

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
8/24/09 – 9/6/09**

DISTRICT 1

No report. Computer M1 migration

DISTRICT 2

CO Kevin Postma teamed up with local tribal conservation officers for a Great Lakes patrol. The area they targeted has recently been the subject of numerous phone calls and complaints reporting illegal netting activity. CO Postma and the tribal officers reported numerous violations during their patrol and contacted several commercial fishermen.

CO Gerald Thayer has been busy with people snagging on the St. Mary's River. CO Thayer contacted one individual who claimed to have tribal rights but had no tribal identification on him. CO Thayer quickly investigated and found that the individual was not tribal and had no fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Publiski and Mike Hammill checked multiple goose hunters over the past weekend and ran into several multiple minor violations.

While on the water, CO Jerry Fitzgibbon, assisted by Commercial Fish Specialist (CFS) Shannon VanPatten and Corporal Steve Martin, received a complaint from a kayaker about a fawn that was trapped by the cliffs along Grand Island. The COs arrived at the scene, retrieved the fawn and released it on an area of beach where the deer could get into the island's forest.

CO John Wenzel was called out at 3:00 a.m. to assist the Delta County Sheriff's Department on a report of an overdue boater. After several hours of searching, the boater was contacted. It turned out the boater was not in trouble; he just continued fishing through the night and did not report in to family members.

DISTRICT 3

All Area 2 COs were involved in the first four days of the 2009 elk season. Fifty-four elk were harvested, no illegal animals were taken, and only a handful of minor reports were taken.

CO Eric Bottorff investigated the taking of a cow elk where the animal was harvested along a roadway. One side of the road is closed to elk hunting, and the other side is private property that the hunter did not have permission to hunt. An interview produced a confession that the elk was shot while it stood in the ditch. The investigation continues.

CO Mike Feagan continues to improve compliance with life jacket laws on the Sturgeon River. Earlier this summer, CO Feagan noticed that compliance had dropped to around 50 percent on one of the lower peninsula's fastest and most dangerous rivers. Four drownings have occurred in Cheboygan County this summer, and three of those incidents involved victims canoeing or kayaking without PFDs. Twenty-two tickets, numerous warnings, and one LEIN arrest were the results of his targeted efforts.

CO Carl Vanderwall received a complaint of state land violations occurring east of Petoskey. With the aid of CO Duane Budreau, the COs contacted eight campers who were tearing up property and littering. Several tickets were written.

CO Steve Speigl assisted several area agencies on a flee & elude subject in northeast Antrim County. A BOL was given and CO Speigl spotted the vehicle on US-131. He turned on the suspect vehicle and was able to affect a traffic stop without incident. Within minutes three different agencies showed up who were involved.

CO Andrea Albert reports that an alcohol related watercraft arrest in July has resulted in a plea agreement down to impaired. The defendant was charged approximately \$1100 in fines and costs.

CO Andrea Erratt responded to a complaint of goose hunters chasing and shooting geese in front of docks in Horton Bay on Lake Charlevoix. CO Erratt contacted the hunters and ticketed one for transporting a loaded gun in a motorboat while warning him for not having personal flotation devices (PFDs).

While patrolling Lake Charlevoix on Saturday, CO Erratt got a call from a Charlevoix Marine Deputy telling her to check for a 24 foot sailboat in the Red Fox Regatta with an expired 2006 registration. CO Erratt located the sailboat just before the finish line with 2010 registration decals. However, when she ran the MC numbers the registration came back expired in 2006. The owner said his son must have accidentally put the current registration decals from another boat on the sailboat. After they finished the race, CO Erratt ticketed the owner for operating an unregistered sailboat.

CO Andrea Erratt patrolled Lake Charlevoix and checked several anglers. As CO Erratt approached one boat, a woman slowly set down her rod and said she was just holding the fishing rod for her friend. Two anglers were ticketed for fishing without licenses.

