

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Doug Hermanson gave a law presentation as well as answering various other questions for the Ontonagon Valley Sportsman Club annual predator hunt. Over 200 participants harvested 41 animals during the three day event.

COs Brian Lasanen and Ethan Mapes stopped two of four snowmobilers riding on the highway in Bergland. The men claimed there was a gas station sign with an arrow pointing down the highway. Giving the gentlemen the benefit of the doubt, CO Lasanen was able to drive around the block and confirm their story was not true. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Grant Emery worked a snowmobile patrol in Bruce Crossing. While working a trail crossing where snowmobilers have blown through the stop sign at a high rate of speed in the past, both officers observed a snowmobile disregard the stop and continue down the trail. CO Lasanen contacted the snowmobiler at the next intersection and asked if she had seen the stop sign - she advised that she did not. Upon further check it was determined that the operator failed to register the snowmobile and she also failed to purchase a snowmobile trail permit. As CO Lasanen was explaining the ticket to the operator, her boyfriend came looking for her while operating his unregistered snowmobile and he also had failed to obtain a snowmobile trail permit as well. Sgt. Emery made contact with the boyfriend and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Emery worked a snowmobile patrol in Bergland. CO Lasanen and Sgt. Emery made contact with a group of snowmobilers and determined that 2 out of 3 sleds were not registered. The operators thought all they needed was the trail permit to operate their snowmobiles in Michigan. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Grant Emery were working an area in Bergland which they had received complaints of snowmobiles running down the plowed portion of the state highway. Contact was made shortly after arriving in the area with 8 snowmobiles that were observed operating down the side of the highway. The leader of the group said he was lost, but had left the trail to head down the highway to the gas station, instead of staying on the trail and looping around town to access the downtown businesses legally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly worked the Copper Harbor Antique Snowmobile Rally over the weekend. Over 100 historic snowmobiles took part in the event with several hundred newer ride-in sleds participated in the day's activities.

CO Shannon Kritz received a complaint of a subject burning a camping trailer. CO Kritz responded to the complaint and located the large cloud of black smoke coming from the suspect's property. CO Kritz made contact with the suspect who stated he was only burning lumber from the camper and nothing else. CO Kritz and the subject walked out to the burning site to investigate what was being burned. It was quickly discovered the subject was not being truthful as there was plastic crates, insulation, metal and an air conditioning unit in the fire. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz was working snowmobile activity at a busy crossing near Watersmeet. One operator was observed traveling at a high rate of speed, and failed to stop at the marked crossing. CO Kritz was able to catch up to the careless operator and address the violation.

CO Brian Bacon was checking anglers on Gene's Pond in Dickinson County when he came across a subject with a bass in possession during the closed season. The subject stated the bass was hooked badly and that it died in the process of removing the hook. An inspection of the bass revealed a common hook set in the mouth, and nothing that would indicate a badly hooked fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc was on patrol on US2 when he came across three snowmobilers operating on the plowed portion of the highway. Upon contact, one rider stated he was trying to get the attention of the lead rider because he knew they weren't allowed to ride on the highway. All three operators were rounded up and taken back to the trail. CO LeClerc explained the importance and safety reasons for staying on the trail and following the posted signs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Ryan Aho responded to west Marquette County to assist Marquette County Sheriff's Department with the report of lost hikers. One of the two lost hikers had an ankle injury. GPS coordinates were able to be recovered from the hiker's cell phones that assisted in locating them. The hikers were recovered from the remote area and returned to their vehicles safe and sound.

COs Mark Leadman and Brett DeLonge were patrolling a lake in Marquette County for ice fishermen when they received a complaint of anglers fishing a closed trophy trout lake. When the conservation officers located the lake they observed two subjects ice fishing on the lake with multiple lines set. Once the conservation officers contacted the subjects they found that both individuals were using live bait which was prohibited in that particular lake. After further investigation the conservation officers found that one subject had an expired vehicle registration and the other subject did not have a valid fishing license and had possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge paired up with a trooper from MSP and served warrants on multiple subjects in Menominee County. The warrants contained multiple violations including Improper Disposal of Solid Waste, Careless Operation on an ORV, and Obstructing a Conservation Officer. All warrants were successfully served.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a presentation at Northern Michigan University for biology students that had great interest in the Department of Natural Resources. The presentation provided students a brief look at the daily functions of a conservation officer and opportunities within the department. Multiple students were interested in the application and hiring process to become a conservation officer and were provided with more information after the presentation concluded.

DISTRICT 2

COs Mark Zitnik and Calvin Smith patrolled a snowmobile trail north of Shingleton. During their patrol they came across a group of snowmobilers. While talking with the group it was discovered that one rider did not have a trail permit on his machine. After advising of the violation the rider stated he had bought it this morning and forgot to put it on and could not find it. The rider stated, "Do you think I would have a \$20,000 sled and not buy a trail sticker!" After an RSS check it was discovered that the individual had not bought one since 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Zitnik and Pat Hartsig were checking snowmobile trail crossings on Highway 13 when they observed a snowmobile and rider tumbling down the Highway. The COs rendered first aid until Ambulance crews arrived. The snowmobilers were riding down Highway 13 too fast for conditions, when the lead rider stopped abruptly after seeing the trail they wanted. The second rider barely came to a stop, and the third rider (which was the rider who was later injured) ran into the back of the second rider, going approximately 55 mile per hour, resulting in her tumbling down the highway. The injured rider complained of both legs hurting badly. After a follow up at the hospital, it was determined she might have a sprained ankle and severe contusions on the lower half of her body.

CO Christopher Lynch was checking ice anglers in Kipling. Several contacts were made despite the poor ice conditions. The last group of the night CO Lynch checked said they didn't have any luck. When asked to produce fishing license one subject did and the other didn't. An odor of intoxicants was present on both subjects. After checking identification of the subjects, the subject without the fishing license was not of age to consume alcohol. Further investigation revealed the minor was on probation and was in violation of his probation conditions. The minor took a breath test and blew .12 Enforcement action was taken.

During a check of ice fishermen on Little Bay de Noc COs Pat Hartsig and Mike Evink contacted numerous shanties. While talking to one fisherman, an odor of marijuana was noticed, and the fisherman also had no fishing license. The marijuana was seized and enforcement action was taken.

While working a snowmobile patrol, CO Pat Hartsig and Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon contacted many snowmobiles enjoying the fresh snow. Many violations were noted, such as; operating without trail permits, riding unregistered snowmobiles, and failing to stop for stop signs. Several warnings and tickets were issued.

CO Michael Evink participated in a jury trial for two burning violation tickets. The tickets were issued to an individual who chose to deliberately construct two fires on a September evening when no burning was being allowed. He then left the area and the fires unattended, fortunately the fires did not escape. A jury determined after the course of the trial that he was at fault and found him guilty on both counts.

CO Michael Evink responded to a Recreational Trespass complaint. After speaking with the complainant on scene CO Evink was able to follow tracks under a chain next to a "No Trespassing" sign. The tracks led to the only group ice fishing on the west half of Indian Lake. The four trespassers admitted to their wrong doing and were dealt with accordingly.

COs Mike Evink, Calvin Smith and Mark Zitnik along with Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon assisted Special Investigative Unit with the execution of a search warrant and seizure of evidence.

