

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
6/7/15 – 6/20/15**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Brian Lasanen assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers in locating a subject who failed to stop for the officers. The felony flee and elude suspect was located in a residence and arrested without incident.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Shannon Kritz contacted two subjects on ORVs operating on a public road closed to ORV operation. One of the subjects was operating with a revoked operator's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dennis Gast contacted two subjects fishing a closed spawning enclosure near Prickett Dam Reservoir. The subjects did not have valid fishing licenses and also had felony warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dennis Gast made contact with approximately 25 watercrafts that were participating in the annual Rice Lake fishing tournament. CO Gast reported that overall marine safety compliance was satisfactory. CO Gast did contact two subjects who did not have personal flotation devices (PFDs) in their watercraft. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen contacted two subjects who were trolling with four lines out. The operator of the boat stated that he did not have a fishing license and was not fishing. The other subject in the boat was issued a ticket for fishing with more than three lines. After a marine inspection it was discovered that the owner of the boat did not have PFDs available on the boat and did not have a fire extinguisher. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ryan Aho and PCO Shannon Kritz contacted a subject trolling in a remote section of the Greenwood Reservoir. The subject was alone in his boat with four lines out. A check for DNR prior violations revealed that the subject was arrested for fishing with more than three lines in 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Grant Emery and PCO Chad Baldwin checked several anglers at McDonalds Dam in Gogebic County. While checking a boat with three anglers, the subjects stated they had a fishing basket full of bluegills. The driver of the boat quickly walked up the boat launch to his truck and avoided any conversation with the officers. Upon further investigation the officers located a second fishing basket that contained an undersized northern pike that was hidden behind some PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Grant Emery and PCO Chad Baldwin were assisting the local fire department with a house fire when a call came out that there was a fawn severely entangled in a chain link fence. The COs responded to the call where they located the fawn, which was surrounded by several adults and children. It was determined that when the fire trucks

from the house fire passed by with the sirens on, the fawn panicked and entrapped itself in the fence. The children were educated on the proper handling of the fawn and shown how to keep the fawn calm during the rescue. The fawn was then returned to a nearby wooded area to await the arrival of its mother.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch contacted a subject who was observed fishing on Bad Water Lake in Dickinson County. The officers made contact with the boat operator and asked the occupants how fishing was going. All but one subject produced a fishing license, with the one subject stating he was not fishing. The officers explained to him that they had observed him fishing, and fortunately for him he did not need a license due to the free fishing weekend.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch observed an angler fishing from the dock at an access site. As the officers approached, the subject began to walk away from the dock. When contacted, the subject stated he was not fishing, even with a pole and tackle in hand. The officers explained they had watched the subject fishing. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch were patrolling a state land road in Dickinson County when they observed a subject pass them at a high rate of speed in a careless manner. The officer turned around and proceeded to try and catch up to the vehicle. The vehicle was traveling carelessly through the road, cutting corners and failing to stop at intersections. The subject was contacted as he entered his driveway, with enforcement action taken.

A young bull moose was struck and killed by a vehicle on M-95 in Dickinson County. Sgt. Marc Pomroy, CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch assisted local deputies with the removal of the moose.

CO Brett DeLonge received a complaint of suspects taking overlimits of brown trout during a children's fishing tournament in the Menominee Marina. CO DeLonge responded to the complaint in progress and contacted the suspect anglers. The anglers told CO DeLonge that they had a total of six brown trout, a legal limit for two anglers. Further interviewing and the aid of witness statements led to one of the suspect anglers admitting to keeping more than his legal limit of trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was on a rainy ORV patrol when a group of ORVs were observed traveling on a gravel road in northern Menominee County. One of the ORVs was traveling on the opposite side of the road against the flow of traffic. As CO DeLonge activated his emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop, the ORV in question fled from the officer. CO DeLonge was able to track the ORV through a maze of two-tracks by following the ORVs fresh tire tracks. After tracking the ORV for several miles CO DeLonge observed the ORV turning around in the two-track due to a gate blocking the trail. CO DeLonge then stopped the fleeing ORV containing two suspects. Upon contact with the suspects CO DeLonge explained the seriousness of the violation they

had put themselves in. The suspects explained that they were scared and were very sorry for trying to get away. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received information of an individual who shot a whitetail buck and a turkey without a license during previous hunting seasons. Through multiple interviews and an extensive investigation CO DeLonge was able to obtain written statements from the suspect in question, admitting to taking the animals without obtaining hunting licenses during both occasions. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Marvin Gerlach and PCO Brad Silorey conducted a Great Lakes patrol out of Cedar River Harbor. One subject was contacted pre fishing for an upcoming tournament. He was fishing with more than the allowable three lines. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO John Wenzel talked to several hundred children at the annual kids fishing day at Camp 7 Lake. CO Wenzel talked with the children about species identification and boating safety practices.

COs John Wenzel and Robert Freeborn patrolled the waters of Big Bay De Noc. Many boaters were out enjoying the nice weather. Fishing that day was slow, but the COs did find one group that had a nice catch of bass; however while checking the catch it was found that one fish was shorter than the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel had an informal hearing on a subject who left his ice shack at a state access site for about a month. The subject argued that he should have been given more time to remove his shack and that the COs should have contacted him prior to citing him. The Magistrate said he thought a month was more than enough time and found the subject responsible.

CO Jared Ferguson was called to a complaint of a bald eagle that got caught in a semi truck's updraft and injured its left wing. CO Ferguson was able to capture the eagle and take it to the raptor rehabilitator. It should be able to make a speedy recovery.

CO Jared Ferguson assisted local deputies on two vehicle accident on the Felch – M-69 cutoff. No serious injuries were involved in the accident and one male was arrested for DUI.

CO Michael Evink conducted a marine patrol of Big Bay De Noc under some very foggy conditions. With limited visibility officer Evink was able to locate a few boats in the bay. Overall the compliance level was very good if you don't include the individual who "forgot" to purchase his license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth assisted the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on Sugar Island with a subject who was in violation of several DEQ regulations. The investigation is ongoing.

