

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
8/24/08 – 9/6/08**

DISTRICT 1

CO Matt Eberly responded to the scene of an injured wolf in Keweenaw County.

CO Dennis Gast gave a trapping presentation for approximately 40 people at the USFS Station in Watersmeet.

CO Dennis Gast worked the Keweenaw Point area for illegal ORV activity. CO Gast ticketed four subjects operating in the closed area.

CO Brian Bacon contacted four anglers fishing a local lake. A check of the license system revealed that three of the four did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the scene of a fire in rural Dickinson County. A group of ORV operators smelled smoke and alerted DNR fire personnel. The camp owners had burned brush in the last few days and were no longer at the scene. The fire was contained before it damaged the camp.

CO Dave Painter contacted a boat operator as he pulled up to his dock. The operator had left his fishing lines unattended on the dock as he went for a boat ride around the lake. Further investigation revealed the subject did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman contacted three subjects in southern Marquette County who were road hunting turkey. They were driving around with a loaded shotgun and had shot three turkeys. None of these were tagged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly conducted a group marine patrol with the Keweenaw County Marine Patrol. Numerous marine safety checks were made with good compliance noted.

DISTRICT 2

CO John Wenzel assisted the Delta County Sheriff's Department with two search and rescue complaints. The first was a mountain bike rider who was overdue. He showed up as the teams began searching. The second was a woman who was missing for two days. CO Wenzel assisted other officers searching with ORVs. After hours of searching, she was found.

CO Jerry Fitzgibbon and PCO Jared Ferguson contacted a group of early season goose hunters on opening day. During the initial contact, PCO Ferguson observed one subject

remove two shells from his shotgun. Upon investigation it was found that the shells were lead shot. Two hunters in the group were ticketed for lead shot.

COs Mike Hammill, Derek Miller, Kellie Nightlinger, and Sgt. Dave Rantanen participated in a group patrol along the Lake Michigan shoreline and other sensitive habitat areas. The COs contacted several groups of ORVs, gave verbal warnings and arrested one operator.

CO Mike Hammill began his duties as a Field Training Officer with Robert Crisp, a recently hired Officer. The first week was very active with the CO making contact with a group of ORV operators who had driven over berms and large rocks to get into a wilderness area in northern Luce County. Shortly after, they contacted another group of ORVs trespassing and operating in wetlands along a small lake. Enforcement action was taken on both groups. On another patrol, CO Mike Hammill and PCO Robert Crisp took action on a group of people partying and throwing their beer cans in the Manistique River.

CO Derek Miller and a Luce County deputy were working a night marine patrol on Big Manistique Lake when they contacted the operator of a boat navigating without lights, no current registration, and in possession of a short walleye.

COs Gerald Thayer and Kyle Publiski encountered a large family group boating and fishing on an inland lake. Everyone had PFDs except the baby being held by a passenger. No one had a fishing license. Multiple tickets were issued.

CO Gerald Thayer inspected a pile of trash on state land and tracked down the name he found. The interview led to a ticket being issued.

DISTRICT 3

CO Michael Feagan finished an investigation on a wetland fill/state land destruction case. Tickets were issued for dredging/filling a wetland and removal of forest products.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Matt Theunick got up early to work on a complaint of an illegal bear bait (trash at the bait station). Two subjects walked in and tended the strike bait. Enforcement action was taken

CO Kelly Ross, while on patrol, observed two motorcycles operating carelessly in a lakeside subdivision. One operator observed CO Ross, and before CO Ross could activate his emergency lights, the operator of the motorcycle fled the scene. CO Ross contacted the other operator and was able to identify the person who fled from the interview. Just as CO Ross was ready to leave the scene the operator of the fleeing motorcycle showed up and admitted he made a mistake. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross and PCO Mark DePew, while on ORV patrol, observed an ORV being operated with two persons on board. The COs stopped the dirt bike and, after failing sobriety tests and a PBT, the operator appeared to be intoxicated. A trip to the county jail confirmed their findings and the operator was lodged for operating while intoxicated.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO Matt Theunick observed two dirt bikes operating on state land in a closed area. Before CO Torsky could activate his emergency lights, both of the motorcycles sped away. CO Torsky knew where the two would have to come out and started in that direction, as PCO Theunick bailed out of the vehicle on foot to run down and track down the illegal motorcyclists. PCO Theunick ran into the woods and caught the culprits as one of the operators got hung up on a stump. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joe Molnar, Bill Webster, Sgt. Chris Morris, and two Montmorency County deputies ran an ORV group patrol in Montmorency County to attempt to protect fragile state land areas on Saturday of the Labor Day weekend. A total of 12 tickets were issued including nine for operation in closed areas. An ORV accident was investigated where a motorcycle ran into a quadrunner that was stopped on a curve. No injuries occurred and a ticket was issued to the dirt bike operator for careless operation.

