

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Ethen Mapes was on patrol near the village of Ontonagon when he witnessed a vehicle being operated in the opposite lane. CO Mapes could see the driver was struggling to keep the vehicle on the roadway and conducted a traffic stop. After his roadside investigation, the driver was placed under arrest for driving without a valid driver's license as well as operating a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .17 or higher.

COs Nathan Sink and Ethen Mapes hiked into the Little Carp and Big Carp Rivers in the Porcupine Mountains State Park. The fish were running and many anglers made the hike to enjoy the rivers. There was a high compliance with fishing regulations and a few warnings were given: littering, dogs off leashes, and failure to carry fishing license on one's person. CO Sink and Mapes hiked over 8 miles and made some very good contacts among other hikers and anglers who were recreating in the park.

CO Ethen Mapes was interviewed by a 10 year old young man who was doing a report on poaching for school. The young man had many good questions for CO Mapes and was excited to learn about what COs do.

CO David Miller assisted CO Doug Hermanson by locating two suspects involved in a timber trespassing complaint. CO Miller interviewed both suspects and obtained a full confession of the timber theft. Charges are being sought through the county prosecutor.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to a call of a wolf killed along the roadway. The CO responded and picked up what turned out to be a coyote.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint regarding an injured deer in Dickinson County. The deer appeared to have been struck by a car and was lying in a citizen's yard. CO Ferguson was able to remove the animal and donate it to a local citizen.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint involving ORVs damaging a local county trail system. CO Ferguson responded to the location and discovered severe damage caused by the ORVs. The area will be patrolled for future illegal ORV activity.

CO Shannon Kritz assisted neighboring Wisconsin wardens with the search for a missing subject along the Brule River. The search ended with the body of the missing subject being recovered from the river with the assistance of an underwater ROV.

CO Nathan Sink and CO Ethen Mapes were on their way to an injured eagle complaint in Ontonagon County when they came across a subject burning debris. The officers

stopped to investigate the fire and discovered the individual was burning furniture, a television and other illegal materials. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson and CO Brian Bacon tracked down a person of interest from CO Brian Bacon's investigation into a case worked last fall of timber theft from state land. The suspect switched his residence and failed to change his place of residency on his operator's license. While CO Brian Bacon was talking with the suspect, CO Jared Ferguson recognized his brother who also had three warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon was requested by DNR fire officers at the scene of a fire in Dickinson County. Enforcement action was taken for the fire violations during the very high fire danger.

CO Shannon Kritz investigated a fire that started when a subject disposed of ashes into a burn barrel. With the high winds, the fire escaped from the barrel and caught the surrounding area on fire. Quick response from local fire officers and the volunteer fire department kept the fire from growing out of control with the high winds.

CO Brett Delonge responded to an injured eagle that had been hit by a car. CO Delonge was able to capture the bird and deliver it to the Chocoday Raptor Rehab Center. CO Delonge assisted personnel at the rehab center with the initial exam.

CO Jeremy Sergey observed an individual tending a large fire in a forested area. CO Sergey advised the individual that there was a burn ban in the entire county. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman was checking fishermen along the Carp River in Marquette County. One fisherman was located fly fishing and they quickly exited the river when they observed the CO. Upon contact, the fisherman began digging through his wallet and then claimed he must have left his license at home. He soon admitted he did not have a license and apologized. He stated that CO Leadman had ticketed him several years earlier on the same river for fishing on the closed section of the stream. A check revealed the subject had been contacted nearly one year earlier to the day for fishing on the closed section and also did not have a valid fishing license at that time. Enforcement action was taken again.

CO Mark Leadman and Sgt. Ryan Aho were patrolling along the Little Garlic River that is closed to fishing until the trout opener. The COs soon spotted two subjects with fishing gear and a back pack. The COs followed the two subjects for nearly a mile down the road back to the parking area without being observed by the fishermen. When the two fishermen spotted the COs patrol truck parked along the road, they abruptly stopped, whispered to each other and changed direction into the woods in an attempt to sneak around the CO truck. COs Leadman and Aho announced their presence and questioned both subjects about their actions. One fresh steelhead trout was located inside the backpack. Both subjects admitted that they observed a sign

posted near the river that stated it is closed to fishing until the trout opener. One subject also stated that a by-passer alerted them to the fact that the river is closed to fishing. Both subjects discarded the warnings and fished anyways which led to both of them being cited for fishing on a closed river. A check revealed that both subjects had been ticketed on several occasions prior for hunting and fishing violations.

CO Brian Lasanen was the closest unit to a call of a personal injury (PI) accident involving a motorcycle vs deer. CO Lasanen arrived on scene, assessed the situation and provided first aid for the injured rider. CO Lasanen applied direct pressure to a laceration on the victim's head until paramedics arrived.

CO Brian Lasanen made contact with two fishermen who were fishing along one of the local rivers that just opened up for the spring in Ontonagon County. CO Lasanen ran the subjects through LEIN as part of his routine check and it was determined the male fisherman had two felony warrants out of Iron Mountain Police Department. CO Lasanen arrested the subject and transported him to the Ontonagon County Jail to await pick up by the Iron Mountain Police Department.

CO Doug Hermanson checked the Lower Portage Entry dock in Houghton County and saw that a commercial fishing vessel had very recently sunk at the dock, likely within the hour. Oil and fuel were floating to the surface of the water from the vessel. CO Hermanson contacted the tribal police department and the USCG Portage and Duluth stations who arrived to assist. Containment and mitigation efforts were made for the oils spilled and plans are being made to lift the vessel from the water.

DISTRICT 2

CO Michael Evink received a complaint from a state forester. The forester was called to the site of a timber harvesting job where the cutting crew had located a truck in the woods. The forester and cutting crew were concerned it was a stolen vehicle. After further investigation, the owner was located and cited for leaving a truck on state land. The owner stated it broke down and had been there for a year or so.

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling Munising Bay when he encountered several individuals ice fishing. Fishing was good and everyone had caught fish. During the contact it was discovered that one subject had kept ten salmon and splake (five over his limit). Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling a closed section of stream along the Rock River when he observed an individual fishing in the closed area. CO Zitnik made contact with the angler and asked if he knew this was a closed area to fishing. The angler stated he did not. CO Zitnik then asked why he had hidden his truck and kept looking back to see if anyone was around while fishing and the angler could not come up with an explanation. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink were on routine patrol when they observed a vehicle pass by them without a license plate. As CO Freeborn turned on the vehicle lights to make a traffic stop, the vehicle turned into a driveway. It was determined that the driver had not had a valid license for several years. The driver was issued a citation for driving while license suspended.

CO Jon Busken stopped to assist a Michigan State Police Trooper on a traffic stop in Newberry. CO Busken recognized the driver of the suspect vehicle as he had written him a citation for both MIP and reckless operation of a motor vehicle. The operator was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. He also had an uncased firearm in his vehicle. He was placed under arrest for DUI and cited for the uncased firearm.

CO Jon Busken was patrolling the Tahquamenon River for smelt runs when he came upon a group of four anglers. While watching the fishermen, the CO heard one member state that it sure had been a long time since he fished. The group returned to shore and began smoking marijuana. Contact was made with the group. The angler who stated he had not fished for so long was found to not have a current fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for multiple violations.