While patrolling Round Lake, CO Andrea Erratt warned a boater for exceeding the slow, no-wake rule and ticketed him for his expired registration. CO Erratt also checked an angler who said he fished bass tournaments all the time and he produced licenses from Canada and several other states. However, he had forgotten to purchase his Michigan fishing license this year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped a 66 foot Viking yacht on Lake Charlevoix and ticketed the owner for operating an unregistered motorboat. He is a Michigan resident who docks his boat in Boyne City, but had never registered the vessel, thus avoiding the sales tax.

While investigating an elk kill site, CO Mark DePew came upon an additional dead elk within 25 yards of the first elk kill site. COs Joe Molnar and Bill Webster came to assist CO DePew with the investigation. It was determined after interviewing the guide and hunter that the second cow elk was probably shot by another hunter nearby. A father and son were seen hunting in the immediate vicinity. After talking with landowners the COs determined the identity of the hunter who may have shot the animal. Using the hunter list, a telephone call was made to the suspected elk hunter, who stated they had shot at a cow elk but were unable to find the animal and thought they had missed. The COs had already dressed the elk, bought ice to keep the elk cool and loaded it into CO DePew's vehicle before contacting the suspected hunter. The hunter, a 12 year old, was supervised by his dad and met CO DePew in Johannesburg where the elk was properly tagged. The two hunters were very happy with the final outcome as well as the COs involved.

CO Bill Webster worked Beaver Lake after receiving complaints on the holiday weekend of underage operation of personal watercraft. CO Webster responded to the safety complaints and contacted three sets of parents for allowing minors less than 14 years of age to operate jet skis without supervision.

After he located marijuana on state land, CO Bill Webster relayed the information to the local Michigan State Police (MSP). The officers seized the marijuana from state land and an investigation led to one arrest.

CO Webster also responded to a complaint of a possible stolen ORV being operated on state land. CO Webster went to the area and located the stolen ORV. Two subjects were involved and leads are being investigated.

CO Joe Molnar wrote tickets to three ORV operators who were operating on state land in closed areas, as well as a ticket to an ORV operator who was illegally operating his ORV with a second person on board and driving on a suspended license.

While on marine patrol on Fletcher's Pond, CO Joe Molnar observed a flock of Canada geese flying nearby and heard a gunshot as the geese flew over a boat. CO Molnar contacted the vessel and found four hunters on board. The hunter who admitted to shooting did not have his required federal waterfowl stamp, while three others had no licenses with them, stating they left them in their wallets back at the campground. CO Molnar followed them back to the campground to check their licenses and observed a fish cleaning station along the way. He checked a couple filleting their catch which included two largemouth bass. One of the bass appeared to be undersized and upon measuring it, turned out to be more than an inch short. CO Molnar seized the bass and ticketed the responsible person. CO Molnar finished his waterfowl investigation and wrote tickets for their hunting violations.

CO Kelly Ross investigated a hunter harassment complaint involving bear hunters running their dogs onto private property. The landowner allegedly threatened to shoot all dogs observed on his property. The complainant also alleged one of the hunters had

to jump out of the way as the landowner's vehicle passed the hunter. CO Ross will be forwarding a report to the prosecutor's office for hunter harassment.

DISTRICT 4

While on routine patrol in Oceana County, CO Troy Vangelderren came across an ORV operator driving recklessly on a two track road. CO Vangelderren stopped the operator and his eight year old passenger and found a container of open alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells, Newaygo County, was contacted at 3:00 a.m. by a concerned citizen stating there were vehicles in the "walk-in" area on state land near the Muskegon River. The caller advised she was awakened by the sound of chain saws and then saw headlights. CO Wells responded and found that two subjects and their family members had driven around barricades operating on closed trails to get back to a campsite. CO Wells asked them what they were cutting with the chainsaws and one subject advised he started it up when they heard "noises" in the woods and used it to scare away unwanted animals. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells checked a subject for a fishing license. CO Wells was presented a license with a birthdate that appeared to be much older than the subject he was checking. When he asked the subject for his date of birth, it did not match what was on the license. After a lengthy discussion, it was discovered that the subject didn't have time to get to a license agent before going fishing, and had asked his mother to get his license for him. Not knowing that the licenses are for specific individuals, his mother bought the license using her Michigan identification, and gave her son "a license."