CO Christopher Lynch was on patrol when a rollover accident occurred near his location. CO Lynch responded to the scene and observed the vehicle heavily smoking. CO Lynch had to enter through the back window of the truck and observed the driver unconscious still strapped into the driver's seat with a dog laying over her. Lynch removed the dog from the vehicle to render aid to the driver. CO Lynch removed the driver from the driver's seat and rendered aid. CO Lynch calmed the driver until other emergency services arrived. Once other emergency services arrived on scene, CO Lynch lifted the driver through the passenger door where she was taken into care by paramedics. The driver and CO Lynch went to the hospital to get checked out. The driver had no reported injuries. CO Lynch had lacerations to his hands and knees cared for.

CO Christopher Lynch was patrolling on the ice in Kipling when he came across a loan ice angler. When asked to produce a fishing license the subject produced an expired license. The subject was adamant that he purchased a current fishing license and further investigation revealed the angler never purchased a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was eastbound on US-2 in Mackinac County when he observed a vehicle quickly gaining on his patrol vehicle. The driver then passed the conservation officer's vehicle. The vehicle was paced at 72 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. A traffic stop was conducted. The operator was also found to be operating without a proof of insurance or a valid registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken attended a Wildfire Investigator Class. This class will assist in future wildfire investigations.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson conducted two snowmobile patrols in Paradise. Two citations were issued for careless operation of a snowmobile.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson made contact with a snowmobile operator in Northern Chippewa County. The operator was found to be operating a snowmobile with an expired registration and without a trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kevin Postma and Jeff Panich worked a snowmobile patrol together and encountered multiple violations. Several operators were contacted with violations from operating in prohibited areas to unregistered snowmobiles. Although trail conditions have been poor, the recent snow storms in the Eastern Upper Peninsula have them shaping up in a hurry.

DISTRICT 3

Sgt. Mike Feagan and CO Chad Baldwin responded to a complaint of a snowmobile accident that occurred on the state snowmobile trail in Charlevoix County. When Sgt. Feagan arrived, EMS was just starting to stage at the snowmobile parking lot off Howard Road; he transported two of the medics down the trail to the location of the accident. The accident occurred when a snowmobiler lost control of his snowmobile, left the trail, and collided with a tree causing his snowmobile to land on top of him. The snowmobiler suffered broken ribs that punctured his stomach, a lacerated intestine, internal bleeding, a broken leg, and a possible shattered pelvis. At the hospital, a breathing tube was inserted and he was put into a medically induced coma. After interviewing witnesses, it was determined that speeds at the time of the accident were approximately 40mph. Control was lost when the sled in front started to slow due to bumps in the trail; he was not able to slow in time and bumped the sled in front of him, causing his sled to lurch to the left and leave the trail. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor. CO Baldwin continues with the investigation.

CO Andrea Erratt was patrolling Lake Charlevoix in Charlevoix County, when she encountered a group of ice fishermen coming off the lake. A check of the subjects revealed that one of the subjects did not have a license and one had a walleye that was under the legal size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt was traveling down M-66 highway, in Charlevoix County, when she encountered a subject traveling down the shoulder of the roadway on a snowmobile. CO Erratt stopped the subject who was coming from an area where a leased portion of snowmobile trail had been closed this year. The subject advised the CO that he was trying to get to work, but could not take the trail anymore. CO Erratt advised the subject that it was illegal to operate his snowmobile on M-66. She gave him a county map and helped him to map out an alternate route via county roads. After leaving the subject CO Erratt stopped in Charlevoix, where she was flagged down by a lady, who wanted to thank her and shake her hand. This lady explained she had complained locally about sleds operating on M-66 and was very pleased that the CO addressed the issue.

While patrolling the Jordan River Valley in Charlevoix County, COs Andrea Erratt and Chad Baldwin encountered a snowmobile without a visible registration. The COs stopped the sled only to discover that the registration was illegally placed on the foot well instead of on the forward half of the cowling. The placement of the registration was directly behind the operators foot and not visible. The operator stated he did not want to put it on the hood of the snowmobile because he had interchangeable hoods. The COs showed the operator places the registration could be placed that would not be on the removable hood area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew arrested and lodged two snowmobilers over the weekend for operating while intoxicated, during two separate incidents in Otsego County. One refused the breathalyzer and was taken to the hospital for a blood draw after a search warrant was obtained. The subject created an excessive disturbance at the emergency room and is also being charged with disorderly conduct.

CO Matt Theunick participated in and assisted with the annual legislator's snowmobile ride on the snowmobile trails of northern Michigan.

CO Matt Theunick gave a presentation at the Cheboygan High School career day, meeting with and talking to students about a career in conservation law enforcement.

COs Jon Sklba and Eric Bottorff investigated a dead bull elk in Cheboygan County. No signs of foul play were detected. The deer head was submitted to Wildlife Division for disease testing.

CO Brad Bellville watched a location in Lewiston where a snowmobile trail crosses a county road. While surveilling the intersection CO Bellville stopped numerous snowmobilers who accelerated through the stop sign crossing and crossed the county road without stopping. The operators were issued tickets for careless operation on a snowmobile.

COs Paul Fox and Jon Sklba were patrolling Grand Lake in Presque Isle County during a local fishing tournament. Both COs encountered various violations including failure to license ORV, no fishing license in possession, failure to wear helmets, minor in possession of alcohol, and fishing with too many lines. Multiple warnings and citations were given.

COs Paul Fox, Brad Bellville, Tim Rosochacki, Bill Webster, and Sgt. Joe Molnar conducted a group snowmobile patrol in Millersburg targeting trespass and noise enforcement. Multiple contacts were made and compliance was high with a few warnings being given for improper display of registration. One citation was issued for operating a snowmobile with a decibel reading of 96 - eight decibels over the legal limit.

CO Jon Sklba was checking anglers on Grand Lake in Presque Isle County when he contacted a fisherman who had an empty beer can in his fishing shanty. A check of the angler's license showed he was 18 years old. After initially denying he was drinking underage he admitted he had drunk the beer and turned over the rest of his unopened beer. The youth contacted his parents to pick him up and while waiting for them he was instructed to reel in his lines which totaled five, two lines over his legal limit. The angler was ticketed for fishing with more than three lines and turned over to his parents to deal with his underage drinking.

CO Jon Sklba assisted a CO in Alberta, Canada regarding the importation of a bear hide.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint of an intoxicated snowmobiler on Long Lake in Alpena County and responded to the area and located an abandoned snowmobile on the ice. While checking a nearby fisherman another snowmobiler drove up to the snowmobile with two riders on it, both riders were not wearing helmets. One of the riders got on the abandoned snowmobile and both drove away. A stop was conducted and one of the riders was found to be operating under the influence of alcohol and operating on a suspended driver's license. The rider was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and lodged at the Alpena County jail.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin and CO Steve Converse were conducting a patrol on Lake Cadillac and they noticed two tip-ups that had been left for quite some time. Approximately one hour had gone by until someone finally arrived and claimed that the tip-ups were theirs. Enforcement action was taken.