CO Tom Oberg was checking ice fishermen on Munuscong Bay when he noticed an individual and two small children on a four-wheeler pass by in the opposite direction. CO Oberg noticed no one was wearing helmets. CO Oberg made a traffic stop and explained to the subject that not only was he in violation of having more than one person on a four-wheeler that is only approved for one rider, he was also in violation of operating an ORV without helmets. CO Oberg explained that helmets need to be worn at all times while operating an ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Calvin Smith and Bobby Watson checked a trio of fishermen returning to their vehicles from the ice. The COs had observed one individual reach his limit for the day and continued to catch fish and give them to his fishing buddies. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Kevin Postma and Tom Oberg assisted the Wildlife Division with recovering a dead wolf, It was determined that the wolf was killed by other wolves in the area.

CO Brett Gustafson assisted Michigan State Police, Border Patrol, and Mackinac County Sheriff's Department personnel with attempting to locate an individual who fled from a vehicle on foot after a short vehicle pursuit by US Border Patrol officers. The individual was not located. The driver of vehicle was detained for questioning.

CO Brett Gustafson assisted with the search of a lost 5 year old near the Brevort River in Mackinac County. The young boy was found by his mother after a short search. The family was fishing and the child wandered away. Fortunately for everyone, the child wandered into the woods and not the river.

CO Gustafson responded to a call from a DNR Fisheries Division creel clerk at the Pine River access about a deer injured with the hind quarter “cut off”. The deer was determined to be taken down by dogs and was dispatched. The area was patrolled heavily and several concerned neighbors will be monitoring dog activity.

CO Watson received a tip of a muskrat trap that had been found near a local marsh. CO Watson and CO Smith responded to the complaint and located the trap and found an additional six muskrat traps. All the traps appeared to have been left unattended through the winter. Contact was made with the owner of the traps, and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint from a beaver trapper of another person setting traps near the traps he had just put out the day before. Although somewhat unethical, the traps were set legally except for the person on the trap identification tag did not purchase a fur harvester’s license. A follow up interview with the trapper resulted in a ticket being issued for trapping without a license.

While patrolling for illegal ORV use in the Jordan River Valley, CO Andrea Albert ran a license plate on a truck that was driving very fast on the seasonal road. The registered owner of the vehicle had two misdemeanor warrants for her arrest. CO Albert conducted a traffic stop, confirmed the driver was the wanted person and lodged the subject at the Antrim County Jail.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped a side-by-side ORV in the Jordan River Valley and watched the passenger put his mug down on the floor. The driver had a restricted driver’s license and thought it was ok to operate ORVs in the Jordan River Valley even though he had driven by a Jordan Valley rules sign that clearly stated “No ORV Use”. CO Erratt ticketed the driver for operating an ORV in the Jordan River Valley and warned him for open intoxicants and driving in violation of his restricted license. The passenger was also warned for open intoxicants.

While driving through the Jordan River Valley at 7:00 p.m., CO Erratt came upon a family of four hiking down Jordan River Road. They had started at Warner Creek Pathway parking lot and had got lost. They were trying to get back to their car by following their GPS. CO Erratt gave the family a ride back to their vehicle.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County responded to a grass fire complaint. She arrived on scene as the Boyne City Fire Department was getting the fire under control as it approached a house. The homeowner, who was out in his yard with a hose, said he heard the call on his scanner and recognized the address so he went outside and saw the flames coming across the field in his direction. CO Erratt contacted the neighbor who had been burning brush when his fire got out of control burning several acres. He was ticketed for failing to take precautions to prevent the spread of fire and warned for burning without a permit.

While doing a taxidermy inspection, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County checked an eight-point buck with a suspicious tag. CO Erratt talked to the father who had brought the deer in for his son who lived and worked downstate. Subsequent investigation revealed that his son had shot the buck on Saturday, November 19, 2016 and purchased his deer license on Sunday, November 20. CO Erratt contacted the son via telephone and he admitted hunting deer without a license and shooting the eight-point buck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Budreau was called to Wilderness State Park to investigate someone cutting trails through the park's forest. CO Budreau, along with the park manager, walked the trails and observed an abundance of small trees and shrubs that had been cut. Contact was later made with the responsible party who admitted to cutting trails and clearings for filming coyotes. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Budreau followed up on a social media posting of the possible illegal sale of venison. After speaking with the parties involved, it was determined that the subjects were educated of the law prior to CO Budreau's involvement. The venison was given away rather than sold.

CO Budreau assisted the Emmet County Sheriff's Department with a litter complaint that was reported to both agencies. After digging through the bags of garbage, officers found several pieces of mail with the name of the subject that CO Budreau investigated only a few days prior for the illegal sale of venison. Enforcement action was taken and the litter site was ordered to be cleaned up.

Sgt. Mark DePew was patrolling on I-75 in Cheboygan County when a vehicle passed his position traveling above the posted speed of 70 MPH. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle, contacting the operator and front passenger. The operator was found to be a suspended driver. Upon further investigation, the front passenger was the owner of the vehicle and allowed the operator to operate after knowing the individual did not have a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew assisted the Otsego Sheriff's Department with an assault complaint involving a knife. Upon arrival, it was determined an altercation had developed over a civil issue. The case is being reviewed by the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Mark DePew along with a Michigan State Police trooper was dispatched to an assault complaint involving a child custody dispute in Otsego County. Dispatchers reported an individual had threatened a subject with a knife then fled the scene in a vehicle. A short time later, Sgt. DePew located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The case is being reviewed by the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Mark DePew observed an ORV driving careless and traveling at a high rate of speed near the Village of Wolverine in Cheboygan County. After pursuing the ORV for over one mile, the operator was contacted. It was determined the operator, due to

speed, was unaware the CO was pursuing him with emergency lights and siren. A citation was issued for careless operation.

Sgt. Mark DePew and CO Nick Torsky assisted the Michigan State Police Dive Team with the attempted recovery of a subject who allegedly drowned in Otsego Lake. As of Monday, April 10th a body has not been recovered. The investigation continues.

CO Kelly Ross was on routine patrol in Montmorency County when he observed a motor vehicle driving on a playground in an area where it is signed no motor vehicles. As the driver exited the area, CO Ross conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle was being operated by a female driver with one male passenger. Upon contact the driver stated she was just showing her friend the area. CO Ross observed the driver to be exhibiting characteristics that were consistent with someone who is intoxicated. CO Ross continued his investigation. The driver was arrested and lodged at the county jail for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

CO Kelly Ross made a check of a legally tagged deer during the November firearm deer season in Montmorency County. As a result of information gathered during this check, CO Ross conducted a Facebook search warrant and obtained information leading to a subject and multiple deer that were taken unlawfully. CO Ross interviewed the subject in Saginaw County and received a confession to the taking of multiple deer with no licenses. COs Kelly Ross, Brad Bellville, Paul Fox and Sgt. Michael Mshar conducted a search at a cabin in Montmorency County where evidence was seized in relation to the illegal deer. Additional charges are pending.

