

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officers (COs) Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen assisted the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) officers with teaching a hunter safety class to the Ontonagon 6th grade class. CO Mapes taught the class how to safely handle a firearm when walking, crossing fences, and when being approached by a law enforcement officer. CO Mapes contacted the Marquette Customer Service Center and demonstrated how utilizing the staff at these facilities can be a valuable tool in getting questions answered. In this particular case he obtained clarification on a turkey hunting regulation in a hypothetical situation.

CO David Miller worked a complaint where someone had been cutting locks off gates on state land to gain access to Wildlife Division's waterfowl fields, which are also closed to motor vehicle use. Several turkey hunters have complained that while hunting an individual has been driving through the fields with his vehicle scaring the turkeys away. CO Miller was able to locate the suspect and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson responded to a car vs. moose crash in Baraga County over the weekend. The vehicle sustained considerable damage after striking a yearling moose that had ventured out onto the highway.

CO Jared Ferguson, while on routine patrol, received a complaint regarding a fire that had spread and burned the neighbor's property. CO Ferguson was able to respond and diffuse the situation with the assistance of a Michigan State Police Trooper. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy participated in the spring episode of the "Ask the DNR" television program. The show was augmented by having two members of the Natural Resources Commission appearing on the show as well: Chairman John Matonich of Marenisco and Commissioner J.R. Richardson of Ontonagon.

CO Shannon Kritz was on patrol when she received a call about an escaped grass fire. CO Kritz quickly determined the source of the burn which contained metal, plastic buckets, and various soup cans. The subject responsible for the fire was located and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz received a complaint from the report all poaching hotline about a newborn calf that had been a victim of depredation sometime the previous night. CO Kritz responded to the scene and met with the farmer. It was determined that coyotes had killed the calf.

CO Nathan Sink and CO Shannon Kritz instructed a hunter safety course at Washington Elementary School in Bessemer.

CO Nathan Sink received a complaint of ORVs driving around a closed gate on national forest property, tearing up the land and taking firewood. As CO Sink arrived at the location to investigate the damage, an individual was observed coming out of the closed area with a load of firewood on his ORV. Enforcement action was taken after a quick confession was obtained.

CO Jeffrey Dell investigated a wildfire that had escaped from a fire pit at a camp. After investigating the scene and conducting interviews, CO Dell determined that the fire had been left unattended for most of the day. The subjects that left the fire did not ensure that it was completely extinguished. The fire resulted in two and a half acres of their property being burned as well as their outhouse. Enforcement action was taken for allowing a fire to escape.

CO Jeffrey Dell instructed the law and ethics portion of hunter safety at three local hunter safety classes in Menominee County.

CO Jeffrey Dell checked fishermen along the Menominee River. One fisherman was found to be fishing without a valid license. When asked if he forgot to buy his license the fishermen stated, "No, I knew it expired about 10 days ago but I figured I'd fish today and maybe get one tomorrow." A citation for fishing without a license was issued.

CO Jeremy Sergey came across an angler on the Menominee River who had cut his finger open with a fishing hook. CO Sergey administered first aid to the individual.

CO Brett DeLonge was walking a closed portion of the Carp River when he observed an angler fishing. Further investigation proved the angler knew he was fishing a closed stream and did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Chris Lynch arrested a subject on warrants issued from an illegal deer case. The subject shot a seven-point without a license and failed to tag an eight-point he harvested as well.

CO Chris Lynch received an adjudication of an illegal deer case from last rifle season. The subject had taken an eight-point without a license. The subject had hunted and likely shot deer for five years in a row without tags until he was finally caught. As part of his plea bargain the subject had to pay \$4,125 in fines, costs and restitution to the state, and the subject had his hunting privileges revoked for five years.

CO Pat Hartsig attended an Escanaba River Association Meeting. CO Hartsig spoke about trout stream regulations and fielded questions about violations encountered on the Escanaba River.

CO Michael Evink was on patrol and had just finished fueling up his truck when he observed a four-wheeler on two wheels coming at him down M-94 in Manistique. CO Evink activated his lights as he crossed the street. He made contact with the ORV and dealt with a humbled rider who also had not properly displayed the registration on his ORV.

CO Michael Evink left his residence to begin an evening patrol. Less than 5 minutes into the shift, CO Evink responded to a personal injury accident in Manistique where an individual drove his car into a brick building in Manistique's downtown district. Manistique Public Safety had one officer policing the accident and the other was with EMS and the injured driver. CO Evink assisted with closing the street to protect the scene and the safety of the officer. While assisting with the accident, two separate suicidal calls came in. CO Evink left the accident scene and went to the first suicidal subject. The CO was able to talk to the individual until Manistique Public Safety was able to assist. CO Evink then went to the scene of the second suicidal situation and assisted Michigan State Police.

CO Jon Busken was observing smelt dippers at the mouth of the Brevort River when one angler exclaimed to his fellow fishermen that he had caught a perch in his dip net. The anglers stated that he was going to keep the fish so he could cook it and eat it on the river bank. Several minutes later the angler caught a bullhead in his net and made similar statements. Contact was made with the angler who was found to have a prior DNR violation for retaining a fish not lawfully caught. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken attended a career fair with Alger County Michigan Works. Interested applicants were able to ask many questions pertaining to conservation law enforcement and the hiring process.

CO Kevin Postma checked a fishermen trolling near the mouth of the Munuscong River. CO Postma asked the fishermen what he was fishing for, to which he replied "whatever I can catch I guess". CO Postma advised the fisherman that it was illegal to even target pike or walleye when the season is closed. CO Postma then focused his attention to the unregistered vessel and the lack of PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma held a small hunter education field day for a dozen members of the Amish Community.

CO Bobby Watson was on patrol when he observed a vehicle parked alongside a closed Type 1 Trout Stream. CO Watson approached the vehicle and made contact with two individuals. One fisherman admitted to fishing the closed stream after CO Watson located his fishing pole stashed in the nearby weeds, but stated they had just gotten there a few minutes prior to being contacted by CO Watson and had not caught any fish. CO Watson asked the fisherman to accompany him back to his vehicle to conduct a search. As CO Watson approached the car, he observed a cooler in the back seat, with the lid bouncing off the cooler from the live steelhead which had been recently

placed in the cooler. The fisherman then admitted to catching the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Calvin Smith responded to a 911 call regarding a logging accident. The COs arrived on scene at the same time as local EMTs and performed CPR on the victim. Unfortunately the victim did not survive.

CO Calvin Smith was the closest unit to a subject that was suffering from a heart attack. CO Smith performed first aid until the ambulance arrived and escorted the victim to the hospital.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when he responded to a call from central dispatch of a barn that was on fire. CO Oberg arrived on scene and noticed the fire had been mostly extinguished by responding fire departments. CO Oberg located the suspect who lit the fire and found that he was burning without a permit. It was determined that there was fire damage on two different properties. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Jon Busken assisted the Tahquamenon Area Sportsman's Club with a kids tackle party. Over 100 kids showed up for the event to collect prizes and practice their casting skills.