During the AMA Ice Races at Mitchell State Park, a park ranger called for assistance. CO William Haskin, CO Steve Converse and CO Sam Koscinski responded. Two individuals had open containers of alcohol in their pickup that was being operated. A field sobriety test was given and enforcement action was taken. Various other violations included ORV operation without a helmet, open intoxicants on an ORV, careless ORV operation, and suspended operation on an ORV. The COs also discovered unattended fishing lines. When they caught up with the owner, it was noted that the angler had eleven priors with the DNR for various fish and game violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin found during an inspection that a person with a fake name and fake address had shot a deer. After investigating the situation, the person who shot the deer and the person whose tag was on the deer were both found. The individual who shot the deer admitted to being wrong and said that he just got selfish and wanted to keep hunting so he borrowed a tag from someone he knew. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was questioning an individual about his hunting success this past deer season. The individual said he shot a nice buck. CO Haskin asked when he had shot it and if he had any pictures. The individual said in late October and showed a picture of the deer with no tag on it. CO Haskin asked if he had bought the tag later. The individual said no, but after further questioning admitted to shooting the buck and buying the tag later. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a busy snowmobile intersection in Lake County, CO William Kinney was approached by a group of snowmobilers, one with an expired snowmobile registration. CO Kinney stopped the expired snowmobile operator, and after further investigation, it was determined that the snowmobile wasn't currently registered. The owner stated that he wasn't aware that it was expired. CO Kinney informed him of his responsibilities prior to operation and enforcement action was taken.

While checking ice fishermen in Lake County, CO William Kinney and CO Josiah Killingbeck came across an ice shanty that appeared to have been left on the ice overnight without any name or address on all four sides. As the COs walked around the ice shanty in an effort to determine who it belonged to, they noticed three individuals approaching them from a house located on the lake. The anglers quickly stated that they just “ran inside to warm up and grab a bite to eat.” CO Killingbeck went into the ice shanty with two of the individuals and noticed that there were four fishing lines frozen solid in the ice. The anglers did admit that they left their lines in the water when they left the ice to eat. CO Kinney and CO Killingbeck informed them of the importance of not leaving their lines unattended and also advised that their shanty needed to have identification on it. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking ice fishermen on Hamlin Lake in Mason County, CO William Kinney and CO Brian Brosky were approached by an ORV leaving the ice with two passengers on it. As the ORV drove past the COs, it was apparent that neither the driver nor the passenger was wearing a helmet and the passenger was holding an open beer can. CO Kinney and CO Brosky stopped the individuals and discussed the importance of wearing a helmet while operating an ORV as well as addressing the other violations present. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking ice fishing activity in Lake County at a public access site when he noticed a large group of anglers out fishing. While watching the group through his binoculars, CO Killingbeck noticed that one of the anglers, who was clearly fishing, suddenly dropped his fishing pole and walked off by himself. CO Killingbeck decidedly made contact with the group and determined that the angler that walked away had been fishing without a license. The angler had obviously caught a glimpse of CO Killingbeck’s patrol truck and was hoping that he hadn’t been seen fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol in Lake County when he observed an ORV driving carelessly on the roadway and not wearing a helmet. Upon stopping the ORV, CO Killingbeck discovered the operator was a juvenile. The juvenile was operating without having taken the ORV safety course, was unsupervised, had no helmet on, and didn’t have current ORV trail permits. The juvenile’s parents were contacted and asked to respond to the scene. When the mother arrived, she assured CO Killingbeck that this is not “normal behavior” of her son, but had full knowledge of him riding on this date. CO Killingbeck explained all the violations to the mother and advised her of the ramifications if the juvenile was issued citations. CO Killingbeck decided to issue a citation to the mother instead for allowing her son to operate without an ORV safety certificate.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a snowmobile with an expired registration driving down the center of a Lake County roadway. When CO Killingbeck stopped the snowmobiler, he advised CO Killingbeck that this was the first time he had the snowmobile out in several years and stated he was just “running it down the road” to test it out. Once CO Killingbeck determined where the rider was coming from, he pointed out the fact that the subject was many miles from home, and also pointed out that it was illegal to being

operating with a 2011 registration and a 2010 trail permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a snowmobile operating with an expired registration in Lake County. When CO Killingbeck stopped the snowmobile, the operator told CO Killingbeck that he had just bought the snowmobile from a friend for \$50. CO Killingbeck also noted that there was no working head light or tail light. CO Killingbeck asked the operator about the lights, and the individual stated that he was sure they were working when he left home. CO Killingbeck however observed that the subject had a flash light taped to the windshield. When the operator was confronted about it, he finally admitted that he knew the lights were broken when he left home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a local lake near Baldwin for fishing activity when he noticed two anglers fishing on the ice. Upon contacting the anglers, one subject told CO Killingbeck that he had forgotten his fishing license and believed they were in his "other pants." CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he actually had a fishing license, advising him that he had the ability to check by radio. The angler again insisted he had a license. Upon running the angler through Retail Sales, it was found that the subject had not purchased a license since 2011. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck pulled into a Lake County access site on a local lake and found three anglers sitting in a vehicle watching nine tip-ups. CO Killingbeck asked the anglers for fishing licenses and one angler said that he had forgotten his at home. CO Killingbeck ran the subject through Retail Sales and discovered that the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2014. CO Killingbeck decided to give the angler one more opportunity to tell the truth, and when he asked him again if he actually had a license, the angler stated "well I have an old one." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on a local lake checking subjects ice fishing in Lake County when he approached an angler to ask for a fishing license. The angler told CO Killingbeck that he did not have a license because he "only comes up once a year to fish, but mostly drinks and plays cards." CO Killingbeck explained that if he was going to participate in fishing he had to have a current license. CO Killingbeck ran retail license records and discovered that the subject had no history of ever buying a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation in Lake County. When he approached the car, he noted all the windows rolled down and the two subjects in the vehicle were acting very nervous. CO Killingbeck immediately detected the smell of alcohol and marijuana. When CO Killingbeck questioned the driver about the smell of marijuana, she admitted that she had marijuana in her possession and handed it over to CO Killingbeck. The driver also admitted to drinking, but it was determined she was under the legal blood alcohol limit. Both the driver and passenger told CO Killingbeck that they had come up camping this weekend and were "just out relaxing." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck of Lake County observed two ORVs riding on the groomed snowmobile trail through a tract of federal land. CO Killingbeck stopped the two ORVs. Both operators told CO Killingbeck that this was their first time riding in the area and they did not know it was illegal to ride on the groomed snowmobile trails on federal land. CO Killingbeck explained the ORV laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse discovered an 8-point antler rack at a Wexford County taxidermist that had some apparent discrepancies on the attached tag. CO Converse tracked down the hunter who had shot the deer and confronted him about the tagging violation. The hunter gave CO Converse a full confession, admitting that he shot the deer before purchasing a tag. The hunter then went on to state that he was very angry about the antler point restrictions because he wasn't able to shoot a deer for two years, hence the reason he didn't think it was necessary to buy a license this year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was at an access site in Manistee County watching ice fishing activity when he noticed an ORV operating across the ice with three passengers. CO Converse also noticed that nobody was wearing a helmet and that there wasn't a current ORV permit displayed. CO Converse stopped the ORV and discussed the dangers of riding in such a manner and ran the three subjects through LEIN. CO Converse found that all three had suspended driving privileges. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse located a spike horn deer at a taxidermist in Mason County that was tagged with a Junior Combination tag that was purchased the following day after the youth season ended. CO Converse followed-up with his investigation and found the father of the youth had only purchased his child an antlerless tag, but had allowed her to take an antlered deer on the Sunday of the two-day youth season. The father then purchased the tag for that deer the following day after the season had closed. CO Converse also found that the father had numerous DNR priors for violations, including hunting while revoked, shining with a weapon, and taking a deer out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josiah Killingbeck, Becky Hopkins, Justin Vanderlinde, Bill Haskin, Ethan Gainforth, and Sgt. Carla Soper all assisted with the Congressional Snowmobile Ride that went through Lake, Manistee, Benzie, Wexford and Osceola Counties.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky were working a routine patrol in Mason County when they witnessed an off-road motorcycle coming directly towards them down the center of a county roadway. When the COs turned on their emergency lights, the cycle operator decidedly spun around and fled from them. The COs were able to catch up to the operator when his cycle stalled out. It was found that the operator took off because he didn't have his current ORV trail permit. CO Publiski and CO Brosky lodged the subject at the Mason County Jail for the flee and elude.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky were checking a lake access site in Mason County when they noticed a side-by-side ORV coming in their direction. When the ORV pulled into the parking lot, it was apparent that the driver was in possession of an open container of alcohol. CO Publiski and CO Brosky approached the ORV only to find that the passenger also had open alcohol, but was trying to conceal it. The COs also discovered that the owner hadn't purchased an ORV Trail Permit for the machine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky stopped a motor vehicle that was operating with an expired plate in Mason County. Upon stopping the vehicle, it was discovered that the driver had failed to transfer the title and also hadn't secured any motor vehicle insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky responded to a two car personal injury accident in Mason County. CO Publiski assisted with extracting the injured passenger from the vehicle as well as securing the scene. CO Brosky established a landing zone for the helicopter to airlift the injured passenger. CO Publiski also assisted the Mason County Sheriff's Department with alcohol testing for one of the drivers involved.