Sgt. Michael Mshar did a presentation at the Alpena High School for the Alpena Optimist Club's spring break family outdoor event. Sgt. Mshar displayed a large fur kit and made contact with over 100 youth and parents answering questions about COs and numerous other hunting and fishing related topics.

CO Adam LeClerc participated in a local "Coffee with a Cop" event held by the Michigan State Police Alpena Post. CO LeClerc answered questions from the public on ORV, snowmobile, fish and game laws and regulations. CO LeClerc also spoke about the upcoming DNR CO Academy.

CO Jon Sklba was on patrol in Presque Isle County when he came upon a vehicle that was sitting idle in the roadway. Upon contacting the driver to check on his welfare, it was discovered that the driver had never transferred the title to the motor vehicle after purchasing it a couple months prior. The driver also had never registered or insured the vehicle. The driver was arrested for the violations and the motor vehicle was impounded.

CO Paul Fox received a complaint in Presque Isle County regarding two dead bald eagles that were found in close proximity to each other. CO Fox checked the surrounding area for any obvious signs pointing to the death of the eagles. Nothing out of the ordinary was located. The eagles were picked up and are being sent to the DNR disease lab for analysis. The investigation continues.

CO Paul Fox attended a Ruffed Grouse Society banquet in Alpena. Numerous contacts were made with sportsmen and women regarding legal questions, bird activity, and updates within the DNR.

DISTRICT 4

CO Colton Gelinias was on patrol in Leelanau County when he was dispatched to a residence where a couch and cabinets were set on fire. CO Gelinias made contact with the suspect who admitted to setting the fire because he did not know how else to get rid of the material. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinias and CO William Kinney were on patrol in Wexford County when they observed several ORVs driving in a prohibited area. It was also determined that one of the ORVs was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Hopkins assisted Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore Rangers with a littering case that had been plaguing them for several months. Rangers observed deposits of single empty wine bottles on the side of a roadway that totaled more than 60 during the investigation time period. Rangers were able to isolate the litter deposits to a daily 2-hour time frame. CO Hopkins assisted by sitting covertly in the woods adjacent to one of regular litter spot during the suspected time window and observed a wine bottle being thrown from a passing truck. CO Hopkins notified NPS Rangers who were positioned down the road. The rangers conducted a traffic stop based on the observations of CO Hopkins. The driver of the truck was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol and cited for littering.

CO Hopkins was requested by a local fire department to assist with an escaped household burn. A homeowner admitted to burning household waste in an uncovered barrel and then leaving to go to lunch. During the time of the homeowner's absence, the burning debris escaped the barrel, burned much of the homeowner's yard and part of an outbuilding. The fire also spread onto adjacent property, where it burned a neighbor's storage building and contents. A citation was issued for failing to prevent fire from escape and warnings were given for not having a proper cover on the burning barrel and leaving the fire unattended.

CO Sean Kehoe responded to a complaint of a subject snagging fish at the Boardman River. Upon checking the subject, he denied snagging any fish and stated that the fish on his stringer, a steelhead and walleye, were both hooked in the mouth. CO Kehoe went onto point out that the walleye on the stringer was out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe and CO Rich Stowe attended the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet and answered questions for the attendees.

CO Sean Kehoe observed two young anglers walk down to the river with all their fishing gear. A subject on a bicycle that had ridden by CO Kehoe also rode by the anglers and

alerted them to CO Kehoe's presence. Before even making a cast, the subjects returned to their vehicle and packed up. CO Kehoe contacted the anglers anyway to find out what was going on. One subject had his license and the other subject claimed he wasn't fishing and he did not have a license. As the contact continued, the licensed angler started showing CO Kehoe pictures on his phone of all the fish he had caught recently. While scrolling through the pictures, CO Kehoe pointed out the picture of the unlicensed angler holding a fish that he had caught the day before. A warning was issued for not having a fishing license and the subject headed immediately to Meijer to get a fishing license.

CO William Kinney and CO Colton Gelinas were patrolling Northern Wexford County for ORV activity. The COs were traveling down a forest road when they were met by two motor vehicles and an ORV. The COs noticed the driver of the first vehicle had neglected to wear her safety belt, and the operator of the ORV did not have proper eye protection. A traffic stop was conducted for the violations. After further investigation, it was found that the operator of the ORV had not licensed the ORV, and the driver of the first vehicle was operating with a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Grand Traverse County, CO Rich Stowe observed a motocross motorcycle traveling against the flow of traffic on a state highway right-of-way. The subject was stopped. Education and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River when he observed two anglers walking across posted private property. CO Andrews also observed the anglers actively fishing in the river for approximately ten minutes before contacting them. One angler did not have a valid fishing license and both had been observed trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin when he observed a subject trespassing on posted private property. CO Killingbeck watched a subject cutting across private property, making no attempt whatsoever to stay in or near the water. CO Killingbeck contacted the subject who said he had observed the "No Trespassing" signs, but was in a hurry to get back to his car and figured no one was watching. CO Killingbeck explained recreational trespass regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, CO Kyle Publiski, and USFS Officer Doug Berringer were checking anglers and boats on the Pere Marquette River when they observed a subject trespassing on posted private property on the other side of the river. The COs watched as the subject looked up at the "No Trespassing" signs and continued cutting across the private property. CO Killingbeck made contact with the subject who said that he was not from the area and did not know exactly what "No Trespassing" meant. CO Killingbeck asked the angler what he thought it meant, and he replied, "I guess it means keep out." Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped to check two ORVs and discovered neither ORV was licensed. The operators said that they had not purchased stickers for this year or last year. They also admitted they have owned the ORV for a couple years and have never obtained titles. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski came across two ORVs operating on the wrong side of the roadway. CO Publiski stopped the operators and determined that not only were the ORVs operating on the wrong side of the road, but they were also operating without ORV permits and were trying to conceal their open beers behind their legs on the floor. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a wildfire complaint in Mason County that resulted from an agriculture burn. A farmer was burning a large pile of brush when the wind kicked up ash and ember which ignited the neighboring property owner's yard. Thanks to a quick response from the local fire department, the fire was extinguished quickly and only burning an acre of field and trees. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel stopped a group of ORVs operating in a closed area. All of the ORVs were unlicensed. The riders stated that they had gotten lost while riding on their friend's private ORV track. Upon questioning the location of the private property, it was discovered that the track was some 20 miles away. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively assisted Oceana County Sheriff's Department with the search for a 76 year old male with dementia who was found missing from a residence at 8:00 p.m. The family did not call for help until 11:00 p.m. and no direction of travel was known. Michigan State Police K9 attempted to track the subject and MSP Aviation attempted to locate the subject from the air. At approximately 8:45 a.m. the next morning, the subject was located by deputies in an orchard near a snowmobile trail and was treated by EMS.

