike and two largemouth bass lying on the ice. When questioned, one angler claimed a bass was hooked too deeply to release and the second angler advised he kept his bass because he saw one lying on the ice and figured it was okay. Each fish was nearly five pounds and each angler was ticketed for possession during the closed season.

CO Ken Cerny was on patrol when he observed a number of unregistered snowmobiles being operated on a local lake. Contact with the operators led CO Cerny to a local

dealership, which had brought the snowmobiles to the lake and were allowing them to be operated without registrations.

The blizzard that dumped over a foot of snow on the area led to a big increase in snowmobile trail use on area trails. Sgt. Zach Doss and CO Andy Bauer conducted a snowmobile patrol on a local trail and contacted well over a hundred snowmobiles. Tickets were issued for trail permit and registration violations as well as over a dozen warnings for various other violations.

CO Cary Foster responded to illegal snowmobile activity on railroad property along the Grand River. Trespass issues were discussed with four operators. A warning was given for no trail permit to one of the operators and a ticket was issued for having an unregistered snowmobile.

CO Cary Foster contacted a family fishing on a local inland lake where none of the subjects had fishing licenses. One ticket was issued for the violation along with two warnings to the other family members.

CO Chris Holmes received several complaints of high levels of illegal snowmobile activity in Kalamazoo County. One operator was contacted driving an unregistered snowmobile, on a public roadway, without a helmet or trail permit and suspended drivers license. In another contact a subject was operating an unregistered snowmobile on a roadway and without a trail permit.

CO Chris Holmes contacted a subject sitting in a vehicle that was stuck in the ditch on a busy roadway. Upon contacting the subject CO Holmes observed the driver in possession of an open can of beer. The subject was also highly intoxicated. The subject made an illegal turn and became stuck on the shoulder of the road.

CO Chris Holmes reported several tickets were issued for possession of fish from a catch and release only lake and fishing without licenses. CO Holmes and CO Goss have been working a lake in Calhoun County with many fishing violations found. Action has been taken and the violations have seemed to be decreasing due to the increased enforcement presence.

DISTRICT 8

CO Rich Nickols checked a subject who was ice fishing without a license. The subject stated that he had never been fishing but received the equipment as a Christmas present, therefore neglected to purchase a fishing license. The subject was wanted on a felony and a misdemeanor warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince contacted a subject ice fishing who hid his catch of northern pike under a snow pile. The reason the fish were hidden was because they were undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

Michigan State Police troopers contacted COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy to assist with the apprehension of a subject operating an ORV illegally. The troopers attempted to stop the ORV operator as he was operating in a reckless manner on the roadway. The operator was not wearing a helmet, the ORV was not registered, and the operator struck the troopers' vehicle during the pursuit. COs Prince and Purdy located the subject at a nearby residence and took him into custody without incident.

CO Pete Purdy investigated an angler harassment complaint where an individual was telling anglers they were not welcome to fish on the public body of water. The subject was telling the anglers he was going to confiscate their equipment if they didn't leave. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a group patrol with COs Dan Prince and Dan Bigger, CO Rich Nickols located what appeared to be a burnt marijuana cigarette. CO Nickols' investigation led him to a snowmobiler who was wanted on two misdemeanor warrants and was operating the snowmobile without a license. The subject stated that he has been wanted on the warrants for 13 years but was able to elude the police during that time. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking ice anglers, CO Shane Webster asked one subject for his fishing license and was given a small game license instead. The subject tried to pass his small game license off as a fishing license. CO Webster's investigation revealed that the subject had not purchased a fishing license in many years. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster, Damon Owens, Jason J. Smith and Todd Thorn worked a local ice festival and observed numerous violations. Those violations included fishing violations, snowmobile, and ORV violations. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Brad Brewer assisted local deputies with an animal cruelty investigation. The officers removed numerous domestic animals, seven opossums, five raccoons, one woodchuck, and one squirrel from the residence. The homeowner had taken the game animals illegally from the wild. The investigation continues.

CO Brad Brewer observed a subject operating an unregistered snowmobile on a local lake while not wearing a helmet. The subject was observed loading ice fishing equipment and fish into a vehicle at an access site. When contacted by CO Brewer, the subject stated that he wasn't fishing but merely picking up abandoned fishing equipment and fish from the ice. When CO Brewer explained that he needed a fishing license to merely possess fish the subject confessed to fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a local tip-up festival, CO Brad Brewer observed four subjects fishing. Upon seeing the CO, two of the subjects picked up their equipment and headed for shore, where CO Brewer located the subjects hiding behind a cabin. The subjects were

trying to hide from the CO as they were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rick Villerot, Jason Smith, Kyle Bader, Todd Thorn, and Sgt. Joe Kellam work a group patrol at the annual Devils Lake Festival. The COs assisted at a personal injury snowmobile accident where the subject was operating at speeds in excess of 110 mph when he hit a snow bank and was ejected from the machine, landing 88 feet away. The subject could not be airlifted to the hospital due to inclement weather so the COs assisted the ambulance crew. The operator of the snowmobile was responsive but suffered from a broken pelvis, internal injuries, and possible paralysis.