CO Publiski was checking Harper Lake in Lake County when he observed a group of four anglers on the ice. CO Publiski checked the anglers and found that two didn't have current fishing licenses and another was fishing with seven lines total. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on Lake Mitchell, CO Ethan Gainforth came across a couple with an expired snowmobile registration. The snowmobile registration had not been transferred over to its new owner and was expired since 2009. When asked about the snowmobile, the driver responded that he borrowed the snowmobile from his brother-in-law. He stated, "He told me I would be ok as long as I wasn't hot rodding around on the ice." CO Gainforth advised the angler that the snowmobile must be registered to be operated off private property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth contacted two anglers fishing on Miramichi Lake in Osceola County. One of the anglers produced his fishing license right away, while the other dropped his head and set his fishing rod down on the ice. CO Gainforth asked the angler if he had a license and the angler replied "No, and I have a warrant." CO Gainforth ran the subjects file and found that the subject actually had three warrants in three separate counties. The subject was arrested and lodged on the local warrant and issued a citation for fishing without a license.

While patrolling Lake Cadillac, CO Brian Lebel and CO Ethan Gainforth were contacted by CO Steve Converse about a group of ice fishermen he observed keeping what he thought was a short pike on the neighboring Lake Mitchell. After some discussion, the COs realized that they gave the same group of anglers a warning for a snowmobile violation. CO Gainforth rode back out to the anglers, who had finished packing up their gear, and asked them how they ended up after the day of fishing. One of the anglers

replied that they caught a few pan fish and a 25 inch pike. After measuring the pike, it was found that it was well short of the 24" inch minimum length requirement. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Clare County snowmobile trail system, CO Ethan Gainforth and CO Joshua Wright made numerous contacts with only a few warnings given. During the patrol, the COs rode their snowmobiles to the Sandy Bayou on the Muskegon River to check a group of anglers. After checking the anglers, it was found that one of the anglers did not possess a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel was sent to dispatch a sick or injured deer found by a subject who lives in an apartment complex in Mecosta County. When CO Lebel made contact with the very upset individual, he stated he had walked right up to the deer and it could only twitch its legs and asked that CO Lebel put it out of its misery. When CO Lebel was led to the deer, it was found to be a very tired hunting hound dog lying in the grass. CO Lebel was able to load the dog up into his truck and return it to its owner. The very grateful owner, who lived nearly ten miles away, stated the dog had been missing for two weeks and they had given up hope on finding it.

CO Mike Wells discovered during the review of wildlife registration records that a trapper had registered a bobcat taken in Newaygo County at a registration station in Flat River. Upon reviewing this record, he found that the trapper had registered the bobcat as being taken on December 6, 2015 which was out of season due to the opening day of bobcat trapping season starting on December 10th. He also found that the bobcat was registered on January 6, 2016 which was six days late due to the deadline for registration being December 31, 2015. CO Wells made contact with the trapper at his residence and asked him when he had trapped the cat. The trapper readily admitted that he took the cat on the December 6th date. CO Wells showed him a 2015 hunting/trapping guide which displayed the opening date of December 10th and the trapper became upset stating that he believed the season started on December 1st. CO Wells explained to him that it is his responsibility to know the opening and closing dates of the season and a citation was issued for the taking of a bobcat out of season. The trapper did not give a reason as to the late registration and a warning was issued for failing to register before the deadline.

DISTRICT 5

CO Phil Hudson was on a foot patrol in the Sterling truck trails and received a complaint from station 20 regarding someone illegally cutting wood on state land during the closed season. CO Hudson made it back to his truck and was able to locate the suspect before he cleared the area. The suspect stated he knew that permits were not given out until April but he wanted to get an early start. CO Hudson issued a citation for cutting wood on state land without a permit.

CO Mark Papineau received a tip regarding a local factory in Gladwin County that was reportedly illegally discharging toxic waste into a county water drain. CO Papineau investigated the claim and discovered a 250 gallon drum actively discharging an unknown clear liquid directly into a county drain system. CO Papineau contacted the

DEQ and then spoke with a supervisor at the factory. CO Papineau was informed that the liquid was a by-product of their manufacturing process and should not be toxic; however, the supervisor admitted that it was illegally being discharged. The following day, CO Papineau, along with employees from the DEQ performed a site inspection of the factory and noted numerous violations of environmental laws. The case has been turned over to the DEQ and the investigation continues.

CO Bobbi Lively investigated a fatal snowmobile accident that happened in Oscoda County in mid-February. CO Lively interviewed a number of people who were involved in the incident and compiled reports from other agencies who responded. The investigation is still on-going at this time.

COs Brian Olsen, Kyle Bader, and Bobbi Lively conducted a search for two lost subjects in a remote area near the Ogemaw/Oscoda County line. The two subjects told their father they were going trail riding the night before, but never returned. While searching their last known location, central dispatch advised the conservation officers the pair had returned home. They had gotten their truck stuck less than a mile from their camp and instead of walking back, they slept in the truck. An identical incident happened on the same exact hill a month earlier.

CO Kyle Bader assisted Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office with a domestic dispute. A female subject went to her boyfriend's house to collect her belongings. The man stepped out and told her to get off his property and fired a shotgun into the air. After she left, he set a pile of her clothes on fire in the yard. CO Bader and sheriff deputies surrounded the house and called the man out using a PA system. He was taken into custody without incident.