CO Ben Shively was requested by DNR Fire and Hesperia Fire for investigation of a four acre fire from an illegal burn. CO Shively responded, photographed the scene, and attempted to locate the homeowner. Late that night, CO Shively made contact with the homeowner and issued two citations for allowing fire to escape control and illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Ben Shively was checking the White River along the Muskegon County line when he observed two subjects fishing near a bridge. CO Shively pulled back to the parking area and located an angler at the only vehicle that was parked there. In checking the angler, he asked if there was anyone else fishing with him. He stated that there were two guys down there, but he wasn't with them and that he didn't want to get involved. As CO Shively checked his fishing license, he observed the two subjects that he had seen fishing, walking across the bridge with no poles. CO Shively left and contacted the subjects on the roadway who denied fishing. When CO Shively stated that they were going to go back to the bridge to locate their fishing gear, both subjects quickly admitted

to fishing and their gear was located under the bridge. They were both cited for fishing without a license.

CO Ben Shively assisted the Oceana County Sheriff's Department to locate a suicidal subject who was under the influence of cocaine, Xanax, and alcohol and was attempting to locate a subject that he wanted to assault. CO Shively was able to locate the subject off the Hart-Montague Rail Trail and detain him until backup arrived. The subject was turned over to the sheriff's department for transport to the hospital.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol checking an area for illegal ORV operation. He observed several subjects around a parked car. One of these subjects stumbled a few times as he walked and appeared to have a beer can in his hand. This subject entered the driver seat of the vehicle and began to drive away when CO Wells contacted him. Not only did the subject appear to be highly intoxicated, CO Wells discovered the open container of beer in the car, the subject was suspended numerous times on his driver's license and is currently on parole for several previous OWI violations. It was also discovered that the registration plate belong on another vehicle. The subject was arrested for the numerous alcohol and traffic violations and lodged at the county jail.

CO Mike Wells set up a stationary patrol in an area of USFS property that is a natural prairie due to extensive ORV damage and dumping. During this patrol, he made numerous ORV contacts, with two citations issued for no helmet and closed area. Several warnings were issued for no eye protection, closed area, and no ORV license, with some friendly reminders regarding the county ordinance regulations for ORV operation on the county road in the area.

CO Jeff Ginn observed a watercraft tied up to the break wall in front of Croton Dam. The break wall is posted and anglers are not allowed to tie to or secure their watercraft on any man made structure. CO Ginn had received several complaints of this particular watercraft in the past, but was unable to locate the offenders in action. As CO Ginn approached in his patrol boat, one subject was seen frantically attempting to untie. Upon making contact, CO Ginn discovered the suspects were indeed aware of the restriction. The subjects admitted to fishing from their location for hours and were able to land five steelhead. CO Ginn explained the liability and safety risk due to the swift moving water. CO Ginn requested the suspects to drop anchor and fish properly, but the men did not possess nearly enough anchor weight. Enforcement action was taken for trespassing and the fish were seized. CO Ginn returned to the Pine Street access where the Fisheries Division was in the process of conducting walleye shocking. CO Ginn was able to place the five steelhead into the recovery pens with the walleye. Three of the five fish recovered and were released; however two fish did not recover and were donated to a local family.

CO Jeff Ginn assisted the DNR Fisheries with the walleye shocking on the Muskegon River. He trailed the shock boat down river to ensure no anglers took advantage of the vulnerable fish. In the process, CO Ginn was able to contact several watercrafts, resulting in various marine violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn had been receiving information about a licensed charter boat captain illegally “chumming” for fish. CO Ginn was able to locate the angler fishing and observed him fishing with his clients. CO Ginn was able to observe the charter captain intentionally broadcast loose fish eggs into the water during the trip. The operator was contacted when he returned to the boat launch where he confessed to the violation. This charter operator has been convicted previously for this same violation. Evidence was seized and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn patrolled a set of power lines owned by Consumers Energy in Kalkaska County due to several complaints of damage and trespass by ORVs. The large power line runs from Traverse City to Gaylord, and is closed to all motorized vehicles. Several ORV operators were contacted and issued citations for trespass and open alcohol related violations.

In a joint effort with the Kalkaska County Sheriff’s Department, COs Mike Hearn and Sam Schluckbier hosted a boating safety class in Kalkaska County. The two agencies instructed the course and certified a small group of new boat operators on watercraft rules and safety.

CO John Huspen assisted the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department on an ORV accident. Three people had been riding on an ORV designed for two. The operator lost control, went off the road, and the three riders were thrown off as the ORV began to flip. All subjects were wearing crash helmets and taken to a local hospital, the investigation continues.

CO John Huspen assisted Crawford County sheriff deputies on a domestic violence call where a subject was striking a vehicle with an axe. Upon arrival, the deputies and CO Huspen observed an axe sticking out of the side of a vehicle and two people arguing inside the residence. The investigation revealed that an alcohol induced fight had occurred and the man had been assaulted by the female half of the relationship. Both subjects were on probation and were not allowed to consume alcohol. The female was lodged for domestic violence and probation violations are being sought against the male subject by Crawford County Sheriff’s Department.

CO Chuck McPherson and Sgt. Brian Olsen were working an ORV patrol on state land in Roscommon County. The two COs encountered multiple ORVs operating in a closed area. Some of the machines had not had a new ORV license since 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal was checking fishermen at Reedsburg Dam in Roscommon County on April 2nd. CO Neal asked a couple for their fishing licenses. They stated that their licenses were in the vehicle, they had bought them last year, and they expired April 24th. CO Neal asked to take a look at the licenses and followed the couple back to their car.

With licenses in hand, CO Neal unfolded them for the couple to look at and explained that fishing licenses expire March 31st every year regardless of when you buy them. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Cherry and Sgt. Bobbi Lively were patrolling waters closed to trout fishing in Iosco County when they noticed some vehicles parked in the area of a closed type D trout lake. The COs were able to sit and observe a group of individuals fishing in the closed trout lake using live bait. Live bait is prohibited on type D trout lakes when the season is open. The COs made contact with the group and enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Pullum received a Report All Poaching complaint of a hunting blind left on federal land in Oscoda County. The complainant indicated the owner of the blind received a citation last fall for hunting offenses out of the same blind. CO Pullum located the information from the citation he wrote to the individual last fall using that particular blind. In addition, he went out to the blind to investigate the current complaint and located a business card in the blind. The information on the business card matched the individual CO Pullum had cited last fall. Enforcement was action taken.

While on patrol in the Omer area, COs Josh Wright and Steve Lockwood were flagged down by multiple anglers who were camping along the Rifle River on state land. The campers stated that a woman who was highly intoxicated had wandered into their camp and became assaultive and aggressive towards the men. The campers claimed she had struck one of the men numerous times and choked an older man. The campers just wanted the woman removed and did not want to press charges. The woman was ordered to walk across the road and go home. She refused to leave, was placed under arrest, and lodged in the Arenac County Jail.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Josh Wright were patrolling a small inland lake in Clare County when they noticed a boat being operated with two men actively fishing. The boat registration had been expired since 2000, was improperly displayed and the MC numbers did not have the proper spacing. Neither of the men on board had life jackets with them. Further investigation determined that the owner of the vessel had purchased it two years ago and failed to register it with the Secretary of State. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson was on foot patrol along the Rifle River when he observed an angler in the process of filleting a walleye. CO Hudson contacted the angler and advised him that walleye season was closed. The man argued that he had an all species fishing license. After a brief discussion with the angler, CO Hudson was convinced that he did understand the concept of seasons. CO Hudson, being quite some distance from his patrol truck, contacted CO Mark Papineau for assistance and a citation was issued for the violation.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars answered a call in regards to a reckless driver on US-127 that was suspected to be operating under the influence. CO Byars caught up to the driver and observed the driver crossing to the right and left of the roadway lines. CO Byars conducted a traffic stop, conducted sobriety tests and determined the driver was operating while under the influence of intoxicants and possibly other narcotics. The driver was placed under arrest. The driver refused a blood test and a search warrant was obtained. The driver was lodged in the Gratiot County Jail.