DISTRICT 9

CO Linda Scheidler responded to a call of a possible snowmobile accident. The complainant observed the subject driving the snowmobile through a wooded area, and a few minutes later, saw the operator on the ground with his helmet off. The subject was extremely intoxicated and was in possession of illegal drugs. He also had a suspended driver's license. The subject refused to submit to any testing and a search warrant was obtained for a blood draw. The subject was treated at a local hospital before being lodged in the Genesee County jail. A warrant is being sought for the violations.

While patrolling on Lake St. Clair, CO Ben Lasher stopped a subject operating an unregistered snowmobile that also did not have a valid trail permit. The subject had a warrant for driving on a suspended license and CO Lasher took \$600 in bond from him. Enforcement action was taken for the observed violations.

CO John Borkovich responded to a call of three lost hunters in the Port Huron SGA. The subjects were rabbit hunting and got turned around in the high banks near the Black River. Fire department personnel, a local deputy, and CO Borkovich found the hunters just before dark two miles from the nearest road. The rescuers were able to get the hunters out to an ambulance. Medical personnel treated the hunters for mild hypothermia and dehydration.

COs Mark Papineau, Linda Scheidler, Ben Lasher, John Borkovich, Al Schwiderson, Ken Kovach, and Brandon Kieft, along with Sgt. Tom Wanless and Lt. David Malloch conducted a group patrol on Lobdell Lake in southern Genesee County. Lake residents and others gathered on the lake for an annual chili cook-off. Well over 400 participants attended the event. The COs made multiple contacts and gave numerous warnings for various violations, mostly snowmobile and ORV related. Sixteen tickets were issued.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a trespass complaint by coyote hunters in western Genesee County. The complainant confronted the trespasser and made him leave. The complainant did not want to prosecute for the trespassing; however, he did observe an uncased firearm in the truck and called to report it. CO Al Schwiderson and Sgt. Tom Wanless were on the east side on Genesee County and CO Linda Scheidler happened to be in northern Genesee County. All four COs responded to the area and

contacted several coyote hunters. All were in compliance when contacted. CO Papineau had received numerous complaints in the past on this group so he contacted the organizer of the group and talked to him about the ongoing complaints. The subject was willing to work with the CO to make sure his group is in compliance.

CO John Borkovich contacted a subject sitting on his snowmobile who appeared to be intoxicated. CO Borkovich assessed the subject's sobriety and determined that the subject's behavior was not due to alcohol. The CO gave the subject some gas so that he could get home. After dumping it into the gas tank, the subject started to blow into the gas tank. When the CO inquired, the subject stated that he had to blow into the tank, at times for several minutes, to build up pressure and get the gas into the gas line. CO Borkovich then realized that was why the subject was acting intoxicated. The CO made the subject stop, secured his snowmobile and transported the subject home.

DISTRICT 21

On February 3, 2011, while conducting Hazardous Waste Hauler Enforcement in New Buffalo, Detectives Jan Erlandson and Bill Ford responded to a hold up alarm at the Fifth/Third bank in New Buffalo. The Berrien Springs Sheriff's Department was grateful because they were low on personnel to respond to the alarm. The alarm was false.

Detective Verne Koester of the Environmental Investigation Section reports on the disposition of a fraud investigation where a Dearborn man plead guilty after committing fraudulent acts on two insurance agencies, three banks, one State regulatory agency, and ultimately, the State of Michigan. The fraud and deceit was carried out by a careful and planned juggling act of corporate names, bad checks, and both canceled and fraudulent insurance policies to satisfy the statutory requirement of maintaining pollution liability insurance for underground storage tanks, (UST) regulated by the Department. The statutorily mandated insurance protects the State from environmental and financial harm in the event that one or more of the USTs' leak, creating the need for an expensive environmental cleanup. The suspect plead guilty to six felony counts and three misdemeanor counts in a plea bargain. The suspect was sentenced on January 25, 2011, to 5 years probation, 200 hours of community service, \$35,000 in restitution to the Macomb County Lake River Fund, and \$3,838 in court costs.

Detective Angela Brown investigated a Livingston County resident for operating a septage waste hauling business without having renewed his state septage license. In an undercover operation, the company owner's nephew was observed pumping septic tanks at a Pinckney residence. Detective Brown was assisted by the Hamburg Township Police with a traffic stop; the driver was interviewed and released and the septage hauling truck was impounded by the Township. In addition a Deputy from the Livingston County Sheriff's Department issued citations for various motor carrier, equipment related violations. On February 1st, 2011, the company owner pled guilty to septage violations which were misdemeanor charges at the 53rd District Court in Brighton. Sentencing is scheduled for March 8, 2011.

Detective Angela Brown investigated a local oil well servicing company driver for the intentional discharge of a hazardous substance to an un-named stream located near 18900 Bull Run Road in Gregory, Livingston County, Michigan. Such violations are a felony. In June of 2010, the driver discharged 2,300 gallons of an oily waste water mixture to the stream instead of proper disposal into a brine disposal well. The company fired the driver & promptly assisted in cleanup efforts. On January 28, 2011, the defendant pled guilty to reduced misdemeanor charges. Sentencing is scheduled for March 10, 2011.