While patrolling a Mackinac County forest trail CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth made contact with a subject on an ORV. The subject had failed to register and title his ORV and did not purchase a 2015 ORV license. The operator was also not in possession of his operator's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth responded to and joined the search for two missing kayakers on Brevort Lake who had failed to return to their destination for several hours after dark. Both kayakers were eventually found and were returned safely to their family.

Sgt. Mike Hammill and PCO Raymond Gardner made contact with two anglers fishing near Newberry on the Tahquamenon River. PCO Gardner asked the anglers for their fishing licenses only to have them reply, "This is free fishing week". PCO Gardner explained to the anglers that the past weekend had been free fishing weekend; however, there has never been a free fishing week. Upon running the angler's information through dispatch it was revealed that both anglers had multiple officer safety cautions and were convicted felons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling South Manistique Lake when Mackinac County Central Dispatch requested the nearest unit to respond to the town of Curtis for a female found at home with no signs of life. CO Busken returned to the launch and responded to the scene. CO Busken and medical responders performed CPR for close to 30 minutes before medical personnel pronounced her dead on the scene.

CO Jon Busken caught up with a business owner who had rented out a vessel with an expired registration to a customer. During the interview it was determined that the owner had never transferred the vessel title into his name even though he had purchased it more than five years ago. Enforcement action was taken

CO Jon Busken was leaving a Mackinac County trout pond when a vehicle entered the area. Contact was made with the two young operators who indicated they had come to fish. The officer asked the driver how old he was. After some delay and looking at his passenger he said, "Uh...16". The officer ran the vehicle plate through dispatch and located a 17 year old at the address but no 16 year old. The officer returned to the area and observed both individuals fishing. CO Busken approached and again asked the driver how old he was. This time he responded "17". When asked why he said 16 before the driver mumbled, but did not give an answer. When asked by the officer if he had a fishing license he responded, "I don't know maybe". When asked if he knew that he needed one he responded, "kind of". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling Mackinac County when he observed an ATV operated with what appeared to be two occupants. A traffic stop was conducted and it was

discovered that there was one adult occupant and two young children riding the ATV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was preparing to launch his patrol boat at Millecoquins Lake when a vessel with five occupants approached the ramp. Contact was made with the occupants and it was discovered that there were not enough life jackets on the vessel. Enforcement action was taken. After that group left, CO Busken attempted to launch his boat again. Before he could leave the dock another vessel approached. Contact was made and it was discovered there were no PFDs on the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking an angler's fishing license on Big Manistique Lake, COs Bobby Watson and Jon Busken observed four lines in the water. When questioned about the additional line, the angler replied that he was switching lines out and must have gotten ahead of himself. When CO Busken asked him about the additional line he had reeled in when approached by the officers, the angler did not have an answer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was off duty when he observed three riders with no helmets on dirt bikes operating throughout a state campground. The following day, CO Watson returned to the campground to make contact with the riders whom he was able to identify. After admitting to riding without helmets and riding throughout the campground off-trail and leaving multiple ruts, one individual also admitted to not paying for the designated campsite. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Jon Busken were patrolling a local lake when contact was made with two individuals fishing from an older aluminum boat. During the contact it was discovered that the owner had never transferred the registration after purchasing the vessel. The two individuals were also fishing without licenses and did not have any PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was checking one last lake before concluding the day's patrol when he observed two individuals fishing from a pontoon boat. When CO Watson made contact one of the individuals advised he was not fishing. A short interview led to a confession that the angler had been fishing without a valid license. During the contact, CO Watson was dispatched to a roll-over ORV accident involving a young man who CO Watson had made contact with the day prior. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived on scene before CO Watson and transported the individual by ambulance to the hospital.

COs Bobby Watson and Jon Busken were patrolling a local lake when they observed what appeared to be a large illegal burn taking place on the shoreline. Further investigation revealed that the party responsible for the fire was burning large amounts of carpet and other construction materials. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich and PCOs Ethan Gainforth and Ray Gardner conducted marine patrol on the St. Mary's River from Sault Ste. Marie to Detour. During the course of the day, the officers encountered several vessels both fishing and pleasure boating. Upon arriving in Detour, the officers observed a pair of jet skis running in and out of the State Harbor. Upon viewing the upcoming patrol boat the two operators quickly headed for the boat launch. CO Panich maneuvered the boat to the ramp where PCOs Gainforth and Gardner both made contact with the two subjects. During the course of the contact, numerous marine and safety violations were observed. The operators of the PWCs were made aware of the issues and enforcement action was taken as well as several verbal warnings given.

During a marine patrol in Detour, CO Jeff Panich and PCOs Ethan Gainforth and Ray Gardner were checking salmon anglers approximately three miles offshore when they made contact with a family who was fishing for the first time in over 10 years with a rebuilt 1970's era boat. During the course of the check, it was revealed that the owner didn't have a fishing license, was short two PFDs and didn't have a fire extinguisher on board. The PCOs instructed the angler on what was required to be on the vessel. The owner stated he knew he needed the equipment, but stated he just had finished putting the boat back together and wanted to get out and fish. When the CO asked him to reel in his lines so they could pull alongside, it was apparent that the family was about done fishing for the day. All six fishing lines had managed to become entangled into one giant line with numerous baits on it. Enforcement action was taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Andrea Erratt observed fresh ORV tracks go past a "NO ORV" sign in the Jordan River Valley. CO Erratt located and contacted the ORV operator, who stated they thought the sign was for another trail. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt assisted at the Young State Park youth fishing event.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted at the Cheboygan Field Office youth fishing event, with about 65 kids and parents attending.