CO Jeff Ginn stopped to check a female hitchhiker along a roadway in Newaygo County and found that she had wandered away from an adult foster facility. CO Ginn took the subject to the local police department and released her to the home administrators.

CO Mike Borkovich witnessed as subjects pulled cattails from their lake frontage on Lake Michigan. The subjects wanted the area cleaned up in front of their cottage and decided to clear the vegetation without permits. Enforcement action being taken.

CO Mike Borkovich, Leelanau County, received dispositions on two subjects who were charged with possession of mutilated salmon and overlimit of salmon. Both subjects were ordered to pay \$308 in fines and restitution.

CO Sean Kehoe, Grand Traverse County, is working with the City of Traverse to control illegal mooring in West Grand Traverse Bay. Several boats, including one 32' vessel, have washed ashore from high winds and blown up onto city property. Investigations continue.

CO Jair Kollasch, Wexford County, was on marine patrol when he observed two subjects operating their PWCs in a reckless manner and violating the 100' rule. CO

Kollasch stopped the subjects and gave them verbal warnings. Several hours later CO Kollasch was dispatched to a PWC accident where two individuals collided, leaving one operator with a broken leg. Upon arrival he discovered it was the two individuals who were warned earlier for the reckless operation and that they did not take his warning very seriously. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse contacted several subjects in a vehicle running bear with dogs in rural Manistee County. During the contact it was learned that one of the participants had an outstanding warrant. The subject had been wanted for over two years before getting caught that evening.

CO Steve Converse ticketed a person for attempting to take fish from the Manistee weir with illegal equipment. The subject had his wife stand near the parking lot in order to alert him if a conservation officer arrived. CO Converse took the necessary precautions so as not to be seen and apprehended the subject while in the act of fishing illegally.

CO Brian Brosky assisted the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) with an interview involving a Mason County resident allegedly in violation of a permit to take sand hill cranes damaging crops. A consent search of the subject's refrigerator resulted in the recovery of sand hill crane breast meat. The investigation is continuing at the federal level.

CO Angela Greenway worked over the Labor Day weekend with Lake County Sheriff's Deputies on area ORV trail systems. While patrolling near an area known for illegal off-trail activity, they contacted two persons on dirt bikes driving through the woods off-trail. After speaking with the riders, they discovered that one of them was still intoxicated from partying the previous evening. As the local deputy was administering sobriety tests, a second person arrived on an ORV who was also intoxicated. CO Greenway began OUIL testing while the first intoxicated subject was arrested for illegally operating. The following day CO Brian Brosky participated in a follow up patrol on the trails. During the patrol, officers located and ticketed several subjects committing a variety of offenses including riding double, allowing minors to operate unsupervised, and unregistered ORV. CO Greenway reported that one couple ticketed for riding double on their ORV had been ticketed the day prior for the same offense but decided to take a chance and do it again.

CO Steve Converse was arriving at the Tippy Dam parking area in Manistee County when he observed a person walk up the stairway that leads to the river, finish drinking his bottle of beer and throw it into the woods where it shattered. The subject was ticketed for litter.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint that reported a person fishing at the Little Manistee Weir in Manistee County. CO Converse responded and found the person fishing in the weir. The person also had a 20" brown trout in his possession. When asked if he knew the river was closed to fishing, the person admitted he did but thought

that the officer would be busy working other parts of the river since there were so many others out fishing.

CO Steve Converse was working a marine patrol near the Manistee pier when he encountered a person operating in violation of the marine law and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest on a charge of domestic violence. The individual also had a history of encounters with the police. The person had his son with him and did not want to go to shore due to the fact that he would be arrested. On three separate occasions he had to be convinced to go to shore after moving a short distance, anchoring, and refusing to go further. The subject was eventually arrested after giving up at the dock.