CO Joe Myers was contacted by the Alma City Police Department who advised they just handled a car/deer accident and had a deer for donation. CO Myers donated the deer to the Saginaw Children's Zoo to feed the endangered Mexican grey wolves that the zoo is helping to attempt to re-establish in the wild. The wolves are an endangered subspecies of the American grey wolf. The wolves will feed in their natural pattern by eating the deer in closest comparison to feeding naturally. The zoo staff was very appreciative of the District 6 COs as they brought many deer to the zoo throughout the last couple of months.

COs Joe Myers, Quincy Gowenlock, and Will Brickel assisted District 3 COs in a search warrant in Saginaw County. The investigation is pending.

CO Joe Myers observed a fisherman on the Saginaw River system tie on illegal gear and use the gear to fish for walleye. After contact, the fisherman lied to the CO regarding the gear. A ticket for the illegal gear was issued.

CO Ken Lowell was contacted by an Ohio Game Warden regarding a subject that may have taken a deer illegally in Ohio. CO Lowell and the Ohio Game Warden talked over the case and an interview was set up. CO Lowell was able to make contact and interview the suspect. During the interview, the suspect made comment about a 10-point buck he shot in Michigan on the opening day of bow season. After further interview and a look at the 10-point, it was determined that the hunter did not have a tag when he shot the Michigan buck. A confession was given regarding shooting the buck without a license and then buying the tag after the fact. Evidence in regards to a buck being shot in Ohio was not established, but the hunter was ticketed for shooting the 10-point in Michigan without a license. If found guilty, the mandatory fine would be between \$200 and \$1,000 and the mandatory reimbursement to the state would be \$7,000.

CO Josh Russell received a call from dispatch regarding a suicidal subject not far from his location. CO Russell responded and was first on scene. Michigan State Police Troopers arrived shortly after CO Russell and they attempted to make contact with the subject. After obtaining a key to the residence, the officers swept the house. No one was inside. The subject was located later at a friend's house in good health.

COs Josh Russell and CO Joe Myers assisted District 7 with a plain clothes operation at the 6th Street Dam and the Rogue River. The COs were targeting the snagging and retaining of steelhead not hooked in the mouth. No major violations were witnessed but several anglers were talked to on their retrieving methods.

CO Will Brickel made contact with several groups in the Saginaw State Game Area that were in a squirrel dog training contest. No violations were observed.

COs Quincy Gowenlock, Will Brickel and Joe Myers assisted CO Kelly Ross out of District 5 with a search warrant and interview of a possible deer poaching suspect out of Saginaw County. During the interview the subject admitted to shooting five deer the previous season none for which he had a license for. A subsequent check through station 20 revealed the suspect had three outstanding warrants out of Bay, Midland and Adrian counties with a combined bond of approximately \$14,000. The suspect was taken into custody and booked into the Bay County Jail on his arrest warrants.

CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted the Huron County Sheriff's Office with a marine rescue. A subject became stranded beyond the Lake Huron ice while attempting to break a kayaking world record. The subject was hypothermic and unable to find land due to foggy conditions and ice buildup around shore. The subject and the kayak were successfully recovered from the lake. The subject was then transported back to shore to be medically treated.

While checking fishermen, CO Robert Hobkirk observed a subject walking along the edge of a canal carrying a rifle. As Officer Hobkirk continued to watch the individual, he observed him shoot at a muskrat swimming in the canal. CO Hobkirk made contact with the individual who admitted to shooting muskrats as they were swimming across the canal. During the investigation, CO Hobkirk checked the subject's vehicle which was parked at the end of the canal. CO Hobkirk observed spent .22 shell casings on the dash of the vehicle. When asked about the shell casings, the subject confessed to shooting from the vehicle at the muskrats prior to the CO's arrival. The man was cited for taking muskrats with a firearm and his firearm was seized.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted an angler who had been fishing for perch in Tuscola County. Upon asking to see the anglers fishing license, the angler was unable to produce a license. A check through the DNR retail sales system showed that he did not have a valid fishing license. The angler was cited for fishing without a license.

CO Seth Rhodea located two live traps that a person had been using to trap skunks. It was discovered that a skunk had been trapped several days prior and was not released or killed as required. Upon checking at a residence nearby, CO Rhodea was able to locate the person that had set the traps and spoke with him about checking his traps daily and tagging requirements for wildlife traps. A citation was issued to address the violations.

CO Mark Siemen assisted CO Seth Rhodea on a taxidermy inspection in Sanilac County. After the inspection was complete, warnings were given to the owner for not having his records properly recorded and current.

CO Mark Siemen checked a large number of anglers during the last two weeks at the Lexington and Port Sanilac Harbors. Fishing was good at the Lexington Harbor, with anglers catching perch, Coho salmon, and steelhead using night crawlers and minnows.

CO Jason A. Smith was enforcing ORV activity when contact was made with a couple of operators that were trespassing in a local area gravel pit. Before the subjects could be dealt with, two other machines showed up in the gravel pit. All four of the subjects were trespassing, operating without ORV licenses, and operating without helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was checking fishermen in Tuscola County when he came upon a couple with a bucket full of fish. While checking the fish, he found nine smallmouth bass all under fourteen inches. CO Wright explained the season and size limits. One of the anglers explained that he was going to let them go when he was done fishing but just keep them so he did not keep catching them while they were there. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jill Miller attended the Waterfowl for Warriors Banquet. The mission of the banquet is to honor and thank the veterans, wounded and fallen soldiers and their families. The donations for this event provide the funds to help and improve their quality of life and provide outdoor recreational activities.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were patrolling through a section of Isabella County state land when they discovered a large pile of garbage that was dumped illegally. The pile of refuse contained various items including mattresses, car parts, clothes and other trash. The COs also located numerous renovation materials in with the trash including flooring, lumber, cabinets and paint cans. The renovation items were traced back to a nearby house where work was being conducted and the landlord of the property informed the COs that he had hired an individual to clean out the rental house and dispose of the trash. When the COs contacted the suspect, he admitted to dumping the trash on the state forest land because he was unable to locate a nearby garbage facility and also did not want to spend money on getting rid of the materials properly. The man was charged with littering and instructed to pick up the refuse and dispose of it in a legal manner.

COs Mike Haas and Josh Russell recently spoke with students at the Beal City Public School in Isabella County. The COs spoke to the Kindergarten – 6th graders about the roles and responsibilities of a Michigan CO, answered many questions and talked about a variety of wild animals found in Michigan.