DISTRICT 3

While doing a taxidermy inspection, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County checked a ten-point buck with a suspicious tag. CO Erratt called CO Jason Becker and asked him to contact the hunter where he lives in Oakland County. During the interview, the hunter admitted to CO Becker that he shot the ten-point buck at 7:15 am on November 16th and purchased his deer license at 10:34 am on the 16th in Boyne City. CO Erratt called the hunter who stated he did not realize he had forgotten to purchase his deer license until he had shot the buck and looked in his wallet for his tag. Enforcement action is being taken.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County attended the Harbor Springs High School Career Day. She discussed DNR laws, the education and training required to become a conservation officer, and the duties and responsibilities of a CO. She explained how conservation officers protect our natural resources and displayed a fur kit including the pelts of furbearing animals from cases she had made during her career.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County attended the Young State Park Easter egg hunt on Saturday. The weather cooperated with the rain stopping right before the hunt started. CO Erratt directed lucky kids who discovered numbers in their eggs to a table of prizes provided by the Young State Park staff, one of whom was dressed up as the Easter Bunny. CO Erratt reminded several families about the Young State Park fishing contest on Free Fishing Weekend June 10 and 11.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County responded to a possible hunter harassment complaint on Saturday, April 15th, the last day to legally train dogs. The complainant

said he was running his dogs on a bear when the dogs ran through someone's yard. The dog trainer stated as he picked up the dogs a woman from the house came out and threatened to shoot his dogs and him. CO Erratt talked to the suspect who lives on a posted 40 acre parcel surrounded by state land. The suspect stated she was worried about the dogs chasing her chickens and admitted she threatened to shoot his dogs but not him. She said her property was posted and she did not want the dog owner or his dogs on her property. CO Erratt talked to the dog owner and explained that the landowner was worried about his dogs chasing her chickens. CO Erratt told him he was no longer welcome on the 40 acre parcel and that if he returned he would be prosecuted for trespass. CO Erratt also warned the complainant for failing to license his dogs.

CO Duane Budreau responded to a call of a threat of suicide in which the subject texted a loved one stating they were going to end their life at a specific location. CO Budreau arrived on scene with a trooper from Michigan State Police and a Lt. from Emmet County Sheriff's Department to find the subject deceased in the backseat of his minivan with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

CO Duane Budreau received a litter complaint in Emmet County from a turkey hunter he was checking in the field. The complaint was regarding the unlawful dumping of deer carcasses on state land. One of the deer still had the hunter's tag attached to the leg; the investigation continues.

CO Duane Budreau spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Petoskey about the recent ORV law changes, the results of the antler point restrictions regulations in northwest Michigan and the concerns surrounding Michigan's invasive species.

While working local trout streams in the Petoskey area, CO Budreau observed a subject carrying a five gallon bucket from his vehicle toward the creek. After further observation from a hidden vantage point, CO Budreau watched the subject reach into the creek and remove two steelhead trout and place them into the bucket; the fish did not show much sign of life. CO Budreau approached the subject and noticed the fish had spear holes in their backs. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Steve Speigl and Chad Baldwin were leaving Fisherman's Island State Park in Charlevoix County after conducting a patrol on a closed trout stream when they noticed several people in the park after posted hours. The COs made contact with the groups and determined they were not camping. Several violations were found including occupying the park as guests after hours and minors in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Baldwin and Steve Speigl were working a closed stream prior to the opening of the inland trout fishing season. CO Baldwin witnessed two men walk out of the woods and up onto the road with fishing gear in hand as well as a large steelhead. When the men saw CO Baldwin they turned around as to walk back into the woods and the individual holding the steelhead handed it off to the other man. CO Baldwin instructed

them to stop where they were and not to drop the fish back into the water. The men complied and stated that they didn't know they couldn't fish there. When asked who caught the fish, the man now holding the steelhead admitted to catching it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint from an East Jordan police officer about a Jeep that was covered in mud and grass and broken down on a trail by the middle school. CO Erratt met the officer and they followed tracks back to a wetland area that had been torn up by the Jeep. CO Erratt and the East Jordan officer talked to the Jeep owner and his father. The owner admitted driving through the wetland until the front stabilizer bar broke in the middle of the wetland. The suspect had been ticketed by CO Erratt in 2015 for doing the same thing on state land south of East Jordan. The dad said the Jeep would be removed that day and it would not happen again. Enforcement action was taken.

On Friday CO Andrea Erratt attended the Charlevoix Elementary School science night. She talked to most of the 200 students and parents that attended. She displayed a fur kit including the pelts of a bear, an elk, and furbearing animals from cases she had made during her career.

CO Eric Bottorff and Sgt. Mark DePew were patrolling on M-68 near the Pigeon River in Cheboygan County observing several individuals fishing. After watching the individuals fishing, the COs approached. After seeing the officers, two of the anglers dropped their poles and upon contact, both reported they had not been fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew arrived at a residence in the City of Gaylord to complete a follow-up on a wildlife poaching incident. When the sergeant approached the front door of the residence, he could hear screaming and yelling coming from inside. After hearing the verbal confrontation, contact was made with the parties involved. After completing interviews, it was determined that a physical assault had occurred. A male was arrested for domestic violence and lodged in the Otsego County Jail. The case is being reviewed by the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Mark DePew and CO Nick Torsky continue to assist Michigan State Police Dive Team with the attempted recovery of a subject who allegedly drowned in Otsego Lake. At present, a body has not been recovered. The investigation continues.

After observing an angler on Otsego Lake catch what appeared to be a bass, CO Nick Torsky contacted the angler and located five additional smallmouth bass in the live well of the boat. The CO asked why he was keeping the fish, noting bass season was closed. The angler reported he was keeping them so he could take pictures and had full intentions of putting the fish back. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a dumping complaint in Alpena County. With the help of the landowner an address was found in the garbage that was dumped on the

property. CO LeClerc was able to make contact with the subject later that night. The subject admitted to dumping the trash illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc was on patrol when he responded to a complaint on Clinton Creek in Presque Isle County. The creek is part of a seasonal spawning closure and is located entirely on private property. CO LeClerc found the responsible individuals in a different creek but they admitted to being in Clinton Creek as well. After a short conversation, it was explained that they were trespassing on private property while in the Clinton Creek. Charges have been requested through the court.

CO Adam LeClerc interviewed a subject involved in a brush fire that escaped from their control. After an explanation was obtained from the subject and from the DNR Forest Resources Division personnel who responded to the scene, enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a sick/diseased deer complaint in Alpena County. Upon arrival, the deer was collapsed on itself in a contorted position. The deer was bruised, had foggy eyes and was unable to move. After dispatching the deer, CO LeClerc bagged the whole deer for disease testing by Wildlife Division personnel.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling on M-32 in Alpena County when he was passed by a vehicle traveling in the same direction. CO Webster paced the vehicle for two miles at 70mph and then initiated a traffic stop. Upon contacting the driver, CO Webster was informed by the subject that his record was not very good and he had received multiple tickets for speeding recently. A computer check confirmed the poor driving record. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster responded to a brush fire in Long Rapids Township in Alpena County. The fire had escaped the home owner's control causing about 1.5 acres of land to be burned. Upon contact with the suspect, CO Webster received a full confession that the man did not pay attention to the fact there were no burn permits issued for the day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster responded to a complaint in Presque Isle County on a closed trout stream. The complainant said there were two men in the creek trespassing on the complainant's property and spearing fish. CO Webster arrived on scene and made contact with the two anglers. Both anglers had been contacted by CO Leclerc the day before and told to stay out of the creek because there is no legal access to the creek. Charges are pending court action.