While on snowmobile patrol, COs Casey Pullum and Josh Russell responded to a head-on snowmobile crash involving an Oscoda County sheriff's deputy. After securing the scene and determining the extent of injuries, a short investigation was conducted. The conservation officers determined that speed was a significant factor in the crash. The rider who hit the sheriff's deputy was cited for careless operation of a snowmobile. CO Casey Pullum was patrolling after dark near some remote lakes in Alcona County when he noticed a four-door car turn off the road and park near the lake. CO Pullum turned in behind the car and observed a male subject exiting the vehicle from the driver's side and a female from the passenger's side. It was obvious from the attire and lack of fishing gear they were not there to fish. Through driving status and file checks it was determined the driver was suspended and had a warrant for his arrest. The odor of marijuana was detected, which led to the female passenger being in possession of marijuana. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Alcona County Jail and charges were sought on the passenger for possession of marijuana.

CO Josh Russell assisted the Oscoda Twp. Police Department on a snowmobile personal injury accident on Trail 6 in Iosco County. Although there was significant snowmobile damage from the incident, all parties involved escaped with no major injuries.

CO Josh Russell and Sgt. Brandon Kieft assisted the Iosco County Sheriff's Office with a three-car personal injury accident just west of Tawas City on highway M-55. The head-on collision caused a mother to be pinned in the vehicle with her infant daughter in the backseat. The parties were transported by EMS to the local hospital and treated for their injuries.

CO Jonathan Warner assisted with a breaking and entering alarm at a local business near East Tawas. When he arrived, the front door was unlocked. A quick check of the business showed nothing out of place. Although the dispatch center didn't have contact information for the owner, CO Warner knew the family and responded to their residence. They were snowed in due to a major storm the previous night. He assisted them by transporting them to the business to secure the door.

CO Mike Hearn worked targeted areas of snowmobile trespass complaints in Kalkaska County. Several groups of snowmobilers were contacted while blatantly ignoring no trespass signs and private property fencing. Multiple citations were issued in an attempt to better educate the snowmobile operators on respecting private property.

CO Sam Schluckbier responded to a RAP complaint of a large pile of yellow perch discarded on the ice on Twin Lake in Kalkaska County. CO Schluckbier was able to locate approximately 30-40 small yellow perch left on the ice from the day before. After investigating further, he was able to track down the angler by comparing drag marks and foot prints left in the snow. Upon contact with the angler, he initially denied responsibility but eventually confessed as there were an additional 20 discarded perch around his shanty. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz assisted the Missaukee County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police with a search for a fleeing and eluding suspect who ran from a trooper on a traffic stop along M-55. The suspect fled the scene on foot and was assisted by a passer-by who gave the suspect a ride into Lake City. The suspect, who was wanted out of Kent County, was eventually apprehended in a bar in Lake City later that day. Conservation Officers Chris Bowen, Chuck McPherson, John Huspen, and Craig Neil assisted with a hunter safety class at the Houghton Lake Middle School. Approximately 30 students attended the class as part of the schools "enrichment days". The students had several good questions for the officers and were very interactive. Conservation Officers Chris Bowen and Chuck McPherson spoke at the Roscommon High School career day. Approximately 120 students choose to come and talk with the conservation officers about their profession.

CO Chuck McPherson was patrolling Higgins Lake and found numerous tip ups set with flags up. CO McPherson observed the tip ups from a distance for three hours before a subject came from shore to check. CO McPherson made contact with the subject and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

Sgt. Tony Soave and CO Will Brickel responded to shots fired and an officer down call in Bay City and assisted the Michigan State Police and other local agencies set up an

outer perimeter and secure the crime scene until Michigan State Police Emergency Service Teams could be put into place to extract the injured officer and negotiate with the shooter.

While checking ice anglers in Isabella County, CO Mike Haas observed two men catching multiple fish. CO Haas approached them and talked to one of the men who had numerous sunfish on the ice next to him and asked him how the fishing was. The man stated they were doing good and had about 30 fish between them. CO Haas then spoke with the other fisherman who had a large number of sunfish on the ice next to him who stated they had caught 35 to 40 fish. CO Haas counted the fish on the ice and located additional fish that were hidden in a bag. After counting all of the fish, it was determined that the fishermen had over their 50 fish limit of bluegill and crappie. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Haas was on his way to a local lake in Isabella County when he observed an individual operating an ORV on the side of the roadway. As CO Haas approached the ORV, the operator pulled over. The operator apologized and stated he was probably not allowed to be operating on the roadway but was visiting family and took one of the 4-wheelers for a ride. CO Haas informed the man that ORVs were allowed to be operated on the side of the county roads with a helmet, ORV license, and trail permit are required. The ORV was not licensed, did not have a trail permit, and the man was not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg did a presentation on trapping and furbearing animals to 35 Boy Scout troops (approx. 350 Boy Scouts) at the winter Klondike Derby in Frankenmuth.

CO Joel Lundberg went to Meridian Elementary School and did presentations to four 3rd grade classes. CO Lundberg spoke on the natural resources of our state and the importance of conserving them. CO Lundberg took a collection of antlers, furs and skulls for the kids to learn from.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint in Huron County of subjects using a snowmobile to chase a fox while hunting. When CO Hobkirk arrived in the area he located two hunters in their vehicle. While interviewing the occupants of the truck, they admitted to hunting a fox that they had spotted and also informed the CO that there was a snowmobile involved. The passenger of the vehicle gave CO Hobkirk the name of the snowmobile operator and arrangements were made to meet up with him. When CO Hobkirk spoke with the snowmobile operator, he confessed to chasing the fox for a short time. The snowmobile operator was cited for chasing animals with a snowmobile.

CO Robert Hobkirk took a complaint in Huron County of a recreational trespass involving a coyote hunter last month. The complaint was taken and suspects were interviewed. A warrant request was submitted to the county prosecutor's office for recreational trespass charges for one of the hunters. The warrant was authorized and CO Hobkirk made arrangements to meet up with the suspect. When CO Hobkirk met

the suspect regarding the arrest warrant the man posted bond on the warrant and was given a court date for his arraignment.

While on a recent patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed an ORV and passenger riding on a county road with no seatbelts or ORV tag attached. Upon stopping the ORV, CO Bucholtz also located an uncased shotgun in the rear bed of the side-by-side ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to a trespassing complaint in Huron County. An armed coyote hunter had entered the complainant's land without permission. CO Bucholtz located the suspect and spoke with him on scene. Enforcement action was taken.

With a recent heavy snowfall, CO Joshua Wright went on a snowmobile patrol in Tuscola County. Many contacts were made and various violations were encountered including expired registrations, no trail stickers, and traffic violations. Enforcement action was taken on six violations during that patrol.

COs Seth Rhodea and Josh Wright teamed up in Sanilac County to patrol county roads and state land after a large snow storm. Numerous snowmobilers were contacted and several citations were issued for unregistered snowmobiles and failing to have trail permits.

COs Seth Rhodea, Bob Hobkirk, Josh Wright, Chad Forester and Mike Hass conducted a group snowmobile patrol on the trails in Sanilac County. Activity was light on the trails but several tickets were issued for unregistered snowmobiles and failing to have trail permits.