CO Joe Molnar received a complaint concerning illegal operation of ORVs at the local gravel pit. Upon arrival, CO Molnar observed five ORVs operating in a closed area and as CO Molnar activated his emergency lights, the one operator stopped and the other four fled the scene. CO Molnar was able to ascertain who three of the individuals were after speaking with the one operator who stopped. Two of the subjects were juveniles and one an adult. CO Molnar went to their campsite and after questioning issued two tickets to the parents for allowing juveniles to operate in closed areas and two to the adult for failing to stop for an officer and for operating in a closed area.

COs Duane Budreau and Carl Vanderwall received a tip that a group of houndsmen were running bear in northern Emmet County and that they were going to kill a bear. The COs located the area and heard the dogs in the middle of a heavily wooded section. COs Budreau and Vanderwall hiked through the woods and located the treed bear with the group of hounds at the base. The houndsmen arrived several minutes later. The houndsmen eventually collected their dogs and started to leave the area leaving the treed bear alone. The COs stepped out and surprised the houndsmen. Further investigation revealed that they were running too many dogs and drove down a closed trail.

CO Andrea Albert was called to assist a marine deputy for a violation on Torch Lake. During the assist the operator was found to be very intoxicated and CO Albert arrested him for operating while impaired. The situation escalated and other law enforcement personnel were called in to assist. In the end, two other occupants of the boat were arrested for indecent exposure and disorderly conduct. CO Albert also assisted emergency medical personnel with a subject who broke his neck diving into shallow water.

CO Andrea Erratt was called to the scene of a boat explosion on Lake Charlevoix. Two subjects were severely burned when they failed to ventilate the engine compartment prior to starting.

CO Duane Budreau conducted a plain clothes patrol on the Bear River targeting illegal snagging and foul hooked fish. One angler, after snagging and keeping a salmon, stated that CO Budreau looked familiar.

Sgt. Chris Morris, while patrolling on the first day of the early elk season, received a complaint from the DNR Wildlife Garage that a licensed elk hunter had made a mistake and killed a spike bull elk and he only had a cow elk tag. Sgt. Morris arrived at the scene and located the hunter and the spike bull elk. The hunter cooperated and told how he was an experienced elk hunter that he even had killed elk out west. The spike bull had antlers approximately 18 inches above the skull. The hunter was ticketed for taking a bull on a cow license.

DISTRICT 4

CO Steve Converse received a complaint on a charter boat captain with an expired license who was continuing to conduct charters and dumping fish carcasses into the Manistee River. After setting up on surveillance, CO Converse watched the subject dump several fish carcasses into the river. A check of the passengers revealed that the subject had been hired out prior to getting his license renewed. Tickets were issued for violations.

COs Brian Brosky and Jim Espinoza were patrolling Lake Michigan near Ludington when they encountered two subjects trolling for salmon with six lines in excess of the number allowed. Tickets were issued for the extra lines.

CO Carla Soper was issuing tickets to three anglers for fishing too close to the Little Manistee River weir when she was approached by a person asking where he could legally fish on the river. CO Soper explained to him that he could fish anywhere but the prohibited portion of the river near the weir. CO Soper then left the area. She returned a short time later and watched the subject walk up and look at the fish congregating near the weir. He then checked the parking lot for the patrol vehicle and returned to the weir and started fishing in the closed area. When the illegal angler's girlfriend saw CO Soper walking towards them, she yelled out saying, "I told you she would come back!"

While checking the Manistee pier, CO Carla Soper spoke with an angler who eventually admitted to catching and keeping the six undersized bass tied up near his fishing gear.

CO Troy VanGelderren and Sgt. Scott Wilk worked at Silver Lake State Park sand dune area. Three subjects from Illinois were ticketed for going against traffic. One subject was lodged in jail for a suspended driver's license. The same group had been arrested the previous day for alcohol in the park.