DISTRICT 5

Officers report numerous contacts with subjects operating ORVs illegally on forest roads on state land. The illegal operation seems to be widespread and no longer in predictable locations. Riders are using the open county roads to gain access to new areas of state land and have not made themselves familiar with the difference between county roads versus forest roads.

CO William Cherry observed a mule type ORV operating on closed state land. After stopping the ORV, he contacted the operator who was only 11 years old. His passenger was also 11 years old and the two were out on state land to build a fort. The juveniles' guardians were located and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Jean Davis stopped two juveniles and an adult operating ORVs on a closed area of state land. While talking with those subjects, a second ORV being operated by a juvenile with three small children on the back arrived and was stopped. An additional five groups of ORV operators came to the same location during the next 15 minutes. All of the operators indicated they knew county roads were open to ORVs but had not checked into what roads were county maintained. Several of the operators commented that they had seen others riding in the area and assumed it was legal.

CO Bobbi Lively conducted a joint ORV patrol with US Forest Service (USFS) enforcement personnel. The patrol resulted in nearly two dozen arrests for ORV violations including several for operating while suspended. Most operators were in violation of more than one offense.

CO Bobbi Lively followed up on a complaint of an ORV trespassing on private property that was gated, fenced, and posted with a no motor vehicle sign at the point of entry. During the interview, the subject admitted he had driven around the gate and onto the private property but had not seen any sign.

CO Tami Pullen assisted MSP with a complaint of a 16 year old attacking a 17 year old with a machete. The victim suffered severe lacerations to his face but survived the attack. MSP is handling the case.

CO Brian Engelhard stopped an ORV that was being operated by an unsupervised 12 year old with a 14 year old passenger. CO Engelhard took the youths back to their parents where he issued a ticket for an unsupervised minor operating an ORV. While there, another 12 year old on a separate ORV came riding up to the campsite without supervision. A neighboring campsite also flagged down CO Engelhard and complained about the youths operating the ORVs at night without headlights.

CO Brian Engelhard responded to a 911 call regarding two 15 year old boys who were lost in the national forest. The boys had called 911 on a cell phone and gave an intersection where they thought they were. CO Engelhard located them about 30 minutes later. Both boys were very tired and glad to see CO Engelhard who returned them to their father.

CO Brian Olsen stopped a subject who was operating an ORV where prohibited on state land. CO Olsen recognized the subject as someone he had ticketed before and warned for a suspended driver's license. The subject's license was still suspended; however, this time he was issued a ticket for operating his ORV on a suspended license.

CO Joel Lundberg attempted to stop an ORV being operated without a light and at a high rate of speed. The operator attempted to flee CO Lundberg on his ORV. The subject finally stopped but would not comply with the CO and refused to get off his machine. The subject was arrested and was obviously intoxicated with PBT results of .348, making it necessary to take him to the hospital for medical attention. The subject was arrested on multiple charges, including operating his ORV while intoxicated, suspended driver's license, flee and elude an officer, and resisting and obstructing.

CO Joel Lundberg assisted MSP and local deputies on a complaint of approximately 30 people involved in a fight in the middle of the road where one person was stabbed. Two people were arrested for assault with one victim suffering lacerations to his face.

Labor Day weekend was busy with ORV activity and boating activity. Approximately 50 arrests were made by COs for operating ORVs where prohibited on state land. There were also multiple ORV accidents, some of them being personal injury accidents on roadways.

DISTRICT 6

While patrolling the Tuscola SGA, CO Jason Smith came upon a group of teens who were staying at a private cabin nearby and were in need of some firewood. The teens were cutting down live trees and taking firewood without a permit. They were also pulling live trees out of the ground with their truck and a tow strap. The teens were ticketed for removing/destroying live trees from state land.

CO Jason Smith received a complaint at home around 1:30 a.m. of illegal shining activity. CO Smith responded to the area and found more than one vehicle whose

occupants were shining. It turned out to be a group of people attempting to round up horses that had gotten loose. After help from the CO, the local sheriff's department and the local city police department, all of the horses were located and returned back to their corral.