CO Andrea Albert contacted an angler on Friday afternoon who did not have a fishing license, stating he thought it was free fishing weekend and the weekend started at noon on Friday. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert took a complaint about an aggressive mute swan attacking people on personal watercraft (PWCs) and that wouldn't let them to their dock. Wildlife Division employees are assisting in the removal of the swan.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Calvin Smith received a complaint on Bois Blanc Island of a goose and goslings shot and killed near the ferry dock. Evidence has been collected and the case is under investigation.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Calvin Smith assisted with a suicidal subject at a residence in the City of Cheboygan. The subject eventually came out of the house and received the help she needed.

While patrolling the Pigeon River Country (PRC) state forest CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer came across a camp at Hemlock Lake that was the site of quite a party the night before. There were beer cans and other trash everywhere and the camp was not registered with a camp registration card. Enforcement action was taken after the campers were woken up and roused from their tents.

CO Mark DePew was patrolling the Pigeon River Country (PRC) when he observed a vehicle driving erratically. The CO conducted a traffic stop, and upon contact, the driver stated he was looking for mushrooms. CO DePew detected the odor of intoxicants and determined the individual was intoxicated and was lodged in the Otsego County Jail.

CO Mark DePew reported that an individual who took an overlimit of bobcats and his friend who sealed the overlimit were charged \$2,800 in fines and restitution.

CO Mark DePew conducted a traffic stop and while talking with the subject he admitted to shooting an antlerless deer without a license during the 2014 firearm deer season. The suspect also admitted to not removing his tree stand from state land. CO DePew followed the suspect to the tree stand and saw that he had cut numerous trees to make shooting lanes. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

COs Bill Webster and Jon Sklba were checking an angler who stated he was from Ohio and had forgotten his fishing license at his cabin. The COs checked to see if he had purchased a license and it showed he had bought a resident fishing license. The angler admitted that he and his father had been using the camp's address to buy resident licenses. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

CO Bill Webster assisted in a kids fishing derby at the Paxton Quarry in Alpena County.

COs Jon Sklba and Bill Webster were patrolling state land when they observed a truck come around a corner sideways. A traffic stop was conducted and the 16 year old driver stated he had just gotten his driver's license. The youth's father was contacted and he advised he would correct his son's behavior.

CO Jon Sklba received a distress call from a disabled vessel in Lake Huron and responded with the assistance of a county deputy. The officers towed the disabled sailboat back to the marina.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a complaint of a bear in downtown Alpena. The CO assisted with removing the bear from a tree after it was tranquilized and then turned it over to Wildlife Division to be relocated.

## **DISTRICT 4**

CO Holly Pennoni and PCO Adam LeClerc contacted an angler who was fishing for bass from a boat. The angler had an undersized smallmouth bass in a net. The angler stated he did not catch the bass while fishing, but that he netted it from the water. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Matthew Zultak received a complaint of an individual who was in possession of a fawn without a permit. Investigating, COs ascertained the suspect had taken the fawn out of the wild thinking it was abandoned. The suspect then possessed the fawn for several weeks taking the fawn to work and other places in her vehicle. Suspect even put a collar on the fawn. When the suspect became aware that COs were looking for them, the suspect promptly located a licensed rehabilitator and dropped the fawn off to them. COs conducted a thorough investigation and will be seeking charges.

While out patrolling, CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Matthew Zultak observed and contacted two vehicles stopped in the middle of the roadway in a remote area. Each vehicle had two occupants. COs discovered each suspect had quantities of marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and other items related to using illegal narcotics. COs will be seeking charges.

CO Steve Converse of Manistee was walking to his patrol truck to start his shift when an ORV went racing by on the paved county road in front of his residence. CO Converse, surprised by the operator's actions, spilled his coffee on himself in an attempt to get to his vehicle, but quickly recovered and was able to catch up to the operator, who was not wearing a helmet. CO Converse discovered that the operator was a "local" and asked why he would dare drive past his house illegally and without a helmet. The operator advised that he knew for sure that the trail on state land across from CO Converse's house was closed, but he "took a chance" that the road was open and offered no excuse for not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethen Mapes worked an ORV patrol in Lake County on an illegal hill climb. The COs arrived at the climb and immediately stopped an ORV for illegal operation. While they were issuing a ticket, a second subject climbed the hill to "check and see if his riding partner was okay" as he hadn't returned to the bottom yet. The COs let them know he was perfectly fine and informed him that he was also getting a ticket for illegal operation.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethen Mapes were working a routine fish patrol for violations on Lake Michigan. The first and second vessels they encountered were trolling with too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Ethen Mapes were checking anglers in Manistee County when they located a husband and wife fishing on the river. When the COs asked for fishing licenses, both advised they were from Indiana and informed that they had "Mich-

iana” licenses that were good for both Michigan and Indiana, but had left them at home. The COs advised that unfortunately there are no such joint-state licenses and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Benjamin Weber were working a detail at Silver Lake State Park when they watched as a large pickup repeatedly ran through a water hole in the dunes. Later in the day, they witnessed the same vehicle going around posts denoting a closed area and then operated in an area that was clearly out of bounds. When the COs stopped the pickup and asked why the driver was out of bounds, he promptly replied that he was going around a water hole as he couldn’t operate in the water. The COs advised that they knew different and had been watching him operating through the water earlier in the day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Benjamin Weber were working a patrol on Lake Michigan when they encountered a subject trolling with four lines. When the COs pulled up to the vessel, it was clear that there was only one person onboard along with his German Shepherd. The COs advised the angler of the apparent violation and he tried to convince them that his dog was entitled three rods also.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, Lake County, located a number of anglers fishing in three boats on a small inland lake. After observing the anglers for a short time, it became apparent that they were keeping short bass. When the boats got closer to his location, CO Killingbeck called to them to shore and discovered many other violations, including two PFD violations, no registrations, and one subject fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck checked a couple fishing for panfish on a small lake. CO Killingbeck asked them for licenses and the male was able to produce his, but the wife told him that she was waiting to get her senior discounted license in a month and a half and decided to fish without one for the time being. The CO advised that although it is good to be fiscally responsible, she should have opted not to fish until she had obtained it as she was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling on a county road when he witnessed an ORV ahead of him swerving from side to side in a reckless manner. When the CO attempted to stop the ORV, but the driver fled. CO Killingbeck was able to identify the driver from a violation the week prior and tracked him back to his residence. The vehicle was impounded and charges are pending.