CO Mike Wells was patrolling in Newaygo County late one night. A dirt bike appeared in front of him moving down the road with its lights off. CO Wells attempted to stop the bike. The operator fled for a short distance, drove the bike into the woods, dropped it, and then ran on foot. CO Wells called for a search dog. The dog located the hiding subject about 300 yards into the woods. It was discovered that the subject was due to report for a year in prison for running a methamphetamine lab. He had a substance in his pocket believed to be methamphetamine as well. The vehicle identification number had been ground off the dirt bike. The man had a suspended driver's license and five DNR prior arrests. He was lodged in jail.

COs Mike Wells and Jeff Ginn were working in the Silver Lake State Park ORV scramble area. They had cause to stop a subject who had been operating in the wrong direction. The 21 year old subject had 14 suspensions on his driver's license and was ticketed for driving while suspended.

CO Troy VanGelderren responded to an Oceana County complaint of subjects camping at a local lake and keeping two undersize bass. When he arrived at their camp, CO VanGelderren discovered four undersized bass and two undersized turtles. One of the subjects had two arrest warrants as well. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jair Kollasch, Sam Koscinski and Sgt. Michelle Wiegand assisted in the search and recovery of a drowning victim on the Manistee River near Mesick in Wexford County. The victim was located after a seven day search. The conservation officers' assistance and the district's jet boat played a crucial role in the search and recovery efforts.

COs Sean Kehoe and Justin Vanderlinde were called to a residence in Grand Traverse where a bear spent three hours cleaning out the bird feeder and suet feeders. The residents attempted to scare the bear away several times. When the COs arrived they fired bean bag shots at the bear to encourage it to leave.

CO Jair Kollasch, along with a trooper from the Michigan State Police, responded to a complaint at Lake Meauwataka in Wexford County, in which a subject was operating his boat within the 200 ft. safety zone of a diver's flag. Several divers, while diving, looked up to the surface to see the boater's prop going through the area around their flag. The COs located a boat matching the description given at a nearby residence. As the COs attempted to make contact with homeowner/boat operator, they were met at the door by someone pointing a M14 rifle at them. Upon identifying themselves as police officers, the subject put his firearm down. After interviewing the subject, the subject admitted to operating too close to the diver's flag. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office for possession of a firearm while intoxicated and operating within 200 ft. of a diver's flag.

CO Jair Kollasch ticketed a subject for operating a boat through a swim area filled with swimmers at Lake Meauwataka in Wexford County.

CO Diane Drogowski and Sgt. Michelle Wiegand were patrolling near Fife Lake in Grand Traverse County when a vehicle ran a stop sign. Upon contacting the driver of the vehicle, it was determined that the subject was operating under the influence. The subject was lodged in the Grand Traverse County jail. The subject also had an outstanding warrant out of Benzie County and four outstanding warrants from Grand Traverse County.

CO Diane Drogowski was on foot patrol in Grand Traverse County when she heard an ORV operating illegally nearby. Upon back tracking, she contacted the ORV operator. The subject had operated through a creek and in a closed area and had driven right by CO Drogowski's parked patrol vehicle. The subject was ticketed for operating through the creek.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn assisted in a search for an injured ORV operator on the trail system. CO Hearn rode the trails from Kalkaska County into Antrim County and located the subject who had hit a tree along the trail. Officer Hearn administered first aid to the victim who was then air lifted to a hospital.

Sgt. Jean Davis located a vehicle parked in a remote area on state land and observed a bag of corn in the back of the vehicle. After a short search, two subjects were located in the woods where they had just chosen their hunt location and placed corn and minerals for deer bait.

COs Mike Hearn and William Cherry were called to a complaint of a fight on the sand bar in Torch Lake. Officers maneuvered the patrol boat through the vast number of anchored boats and the large crowd of people in the water and were finally able to get close enough to walk through the water to the scene. The subjects were arguing over a possible stolen i-Pod but had not been fighting. The COs conducted an investigation which also resulted in arrests for minors in possession of alcohol and furnishing alcohol to minors.

CO Chuck McPherson responded to a complaint of a subject who had shot a squirrel. CO McPherson had been to the subject's house in the past and given a warning about the same violation. The subject stated he had shot the pellet gun to scare the ducks from his yard. When asked if he put the squirrel in a white garbage bag, he denied it. The squirrel in the garbage bag was found thrown in the bushes of his neighbor's yard and the subject finally admitted to shooting the squirrel.