While working a nighttime patrol, COs Joshua Wright and Seth Rhodea located a boat coming to shore on the Cass River. There were five people on the boat, no PFDs were found, no navigational lights, no identification or fishing licenses and improper registration numbers. Fish were also found in a fish basket on the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

On opening evening of early goose season CO Seth Rhodea contacted three goose hunters after shooting time had ended that he had been observing for over an hour. At the time of contact, all three hunters had loaded firearms after hours and all three had license violations that included failing to have their license in possession and failing to buy their federal stamps and Michigan waterfowl licenses. Enforcement action was taken on the violations.

CO Robert Hobkirk was at the Bad Axe MSP Post when a call came in of a personal injury accident just down the road from the post. A trooper and CO Hobkirk went to the accident scene and CO Scott Brown arrived a short time later. Shortly after arriving at the scene, CPR was started on the accident victim. While CPR was being done on the victim, an AED was hooked up and used to revive the individual. The victim was turned over to ambulance personnel upon their arrival and was in stable condition later that day. The victim was released from the hospital after a week.

While working the early goose opener, CO Robert Hobkirk received a tip from a Huron County Sheriff's Deputy about a subject possibly hunting deer near the south end of the Rush Lake SGA. After arriving at the SGA, CO Hobkirk spotted the hunter crouching along a fence row 1/4 mile away. After calling for back-up, CO Hobkirk moved closer to the hunter's location. While walking down the road to meet his back-up, the subject came running around the corner of a residence still carrying a .22 caliber rifle. Upon apprehending the individual, he was taken into custody without incident and lodged in the Huron County jail for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

While working the early Canada goose season opener, CO Ken Lowell received a trespassing complaint in Isabella County. Upon arrival, CO Lowell located shells and wads from at least two different firearms. With the help of the complainant, the CO located the two subjects. Trespassing tickets were issued and two illegal geese were seized.

During an ORV patrol, CO Nick Atkin and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly recognized a subject they had met last fall. The subject had been interviewed by CO Atkin in an illegal deer case in a neighboring county. Officer Atkin also recalled the man had not taken care of the arrest warrant for that charge. He was taken into custody.

While on fish patrol on the Saginaw Bay, COs Chad Foerester and Dan Lee checked a vessel with three people on board and eight lines in the water. Upon contact, only two anglers had licenses. Recognizing the situation, one of the anglers told the COs to write a ticket to the third person who did not have a license. When questioned regarding her participation in the fishing activities on board that day, the lady responded that she had not fished at all, and was unfamiliar with the process, she was just along for the ride. The two licensed anglers were written tickets for fishing with too many lines.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chuck Towns was called to assist the Allegan County Sheriff's Department to search an area within the Allegan SGA where guns involved in a recent homicide had been dumped by fleeing suspects after they left the scene. Based on information provided by the suspects, a semi-automatic rifle and a handgun were located and recovered by COs along a road in the game area.

CO Patrick McManus, while at Holland State Park, was walking the pier and observed two adult males with children attempting to swim in an area of heavy rip current near the pier. CO McManus advised the adults of the building danger and that they should leave the water immediately. The adult swimmers advised they were fine and were very defiant of CO McManus' warning. Within minutes, CO McManus heard yelling and calls for help coming from the same group and ran along the rocks to assist, taking a life ring and attached rope which were placed along the pier for emergencies such as this. After several attempts to throw the ring buoy in heavy wind and waves he had some success in moving the victims toward the wall. CO McManus had to enter the water to secure the children from being pounded against the rocks by the waves until they could be lifted free of the water. While attempting to keep the children from striking the rocks, CO McManus received minor leg injuries from being pounded by the surf against the break wall. All of the swimmers were removed from the water safely and frustrated onlookers commented to CO McManus about the failure of the group to follow the posted warnings and their blatant disregard of CO McManus' plea to leave the water.