A joint weekend patrol in Lake County with COs Josiah Killingbeck, Brian Brosky, Steve Converse and PCOs Ethan Mapes and Benjamin Weber resulted in 12 tickets for illegal operation on a hill climb along with one subject going to jail for operating while suspended.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson responded to a 911 call for assistance where a canoe had overturned on the Pere Marquette river. The COs and a local deputy put in a boat and floated to the victim's location where they found a man still stuck in a log jam. They were able to pull him to safety. The victim's 14 year old son had been able to break free and was already onshore where EMS provided medical attention to both.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson were checking anglers on Hamlin Lake when they found a subject with two undersized bass. The COs questioned the subject as to how he measured his fish and he pointed at a 14" measurement scribed on his fishing pole. The COs checked the accuracy and it was proper. They then asked why the fish were short and the angler responded that he just didn't measure them. They encountered another subject later in the day with an undersized bass and no fishing license. The angler admitted to knowing the size limits as well and had chosen to disregard the fishing regulations stating, "I guess I should be measuring them". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Dan Robinson responded to a residential alarm in Mason County. Upon arriving, they found that the suspect was an individual who had gone missing from an adult foster care facility in search of food. He had apparently broken into the neighboring house seeking food but was promptly returned to the facility without incident.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber contacted a boat and a kayak on a small inland lake. The unregistered boat was short PFDs and one of the occupants had no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber contacted two kayakers on the Muskegon River. While confirming that both kayaks had PFDs aboard a strong odor of marijuana was present to both the officers. PCO Weber inquired if the subject had any marijuana on his person and the subject complied with the officer's request, handing over a quantity of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen of Oceana County and PCO Matthew Neterer stopped by a boat launch to check a boat that had just pulled up. There were fishing rods, tackle, and crawlers all over the boat. Both subjects said that they were not fishing, and merely test driving the boat. After separating the subjects, one of them admitted that they both were fishing. Upon conducting an inspection for marine safety items it was discovered that no PFDs were on board as well. Enforcement was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were checking two shore anglers on Hart Lake. PCO Neterer checked the female who told him that she was only 16 years old. CO Van Gelderen checked the male and asked how old his girlfriend was. He said that she had just turned 18. A check with dispatch and the retail sales system confirmed the female subject had not purchased a fishing license and her date of birth was incorrect. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ben Shively, Troy VanGeldereren of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer were on patrol checking anglers on Lake Michigan when they came across a boat with three anglers and 12 lines. When asked about the extra three lines, the captain stated that they were just trying to find fish. A safety inspection of the boat was conducted and the captain was ticketed for fishing with more than three lines.

CO Angela Greenway participated in an organized kid's day in Newaygo County. CO Greenway contacted over 65 children and adults asking various questions on how to become a CO, marine safety topics and general fishing related questions. The event was well received by the community.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum watched a dog attacking a wild turkey on a Mecosta County roadside. PCO Pullum was able to break up the viscous attack by using the air horn on his patrol vehicle. The dog was secured by the officers as they attempted to figure out who owned the dog. A short time later a subject came out of the woods in the State Game Area (SGA) with another hunting dog. In the end the subject admitted to training his dogs on the state land during the closed season. The turkey's injuries were severe and the turkey was dispatched. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller received a complaint that a subject without a license had shot a very large 12 point buck during the 2014 firearm season in Osceola County. CO Mueller asked CO Brian Lebel and PCO Casey Pullum to assist in the investigation. Several taxidermy inspections were conducted until the 12 point buck was found. The officers seized the deer and located the suspect. PCO Pullum interviewed the subject who admitted to shooting the deer without a license on Thanksgiving Day of 2014. The subject also admitted that he had a friend put a license on the buck and took it to a processor. In the end the subject bought his license well after season so he could get the trophy buck mounted. The rifle used to shoot the deer, frozen venison and the rack were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum had a busy day participating in the Muskegon River Task Force. The officers addressed violations of undersized trout, fail to provide PFDs and fishing without licenses. The officers received many comments from people on the river stating how much they appreciated their efforts on the river and how much more peaceful it is now floating the river.

CO Angela Greenway observed a group of tubers miss their take out location and two children approximately eight years old in the water attempting to swim the group back upstream to the launch. The river was running high and fast due to the recent heavy rains. Neither child had on their life jackets but had them floating with them. One of the children let go and started to float downstream fairly fast leaving the tubes and his group. He was trying to swim against the current and could not. He started to panic and screamed for help. CO Greenway could only see his nose, mouth and eyes out of the water and he was panicking. CO Greenway quickly motored over to him and was able to get him to grab the boat hook with his right hand and told him to not let go. His hand

slid but the hook was there for him to get a better grip. CO Greenway was able to pull him into the boat and put a life jacket on him. The child was transported back to the launch and returned to his mother.

CO Angela Greenway of Mecosta County was patrolling on the Muskegon River near Croton and checked two men fishing. They had one crappie and two walleye. Upon measuring the walleye one was 14 inches. The subject stated, "Oh I just looked at it and thought it was fine." CO Greenway inquired if the angler had a measuring device aboard the vessel. The angler pointed to a ruler on the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 5**

While on marine patrol on Saginaw Bay, CO Nick Atkin checked a boat with a couple anglers on board. During the check, CO Atkin located an undersized walleye.

Responding to a call of a vessel in distress, CO Nick Atkin was able to locate the vessel and assist with getting them back to shore safely. When back on shore, CO Atkin discovered that the distressed vessel did not have enough PFDs aboard. It was a good example of the importance of having all the required safety equipment on board at all times. A ticket was issued for not having enough PFDs.