COs Chris Bowen and John Huspen conducted a marine safety patrol on Higgins Lake on Labor Day which resulted in several boaters being ticketed for failure to have enough PFDs for each person on the boat, along with several tickets for fishing without licenses. This patrol came one week after a boater had fallen from his vessel and drowned on Higgins Lake.

CO John Huspen conducted a late night patrol in a state forest campground over the holiday weekend and located a large group of campers celebrating a recent wedding. The subjects were shooting a spud gun, playing loud music and disturbing the other campers. Enforcement action was taken that night and the subjects were evicted the following morning.

CO Mike Hearn was called out to a complaint of a home heating fuel oil tank found dumped on the road and leaking fuel oil. An investigation continues in an attempt to locate the owner of the tank. The Department of Environmental Quality was contacted for clean-up of the spill.

CO Bobbi Bashore was first on scene of a domestic dispute in a state forest campground where it was reported a female subject had poured lighter fluid on a male subject, hit him, and threatened to throw a lit cigarette on him to ignite the lighter fluid. The subject was lodged for domestic assault.

CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted the USFS on a rowdy campsite complaint. While she was at the campsite, a car pulled in. CO Hopkins observed open intoxicants and also an uncased firearm in the vehicle. Tickets were issued.

CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted the Oscoda Police Department with an ORV personal injury accident that occurred off-road. CO Hopkins had the only patrol vehicle capable of getting to the scene. The victims were located and received medical treatment.

CO Warren MacNeill assisted sheriff's deputies with a "flee and elude" arrest. The subjects ran on foot after stopping their vehicle. All subjects were arrested shortly after the foot chase began. One subject ran into a barbed wire fence at full speed, taking the wind out of his sails.

CO Warren MacNeill assisted in the search for three lost subjects on forest land. CO MacNeill pinpointed their location based on information from spotty cell phone calls.

CO Warren MacNeill, while on patrol, found a crudely hidden motorcycle on the side of a back road. CO MacNeill ran the identification number and determined the identity of the owner. Officer MacNeill called the owner of the motorcycle who didn't know the bike was missing from his garage until receiving the call. CO MacNeill turned the bike over to the sheriff's office for processing. They recovered fingerprints from the stolen motorcycle which matched those of a local subject. Charges are pending.

CO Joel Lundberg was the first on scene of a fatal ORV accident. A 37-year old male was operating his ORV on a roadway and hit a truck. CO Lundberg administered CPR to the victim but, unfortunately, was unable to revive him.

CO Brian Engelhard was working a late night patrol specifically targeting complaints of boats without navigation lights on Hubbard Lake. He was operating his patrol boat across the lake when he caught a glimpse of a something on the water in front of him.

CO Engelhard immediately slowed his boat and turned hard, narrowly missing a boat that was operating without navigation lights. The operator of the other boat stated he had just turned his lights off and didn't hear CO Engelhard approaching because of his own boat motor. A ticket was issued.

CO Brian Engelhard responded to what he thought was a complaint of shots fired. Upon arriving in the area of the shots, he found two individuals cleaning out a garage and burning everything they removed, including a van seat and various other items. The "shots" were aerosol cans exploding in the fire. Tickets were issued for illegal disposal of solid waste.

DISTRICT 6

CO Daniel Lee wrapped up an investigation with a Wyoming Game and Fish Officer by serving two Wyoming tickets to appear in Wyoming to a Michigan resident. It was determined after investigations in Wyoming and interviews in Michigan that the subject had shot a mule deer in September of 2007 without a license. After shooting the animal, the subject was spooked by other hunters in the area and left the deer. The tickets include taking a deer without a license and waste/abandon big game animal. Wyoming and Michigan are members of the Interstate Violator Compact and any revocations handed down in Wyoming will be recognized in Michigan.

CO Jason Smith responded to a shots fired complaint where they recovered a 10 pt buck still in velvet that was shot. The investigation is ongoing.

While working early goose hunters, CO Jason Smith watched a group of waterfowl hunters shoot 25 minutes after legal shooting hours had ended. Tickets were issued.