During a patrol through Isabella County state land, CO Mike Haas located a large pile of garbage bags thrown into the woods. While inspecting the garbage, numerous identifying materials were located. CO Haas stopped at the suspect's residence and interviewed him about the trash. The man first stated that someone must have taken his trash and put it out in the woods; he then said that the bags must have fallen out of his vehicle while he drove through the woods. Eventually the man confessed to throwing

the trash onto the state forest land because he no longer paid for trash pickup at his residence. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas checked numerous anglers along the Saginaw River and Cheboyganing Creek in Bay County. Warnings were issued for the use of restricted gear and citations were given for fishing without fishing licenses.

CO Joel Lundberg helped put on a hunter safety class for 60 students at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare.

DISTRICT 7

CO Richard Cardenas made numerous contacts during his patrols in Barry County. While patrolling Sager Road, in the Barry State Game Area, CO Cardenas observed a vehicle driving in a careless manner. CO Cardenas conducted a traffic stop and found the operator was driving while his/her license was suspended. CO Cardenas also observed a different vehicle driving on Shaw Road in the Barry State Game Area. After running the license plate number, CO Cardenas found that the plate that was on the vehicle was not registered to it. The vehicle was stopped and the operator of the vehicle was driving on a suspended driver's license. CO Cardenas also questioned the owner of the vehicle, who was the passenger, and obtained a confession that he/she had pulled a plate off of another vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling the Barry State Game Area near Dagget Lake when he observed a large party in progress at the Dagget Lake access and requested additional officers. CO Cardenas along with Barry County Sheriff's Deputies made contact with the gathering and received confessions from the people who organized the illegal event. The fire was put out, participants were ordered to clean up the area, and additional enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten investigated an angler harassment complaint on Spring Lake. A subject fishing on a bridge purposefully dumped a bucket of water and minnows on the occupants in a boat below. A report will be submitted to the prosecutor for enforcement action.

CO Greg Patten worked an ORV patrol in the Manistee National Forest and observed several subjects operating in closed areas. Upon contact, it was found that they didn't have trail permits, ORV licenses, and no spark arresters. Enforcement action taken.

CO Chuck Towns was called to assist Michigan State Police on a complaint of a subject trespassing along a trout stream. The complainant initially thought the suspect was trapping out of season. Upon contact, it was determined that the subject had been collecting live freshwater mussels from the creek bed. The subject initially stated he was working under permit with a local nature center on a study and then changed his story and said he didn't know it was illegal. The subject was cited for taking freshwater

mussels without a scientific collectors permit and the mussels were placed back into the creek. The subject was lodged by Michigan State Police for marijuana possession.

CO Justin Ulberg observed two kayaks submerged and jammed against a fallen down tree in the Rouge River. CO Ulberg ensured all the subjects who were kayaking were out of the water and assisted the group in securing their kayaks. One of the subjects was all wet, shivering, and stated she was cold. CO Ulberg was able to provide the subject with a "98.6 Degree" instant shelter to help maintain her body temperature. CO Ulberg then transported a member of the group to their pick-up vehicle down river.

While patrolling the Rouge River State Game Area, CO Justin Ulberg located a group of people who had driven a vehicle in a closed area and were target shooting. CO Ulberg educated the subjects that it was legal to target shoot in the state game area and that they couldn't drive their vehicle back to the area where they were shooting. Further investigation revealed that one of the subjects had multiple warrants out of Kent County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged at the Kent County jail.

CO Dave Rodgers conducted a night patrol near Rockford Dam and the 6th Street Dam. Setting up surveillance of the area, he watched a subject for a long time attempting to snag a steelhead off its bed. The subject would locate the fish with his headlamp and then turn it off when snagging across the bed. He hooked up one time and lost the fish. When the subject left, CO Rodgers made contact and the subject who stated that he didn't catch any fish all day and just wanted to get one fish. A citation was issued for attempt to snag fish.

While on patrol in the Bass River Recreation Area, CO Ivan Perez observed a vessel with two young boys and two adults fishing. Later in the evening, after dark, CO Perez could hear a vessel approaching the shore without navigation lights. As the boat was beached, CO Perez made contact and asked if they had navigation lights, and the female stated that they did, they just were not hooked up yet. CO Perez asked how the fishing was going, and the adults stated that just the boys were fishing. CO Perez informed them that he had witnessed them fishing earlier in the day and asked if they had fishing licenses. The adults could only produce last year's licenses. A LEIN check revealed that the female had a local active warrant for failing to appear on a pretrial for driving while her license was suspended. The female was able to produce 300 dollars for bond, and she was released with a warning for fishing without a license and the male was written a citation for the navigation lights and also warned for fishing without a license.

COs Matt Page and Zach Bauer attended a career fair on March 28, 2017 at the Glenn Oaks Community College speaking to freshman about a career as a Michigan CO. The COs made approximately 150 contacts.

CO Matt Page responded to a medical call of an unconscious female at a local school. CO Page assisted with first aid until Medics arrived on scene. The subject was in and

out of consciousness during the initial evaluation. The subject was transported to Bronson in Kalamazoo for further treatment.

CO Matt Page reports back that sentencing was completed on a prior case involving the illegal taking of an 8 point buck, an antlerless deer, a red fox, and illegal possession of a great horned owl. The two suspects in this case were found guilty and ordered to pay a total of \$8,250.00 in reimbursement for the animals taken. Both suspects were sentenced to 10 days in jail, license revocations thru 2022 for one suspect and 2020 for the other. Additionally, the judge ordered the condemnation of all three firearms used to take the above listed animals.

CO Tyler Cole was checking fishing activity at the Pucker Street Dam in Niles. After checking a few fishermen near the dam, CO Cole came across a fisherman that claimed to have a fishing license. The fisherman further stated that he didn't have his license on him at the time, but stated he definitely had one. After checking license history with dispatch, it was found that the individual not only did not have a license for this year, but has no history of ever purchasing a fishing license. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol when he came across an angler. Further investigation revealed that the angler had a warrant for his arrest. The angler was unable to post his \$500 bond and was arrested and lodged in the local county jail.

CO Andy Bauer spoke at a hunter safety class at the Berrien County Sportsman Club to about 20 students about hunter safety and hunting laws.

CO Andy Bauer investigated a report of some domestic pig carcasses being dumped on some property. CO Bauer was able to locate a neighbor who admitted to dumping the carcasses on the property. A citation was issued for the illegal dumping.

DISTRICT 8

CO Dan Prince talked with the Flint River NWTF Chapter. The presentation was held on Saturday, April 1st at the William's Gun Sight Company in Davison. CO Prince talked with 37 hunters about turkey hunting regulations, safety, ethics, and hunting tactics.

CO Dan Prince talked to 12 first-time turkey hunters at the Eddy Discovery Center in Chelsea. The presentation was held on Saturday, April 8. CO Prince talked about turkey hunting regulations, safety, ethics, and hunting tactics. CO Prince also covered turkey calling, shotgun patterning, decoys and other tricks to have a successful hunt. There are plans to have this become a yearly event.