During a routine fishing check on Saginaw Bay, CO Nick Atkin contacted anglers as they were getting back to shore. The anglers indicated that they had their limit of walleye and showed the officer their limit. CO Atkin pressed a little further and the anglers admitted to having additional fish in a cooler that had already been fileted. The fish were unidentifiable and CO Atkin took enforcement action for being in possession of mutilated fish.

CO Phil Hudson observed ORV tracks near the entrance of a local cemetery. After sitting in the area for a short time, CO Hudson made contact with an ORV operator. It seems the suspect was running down M-23 without a helmet and when the officer caught up with him, he was busy doing 'donuts' in the cemetery parking lot. A ticket was written in addition to several warnings given.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright caught up with an illegal ORV operator on state land in northern Clare County. In addition to enforcement action and education, officers left the subject with a rule book and a phone number in case he had any additional questions about operating ORVs on public land. Unfortunately, it seems as though the message did not get through. The very next day, roughly 15 miles from the previous day's offense, the officers caught the same individual committing the same offense. The subject was issued an additional ticket for 'second offense'.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright were getting ready to launch their patrol vessel on a local Clare County lake when they observed a small camouflaged vehicle pull into the access site. As soon as the operator noticed the officers, he spun around

and left the area. Officers were quick to note the vehicle did not have a license plate. After stopping the vehicle, it was discovered that the driver did not have an operator's license or insurance for the vehicle. Officers also discovered an uncased bow in the vehicle. During the interview, the passenger admitted to shooting two deer last season without any hunting licenses. Charges are pending.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright were working a fishing patrol on Budd Lake in Harrison recently when they observed an angler fishing in a small boat. Officers watched the angler until dark when he came back in to the public launch. Upon contact, officers discovered a stringer of five bass on the boat. It would have been a great limit if not for the fact that four out of the five bass were undersized. In addition to the fishing violation, the officers addressed that fact that the boat was operating without any navigation lights.

CO Bobbi Lively assisted with instruction of 37 students at a local Hunter Safety Education Class in Mio. CO Lively answered questions, educated students about the hunting laws, and promoted firearm safety.

CO Brian Olsen and PCO James Zellinger contacted five subjects who had rented a pontoon boat that didn't have enough PFDs on board. When the COs pointed out the violations, the operator became upset and blamed the rental company. The COs informed the operator that it was ultimately his responsibility to check for all safety-related equipment.

CO Brian Olsen and PCO James Zellinger assisted Wildlife Division employees with aggressive turkeys in the Skidway Lake area. Residents had been complaining about the birds getting too close to vehicles and having no fear of humans. The COs and Wildlife Division will attempt to net the birds and relocate them.

CO Brian Olsen and PCO James Zellinger responded to a complaint of a deer that had been struggling to swim for hours in Rifle Lake. When the COs arrived, they located the deer under a dock, but it was unable to scale the break wall to get out of the lake. Eventually, they were able to pull the deer from under the dock and out of the lake.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a complaint of reckless discharge of a firearm. The suspect has a house on a very developed lake and was shooting at Canada geese with a .22 rifle to scare them out of his yard. One of the rounds ricocheted and nearly hit his neighbor. The subject also killed a goose with another one of his rounds. After a short interview, a confession was obtained and the firearm seized. Charges are being sought through the Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a captive wildlife complaint. After arriving on scene, he located a juvenile raccoon in a "pack and play" in the front yard. The suspect told CO Bader he had cut down a tree and this was the only raccoon that survived the fall. He said he intended to get the raccoon vaccinated the next time he was in town.

Enforcement action was taken and the raccoon was transported to a local wildlife rehabilitator.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser observed a large plume of black smoke coming from behind a residence in Fife Lake. Upon contact with the home owner it was determined that he was burning the remains of an old camper that was sitting on his property. Enforcement action was taken.

A complaint was generated about a campsite that was not being properly maintained along the Boardman River. PCO Justin Muehlhauser and CO Mike Hearn contacted the complainant and inspected the campsite. There was trash all over the site when the COs arrived but the registered owner was not around. Later, the registered owner was found at a local residence. The registered owner was evicted from the site and ordered to clean up all of the trash. The site was cleaned and enforcement action was taken.

An ORV being operated by a subject not wearing a helmet was observed by Officer Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser. The operator turned off of private property and onto a county road. After stopping the ORV for the helmet violation, the COs noticed there was small child on the lap of the driver who was not wearing a helmet. The officers had the driver arrange pick-up for the child and enforcement action was taken.

On Saturday, June 20th, CO's Mike Hearn and Justin Muehlhauser attended an annual children's fishing tournament in Elk Rapids. The tournament was held in downtown Elk Rapids near the public marina. The pond was stocked earlier in the week with roughly 500 rainbow trout and nearly 150 children showed up for the event.

CO Chuck McPherson followed up on a complaint of a subject burning illegal materials. CO McPherson contacted the subject and he extinguished the fire. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson was patrolling Lake St. Helen and contacted the operator of a boat that had no registration numbers. CO McPherson was told by the operator that he did not know he needed the registration on his boat. Officer McPherson also found the subject to not have enough PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While attempting to locate a possible witness for an investigation, Sgt. Jeremy Payne pulled up to a residence. When exiting his patrol truck, he could hear a vehicle running near the back of the house. Sgt. Payne walked around the back of the house and located four individuals. One of the subjects was carrying a large flower pot and was walking off into the woods when he saw Sgt. Payne. As soon as the subject saw Sgt. Payne, he threw the large flower pot containing a marijuana plant to the side. After the subject threw the plant, he stood still and waited to see if Sgt. Payne witnessed his actions. Enforcement action was taken.