CO Jeff Rabbers, while conducting an ORV patrol in a state game area, discovered 23 marijuana plants. CO Rabbers contacted the area enforcement team who arrived and assisted with the removal of the plants and investigation.

CO Jeff Rabbers was conducting a patrol of Gun Lake when he observed a boat towing a pontoon boat. CO Rabbers further investigated the scene and determined the operator being towed was intoxicated and was wanted on outstanding warrants.

COs Gerard Goulette, Dave Rodgers, Chris Simpson and Sgt. Dave Shaw worked a complaint of subjects baiting a pond and field for the early goose season. After documenting the bait several days before the opener, the COs were in position to observe the hunting location on the opening morning. A total of seven hunters set up to hunt on the baited site. When the COs contacted the hunters, 12 geese had been

taken. The lease holder was ticketed for the baiting violation and all illegal birds were seized.

The subject who CO Dave Rodgers arrested for the illegal taking of a lake sturgeon from the Grand River was sentenced in district court. The district court judge sentenced the subject to 30 days jail, \$1,500 restitution for the fish, \$798 fines and costs and 50 hours of community service to be served with Fisheries Division.

CO Steve Orange conducted a taxidermy inspection that resulted in the owner being ticketed for improper records. The inspection was prompted by citizen complaints of the subject not completing and returning animals that were dropped off and paid for.

CO Gerard Goulette ticketed a subject for being six bluegills over the limit on a bayou next to the Grand River. This was the third fishing ticket this subject has received in the past couple years.

CO Greg Patten assisted the Commercial Fish Section recently with the removal of several thousand feet of abandoned gill net that was still operational.

CO Chris Holmes found a subject fishing without a license and using a cast net to catch fish on inland waters. The man was with his children fishing so CO Holmes warned the subject. Later in the day CO Holmes found the same subject fishing at a different spot, still with no license and using the cast net. No warning this time.

While working a night patrol, CO Ken Cerny observed two subjects fishing. With the anglers was a young child who was playing with a flashlight. Using the cloak of darkness CO Cerny was able to come within five feet of the anglers and observe their activity. While standing behind the anglers CO Cerny observed one of the subjects take a puff on a cigarette he had in one hand then on a marijuana cigarette he had in the other hand. After observing this two-fisted smoking activity for a few minutes, CO Cerny turned on his flashlight to announce his presence. The subject continued to take drags from both hands thinking the flashlight was coming from the child. CO Cerny was then able to walk right up to the subject and as he went to take another drag on the marijuana cigarette, CO Cerny announced his presence and grabbed the contraband. Neither subjects had a fishing license.

COs Mike McGee and Andy Bauer were contacted by Warren Dunes State Park personnel regarding subjects at the park illegally harvesting ginseng. COs McGee and Bauer responded and observed three subjects in possession of seventeen ginseng plants. The subjects were ticketed and the plants were seized.

DISTRICT 8

While working an area notorious for illegal ORV activity, CO Jason J. Smith observed three ORVs race by his location. CO Smith contacted the ORV operators and found

them to be repeat offenders with one operator having five outstanding arrest warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader was first on the scene of a domestic assault between a father and his adult son. CO Bader was able to secure the scene and administer first aid until assistance arrived.

CO Brad Brewer investigated a complaint that a subject was shooting deer during the closed season within the city limits of Hillsdale because the deer were eating the subject's flowers.

CO Pete Purdy was patrolling an area known for high ORV use when he observed two juveniles operating ORVs on the roadway without helmets. Further investigation revealed that the juveniles were not being supervised by an adult nor did they possess the proper ORV safety certificates. The juveniles were turned over to their parents who were called to the scene. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on rivers, Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Rich Nickols observed subjects illegally smoking marijuana. Further investigation revealed that some of the anglers were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Ennett continues to make positive contact with hundreds of boaters while working the "Wear It" campaign. This past weekend he worked the state fair and reports talking to nearly 500 people in two days. CO Kris Kiel assisted in working the detail.