CO Jill Berry received a Montcalm County complaint of a tip-up that was unoccupied for two days with litter left all around the site. The CO retrieved the tip-up and conducted a knock and talk at the subject's house. A confession was obtained and enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a snowmobile patrol in Roscommon County, COs Quincy Gowenlock and Joel Lundberg were almost struck head on by a snowmobiler traveling recklessly and at a high rate of speed while coming around a blind corner on the trail. When the operator saw the officers he hit the brakes, went sideways and almost caused a crash. The COs then activated their lights and attempted to stop the subject who took off at a high rate of speed. While attempting to catch up to the subject, the COs stopped at three separate stop signs to clear the intersections and were advised by other sled operators taking a break that the suspect blew through the stop signs at a high rate of speed. The COs continued to catch up to the suspect and after approximately two miles they rounded a turn and found the subject traveling at 20 mph as if nothing was going on. The COs stopped the suspect and upon questioning, he initially denied everything, stating he never ran anyone off the trail and was trying to catch up to his friends. When asked who he was riding with, the suspect advised he was riding with his girlfriend who should be coming up from behind us shortly, which contradicted his

previous statement. After several minutes of questioning, the suspect finally admitted that he ran CO Gowenlock off the trail. As tickets were being issued to the subject for his violations, his girlfriend finally arrived and was not happy. As the COs were leaving she was giving the subject an ear full for leaving her on the unfamiliar trails where she got lost.

COs Quincy Gowenlock, Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood were conducting a multi-county snowmobile patrol in Midland, Gladwin and Roscommon Counties. While on patrol, the COs stopped a sled for expired registration. The suspect stated the sled belonged to his friend and he knew that the registration was current and that his friend must have forgot to put it on. As CO Lockwood conducted a registration check, COs Lundberg and Gowenlock continued to speak with the subject. CO Lockwood's check on the registration came back expired. When the subject saw he was getting a ticket he asked the COs if they knew CO Gowenlock. Taken by surprise and not knowing where the subject was going with his statement, the COs responded with a "YES". The suspect went on to explain that he was friends with him and knew him very well in an attempt to get out of the ticket. Apparently, the suspect didn't know CO Gowenlock that well as he was standing right in front of him.

While on an Ice Fishing Patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located a shanty with three tip-ups on the ice. When CO Ken Lowell made contact with the anglers they quickly stepped out of the shanty and zipped it up. CO Ken Lowell could smell marijuana coming from the shanty; therefore, a search of the shanty was conducted. The marijuana was consumed but there were additional fishing poles in the water. Tickets were issued for fishing with too many lines.

DISTRICT 7

CO Ivan Perez received a complaint of a deer being killed out of season. CO BJ Goulette assisted CO Perez and they located some unique foot prints in the snow that were tracked back to an abandoned trailer on adjacent land to the complainant's property. A boat and trailer were located with an old license plate. The COs ran the license plate through dispatch and located the subject. Upon contact with the subject they obtained a full confession and were able to match his boots to the boot prints at the scene. The subject admitted that he quit looking for the deer because he was afraid of the nearby landowners seeing him trespassing. The deer was later recovered on the complainant's property. Enforcement action was taken and the crossbow used in the incident was confiscated.

CO Ivan Perez made contact with a group of coyote hunters in an area known for road hunting. CO Perez located two loaded firearms in the vehicle between two juveniles sitting in the back seat. Enforcement action was taken with the two adults in the vehicle. CO Perez made contact with the juvenile's parents and discussed regulations and safety issues. Both juveniles will be attending hunter safety classes to learn about the proper and safe way to hunt and transport firearms.

CO Ivan Perez observed a vehicle with a driver who, upon spotting the CO, tried to hide something. CO Perez made contact and located an open container of alcohol. Further

investigation revealed that the driver was suspended and had a warrant out for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster and CO Richard Cardenas received information of some illegal traps on private land near Lyons. They found three locations with large treble hooks baited with chicken breasts hanging from wire approximately 3-4 feet off the ground. A suspect was contacted who admitted to "hooking for coyotes." He advised he didn't really know how to trap them and his grandfather told him that was how they did it when he was younger. A ticket was issued for attempting to take coyote by illegal method.

CO Greg Patten and CO Ivan Perez responded to a hiker in distress call that came over the radio from Muskegon Central Dispatch. CO Patten made contact with the Park Officer to notify him of the situation. When the COs arrived on scene the woman had been rescued by the local fire department.

CO Greg Patten and CO Ivan Perez came across five 4X4 trucks in the Sullivan Township Park which is closed to ORVs and vehicle traffic. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten and CO Ivan Perez came across an ORV operating on the paved roadway. There were two people on the quad (made for one person) with no helmets. The quad had no ORV license and further investigation revealed that the title had not been transferred to the owner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten observed two pickup trucks in the Sullivan Township parkland which is closed to vehicle use. He then spotted a third pickup truck driving in a wetland pond. The operator was issued a ticket for wetland operation and warned for operating in a closed area and public utility right of way.

CO Greg Patten along with Norton Shores Police Department was first on scene to a subject who went through the ice while fishing. CO Patten was able to direct other first responders to the scene. While rescue personnel were preparing their gear, the subject who had been in the water for approximately forty-five minutes was losing the ability to hold himself up on the ice. CO Patten ventured out on the ice and secured a safety line around the weakening subject. Once fire personnel were suited up they were able to rescue the subject without further incident. The subject was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for hypothermia.

CO Greg Patten made contact with a watercraft coming off the Muskegon River. There were five fishermen in the boat, but the boat owner could only produce four life jackets and didn't have a throw able life ring as required by law. Enforcement action was taken. CO BJ Goulette assisted the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department with a disorderly female subject at a local park in Ottawa County. The subject was drunk and had to be restrained after she became combative towards the officers as she started spitting and yelling profanities as she was being arrested.

CO Richard Cardenas and CO Justin Ulberg conducted a joint snowmobile patrol in Barry and Allegan County on trails 59 and 591. The COs made contact with numerous

snowmobilers and issued multiple warnings. Contact was made with a group of snowmobilers who had failed to obtain their 2015 snowmobile trail permits. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas set up trail cameras in the Barry State Game Area in an effort to catch illegal ORV activity. Several pictures and videos were obtained of motor vehicles operating in closed areas. A few days later CO Cardenas recognized a truck from the photos and made contact with the subject. The subject attempted to deny that he illegally operated his truck in the closed game area. After seeing the evidence photos he confessed to the illegal operation in a closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Daniel Prince responded to a coyote hunting complaint in northern Livingston County. A subject reported seeing a group of coyote hunters trying to capture their dogs, which were fighting with an injured coyote in his neighbors fenced in backyard. The hunter reportedly shot the coyote which was too close to the home. The home owner was not home at the time. CO Prince was able to make contact with the hunters. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy received a RAP complaint of a dead eagle at the intersection of a Livingston County roadway. CO Purdy checked the area and located a dead Canada goose that had been run over several times.

CO Pete Purdy contacted two anglers while out on a local lake. One of the anglers had a probation violation warrant out of Brevard County Florida. The holding agency would not extradite the subject. He was advised and released.

CO Pete Purdy observed a vehicle on a dirt road traveling too fast, tail gating, and passing in an unsafe manner. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and enforcement action was taken on the driver. The passenger in the vehicle was found to have a misdemeanor drinking under the influence warrant; however, the holding agency was unable to pick up the suspect. The subject was advised and released.

While enroute to instruct at Recruit School 7, CO Pete Purdy came upon a MSP Trooper on a traffic stop on I-96. The Trooper advised CO Purdy that he had just taken a subject into custody for possession of several bags of prescription pills for distribution. The State Trooper asked CO Purdy to stand by until back up arrived while he searched the vehicle. The assist was completed without incident.