While investigating a complaint of persons catching and keeping a wild raccoon as a pet CO Larn Strawn discovered a large raccoon living inside a home. The raccoon was

roaming freely among the home's occupants, including small children, several dogs, cats and various reptiles. When Officer Strawn arrived he discovered the raccoon had recently been placed inside a large bird cage. The homeowner said they put the raccoon into the cage because it had become aggressive. After observing the illegal possession, captive environment, raccoon behavior as well as the living conditions in the home CO Strawn notified multiple other agencies for investigative inclusion. Officer Strawn was assisted by the Michigan Department of Human Services, Central Michigan Community Health Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Disease Laboratory at MSU. The raccoon was turned over to the DNR Lab for disease testing. The family is receiving assistance with cleaning the home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Larn Strawn received a complaint of litter left at the Langston State Game Area (SGA) in Montcalm County. CO Strawn located an abandoned campsite with an old ripped tent, litter and debris strewn all around and a large pile of trash in a fire pit. After picking through the trash Officer Strawn was able to recover a list of suspects through information obtained on the discarded trash. After a brief investigation CO Strawn located the suspects in a nearby community. The persons admitted to recently camping in the game area. Enforcement action was taken and they returned to the campsite to clean it up.

COs Larn Strawn and Will Brickel assisted the Mount Pleasant City Fire and Police Departments with a search for a missing swimmer in the Chippewa River. Both Officers Strawn and Brickel deployed boats in the swift flood waters of the river. CO Strawn navigated the river for several hours with a K9 rescue team until dusk. The next morning CO Strawn returned to assist. Tragically the swimmer was discovered deceased in the river by search Officers of the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Tyler Cole patrolled a heavily used lake on state land, and observed two large groups of people at the lake. After an hour of observation, the COs witnessed drug use, litter, alcohol violations, and observed two people with concealed handguns. The COs contacted the groups and located two individuals carrying loaded concealed handguns without CCW permits, marijuana and pipes, several underage minors consuming alcohol, and litter. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Tyler Cole contacted an angler fishing at the Sanford Dam. The individual did not have a fishing license, and a check on the radio revealed the individual had four warrants, including several local warrants, one of which was for destruction to a police vehicle. The subject was lodged in the Midland County Jail.

PCO Jason King and CO Quincy Gowenlock were patrolling the Saginaw River in Bay County. While on patrol, the officers contacted several individuals fishing and boating. During the patrol the COs witnessed two boaters traveling at a high rate of speed in a slow, no-wake zone. The vessels were stopped and tickets were issued for the violations.

While on patrol CO Seth Rhodea contacted a group of anglers fishing in northern Sanilac County. Upon first contacting the anglers only a couple were holding fishing poles and two members of the group claimed they were not fishing and did not have fishing licenses. The CO then located the same group at another spot and after a short surveillance period observed all members of the group fishing. CO Rhodea then contacted the group again with the same two anglers advising the CO they were not fishing and did not have licenses. CO Rhodea then pointed out numerous activities the two anglers had been doing while fishing along with the exact times he had made notes of the actions. Both anglers had little to say after that and were ticketed for fishing without licenses.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas were asked to assist the Kalamazoo County SWAT Team with searching a wooded area for a subject wanted for a felonious assault. Officer Holmes and PCO Haas cleared the wooded area and secured the rear of the residence to allow a SWAT Unit and K-9 unit to safely enter the area. While on a perimeter point PCO Haas confirmed the wanted subject was in his residence. The subject took his own life several hours later.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas had just cleared a lake while on marine patrol when they heard the Kalamazoo County Sheriffs Dispatch report a serious motorcycle accident only a few miles from the lake. The COs responded to the scene and found the subject had been driving recklessly on his motorcycle without a helmet, and crashed into a metal flag pole. The accident resulted in a serious head injury to the driver. PCO Haas maintained crowd control due to the large amount of family members, friends and onlookers arriving at the scene. CO Holmes and a local deputy assisted in administering first aid to the subject until relieved by fire and rescue personnel.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas while on marine patrol encountered multiple violations resulting in enforcement action being taken for operating unregistered boats, failing to provide PFDs, and fishing without licenses.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas checked a subject fishing without a license who was wanted on two outstanding warrants. The subject was about to run on foot from the officers but was quickly taken into custody and lodged in the Kalamazoo County Jail.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Chris Maher observed two subjects fishing on a dock on a local lake. Before the officers could make contact one of the subjects left. Upon contact with the remaining subject he admitted that his guest did not have a fishing license, but he decided that would take responsibility for all six lines in the water. He was ticketed for fishing with too many lines.

CO Andy Bauer was checking fishing licenses on the pier in St. Joseph when he observed a male and a female fishing. Upon contact, the male stated that he wasn't

fishing and when CO Bauer started to issue a ticket, the female claimed to have purchased the male a daily fishing license that day, but had left it in the car parked about ¾ of a mile away. CO Bauer agreed to walk the female back to the car to see both her and his daily fishing licenses. After the walk back to the car, the female produced her daily fishing license and admitted that she lied about buying the male a license and thought that CO Bauer wouldn't take the long walk back to the car to actually check the license. CO Bauer walked back to the pier and issued the ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Jeff Robinette completed an investigation into an Indiana resident who had been buying Michigan resident hunting and fishing licenses since 2012. CO Robinette obtained a confession from the subject and is seeking a four count warrant for the violations including restitution for the difference in the license prices that the subject failed to pay.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Robert Slick patrolled inland lakes in Van Buren County and located one subject with six undersized bass on one lake and on another lake the officers located two subjects with two undersized pike and an undersized bass. Tickets were issued for the undersized fish violations.