COs Paul Fox and Jon Sklba were patrolling a closed trout stream in Presque Isle County when they observed an ORV operate in an area not open to ORV use. In addition, the rider parked along the closed stream. The COs investigated the vehicle and determined the subject was probably fishing. After a lengthy walk, the COs were able to track down the subject, who had traveled along the closed stream to access a portion of the Ocqueoc River, which was not closed to fishing. However, the subject

had crossed a fence and trespassed onto private property to access the river. In addition, the subject did not have a valid fishing license, was operating an unlicensed ORV, and was operating an ORV in a closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in Presque Isle County when he observed a vehicle traveling at a slow rate of speed on a remote dirt road. CO Fox noticed that they were turkey hunters and stopped to check their licenses and see if they had any success hunting. When the subjects exited the vehicle, CO Fox noticed they were both open-carrying handguns. The subjects advised they were open-carrying and did not have concealed pistol licenses (CPL). CO Fox educated both subjects that open-carry does not apply to a motor vehicle and that the firearms needed to be cased and unloaded. Carrying a handgun in a vehicle is only permitted with a valid CPL. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Bellville received a complaint on numerous bags of trash being dumped on state land. CO Bellville was able to locate a name and address within the trash pile and made contact with the individuals. The subjects admitted to dumping the trash on state land. A citation was issued and the trash was cleaned up.

CO Brad Bellville and CO Paul Fox investigated a complaint of a dead pig on state land in rural Montmorency County. The two COs arrived on scene to find a deceased 500 lb. pig with the back straps removed. Oddly enough, CO Bellville recognized the pig from responding to a call last summer when the pig had escaped from her pen. The COs made contact with the owner of the pig. The owner admitted to having the pig dumped on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 4

CO Colton Gelinis assisted Leelanau County Sheriff's Department on an ORV fatality on private property. All occupants of the ORV were not wearing helmets or seatbelts. The accident remains under investigation.

CO William Kinney attended a hunter safety class held at the Carl T. Johnson Center in Cadillac. Approximately 25 people attended the safety class. CO Kinney assisted in teaching the laws and regulations to the group.

CO Patrick McManus and CO Colton Gelinis were patrolling Benzie County and checked a spot near the Betsie River due to recent snagging complaints in the area. When they arrived, they noticed two individuals who looked like they were going to set up camp for the evening along the river bank. Upon further investigation, one of the subjects was highly intoxicated and currently on probation. Furthermore, it was discovered they were also recently released from the Benzie County Jail under several bond conditions. Part of the bond/probation conditions were not to consume any amount of alcohol and submit to a PBT (Preliminary Breath Test) when asked by a peace officer. After the subject refused to submit to the breath test, exhibited signs of severe intoxication, and because they were witnessed consuming alcohol by the officers, the

COs took the subject into custody. After being verbally and physically abusive toward the COs before and on the way to the jail, the individual was lodged again at the Benzie County facility.

CO Scott MacNeill encountered three anglers fishing on a closed trout stream in Manistee County. All three anglers were using treble hooks commonly used to snag fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill received several complaints of turkey hunters hunting from their vehicles. COs have leads and will be patrolling those areas frequented by hunters to deter such activity.

While patrolling Mason County for turkey hunters, CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky came across a pickup truck slowly rolling. The COs noticed the subjects weren't wearing safety belts and conducted a traffic stop. It was quickly noted that the occupants weren't turkey hunting, but had been smoking marijuana. CO Publiski immediately brought up the fact that the strong odor of marijuana was apparent to the COs and the occupants were appalled that the COs would accuse them of such a thing. CO Publiski and CO Brosky had the occupants step out of the vehicle, and after a quick search, they recovered the rest of the marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake County, CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky observed an ORV as it turned from a county road and proceeded to drive down US 10 at a high rate of speed. After turning the patrol truck around to catch up to the ORV, CO Publiski paced the driver at over 65 mph. The COs stopped the driver and advised of the rules for highway travel and addressed the issue of the high speed operation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse assisted with a search for a lost/injured subject involved in a motor vehicle accident in Manistee County. MSP (chopper and K-9 units), Manistee County Sheriff's Office, Dickson Township Search and Rescue and the County CERT team were all involved. The subject was located by a civilian and brought to the roadway where CO Converse had first contact with the injured man before being treated by medical personnel.

CO Brian Brosky patrolled Mason and Lake Counties targeting illegal ORV activity. CO Brosky issued several warnings and contacted several ORVs for violations, including failing to license an ORV, operating with passengers when the ORV was not designed to carry passengers, and operating in closed areas.

CO Brosky assisted MSP Trooper Travis Thenikl with an ORV trespass issue in Mason County. While working with Trooper Thenikl, they were able to track down and locate two subjects who had been stuck in a marsh area along an electric utility right of way. After tracking down the subjects, they both stated they were two tracking the night before when they got stuck. Due to heavy rains, the subjects had to spend the night in their vehicles until the following morning when they walked out and flagged down a

person who helped them get their vehicles removed from the marsh. Several calls were received the night before on the same two subjects who were allegedly driving around intoxicated in Mason County causing problems at local businesses. The subjects were cited by CO Brosky and Trooper Thenikl for violations that included ORV trespass and vehicle registration violations.

CO Brosky and CO Publiski responded to a report of a plane crash in Northern Mason County. CO Brosky and CO Publiski arrived at the scene to discover that a small four passenger plane had experienced a sudden loss of power over Mason County while flying to the Grand Rapids area from Hessel. The pilot was able to crash land the plane, and as the plane hit the roadway and went through a ditch, the nose of the plane struck the side of the ditch and flipped over. The four passengers onboard were out of the plane and walking around when the COs and medical personnel arrived. The passengers were treated for injuries at the scene and transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol in Lake County when he observed two ORVs operating on a utility right of way. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORVs and made contact with the operators who both had small children riding on their laps. No one was wearing helmets and neither ORV was licensed. One operator was suspended from DUI charges. Numerous violations were addressed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a Report All Poaching complaint of a subject who had shot a turkey from the roadway in front of a residence in Lake County. CO Killingbeck responded to the area and talked with the complainant. The suspect had shot from outside his vehicle and then left without retrieving the turkey. CO Killingbeck was able to determine approximately where the subject discharged the firearm into public property and discovered the distance was 64 yards from the complainant's residence. CO Killingbeck was able to locate the suspect using a license plate provided by the complainant. The suspect admitted to the safety zone violation and said that he did not want to go after the bird due after the complainant was yelling at him for shooting the turkey. Enforcement action was taken for the safety zone violation.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle drive past him with numerous apparent motor vehicle violations. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and discovered the vehicle driver had no insurance and had a warrant for her arrest. The vehicle was towed and the driver was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Ryan Andrews was on patrol along the Pere Marquette River checking anglers in Lake County when he made contact with a group of anglers and discovered several of them were fishing without valid 2017 fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews responded to a complaint of a turkey being harvested by an individual the day prior to the spring turkey season opener in Unit K. After investigating the scene, taking photographs, and gathering evidence, the CO followed ORV tracks several miles to a residence. There was no one home at that time

and CO Andrews decidedly waited on scene. After a short while, the ORV returned home with an untagged turkey in the bed of the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively stopped a vehicle that was driving 75 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. Upon contact with the driver, he advised that he was suspended. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended, warned on the speed, and advised and released on an out of state warrant.