CO Danny Walzak responded to a complaint of two individuals walking the dikes at the Pointe Mouillee SGA. One of the subjects was alleged to be carrying a shotgun and shooting over the water. CO Walzak contacted the subjects and found that they were informally target shooting in the area, in spite of the fact that they had passed two signs that specifically prohibit the activity. When asked what they were doing, the subject in possession of the shotgun told CO Walzak that he had just purchased the firearm a couple of weeks prior and wanted to shoot it. They had brought in several clay targets and his friend was throwing the targets over the water for him. He also thought that since Pointe Mouillee was a hunting area it would be allowed. When CO Walzak pointed out the fact that they had passed the signs prohibiting target shooting, the subject had nothing further to say. His friend was found to have an outstanding warrant out of a local court. Enforcement action was taken.

Investigating a complaint of sick swans on a local pond, CO Danny Walzak contacted the complainant who informed him that shortly after making the complaint she realized that the swans were very realistic looking "decoys".

CO Danny Walzak checked an angler who hadn't purchased a fishing license. The subject told CO Walzak that the reason he hadn't purchased one was because he had only been fishing about a dozen times during the summer and thought that he didn't need one if he wasn't going to fish all year long. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Sklba contacted an angler at Pointe Mouillee SGA who was using a cast net for fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Sklba had a complaint of an individual in Luna Pier who had placed a rope across a channel limiting the boat traffic through that channel. The subject was contacted and advised to remove the rope.

CO Brandon Kieft received a complaint from a resident in an apartment complex who witnessed her neighbor in possession of a snapping turtle. She said she overheard the male subject state he was going to smash in the turtle's head when his "homies" arrived. CO Kieft responded to the scene and contacted the subject. He did not possess a valid fishing license, had a warrant for his arrest, and the turtle was undersized. The subject was issued a ticket for fishing without a license. He had no clue that he needed one for turtles or that there is a size limit for them.

CO Ben Shively saw two dirt bikes trespassing at the South Hill sand and gravel property. When he attempted to stop them, they both fled the scene. CO Shively followed and located one of the subjects. Enforcement action was taken on his violations and he was turned over to the Milford Police Department on an outstanding warrant. The subject told CO Shively where he could find his partner. CO Shively went to the address given and asked for the subject by name. When he came out of the barn he was easily identified because he had been riding without a helmet or eye protection. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska partnered up and patrolled into northern Wayne County checking anglers using the launch ramp at Alter Road in Detroit. The COs issued two tickets for possession of undersized bass.

CO Todd Szyska checked two anglers at South River Road that yielded three arrests. Neither subject had a fishing license and one of the subjects was in possession of a seven inch largemouth bass. Both subjects were checked through LEIN which showed that the subject with the undersized bass also had a warrant from Friend of the Court, Wayne County 3rd Circuit for \$3,600. He was issued a ticket for possession of the undersized bass and given a verbal warning for no fishing license. CO Szyska then gave him a ride to the Macomb County jail where he was lodged for the outstanding warrant. The other subject was also issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel checked two boats coming into the launch. Both vessels had undersized smallmouth bass on board. The COs each wrote tickets for possession of undersized smallmouth bass.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel received a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint from an 11 year old who was fishing at Metro Beach. The complainant witnessed a subject put an undersized northern pike in his bucket. The COs arrived on scene and found that the subject not only was in possession of a 13 inch northern pike, but he and his partner were also fishing without licenses. COs issued tickets to the subjects and will put the complainant in for a RAP reward when the case clears the court.

COs Todd Szyska and Kris Kiel were checking vessels coming into a launch. CO Szyska observed a 14'-16' aluminum boat with four adults and one infant/toddler maneuvering up the channel from Lake St. Clair. The COs attention was drawn to the boat because the infant/toddler was not wearing a PFD and was being held by a female in the vessel. The COs caught up with the vessel and found that not only was the infant not wearing a PFD but there were only two PFDs for the four adults on board. There was an infant PFD aboard but the young mother stated she did not know it was there. Enforcement action was taken.