CO Jason Smith checked a subject in a game area who was small game hunting for opossum without a license, wearing no hunter orange, had untagged traps and also had a loaded/uncased .22 rifle in his vehicle. The subject was ticketed for the loaded gun in a motor vehicle.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chuck Towns contacted subjects using spotlights on the Todd Farm unit at the Allegan State Game Area during a night patrol. Upon investigation he found they were stealing corn from habitat plantings for their own pigs. Enforcement action was taken and one subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

CO Mike Mshar handled several ORV complaints in Allegan County during the month of August, with one investigation leading to the recovery of a stolen ORV from the City of Belding.

CO Jeff Rabbers was patrolling on a cycle in the Barry State Same Area when he located a subject who has been camping illegally in the game area since the fall of

2007. The person continues to move locations to avoid detection. The subject was ticketed and the camp removed.

CO Gary Raak was jogging while off duty when he observed three riders operate ORVs into the game area illegally. He returned to his residence and returned to duty to locate and ticket the riders for their illegal operation.

CO Chris Holmes ticketed a person for illegal disposal after they burned a couch in their yard. CO Holmes also ticketed two subjects for fishing without licenses. One of the subjects was wanted in Indiana on a possession of cocaine charge and was considered armed and dangerous. CO Holmes arrested the subject on the warrant and he was extradited to Indiana to face charges.

COs Jeff Rabbers and Patrick McManus, while patrolling the Kalamazoo River below Allegan Dam, investigated a group of bank fisherman who became uncooperative during questioning. Further investigation revealed the use of a cast net in the river and the group was found in possession of undersize bass and catfish. While enforcement action was taken, one subject ripped up his fishing license claiming he was new to fishing and was unaware of the regulations. A records check revealed he has purchased All Species fishing licenses as far back as 2001.

CO Mike McGee assisted Warren Dunes SP Rangers with a harvesting of ginseng complaint. Subjects used a drop off person and meeting point to extract the plants illegally from the state park. When the subjects discovered they were being watched, they dumped the evidence into a local business dumpster off state park property. When the subjects were contacted and the bag retrieved, 108 plants/roots were discovered.

CO Steve Orange responded to a RAP complaint of a subject shooting a sand hill crane on the opening day of the early goose season. CO Orange was able to recover the crane and obtained a confession from the shooter. The subject was also found to be in possession of toxic lead shot shells. Tickets were issued for the violations.

CO Zack Doss investigated a complaint of a subject cutting trees off the Kal-Haven Trail. CO Doss caught up with the subject and enforcement action was taken for timber trespass.

DISTRICT 8

CO Jason J. Smith contacted a subject fishing without a license. The subject was also in possession of a short bass and had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols contacted a vessel operator who was towing children on a tube without an observer. When CO Nickols explained the law to the operator he stated he thought the law only pertained to a vessel towing water skiers, at which time a youngster that he

was towing stated, "See, I told you we needed a spotter". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Black assisted the local drug team with operation HEMP (Help Eliminate Marijuana Plants). They located numerous illegal plants that were pulled, many of them on state game area lands.

While working marine patrol, CO Pete Purdy contacted vessels that had no PFDs on board, did not possess the required fire extinguisher, were operating without the proper registration, fishing without licenses, and had undersize fish in their possession. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a trespassing complaint and contacted two subjects who were fishing without licenses and in possession of undersize bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince checked two subjects fishing, one of whom had a felony warrant out for his arrest. As CO Prince escorted the subject back to the boat launch, he observed a boating accident. CO Prince turned the in-custody subject over to the local police officers waiting at the launch site and conducted a boating accident investigation.

CO Ben Black was the first on the scene of a severe bicycle/vehicle accident. CO Black controlled the accident scene until emergency medical personnel arrived and transported the injured cyclist to the hospital.

CO Jeff Goss received a complaint that three coyotes had chased a juvenile into his residence and killed his cat. Upon further investigation it was revealed that the juvenile had killed the cat and made up the story about the coyotes so he did not get in trouble.

While on marine patrol, CO Ben Black observed two minors drinking beer and fishing without licenses and another subject fishing while smoking marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

While COs Dan Bigger and Damon Owens were investigating a deer in captivity complaint, they observed a large amount of marijuana growing on private property. They also observed spools of copper wire suspected to be stolen and in the process of having the coatings melted off. The COs held down the scene until the detectives arrived.