CO Jeff Ginn assisted local fire and EMS on scene of an ORV personal injury accident. The rider had fallen from his cycle breaking his leg and arm well off any roadway. CO Ginn was able to locate and assist fire and EMS with patient care and transporting the subject out of the woods with his patrol vehicle due to the impassible trail conditions.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to an armed suicidal subject who had walked up to a local residence. The subject was bleeding from his wrists and armed with a knife. The homeowners ran from the house and called 911 to report the incident. CO Jeff Ginn was the first officer on scene as the suspect was walking from the house. CO Ginn was able to disarm the suspect and take him into custody. CO Ginn turned the suspect over to local law enforcement as EMS arrived.

CO Angela Greenway assisted the DEQ with security and parking at Ferris State University campus for the Nestle water public hearing meeting that had nearly 300 in attendance to learn about the water removal process.

CO Angela Greenway did a presentation at the Montcalm Area Career Center for the Public Safety Law Enforcement program on conservation officers and their role in education and enforcement with fish, game, recreation and urban policing.

CO Angela Greenway participated in a community outreach program that provides an opportunity for the community and kids to check out our patrol truck, specialized equipment and talk to law enforcement officers, EMS and firemen.

CO Angela Greenway participated in a hunter safety class at the Barryton Shooting Club that had over 60 participants.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol when he received a request for assistance at a fire scene. Upon arrival, CO Wells observed that a large barn was completely burned to the ground. Interview of the subjects at the scene revealed that one of the subjects was attempting to dispose of some smaller pieces of construction material from the barn. The subject built a smaller fire burning these materials on the upwind side of the barn. The subject did not monitor this fire and it was able to escape causing the entire barn to be destroyed. Appropriate enforcement action was taken for the illegal burning of the solid waste and allowing the fire to escape.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen was patrolling a stretch of the East Branch of the Au Sable River that is closed to fishing in Crawford County. CO Huspen noticed three subjects walking away from a culvert and made contact. One subject stated they were out checking the river levels and looking for turkeys. CO Huspen did a quick search of the area and located a fishing pole and a dozen crawlers hidden under some bushes. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Brian Olsen responded to a complaint of road hunting in Ogemaw County. At the scene, Sgt. Olsen located a blood trail that led to a freshly killed turkey. After talking with several homeowners in the area, a suspect was developed based upon the description of the vehicle. Sgt. Olsen followed up on several tips until he noticed a vehicle that matched the description pull into a local farm. A license plate check on the vehicle revealed it belonged to the suspect. Sgt. Olsen was able to locate the man in a cattle barn on the farm. After denying any involvement in the incident and advising he was not allowed to possess a gun, Sgt. Olsen caught the suspect in a lie and a full confession was obtained. The man, who is a convicted felon, advised Sgt. Olsen where he had hidden the firearm. It was recovered from a hay loft on another farm and charges are pending through the Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Ben McAteer made contact with a group of people watching the spawning suckers on the Cut River in Roscommon County. While talking with the group, he located a sucker that had been speared near the bridge. CO McAteer looked over the side of the bridge and observed an individual attempting to spear the spawning fish. The subject claimed he did not know the area was a spawning closure because there were no signs posted. It was explained that the closures are outlined in the fishing guide. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal located some trap stakes in the Houghton Lake Flats Flooding in Roscommon County. CO Neal hadn't noticed anyone trapping in the area since the middle of November. Upon the close of trapping season, he paddled out to the stakes to check for traps at the end of them. CO Neal pulled seven traps out of the marsh in a short line. A few of the traps were still set but pretty well covered in weeds. They were properly tagged and CO Neal was able to make contact with the owner. The man admitted to trapping in the same area. He said that he lost numerous traps out there and figured they were probably stolen. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier was checking several dirt bikes on a cycle trail in Kalkaska County. One of the bike owners failed to license his ORV. The riders were close to the trail head parking lot where the owner claimed he left his license and trail permit. CO Schluckbier offered the opportunity for the man to turn around and retrieve his license and permit. The subject became argumentative and refused to go back and get it. A citation was issued for failure to license his ORV.

While checking a local river flooding in Kalkaska County, CO Sam Schluckbier watched as two individuals fishing from shore. The river flooding is a closed trout stream during the early spring and does not open until the last Saturday in April. CO Schluckbier checked and spoke to the anglers about their knowledge of the area. The two individuals admitted that they are from the area, have fished it before and knew it was closed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader checked an angler on a portion of the Rifle River that was closed to fishing in Ogemaw County. The angler claimed he didn't know he was fishing along a designated trout stream that was closed until the last Saturday in April; however, he was also fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich was working opening morning of turkey season in Alcona County when he drove along a remote back road and observed a hunter walking towards him. As CO Panich drove closer, he observed the hunter turn "ghost white" when he realized it was a conservation officer's patrol truck. When contact was made, CO Panich was told the hunter had his license but forgot it back at his house. After some questioning by CO Panich, he learned the man had never purchased a spring turkey license at all. When asked why he was out hunting, the man explained that he didn't expect to see a conservation officer out that far in the woods. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich was working the first Saturday of the spring turkey season in Alcona County when a truck approached him from behind. CO Panich pulled his patrol truck to the side of the road as the truck needed room to pass. The driver stopped alongside CO Panich and asked what the problem was. CO Panich told the man he was just pulling off the narrow road so the man could pass. Noticing the driver was in full camouflage, CO Panich asked if he had any luck turkey hunting. The hunter responded he hadn't and was now out scouting. CO Panich asked the man if his gun was cased and unloaded. The man responded, "of course it is." CO Panich exited his vehicle and asked to see it. The driver shrugged his shoulders and handed CO Panich a loaded, uncased shotgun that was lying next to him. It was also determined that the man had purchased a hunting license, but left it at his residence. When asked how he was going to tag the turkey if he shot one, the hunter stated, "I never figured I would see the game warden out here." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry was on foot patrol along closed trout waters in Iosco County when he came across two dirt bikes operating in a closed area of federal land without helmets. After signaling the dirt bikes to stop, CO Cherry discovered they also had not licensed the ORVs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau received a tip in regards to a subject illegally netting northern pike in a County Drain in Northern Bay County. After checking numerous areas for possible net locations, he was able to determine a possible location for the illegal nets. With assistance from CO Phil Hudson, surveillance was set up on the area. Over the course of about a week and a half, COs Papineau and Hudson observed a single subject tending numerous illegal nets attempting to catch spawning pike. Based on the

evidence, a search warrant was drafted for the subject's residence. COs Papineau, Hudson, and Chad Foerster executed the search warrant and seized 40 illegal pike, two trap nets, and two fish spears. The suspect provided a full confession that all the pike had been caught illegally during the closed season. Of the 40 pike seized, 30 were undersized and 9 of them had been speared. Enforcement action was taken.