CO Andy Bauer was at the parking area at Berrien Springs dam and observed a kayak on the river near the dam in the extremely fast water which was due to recent heavy rains. When the kayak tried to come to the launch, it passed the launch due to the high water and was finally able to make it to shore further down the river. CO Bauer assisted the kayaker with beaching the kayak and observed that the subject did not have a PFD on board. When asked about the lack of PFD, the subject became very argumentative about the need for a PFD. CO Bauer issued the ticket for the lack of PFD and later learned that he had issued the same subject a ticket in 2001 for not having a PFD.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Chris Maher stopped a boat for allowing bow riding and during the stop learned that the operator of the boat failed to have enough PFDs for everyone on board and was actually short two PFDs. The officers warned the operator of the boat for the bow riding violation, but did issue a ticket for the lack of PFDs.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Robert Slick went to check fishing licenses on the pier in South Haven and had observed three people fishing before approaching the pier. Upon beginning to check licenses of other anglers on the pier, two of the three subjects began walking away from the fishing gear. Contact was made with the subjects and it was discovered that the two did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Greg Patten and Cary Foster and PCO Andrew Monnich were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed two individuals trolling offshore. After observing the anglers fishing with what appeared to be too many lines, contact was made with the individuals. Upon asking the subjects how many lines they were allowed to have out, the subjects stated, "We have way too many lines out." Enforcement action was taken for having 10 lines out, four over the two person line limit.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier worked a marine patrol on the Michigan Center Lake Chain. As they left the launch area they noted a vessel traveling at a high rate of speed through an area with known stumps, while one of the passengers was riding on the bow with her legs dangling off the sides of the vessel. The officers stopped the vessel and after some discussion enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier observed a vessel with expired registration while on marine patrol. The owner stated that he had just purchased the boat last year and that he hadn't realized it was expired. A check revealed the owner had never registered the vessel in his name. The owner admitted that he had been trying to use up the remainder of the previous owner's registration before renewing it in his own name. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Belle Isle CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier were checking anglers when a person walked up carrying a fishing pole. After discussion, the man stated that he was not going to fish and was carrying the pole for a friend. The officers left the area and circled the island. The officers returned and watched the man not only fish, but catch and keep fish. Again, contact was made and enforcement action was taken for no fishing license.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier contacted a father and daughter fishing on Belle Isle with a rather large catch of panfish. Upon counting it was discovered they were well over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in the Rose Lake SGA, PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn observed three men fishing in a small aluminum boat on Rose Lake. The COs moved closer, and observed that the vessel was powered by a trolling motor, but there were no visible registration decals. The COs located nearby kayakers and were able to make contact with the anglers while they were still fishing. A check of the subjects revealed that there were no PFDs aboard the vessel, nor was the vessel registered. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Bill Haskin, CO Todd Thorn and Cpl. Brad Dohm conducted a kayak patrol of the Red Cedar River through East Lansing. The patrol covered approximately eight miles of river. Approximately 25 contacts were made, including two for possession of marijuana.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn contacted four individuals fishing from a pier on the Grand River in Lansing. Further investigation into the activities revealed that one of the men was fishing without a license and had three warrants for his arrest. The subject posted bond on the warrants and was released.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn checked two individuals fishing on the edge of a local lake. A check of the individuals revealed that one of them had a warrant for his arrest with a \$5000 bond for a drug possession charge. The individual was arrested and turned over to the arresting agency.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn had just begun a marine patrol on the Grand River and upon a check of anglers in a small aluminum boat, they found that the occupant had two warrants for his arrest. The occupant was arrested and turned over to the arresting agency who met the COs at the boat launch.

CO Chris Reynolds while on marine patrol with CO Justin Ulberg on a local lake had a very busy patrol. The COs made several contacts with several verbal warnings and two tickets issued for expired registrations.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Dan Walzak responded to a complaint of a deer inside an abandoned building near the intersection of the Lodge Freeway and Meyers in the City of Detroit. Because of the location there was a concern that the deer would leave and wander into traffic causing an accident. When CO Walzak arrived officers from Detroit Police Department as well as Detroit Police animal control were on scene. Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division personnel arrived shortly after CO Walzak and options were discussed. Ultimately, the deer was netted and subdued so that it could be tranquilized and removed from the building.

COs Mike Drexler and Paul Higashi checked a number of shore anglers during a busy Belle Isle shift. CO Higashi checked one angler who was in possession of four undersized bass, the largest being nine inches in length. A ticket was issued.

CO Jason Becker was checking fishing activity along the Huron River and spotted two men matching the description of men snagging fish from a RAP complaint received a week earlier. CO Becker contacted the men and asked about the activities from the past week. One of the men admitted to snagging two fish and gave a full written confession to CO Becker. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith and PCO Mark Zitnik were patrolling the Huron River when they encountered two anglers. PCO Zitnik discovered that one of the anglers was in possession of a short bass and learned that the other angler was fishing without a license. The angler who had no license stated she knew she needed one because she had been ticketed in the past for not having one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg spoke with a couple anglers who had just finished fishing at Lake Hudson in Lenawee County. When asked how the fishing was the anglers responded that they had caught some bluegills. CO Ulberg located a bucket in the back of the angler's truck that appeared to have a few more bluegills than the anglers could legally

possess. CO Ulberg counted the fish and discovered the anglers were 22 fish over their legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lenawee County, CO Justin Ulberg received a complaint from Lenawee County central dispatch of an ORV operating on the roadway and driving in a careless manner. CO Ulberg responded to the area and located where the operator of the ORV had done several "donuts" on the roadway. The original complainant was on scene and provided video of the ORV operator driving at high rates of speed and doing the "donuts" in the roadway. CO Ulberg followed the ORV tracks back to the operator's residence. Contact was made with the operator and enforcement action was taken. CO Ulberg also made the ORV operator repair the gravel road where the "donuts" were performed.