While enroute home from District 8 ST training through a heavy snowstorm, CO Pete Purdy came upon a two car injury accident at the same time the accident was dispatched over the radio. CO Purdy advised Livingston County Central Dispatch he was out on the accident and made contact with the occupants involved. One was badly injured and unable to exit the vehicle. The other was walking around but complaining of bad chest pains. CO Purdy provided first aid to the injured parties, updated Central Dispatch, and controlled traffic until MSP and the Fire Department arrived on scene.

CO Andrew Monnich checked some of the last ice in the area with one shanty on it. CO Monnich counted six tip-ups set around the shanty. CO Monnich walked out to check the shanty and upon contact noticed two anglers in the shanty with multiple jigging rods in the water. Both individuals thought the tip-ups didn't count towards your legal line limits. Enforcement action was taken for having too many lines in the water.

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds were patrolling the Hudson Recreation Area when they noticed a vehicle backed in a parking lot with an empty ORV trailer on it. With no open ORV areas in the entire game area they decided to go on foot and follow the fresh ORV tracks in the melting snow. After some time looking for the ORV the COs spotted an ORV being driven across a Hunter Access Program field with two individuals on it. The ORV went through a thick fence line and across another field before the COs were able to make contact and found them to be small game hunters. The hunters thought it would be a good idea to bring the ORV due to the muddy conditions. The COs explained to them about the closed area and about the number of other violations they observed while trying to catch up with them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols received three calls about injured wildlife in Ingham County during one shift. One person called to report a three-legged deer struggling to move but when the caller was contacted about the deer it had managed to move on. Another person called to report that he had hit a hawk on I-96 with his vehicle and the hawk was still alive wedged in the grill of his vehicle. CO Nickols responded and removed the hawk from the vehicle. Unfortunately, the juvenile Goshawk died before it could be taken to a rehabber. CO Nickols also received a call about an injured Peregrine Falcon near the Romney building in downtown Lansing. The bird was likely stunned after flying into a window or building and was able to fly off on its own.

CO Rich Nickols picked up a subject from Michigan State University PD on a DNR warrant and lodged him in the Clinton County Jail.

CO Rich Nickols conducted a patrol focused on snowmobile activity after the recent heavy snowfall. Patrol was focused on the Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) trail. One contact was made with a 15 year old subject operating on the trail. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Larn R. Strawn received a RAP complaint of a sick deer near a residence in Lansing. CO Strawn responded to the location and interviewed the caller. CO Strawn discovered the deer had moved across the street and into a wooded area near a city park and local cemetery. Following the deer tracks, CO Strawn located two healthy deer foraging under some pine trees. Although the deer were healthy CO Strawn urged the caller to call again as soon as they notice a return of a sick or injured deer. The caller was provided information.

CO Larn R. Strawn investigated an anonymous complaint of an ice shanty sinking through the ice on a local lake. CO Strawn patrolled the lake and was unable to locate a

sinking shanty; however, CO Strawn did contact a couple of fishermen and urged the fishermen to be extremely cautious when attempting to go on the ice, noting the warm weather and sunshine has made the ice hazardous.

CO Jason King checked the local pet stores in Shiawassee County in search of a possible sale of a Columbian Boa constrictor that was disposed in the Rose Lake Game Area. The case is still under investigation.

CO Matthew Neterer was on patrol checking fishing activity in the Lansing area when he heard dispatch call out a hit and run accident. CO Neterer was in the area and was able to apprehend the driver who left the scene of the crash. CO Neterer turned the subject over to the Lansing Police Department.

CO Chris Maher gave a ride-along to a criminal justice student interested in becoming a Michigan Conservation Officer. CO Maher and the ride-along checked numerous fishermen throughout the day. CO Maher described and demonstrated how to professionally contact the public while keeping proper officer safety.

CO Chris Maher responded to a complaint from central dispatch about snowmobilers trespassing on private property. CO Maher was able to locate the snowmobilers at their residence. The operators admitted to riding on the complainant's land. Charges will be sought through the Jackson County prosecutor's office.

CO Mike Drexler assisted the Dexter Fire Department after they retrieved a deceased deer that had fallen through the ice on a local lake. Firefighters noticed the deer appeared to be very skinny and notified CO Drexler to see if the deer should be tested for disease. CO Drexler arrived at the scene and after examining the deer, took the carcass for follow up with Wildlife Division.

COs Mike Drexler and Brandon Hartleben responded to a RAP complaint where subjects were target practicing on Pinckney Recreation Area property. When the COs arrived they observed seven subjects along a utility corridor, target shooting near the Waterloo Pinckney hiking trail. Contact was made with the subjects who possessed several firearms, a box of clay pigeons, and were surrounded by empty shotgun shells and pistol casings. The subjects were asked to pick up their spent casings and three were issued tickets for target shooting in a non-designated area.

CO Jason McCullough observed a local angler on the last of the ice. He waited for him to walk to shore and checked for a license. The angler had a few fish but no license. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

While on patrol CO Isaac Tyson located fisherman at a local boat launch. As CO Tyson was watching the group, multiple fishermen put down their poles and began to hit golf balls into the lake. CO Tyson contacted the group and asked to see their fishing licenses. When asked why they were littering they stated that they didn't know that hitting golf balls in the lake was litter. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO Isaac Tyson located an ORV operating down the roadway. The subject was stopped and it was discovered that he was not wearing a helmet and did not have an ORV decal. The subject, a young teenager, was escorted to his residence and educated on the importance of wearing a helmet and the laws pertaining to ORV operation.

CO Isaac Tyson was contacted regarding a deer that was stranded on thin ice. With the help of the Branch County Sheriff's Hovercraft, the deer was pulled to safety.

CO Isaac Tyson was contacted by a Branch County Deputy regarding a sick deer. The Deputy had dispatched the deer and noticed that the deer was in poor physical condition. After investigating the carcass, an archery wound and infected area was located and determined to be the cause of illness.

CO Isaac Tyson received a complaint of carcasses dumped in a local river. Once on scene CO Tyson discovered multiple skinned carcasses of coyote, fox and other furbearing animals had been dumped. CO Tyson documented the scene and will continue to investigate to locate the subject responsible.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol when he observed an individual riding a snowmobile without a helmet. CO Slick made contact with the snowmobiler and asked about his helmet. He stated that he didn't think he needed one because he wasn't on a trail. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO David Schaumburger of Wayne County and CO Kris Kiel of Macomb County were patrolling Lake St. Clair checking anglers when they observed through their binoculars an angler dump his bucket of fish out onto the ice to count them. The COs observed him count out his limit of fish, placing the rest back into the hole in the ice. Upon checking the angler on shore, the COs counted 26 pan fish, putting him one over his limit. The angler stated that he had 36, but put 6 back through the ice. The COs issued a citation for taking an over limit of fish. An angler who was fishing with the subject later told the COs that somebody had told the group of anglers that the COs were watching, prompting the suspect to immediately count his fish.