While off duty, CO Phil Hudson received a complaint of subjects trespassing and shooting turkeys from a motor vehicle. CO Hudson contacted CO Nick Atkin who was on duty and available to respond to the complaint. During the investigation that followed, CO Atkin located and interviewed the two suspects. The suspects admitted they shot at the turkeys from inside the cab of their truck with a .22 caliber rifle. In addition, neither subject had purchased a turkey license for the season. Enforcement action is being sought through the Arenac County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Steve Lockwood drove by a UTV parked along a road next to a creek. After driving a short distance down the road, CO Lockwood turned around and crept back into the area to get a better look. Within minutes, the UTV had started up and began speeding down the center of the roadway. CO Lockwood was able to get the UTV stopped for the careless operation on the roadway. The driver admitted to fishing and even stated that he had caught some walleye and pike earlier in the day. When asked where the fish were at, the driver hung his head and said they were in a bucket hidden underneath his camouflage coat. The bucket contained a very large walleye and a couple of northern pike that were all being possessed out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Cherry and Phil Hudson were conducting surveillance on dip netters along the Rifle River when they observed a subject net a fish and put it in a different location than where the other fish were being kept. Suspecting the fish was illegal in some way, the COs made contact with angler. At first, the angler denied any illegal fish had been netted or kept. As soon as CO Hudson bent over to open the lid on a cooler near the angler, he stated "you got me." Two illegal walleye were found inside the cooler. The angler stated that the walleye were just "so tasty" and he could not resist keeping them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth was patrolling a parcel of state land where mud trucks and ORVs are often causing damage in Clare County. He noticed a truck coming at him on the trail when it immediately backed off of the two-track. CO Gainforth initially thought that the vehicle was just getting out of the way for him to pass. Instead, the truck immediately took off in the opposite direction spinning its tires throwing large amounts of rock and dirt. CO Gainforth followed after the vehicle and could see the truck sliding around blind corners and catching air as it sped down the two-track at a high rate of speed. The truck eventually made it out to a county road and all CO Gainforth could see was dust as the vehicle sped down the road. After catching up and seeing the vehicle disregard a stop sign, CO Gainforth activated his emergency lights and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle finally pulled over after making it a quarter mile down the road. After some investigation, it was determined the driver ran from CO Gainforth

because he did not have vehicle insurance, had an improper license plate, and was on probation. The vehicle was impounded and the subject was arrested for the violations.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars observed a person leaving the Pine River and walking back up the hill with a fish. CO Byars then noticed the man attempt to hide a fish behind his leg as he walked. When contact with the suspect was made, the fish was gone. The suspect said he threw the fish back into the water and that he wasn't going to keep it because the season was closed. The suspect did not have a fishing license and stated he didn't catch it. After a quick investigation it was determined the suspect was in possession of the out of season bass without a fishing license. A ticket was issued.

COs John Byars and Joel Lundberg conducted a joint marine patrol on the Tittabawassee and Saginaw Rivers. The COs observed a boat at a fast rate of speed and making a wake in a no wake zone. The COs made contact with the operator of the boat and the operator was verbally combative. The COs did a safety inspection and the operator was missing a type IV personal floatation device. Tickets were issued for the PFD violation and the no wake violation.

While on patrol, CO John Byars noticed a large amount of black smoke off in the distance. When CO Byars arrived at the fire location, he called the local fire department to completely extinguish the fire. CO Byars contacted the owner and the person that allowed the fire to escape. After investigating, the CO determined there was no intent. Enforcement action was taken in regards to the fire being allowed to escape and being left unattended.

CO Josh Russell assisted a Michigan State Police Trooper in locating a possible meth site in a state game area. The officers found the site which appeared to be a place to store the components. CMET, the local drug unit, was called in to clean up the site.

COs Josh Russell and Mike Hass were on patrol in the Edmore State Game Area when they observed a vehicle in a closed area. Contact was made and the subjects were mushroom hunting and collecting trash/cans. The subjects were educated on the fact the trail they were on was not a legal trail and they were thanked for picking up trash.

COs Joe Myers and Will Brickel were on patrol when they came across a four car injury accident that had just occurred. The COs stopped and provided first aid until EMS and fire responded. Bay County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the scene as well.

CO Kyle Bucholtz located multiple illegal tree stands on state property. Investigations continue in some of those cases. Enforcement action has been taken in others. CO Bucholtz will continue to monitor the tree stands for activity.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to a complaint regarding a deceased cow. The remains of the animal were located on a county resident's property. The investigation was initiated

by CO Bucholtz and then forwarded to the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to an environmental complaint. A subject located suspicious runoff into a local stream. CO Bucholtz responded, collected evidence and turned the case over to the Department of Environmental Quality.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint from the Fair Haven Township police chief regarding a number of very large straw bales that had washed up just off of the shore line along the north side of the Village of Bay Port during a recent storm. Through the investigation, CO Hobkirk discovered that the bales had originally been placed at the end of Sand Point as part of a beach restoration project. After conferring with the appropriate DEQ employee, CO Hobkirk contacted the permit holder from the Sand Point project. The permit holder took responsibility for the straw bales and informed CO Hobkirk that he would work to get them removed from their current location.

CO Seth Rhodea was checking anglers in Quanicassee when he contacted an angler he had witnessed holding a fishing pole and actively fishing but now was just standing by the water without a pole. Upon asking to see the angler's license they stated they did not have one and had been warned by their father to get one but didn't. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Seth Rhodea assisted Michigan State Police with an illegal burn complaint where the owner of a mobile home that was being torn down tried to burn a large amount of the trailer debris instead of disposing of the debris at a landfill. Local fire departments had to be called to extinguish the fire and contact was made with the owner and his friend who started the fire. Both were cited for the illegal burning.

CO Mark Siemen received a complaint involving two dead trumpeter swans near Deckerville Road in Wheatland Township, Sanilac County. The property owner stated he found the swans by his pond and was not sure how they died. CO Siemen responded to the location and located the deceased swans. The area was checked for any evidence and all subjects living in the area were contacted and interviewed. CO Siemen examined the swans and could not find any cause of death. This case is still pending further investigation.

CO Joshua Wright assisted the Caro Police Department and Michigan State Police in locating a subject that was supposed to be armed, suicidal and hiding in the fairgrounds. As the officers were looking for the subject, 911 was receiving information that the suspect was watching the police. The suspect was located at a nearby trailer park without any weapons and was transported to the hospital for physiological evaluation.