COs Justin Ulberg and Christopher Knights worked together and checked anglers in Monroe County along Lake Erie. CO Ulberg contacted four subjects who were leaving the area with a bucket of catfish. Although the anglers were under their legal limit of catfish, three of the fish were undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was at Sterling State Park when a call came in of a possible drowning taking place off the beach. CO Ennett responded to the scene at the south end of the Park along with units from MSP, the Sheriff's Department, and Park staff. Officers conducted shore patrols near the area where the victim, a 10-year old non-swimmer, had last been seen. The victim and another person had attempted to walk across a canal to the other shore, but encountered deep water and a current that pulled him under. Several patrol boats, and two helicopters also were on scene, as well as a dive-team from the Sheriff's Department. After searching the area for an hour, the victim was located near the search location. CPR was begun immediately, and CO Ennett used his patrol truck to carry the victim in his gurney up to the ambulance on shore, all while the CPR was continuing. The victim was transported to the local hospital, but sadly was pronounced dead soon after.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney were checking shore anglers on Lake St. Clair. Throughout all of the multiple checks, three anglers were found fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney received a RAP complaint regarding a captive fawn. After many attempts the COs were able to contact the homeowner. The homeowner and daughter were raising the fawn inside the home. The fawn was seized by the COs and taken to a licensed rehabilitator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney were checking shore anglers on Lake St. Clair. While checking one angler's license, PCO Kinney discovered a stringer with what appeared to be an undersized northern pike attached to the end of it. Upon questioning, the angler knew it was a pike, but had no idea of the size limit and did not have any kind of measuring tool. After measuring the fish, it was confirmed to be

undersized. The pike was able to be released back into the lake and enforcement action was taken.

While working night shifts for angler activity in St. Clair County, CO Ken Kovach contacted several anglers and found two subjects fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in St. Clair County, CO Ben Lasher observed an ORV operating on the roadway. CO Lasher immediately activated the emergency lights on the marked patrol unit and attempted to do a head-on stop. The suspect drove right past CO Lasher. CO Lasher turned around and saw that the suspect had pulled into a two-track onto private property. CO Lasher followed the suspect onto the trail and observed he had gotten into a soft, wet area. Seizing the opportunity CO Lasher exited his patrol unit and jumped out on foot and cut through the woods and caught up with the suspect in a small turn around area where he had nowhere to go. When questioned by CO Lasher, the suspect at first advised he was only 15 years old but then later back at the patrol truck he stated he was really 17 years old. Enforcement action was taken.

While working St. Clair County, CO Ben Lasher observed a side-by-side ORV operating on the roadway. The side-by-side was operated by an adult female and was occupied with four girls all under the age of five. Two of the little girls were seated up front while the two other little girls were in the box. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson and Sgt. Todd Szyska attended a trial set at the 52-2 District Court of Clarkston revolving around a deer case from 2013. At the time, the suspect had taken a buck without a license while his privileges to hunt were revoked. The Oakland County Prosecutor offered the suspect a deal as he was worried about being sentenced to jail. The subject agreed to plead guilty to taking the illegal deer and will pay fines and costs associated with the deer including the \$1,000 reimbursement.

CO Daniel Prince investigated numerous complaints this week. CO Prince talked with a juvenile's parent about bow fishing for carp and letting the dead fish float near Parshaville Pond. No fish were seen floating by CO Prince.

CO Daniel Prince investigated a swan / Jet Ski complaint on Buck Lake in Hamburg Township. A Jet Ski rider was observed doing circles around a Mute Swan. The swan was not injured, and the Jet Ski operator was advised to stay clear of the swan and advised of the laws about wildlife harassment.

While in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers received information regarding illegal ORV activity in Flint Township. A subject was seen on three consecutive days operating an ORV on the roadway. On the first day the subject was by himself on a yellow and black four wheel ORV, riding in the middle of the road without a helmet. On the second day the subject was transporting an additional person on the ORV, both of whom were not wearing helmets. There was an additional subject riding a separate ORV, who was also not wearing a helmet. CO Beavers patrolled the area in question on

the following day and spotted two subjects riding ORVs in the middle of the road. The subjects drove right by CO Beavers who in turn initiated a stop of the subjects. Upon contact, the subjects told CO Beavers they were looking for the access to the trails that run along the power lines. CO Beavers advised the operator that riding in the roadway, without helmets is illegal, as is running the power lines. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeremy Beavers and Saykham Keophalychanh investigated a complaint of two turkeys being illegally taken. Contact was made with the suspect who initially stated that he and his son had gone out on a hunt on private land and had successfully taken a turkey. After taking the first turkey they purchased an additional license from a local retailer and returned to the same hunt area and took another turkey. Further investigation of the details of the suspect's story showed that the times of his hunts and license purchases did not corroborate with how it had been described. It was discovered that the father of the suspect had purchased a license in his own name and allowed the suspect to use it on his hunt. Neither the suspect nor his son had a valid license to hunt turkey. The suspect and his son had taken the two turkeys on a single hunt. They had tagged one turkey with his father's license and purchased another license in the suspect's son's name shortly after taking the turkeys and subsequently attached it to give the appearance of a legally harvested bird. Charges are pending prosecutor's review.

COs Jeremy Beavers and Saykham Keophalychanh conducted a marine patrol on the Lobdell Lake Chain. The COs made more than 50 contacts while on patrol. A ticket for failure to provide PFDs was issued to a boater who did not have any life jackets on his boat.

## **BELLE ISLE**

CO Chris Reynolds worked a Belle Isle shift and assisted a Michigan State Police (MSP) unit on a traffic stop in which the subject had a valid warrant. The officers found some spelling discrepancies in the subject's name from the driver's license to the warrant. The MSP unit transported the subject to the post for a fingerprint comparison, and it was found that the prints taken for the warrant didn't match with the subject's. The subject was advised to take the info to the court to clear up the warrant.

COs Damon Owens and Chris Reynolds worked a Belle Isle shift with CO Reynolds issuing two tickets for disregarding a stop sign and failing to provide child restraints in a motor vehicle.

While working a Belle Isle shift, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath came across a vehicle parked near Sunset Point after park hours. When questioned about how they got in the park, they said there was no one at the bridge and no barricades. This was confirmed by CO Mark Ennett. The passenger of the vehicle was visibly intoxicated and a bottle of liquor was found under the passenger seat of the vehicle. The driver was ticketed for possession of alcohol in the park and given warnings on the other violations.