On Sunday, April 9, CO Dan Prince talked to a hunter's safety class at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. CO Prince talked with 47 students and parents about spring turkey hunting. CO Prince covered the basics of turkey

hunting safety, shotgun patterning, tactics and calling. CO Prince also covered decoys, blinds and wild turkey behavior.

CO Eric Smither assisted Lenawee County Animal Control on a loose and aggressive dog complaint near Devils Lake. CO Smither helped the Animal Control Officer search the area. Animal Control contacted the dog's owner and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Monnich was parked on a road in Lenawee County overlooking a small lake channel when a boat came in and anchored near his patrol truck. CO Monnich stepped out to check how the fishing was and to check fishing licenses. When the fishermen noticed that CO Monnich was standing on the edge of the channel, one of the anglers dropped his rod and sat down. CO Monnich asked the man if he had a license and he stated he bought it that morning. Upon checking with DNR dispatch, CO Monnich was advised that the man had not bought his license yet. Enforcement action taken.

CO Pete Purdy taught the legal portion of a hunter safety class at the Livingston Conservation and Sportsman's Association. There were 26 total students in attendance.

CO Pete Purdy stopped two dirt bikes operating on the roadway in Livingston County. The operators admitted to trespassing in an abandoned gravel pit. Their ORV licenses were also expired. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking a local Branch County Dam, CO Isaac Tyson observed multiple fishermen. Contact was made and one of the men claimed he was not fishing. CO Tyson told the suspect that he had observed him holding the fishing pole. The suspect stated that he had picked up the pole but insisted that he was not fishing. CO Tyson asked for the suspects ID and he produced an out of state driver's license. Further investigation revealed he did not have a fishing license, had a suspended Michigan driver's license, and had illegally purchased resident hunting licenses in 2016. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol in Branch County, COs Isaac Tyson and Josh Jackson located a small cove that they had never checked before. A shore fisherman was spotted and contact was made. CO Tyson saw what appeared to be a bass in the man's fish basket. CO Tyson asked what was in the basket. The man stated that he had some blue gills and two bass, but he wasn't keeping the bass, he was just going to show them to his grandkids and then throw them back. CO Jackson looked around to see if any children were in the area and the man stated that his grandkids weren't home yet. CO Tyson seized the two small bass and explained that it was illegal to possess bass out of season for any reason. Both fish were less than fourteen inches. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Ludwig was dispatched to a complaint of a beaver snared in a trap after the trapping season had ended. Upon arriving on scene, CO Ludwig was able to locate the beaver and determine the snare had been improperly placed. With the help of a local

rehabilitator, CO Ludwig was able to free the beaver without incident. The beaver was taken to the rehabilitator's facility for recovery.

CO Troy Ludwig presented at the Eaton County Parks Green Spring Break. CO Ludwig spoke to 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about the duties of a CO as well as the importance of the state's natural resources. The children also participated in identifying various animal pelts from across the state.

CO Carter Woodwyk was flagged down by a subject in Hillsdale County who advised the officer of a low hanging wire in the roadway. CO Carter located the wire and stood by until the local fire department and line crew were able to secure the area.

CO Carter Woodwyk made contact with a subject in Hillsdale County who was suspected of taking a 12-point whitetail deer and purchasing a hunting license afterwards. After a short discussion about the morning hunt, a confession was received and the antlers were seized. A request for charges will be submitted to the Hillsdale County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Hillsdale County when he heard multiple off-road vehicles (ORVs) in the area. The CO waited nearby and observed four ORVs operating at a high rate of speed on a city roadway. Additionally, it was observed that one operator was operating against the flow of traffic and another was not wearing a helmet. CO Woodwyk stopped the group and other violations, including unlicensed ORVs and operating without a valid license, were observed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling in Lost Nations State Game Area in Hillsdale County when he located a vehicle parked on the side of the road. After investigating the vehicle and running the vehicle's license plate, CO Woodwyk learned it belonged to an endangered missing person out of the State of Indiana. While waiting for State Police units to arrive for an area search, CO Woodwyk located a subject fitting the description of the missing person walking on the road toward the vehicle. The CO identified the subject as the endangered missing person, conducted a welfare check, and contacted his family members. The subject advised he was sleeping in his vehicle through the mid-twenty degree nights and had not eaten for at least two days. The subject was taken to a local shelter for food and a warm place to sleep.

COs Carter Woodwyk and Chris Reynolds were investigating a shooting complaint in Hillsdale County when they heard a motorcycle approaching at a high rate of speed. When the motorcycle passed, the COs believed the driver had reached speeds in excess of 100 MPH. The motorcycle returned to the area and again accelerated to a high rate of speed. The COs initiated a traffic stop on the operator who admitted to reaching 101 MPH while not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk received information from CO Chris Reynolds that off-road vehicles (ORVs) were operating on a non-motorized trail in Hillsdale County. CO Woodwyk parked his patrol vehicle in the area and walked to the trail head. The CO

could hear ORVs coming his way, so he sat down on a bench and waited for them. After contact was made, the CO explained that the trail was exclusively for non-motorized traffic. Further investigation revealed that one of the operators had a suspended driver license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk observed a motorist on the side of the road in Hillsdale County. When the CO stopped to see what was wrong, it was discovered that the motorist was trying to catch a vicious stray dog. CO Carter assisted in capturing the dog and located the owner a short time later.

CO Josh Jackson was invited to Branch Area Career Center where he talked with nearly 50 students about the importance of Michigan's natural resources. The students were involved in the Natural Resources and Agra-science program and came from 5 different high schools in the area. They asked questions regarding a CO's daily duties, wildlife laws, and had interest in how they can help protect Michigan's great outdoors.

COs Todd Thorn and Matt Neterer gave a recruitment presentation for the Criminal Justice Club at Michigan State University on Sunday, April 2, 2017. There were approximately 20 people in attendance.

CO Todd Thorn located a large pile of building materials dumped in an access site in the Dansville State Game Area. CO Thorn searched through the materials and found information leading to a suspect. CO Thorn contacted two individuals and found the man responsible for the materials was the same person who CO Thorn had written a ticket to about three weeks ago for the same offense. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Neterer received a Report All Poaching complaint from a homeowner in the Haslett area that found a dead red-tailed hawk near his barn. A necropsy report revealed the hawk died from a gunshot wound. The lab was able to recover a ballistic tip from a rifle bullet. CO Neterer located a residence near where the hawk was found and noted an illegal bait/feed pile. As he approached the residence he noted an unattended rifle in a gun rest pointing out the back of the garage towards the bait pile. CO Neterer contacted the homeowner and mentioned that he was investigating a hawk poaching incident. The homeowner stated that he sometimes hears shooting but usually the shots are coming from "the middle of the section." He seemed surprised when CO Neterer asked if any of those shots came from the rifle he had rested in his garage. The resident agreed to let CO Neterer look at his rifle. The .17HMR rifle contained bullets with the same ballistic tip found in the dead hawk. When confronted with the evidence, the suspect stated that "it was a popular round." The suspect refused to admit that he shot the hawk. CO Neterer collected the firearm as evidence and issued the suspect a citation for feeding deer in the CWD core area and plans to seek federal charges for taking a protected species under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

CO Jason King assisted City of Durand Police Department with a complaint of a subject that had discharged an air rifle within the city limits and had shot a protected non game

bird. CO King and the local officer made contact with the suspect at his residence. CO King obtained a confession and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While on patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen encountered an angler fishing along the Clinton River. After observing the angler, CO Deppen approached the angler and asked how the fishing was going. The angler admitted he had only caught a few, and the water was dirty. When asked for his fishing license, the angler said he personally purchased his brand new license yesterday. When the angler could not find it, a license check was conducted and the results were that the angler did not purchase a 2017 fishing license. When asked why he was so adamant about purchasing one, the angler said he hoped his wife took his driver's license the day before and bought one for him. The angler was informed he was fishing without a license and enforcement action was taken.

After checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen was in route to his residence when he noticed a vehicle driving slowly in the right lane and weaving in and out of the lane. The driver was also drifting over the fog line and hitting the rumble strips. A traffic stop was conducted. The odor of intoxicants was emanating from the vehicle. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle and take some field sobriety tests to make sure they were safe to drive. The driver did not pass the field sobriety tests administered by CO Deppen and the preliminary breath test showed the driver was well over the legal limit. The driver was placed under arrest for O.W.I. The driver was lodged at the Macomb County Jail. Tests at the jail showed the driver had a blood alcohol content of almost twice the legal limit.

While checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen was watching a group of anglers fish for a few minutes before packing up their things to move spots. While changing spots, one angler grabbed a stick and started hitting the ground. CO Deppen approached the anglers to see what they were hitting. The anglers were hitting a snake sunning itself. CO Deppen stopped the men and picked up the snake and placed it back in the brush. The men said they were scared of snakes and that is why they were trying to kill it. The anglers were educated on the harmless snake and CO Deppen asked to see their fishing licenses. One angler did not have a fishing license. When asked why he did not pick up a new license, the angler said he was not aware that he needed to pick up a new fishing license each year. A warning was given for trying to kill the snake and enforcement action was taken for the license violation.

While checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen came across two anglers fishing at a local dam. Upon noticing CO Deppen, one angler ran to hide something. CO Deppen gave chase and saw the angler throw his tackle box up on the riverbank. When questioned, the angler admitted to trying to hide his tackle box because he was fishing without a license and he did not want his tackle box taken away. CO Deppen brought the anglers back to his truck. Both anglers had no fishing

licenses and they were also fishing with illegal fishing gear during a spawning closure. The illegal gear was confiscated and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach completed an investigation of a subject who had a skunk in captivity without a permit. CO Kovach was able to interview the subject and obtained a confession to having a skunk in captivity for the last two years. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joseph Deppen, Brad Silorey, Al Schwiderson, and Matthew Zultak worked a joint patrol at Roods Lake Pit, responding to enhanced complaints from the public of violations at the wildlife area shooting pit in Lapeer County. In total, thirteen citations were issued for shooting after posted hours and multiple warnings were given for items such as improper targets. Enforcement patrols of this problem area will continue. CO Brad Silorey received a text-to-RAP complaint from dispatch in regards to an individual selling baby squirrels on social media. CO Silorey was able to confirm that the subject was selling the squirrels for \$100.00 per animal. CO Silorey made contact with the subject and interviewed her at her residence. The subject denied selling any of the animals, and stated that she did not know it was illegal to possess and sell them. CO Silorey seized four live squirrels, and contacted a wildlife rehabilitator. After a brief check with dispatch, it was found that the subject also had an active warrant for her arrest for a drunk driving charge. Enforcement action was taken on both the warrant and the wildlife violations.

CO Matt Zultak contacted anglers on Merritt Lake after responding to a complaint of anglers keeping bass out of season/undersized. CO Zultak made contact with both subjects that were in possession of two largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Zultak followed up on a trapping complaint in Lapeer County. CO Zultak located multiple live traps with expired animals and baited fish hooks connected to cables on the private property. CO Zultak located the property owner and obtained a full confession. Violations included trapping coyotes out of season, failing to check traps every 24 hours, illegal trapping method, and failing to tag traps with identification. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Zultak contacted anglers on Lake Nepessing. One subject started to throw fish out of his live-well when Zultak approached. The subject stated he was culling his fish. The subject was in possession of 23 pan fish over the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Jason Becker and Sgt. Steve Mooney contacted two anglers coming into a local boat launch. One angler stated that he had his limit of pan fish and the other stated he was about ten less than the limit of 25. A license check revealed that one of the anglers did not have a current fishing license. CO Becker and Sgt. Mooney counted the fish in two separate live wells on the watercraft. Both COs counted 73 total fish, 23 more than two licensed anglers could possess. CO Becker ran

a check and found one of the anglers to have two prior violations for possessing over the limit of fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking an area frequented by off road vehicles when he heard the sound of engines revving. CO Becker drove into the area and observed two trucks operating in a mud pit at night. CO Becker stopped the vehicles and asked if they had permission to operate there. The operators stated that they thought it was state land. CO Becker pointed out that it was private property and that they passed several no trespassing signs to enter the gravel pit. CO Becker also advised that there was no state land in the area where this type of activity was allowed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner responded to a complaint at Huroc Park for a subject taking walleye out of season and snagging. Although CO Gardner did not witness the subject snagging, he did find one 23" walleye and 9 gizzard shad in his bucket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger received a complaint from the report all poaching hotline referencing over fifty carp and bowfin left lying along the shore of a marsh in Sterling State Park by a bow fisherman. The complaint took a photo of the fish on Sunday night and was able to match the fish in his photo with an Instagram post from Saturday night. CO Zellinger made contact with the suspect and discussed the violation. The suspect is working with Sterling State Park staff and will be conducting 1 hour of voluntary trash pickup for every fish that was left lying on the shore. As long as the suspect completes all service time with Sterling State Park, no enforcement action will be taken.

BELLE ISLE

COs Joe Deppen and Kyle Bucholtz were assisted by Detroit Police Department's Air and Canine Divisions. While patrolling Belle Isle Park, the COs were called to the area of the old zoo. Detroit Police Department's Air Division located multiple subjects inside the fenced off area. When the subjects observed the helicopter, they began to flee. COs Deppen and Bucholtz, along with Detroit Police Department Canine Division, located multiple subjects attempting to flee the area. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler and Joe Myers were working an afternoon Belle Isle shift when they investigated a vehicle stuck in the mud on a grassy athletic field. During the investigation the operator stated his wife was injured while playing basketball and he became stuck in the mud driving out to pick her up. During the investigation the COs learned the subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. A tow truck was called to remove the vehicle from the non-designated area and enforcement action was taken on the outstanding warrant.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Eric Smither received a call from a park officer asking for help with four individuals they saw go into the old nature zoo. CO Smither and the park officer made contact with four individuals inside the zoo and escorted them to their

vehicle to obtain identification. CO Smither spoke to the individuals about trespassing and how unsafe the old zoo was. Enforcement action taken.