CO Chad Foerster received a complaint from Detective Holly Pennoni who received a call from one of her contacts reference a subject that had just shot a turkey from inside a motor vehicle. CO Foerster was able to locate the suspect from the information

provided and found him to be in possession of an untagged turkey. A full confession was obtained for taking the bird from inside the motor vehicle and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster has been patrolling the Kawkawlin River during the walleye spawning closure. He has located several anglers fishing in the closed area. Enforcement action was taken on all counts.

CO Mike Haas was checking anglers on the Chippewa River in the Mt. Pleasant area when he saw an angler notice CO Haas and walk farther away through the woods. CO Haas caught up to the individual and asked to see his fishing license. The gentleman stated that he had not had time to buy his license yet this year. After reviewing the individual's fishing license purchase history, it was discovered that the man had never purchased a fishing license in his life. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

COs Chad Foerster and Mike Haas conducted a joint patrol along the Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay where contact was made with numerous anglers and boaters. Citations were issued to multiple individuals for failing to have PFDs on board, failing to have a child under the age of 6 wearing an approved PFD and for failing to have a fire extinguisher on board.

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson made contact with two subjects who were trespassing while fishing from shore. After observing the subjects for several minutes, CO Robinson made contact with the two anglers. One of the subjects did not purchase a 2017 fishing license and neither subject had a lifejacket in their kayak. The subjects were cited for no license and for failing to have a PFD and were warned on the recreational trespass violations.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas presented to a group of students at Central Michigan University. The students were involved in Parks, Recreation and Leisure studies. The COs spoke to the students about the job, benefits and the daily functions of a Michigan Conservation Officer. The students had good follow-up questions for the COs.

CO Joel Lundberg worked the Tittabawassee River for violations during the spawning closure. While on the boat, CO Lundberg noticed two anglers catch and retain a smallmouth bass. CO Lundberg contacted the individuals and they immediately stated, "We have only caught a few fish and we have no idea what the regulations are". A check of the system showed the individuals have been purchasing fishing licenses for a long time and it was obvious the anglers were familiar with quality fishing techniques and gear. Enforcement action was taken and the fish was seized.

CO Joel Lundberg had a valid arrest warrant for an individual that had been arrested two years prior for fleeing and eluding the CO. The individual also had two outstanding warrants in other states for resisting and obstructing police; and had multiple warrants out of neighboring Michigan counties as well. CO Lundberg went to the residence and

arrested him on the multiple warrants without incident. He was lodged in the Midland County jail.

DISTRICT 7

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol working state land when he noticed a vehicle parked in the roadway. CO Bauer made contact with the subjects in the vehicle who were trying to find some places to turkey hunt. Further investigation revealed an uncased loaded shotgun in the vehicle. A citation was issued for possessing an uncased loaded shotgun in the vehicle.

CO Tyler Cole spoke at a steelhead fishing clinic held at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery, discussing rules and regulations associated with steelhead fishing. Approximately 12 students were in attendance.

CO Jeff Robinette was patrolling the Three Rivers SGA, and at approximately 0800 hrs. noticed two vehicles stuck in the mud approximately 60 yards away from the county road. CO Robinette made contact with the vehicle operators and was advised that the pickup furthest from the road had gotten stuck around 0100 hrs. that morning. The second vehicle, an SUV, belonged to a friend of the pick-up truck driver. That individual had shown up in an attempt to pull the pickup truck out of the mud. However, the SUV also got stuck in the process. Both were on SGA property and in a non-designated area for motor vehicles. Both drivers were cited for the violation and a tow truck was called to remove the vehicles at the driver's expense. The pickup truck was removed and the towing fees were paid on site. The SUV was also removed and the driver was unable to pay for the towing fee. His vehicle was subsequently impounded by the towing company for failure to pay.

While patrolling Mill Pond, CO Tyler Cole came across two subjects fishing for bluegill. When asked to produce fishing licenses, both subjects produced valid Indiana fishing licenses. When informed that they were no longer in Indiana, they both acted surprised and embarrassed that they did not know what state they were in. Subjects were both cited for fishing without a license.

CO Andy Bauer spoke at a hunter safety class held at the Law Enforcement Center in Niles. The class was taught by a City of Niles police officer. The class was attended by all females. The 13 students enjoyed the presentation by CO Bauer and the class.

CO Greg Patten reported that while driving on a forest road in the Manistee National Forest, a 4X4 truck came down the single track road toward him at a high rate of speed. There was limited sight distance and the truck operator did not see CO Patten until the last minute, slamming on his brakes to avoid a collision with CO Patten's stopped patrol truck. The suspect's truck had no registration or insurance and the operator and passenger were not wearing seatbelts. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten located a subject camping in a motor home in the Muskegon State Game Area. The subject did not have a current camp registration card posted, had been camping for two weeks, and then moved his camp. He was previously warned for no camp registration. Enforcement action was taken.

While on fish patrol at Muskegon Lake, CO Greg Patten checked three people fishing. It was discovered that the group was in possession of a smallmouth bass out of season. It was also found that one of the subjects was fishing without a license and had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Muskegon Lake, CO Greg Patten located a subject with no wearable PFD, no fire extinguisher, and no registration certificate in his boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten took an angler harassment complaint where a subject fishing from a bridge on Spring Lake purposefully dumped a bucket containing water and minnows on subjects fishing in a boat below. A warrant for angler harassment was issued for the suspect by the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Rich Cardenas was patrolling the Barry State Game Area and located an illegal ORV trail. The illegal trail was leading off of an unmaintained roadway into the state game area. CO Cardenas set up a trail camera and obtained numerous pictures of illegal ORV activity. The subjects in the pictures were located and enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg received a complaint of individuals snagging steelhead in a designated trout stream in Kent County. CO Ulberg responded to the area and was able to observe the subjects fishing. It was apparent that one of the subjects was looking for steelhead on their beds and when one was located the subject would attempt to snag the fish. CO Ulberg eventually contacted the subjects and discovered the other angler was fishing with an illegal sized treble hook that was not baited. Both subjects were in possession of marijuana and neither subject had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishermen on Smith's Bayou Bridge, CO Ivan Perez noticed a male and female subject quickly pack their gear and begin leaving. CO Perez intercepted the subjects at their vehicle and asked for fishing licenses. The male stated that he had forgotten his license at home; the female stated that she was not fishing. Further investigation revealed that the subject did not have a valid license for this year and he also had three outstanding felony warrants out of Grand Haven. The subject could not post bond and was taken into custody and lodged in the Ottawa County Jail. A warning was given for fishing without a license.

COs Ivan Perez and BJ Goulette were in attendance at Day of the Young Child event in Zeeland. The COs spoke to several hundred kids as they stopped at their educational table to see, touch, and ask questions about the variety of furs, antlers, and skulls made available to them.