Conservation Officers Kris Kiel and Dave Schaumburger were checking ice anglers on Lake St. Clair. The COs made contact with three anglers that had yellow perch lying all over the ice around multiple holes. After counting all of the yellow perch on the ice and in their buckets, it was found that one angler had 61 yellow perch, 11 over the limit. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Brad Silorey of Macomb County received a call from CO Kris Kiel also from Macomb County in regards to a tip he had received on his day off of anglers taking over limits of fish. CO Silorey spotted the anglers loading their gear at the end of a secluded street. CO Silorey made contact and the anglers stated that they were able to catch a few sunfish. CO Silorey asked to see the fish that each angler had caught.

When the anglers were grabbing their buckets back out of their truck, CO Silorey observed two trash bags shoved in the back of the truck bed. One angler stated that he only had about 16 fish and the other one had around 20 fish. CO Silorey counted the fish, then looked at the anglers and stated that he will also need to count the fish that are in the bags in the back of the truck. Upon being confronted by CO Silorey about the extra fish, the anglers lowered their heads in shame and admitted to CO Silorey that they had deliberately taken an over limit of fish. In total the two suspects had taken 97 sunfish that day, 47 fish over the legal daily limit. Enforcement action was taken. Conservation Officer Brad Silorey of Macomb County was on patrol checking ice anglers. Upon getting close to a group of anglers and making contact CO Silorey was reluctant to walk out on the quickly deteriorating ice that the anglers were on. There was very thin ice covered with about 2 inches of water between CO Silorey and the anglers. CO Silorey requested each angler to hold up their fishing license, and questioned how many fish they currently had. The anglers stated they had caught some fish but had released all of them. CO Silorey was about to thank the anglers and head back when he observed a small walleye flopping on the ice behind one of the angler's bucket. CO Silorey measured the walleye and confirmed it being undersized measuring only 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, COs Brad Silorey and Dave Schaumburger observed several anglers fishing from a bridge over the Clinton River. Upon contact COs Silorey and Schaumburger greeted the anglers and asked how their fishing was going. After checking the anglers fishing license, CO Silorey noticed that the anglers were fishing with a weight suspended below their hooks on a dropper line. CO Silorey explained the violation and how the rig that they were using was not legal to use on the river. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey and Dave Schaumburger were patrolling, when they noticed a person operating an ORV on the roadway at a high rate of speed without wearing a helmet. The subject was operating on a roadway that was closed to ORV traffic and the ORV was unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bradley Silorey of Macomb County and David Schaumburger of Wayne County received information of an angler taking over limits of fish. COs Silorey and Schaumburger made contact with the suspect and counted his 41 yellow perch. The subject stated that he did not have his fishing license on him and that it was in his truck. CO Silorey followed the subject back to his vehicle where he opened the bed of the truck to get his license out of his jacket. CO Silorey observed a Styrofoam cooler in the truck bed and questioned the subject as to what was in the cooler. The subject stated that there were more yellow perch in there. COs Silorey and Schaumburger counted the yellow perch in the cooler; this totaled 117 yellow perch. When questioned, the subject stated that he had caught the fish earlier in the day and that he did not realize that he had that many. In total, the subject was in possession of 158 yellow perch, which was 108 fish over his daily limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey of Macomb County and Dave Schaumburger of Wayne County were contacting anglers at Metro Beach during which time they came into contact with two

anglers that stated they did not have fishing licenses. The anglers proceeded to tell the COs they bought 24 hour fishing licenses a week ago. They stated they did not want to purchase the 2015 license due to the fact they would need to buy the 2016 license in April. Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger and Bradley Silorey were contacted by a property owner in regards to anglers trespassing onto the property and into the marina. The property owner did not want the anglers on the property and requested the COs assistance. The COs made contact with many anglers whom all stated they walked right past the "No Trespassing" sign in order to enter into the marina. Many anglers stated that it was, "only a matter of time," before the issue would be addressed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger and Bradley Silorey were patrolling Lake St. Clair Metro park checking anglers when CO Schaumburger came upon an angler who was having a particularly good day catching fish. The CO asked the angler how many fish he had, and he reluctantly said, "More than 25." The angler continued fishing as the CO looked in his bucket and counted 27 pan fish. The angler stated he was done fishing and could not understand why the CO needed his identification, as he did not think he deserved a citation, even though he stated the limit was 25. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger of Wayne County was checking a marina full of anglers when he came across 2 anglers in a group who appeared to have 8 lines in the water. The anglers were brothers and one of them stated that he only had 2 lines in the water, and the other belonged to an unknown subject. CO Schaumburger asked the angler where the other angler was and where he went, but the angler was unable to answer the questions. After repeated questioning, the other angler told his brother to stop lying because it would only get them into more trouble. Eventually both anglers came clean and stated that they each had 4 lines in the water. The anglers stated that they, "just could not help themselves," because they were desperate for fish. Enforcement action was taken

CO Matthew Zultak was checking ice fishermen on Stanton Lakes. He came upon a shanty with two subjects and three poles with lines in the water. CO Zultak ran the individuals on RSS to see if they had fishing licenses. Only one subject had a valid license. When the subject without a license was confronted, he stated he had not been fishing. Upon further inspection of the shanty, a line tied to the shanty was also in the water. The subject with the license admitted it was his. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak stopped multiple snowmobiles in the Lapeer State Game Area. Most snowmobiles were missing trail permits. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Christopher Knights of Oakland County was conducting an investigation and learned of a possible suspect through a plate that was given by a witness. CO Knights was able to make contact with the suspect outside of his residence in front of his garage. While conducting the interview, CO Knights could see

deer mounts on a bench directly behind him, along with many pelts and other animal mounts. CO Knights completed his interview regarding the carcasses, but then began to ask questions regarding the mounts. The suspect stated at first it was a hobby, but after further questioning, he admitted to running a taxidermy business for the past four years. The suspect acknowledged he should have had met the legal requirements, but just didn't take the time to do it. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Jeremy Beavers of Genesee County conducted a snowmobile patrol of the county parks and the surrounding area. During the patrol CO Beavers spotted four snowmobiles traveling north at a high rate of speed. One subject was operating a machine with an expired registration. The subject stated that this is the first time he has operated the snowmobile this winter and forgot to get it renewed. CO Beavers checked for prior violations and discovered the subject has been cited in the past for the same violation as well as other snowmobile infractions. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

CO Andrew Monnich assisted Parks Division on Belle Isle with an unsanctioned car show with over 250 cars gathering on Belle Isle. The event was stopped and the lot was cleared. CO Monnich assisted with keeping the traffic moving around the island smoothly while the participants exited.

Shortly before 6:00 am, CO Rich Nickols spotted a vehicle driving the wrong way on a one way road. CO Nickols stopped the vehicle and found the female driver did not have her license with her. After running a file on the subject, it showed her license had been suspended. Enforcement action was taken and the vehicle was turned over to a valid driver that was riding in the vehicle.

COs Larn R. Strawn and Ken Kovach worked a midnight shift on Belle Isle. During their shift COs Strawn and Kovach patrolled to Milliken State Park. While checking Milliken State Park the COs discovered a vehicle and two subjects in the park during the posted closed hours. While contacting the subjects and investigating, CO Strawn discovered the subjects were in possession of open intoxicants in the motor vehicle, neither had a valid operator license, and both had multiple arrest warrants for numerous violations in courts throughout the area. CO Strawn issued them tickets for entering the park after hours, provided them with the details on how to contact the courts to settle their warrants and had them call for a licensed driver to get them home.