DISTRICT 9

While investigating a swim area permit violation, Sgt. Tom Wanless observed the operator of a PWC towing a person on an inner tube pass within 30 feet of the buoyed swim area while on plane. Sgt. Wanless borrowed a vessel from a property owner and contacted the operator who did not have an observer on the vessel. The vessel had several other marine equipment violations. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ron Pinson, Ben Lasher, John Borkovich, Al Schwiderson, Ken Kovach, Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel, along with Sgt. Tom Wanless. conducted two different OUIL marine patrols in the Lake St. Clair area. Multiple contacts were made and several warnings were given for various violations from PWCs operating after hours to vessels not having their navigation lights on. Several of the vessels contacted had improperly displayed registration numbers. Over a dozen tickets were issued and one subject was arrested for OUIL. He refused the breath test and a warrant was obtained for a blood draw.

While on his way home from an evening marine patrol, CO John Borkovich stopped a pickup truck after the operator threw some garbage out the window. As the CO approached the vehicle, he observed six occupants inside the cab. He also observed several duffle bags in the bed of the truck. As he passed the bed of the truck, he put his hand down to move a few of the bags to see what was underneath them. When he did, he grabbed what he thought was the leg of a person. Shining his flashlight into the bed of the truck CO Borkovich discovered two subjects hiding underneath the duffle bags. Once backup arrived and things were sorted out, it was determined that the operator had his driving privileges suspended and several of the passengers, including the two hiding, were illegal immigrants. The case was turned over to the sheriff's department.

On the opener of the early goose season, CO Al Schwiderson received a call from the USCG in Macomb County. The USCG assisted a vessel in distress and towed it back to shore. The operator had three geese in possession and did not have a hunting license. CO Schwiderson responded to the access site and enforcement action was taken.

While en route to the state fair, CO Ken Kovach witnessed a 12 year old male attempt to cross Eight Mile Road. As the juvenile ran out behind CO Kovach's vehicle, he was struck by another vehicle. CO Kovach stopped, secured the scene and provided first aid for the victim until EMS arrived.

While checking anglers, CO Brandon Kieft contacted a subject fishing at an access site. CO Kieft observed two fish in his possession and identified them as smallmouth bass, each one about seven inches long. When told that he had undersize bass, the angler claimed that he did not know what kind of fish he had. A check on the computer showed the angler had received a ticket within the last several years for possession of undersize bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling for evening goose hunters, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Mark Papineau checked a local game area. Spotting two hunters in the game area, they decided to watch. When CO Kiel and PCO Papineau finally contacted the two hunters, it was 21 minutes after shooting hours, both subjects were in possession of a loaded firearm and one of the subjects' shotguns was unplugged. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kiel and PCO Papineau observed some goose decoys around a pond in the backyard of a residence. Further investigation located eight hunters cleaning 35 geese.

After checking the hunters and finding no violations, CO Kiel suggested to PCO Papineau that he take a look around the pond. When he returned he was carrying a handful of shelled corn. PCO Papineau observed shelled corn spread out over about 300 square feet and the goose decoys were set up in the corn. The landowner stated that he put the corn down to feed deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers, CO Lacelle Rabon encountered a man and a woman fishing. Upon requesting to see the man's fishing license and driver's license, the man stated that he did not have a driver's license. The woman supported the man's statement and produced a Michigan ID card belonging to the man. When CO Rabon asked about the driver's license number on the fishing license, the woman stated that the fishing license belonged to her brother and that he had left to run some errands. CO Rabon requested that the woman call her brother and ask him to return. With all parties in one place, CO Rabon issued a ticket to the angler for fishing without a license and another ticket to the owner of the license for allowing the use of his license by another person.

CO Ben Shively observed a small aluminum boat on a local lake that was overloaded. The vessel took on water over the bow and capsized, ejecting all three occupants into the water. The operator of the boat was found to be intoxicated and over twice the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the early goose season, CO Ben Shively encountered a vehicle traveling slowly down a road with the windows down while it was raining. CO Shively followed for a distance and observed the vehicle, with two occupants dressed in camouflage, stop next to several fields with geese. After a while, the vehicle pulled off to the side of the road, stopped and began waiving for CO Shively to go by. CO Shively pulled in behind the vehicle, contacted the two hunters and discovered an uncased 10 gauge shotgun lying next to the passenger. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 25

CFS John Morey, CFS Terry Short and CFI Shannon Van Patten all took part in a patrol of the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. Two dive vessels were inspected on the water, each moored over a wreck. Officers inspected numerous wreck sites and dropped the underwater camera on one which resulted in outstanding views of a ship that had gone to the bottom over 100 years ago.