DISTRICT 8

CO Pete Purdy spoke to five criminal justice classes at Hartland High School about a career as a Michigan Conservation Officer. There were a total of one hundred and fifty students in the classes.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Pete Purdy both responded to a Report all Poaching complaint of an unregistered bass tournament on Whitmore Lake. Both COs made contact with the leader of Anglers Unlimited at the Whitmore Lake boat launch at the conclusion of the "tournament," and advised him of the requirement to register all tournaments online using the online registration system. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andy Monnich was traveling back to his residence when a vehicle passed his patrol truck at a high rate of speed. CO Monnich conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and, while talking to the driver, the passenger started saying something about not going to jail today. CO Monnich began to question the passenger about why he would be going to jail and the passenger decided not to talk anymore. CO Monnich ran his information through central dispatch and confirmed that the subject did have a warrant for his arrest. CO Monnich placed the individual under arrest and he was lodged in the Lenawee County Jail.

CO Jason McCullough was checking anglers along a local river when he noticed a fresh pike that had been cut in pieces lying underneath a bench. CO McCullough contacted the angler who said he was using the fish parts for bait. CO McCullough located two larger pike in a bucket a short distance away. The angler stated he caught the additional pike and was going to use them for bait too. An RSS check revealed the fisherman had not purchased a fishing license since 2014. CO McCullough explained the fishing rules pertaining to northern pike and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough contacted a rowboat with four occupants well after midnight coming off a local Calhoun County lake. The boat was taking on excessive water and there were no life jackets on board. The occupants, who were all under 21 and had been drinking, were struggling to get the boat out of the water. CO McCullough explained the importance of having proper marine safety equipment on board, especially in the early spring. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss conducted a public presentation for the Turkeyville Toms chapter of NWTf. There were approximately 25 people in attendance.

CO Carter Woodwyk was dispatched to assist the Michigan State Police on a possible hostage situation in Hillsdale County. The caller was unsure if the suspect was armed. When units arrived, they observed the victim and suspect walking out of the woods and through a field towards the house. The suspect spotted the police and ran back into the woods. The victim was safe and taken back to the house. A perimeter was set up, and the suspect was successfully taken into custody on unrelated charges.

CO Chris Reynolds tracked down an individual who stopped paying on a court payment plan from a delayed sentencing program for taking a deer without a license. A warrant was issued. When the CO made contact with the individual, the individual was surprised to see the CO and asked why he was there. The CO explained that payments had lapsed and a warrant was issued. Bond money and a court date were set.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling through a local state game area when he heard a call for assistance come over the radio. A Hillsdale County Sheriff Deputy was attempting to take a subject into custody when the subject took off on foot. The CO was approximately one mile away from the area and responded. A perimeter was set up to contain the suspect. The Michigan State Police arrived shortly thereafter with a tracking K-9. The K-9 led police directly to the suspect where he was hiding in thick brush. The suspect was taken into custody approximately 75 yards away from the CO. While in custody, the suspect stated that he knew he could not move because he would have been spotted by the CO.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Hillsdale County when he observed an off-road vehicle (ORV) operating on the roadway without an ORV license. The CO made contact with the operator, after a lengthy conversation with the operator, he began to smell marijuana. When asked if he was in possession of marijuana the operator stated that he was not. The CO asked what the unusual bulge in his pocket was from and he admitted it was a marijuana pipe with a small amount of marijuana left inside of it. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chris Maher and Troy Ludwig participated in the annual State of Michigan Earth Day Event at Constitution Hall in Lansing. The COs explained the many roles conservation officers play in protecting the state's natural resources. The COs also provided some hands on experience for participants allowing them to inspect their patrol truck and identify furs of animals native to the state.

CO Troy Ludwig received a complaint via the report all poaching hotline of an individual keeping and selling bass out of season in the Battle Creek area. The information received reported the suspect had a stringer full of bass and would most likely be riding a unicycle. Upon arriving on scene the suspect had already left the area, but an off duty MSP Trooper was able to provide the CO with information that the suspect was about two blocks away. CO Ludwig made contact with the subject who was riding his unicycle in the bike lane. The suspect was found to have three bass taken out of season, was unlicensed, and admitted to selling bass previously. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols received a Report All Poaching complaint about a subject in possession of a wild turkey. CO Nickols responded to the suspect's residence and found him in the middle of cleaning the bird. The suspect observed a vehicle hit the turkey and stopped to pick it up. CO Nickols explained the laws about possessing road killed animals. The turkey was seized and a warning given.

CO Shane Webster investigated a Report All Poaching complaint of a subject shooting robins. CO Webster located two dead robins and noted they were shot with a pellet gun. CO Webster made contact with the resident suspect who stated that they may have died from eating poison he put out for the shrews. CO Webster asked him why they had holes in them. The suspect advised probably because he had shot them. The man stated the neighbor put out too much feed and attracted them to his yard where they defecated on his stuff. He claimed he did not know they were robins when he shot them, but that he didn't really care. The man's pellet gun was confiscated and charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

CO Todd Thorn, while patrolling the west end of Lansing along the Grand River on his issued dirt bike, located two ORVs driving through a public wooded area. The operators were not wearing helmets, nor were they supposed to be on park property. CO Thorn contacted the operators and investigated, finding that one of the operators was suspended and had a warrant for burglary out of Eaton County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn received some cell phone devices back from MSP computer crimes lab that he had seized after obtaining search warrants. About 30 pictures of dead deer were located on the devices and one picture had a dead deer with a kill tag attached to an antler. CO Thorn and the MSP technician were able to zoom in on the tag and find a partial driver's license number. With that information, CO Thorn looked through the contact list on the phone and found a name matching the information on the driver's license. CO Thorn contacted the subject from the contact list and learned that the man had sold the suspect his kill tag around the time that the deer pictures were taken. An investigation in this case is ongoing.

COs Matt Neterer, Shane Webster, and Todd Thorn paid a visit to the suspect in a hawk poaching case from the Haslett area. During the visit, the COs were given consent to search the property. During the search, COs Neterer and Thorn discovered untagged traps and dead song birds. After discussing the potential charges with the suspect, he decided to admit to shooting the hawk. A report requesting charges will be submitted to the Ingham County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Matt Neterer learned of a turkey hunting contest being held at a local sporting goods store and decided to stop in to see if there had been any successful hunters registering birds. Upon arrival, CO Neterer observed a hunter posing for pictures with a nice tom at the back of the store. When CO Neterer contacted the hunter, it was obvious that he was very nervous about being checked. CO Neterer inspected the tag on the bird and discovered that the tag had not been validated. The hunter initially stated that he had simply forgot to validate it but later said that it was because he didn't have a knife. A citation was issued to the hunter for failing to immediately validate his kill tag.

COs Todd Thorn and Matt Neterer were invited to the Ingham County Sheriff's Office awards ceremony where they received an award for the way they handled a suicidal gunman in the fall of 2016.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in Shiawassee County when he checked Hopkins Lake for anglers. CO Slick arrived and watched two anglers on the east shore. After watching for several minutes, one angler looked up and saw CO Slick across the small lake. The angler then rapidly reeled in his line, quickly walked up the bank, tossed his rod on the ground then came back and sat next to the second angler. CO Slick made contact with the two anglers and asked how the fishing was. The angler sitting on the bank stated, "I don't know, I don't have a rod in my hands." CO Slick informed the angler that he had been watching him fish and asked if he had a valid fishing license. The angler stated he did not. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While checking anglers in a local marina in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen saw a group of anglers using a species of invasive goby as fishing bait. The gobies were alive and as CO Deppen approached, the anglers attempted to kill the goby and throw it aside. The anglers claimed to not be aware that they can only use dead gobies. As the anglers were asked to provide fishing licenses, one angler gave a false name and information. The angler was pulled aside and his correct information was obtained. The angler was found to be fishing without a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While on fisheries patrol COs Joseph Deppen and Brad Silorey set up surveillance on a group of anglers at a local launch in Macomb County. The anglers were continually trespassing into an area that was clearly marked "no trespassing/no fishing". After a few hours, the COs approached the anglers in the marked area. The anglers had multiple violations including fishing without a license, over limit of rock bass, and using an invasive live species of goby as bait. The group was taken out of the trespassing area and enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel was flagged down by a gentleman at the Harley Ensign Access Site and stated a subject was walking three dogs around the point without leashes. The gentleman stated that he told the subject that he needed to put his dogs on a leash so that there would not be a confrontation between the dogs. The subject used many explicit words towards the gentleman and kept patting his hip as if to say he had a gun. CO Kiel made contact with the subject with none of his three dogs on leashes and also made sure that the subject did not have a gun on him. The subject stated that he walks his dogs there without leashes all the time and did not know that there were any signs posted against the activity. CO Kiel pointed at the sign only five feet from the subject. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ken Kovach and Kris Kiel, along with Sgt. Damon Owens, conducted a group patrol on the Detroit River checking walleye anglers. A lot of contacts were made with few violations discovered. A citation was issued for fishing without a license, and warnings were given for failing to display registration, failure to produce a fishing license

and failure to provide a PFD. Filming for the Warden show was also conducted during the patrol.

CO Brad Silorey worked a group walleye patrol along the Detroit River several days this week. CO Silorey made a large amount of contacts with successful anglers. CO Silorey also contacted several anglers who decided to not follow the rules. Several violations were found on the patrol included: taking undersized walleye, over limits, and possessing walleye without a fishing license. CO Silorey also encountered multiple marine violations throughout the day.

CO Brad Silorey worked ORV patrol checking a local hot spot for ORV trespass on private property. CO Silorey drove his patrol truck onto the private property and immediately found one individual unloading his dirt bike. While obtaining the subject's information, CO Silorey could hear several other trespassers riding nearby. CO Silorey took the individual's ID and drove his truck further down the trail, and found two more subjects actively riding dirt bikes. After contacting the two individuals, neither one of them had identification on them. CO Silorey wrote down their information and instructed them to drive over to the location of the first subject. It was at that moment one of the subjects fled the scene. Due to the terrain and having two other subjects detained, CO Silorey was unable to pursue the subject. CO Silorey notified his partner CO Kris Kiel, and also notified Macomb County Dispatch. The other two subjects stated they did not know the subject who fled the scene. After taking enforcement action on the two subjects, COs Silorey and Kiel ran the name of the subject who fled. To no surprise the name did not come back to that individual. COs Silorey and Kiel then made contact with the individuals whose name he did give. After a brief interview, the man gave several names of people he knew that fit the description of the subject. CO Silorey ran the names through DNR dispatch and obtained photos of all of the individuals. A positive ID was made, and it was found that the subject is wanted on several warrants for violent crimes. The subject did not have a recent address listed. The investigation continues to find the subject.

CO David Schaumburger observed a group of anglers come in with a four person walleye limit. On board were two youth and their parents. One of the youths told the CO that he had only caught two fish that day. One of the parents was taken aside and educated on the laws pertaining to daily possession limits per person. The parent stated that they caught so many they did not keep track; however, CO Schaumburger pointed out that they had four different clickers on board each with the names of the four anglers on them to keep track of each anglers fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger came across two anglers fishing on the boardwalk and asked to see fishing licenses. One angler produced a license, the other stated he did not have it, nor did he have any identification on him. The CO asked the angler if he was in the country illegally, to which the angler stated he was not. The angler was able to produce a passport from the Dominican Republic and the CO enlisted the help of border patrol to take over the situation. Border patrol agents were able to confirm the subject was in the country illegally. He was arrested and taken to see a federal immigration judge.

CO David Schaumburger received a Report All Poaching complaint of an individual netting fish and keeping out of season bass. The CO made haste to the location, but missed the suspect by ten minutes; however, the complainant did get a license plate for the CO. The CO diverted his course and drove to the subject's residence. The CO met the suspect at his house as soon as he pulled in and asked to see his fish. In his possession he had mostly carp, but he also had four out of season and undersize smallmouth and largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

Checking walleye anglers on the Detroit River, CO Dan Walzak checked a vessel with two subjects that had seven walleye in the live-well. When the CO asked about the size of the smallest fish one of the anglers stated that the fish was a little over 14 inches. CO Walzak asked the angler what method was used to measure the fish and he stated that a ruler was used. Measuring all of their fish, it was found that there were two fish in the live-well that were not of legal size. When advised of the fact that the sizes of fish (14¼ and 14½ inches) were sub-legal and asked if either one had a fishing guide, both answered that they did not. CO Walzak seized the two fish and asked for fishing licenses and identification from both individuals. Both subjects produced identification but neither one had a fishing license to show the CO. Checking both subjects through the department retail sales system, it was revealed that neither one had purchased a valid fishing license. CO Walzak advised both subjects of the change in their situation, seized all of the fish and took enforcement action.

While on patrol in the Proud Lake Recreation Area, CO Jason Becker observed a side-by-side ATV operating on the road. CO Becker stopped the vehicle and asked where the subjects were heading. The subjects stated they were enjoying the nice weather and were out for a walk. CO Becker pointed out that riding in an ATV wasn't exactly walking. CO Becker advised that the recreation area was closed to ATV operation and that the roads in Oakland County are all closed to ORV operation. The subject operated several miles on the road from his residence and did not have an ORV sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser and Sgt. Steve Mooney patrolled the Flint River during the closed walleye season. At one point the COs observed a man fishing on the north side of the river in downtown Flint. When the COs went to make contact with the man he was gone. CO Muehlhauser observed the man further upstream and it appeared that he was trying to evade the officers. The COs got back to the patrol truck and started to look for the man upstream. As the COs approached the U of M Flint Campus, CO Muehlhauser observed the man carrying his fishing gear. CO Muehlhauser stopped the man and asked him why he was in such a hurry. The man stated that he did not have a fishing license and had multiple warrants and he did not want to go to jail. CO Muehlhauser confirmed the warrants and the subject was taken into custody without incident. The man was lodged at the Flint City lock-up.

CO Jacob Griffin was checking vessels and fisherman at an access site in Oakland County when he noticed a vessel on the water with an expired registration. Once the vessel arrived at the boat access site, CO Griffin conducted a routine marine safety

check and fishing check. CO Griffin discovered that the vessel was not registered, the title was never transferred to the new owner, and two subjects out of the three fishing did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

CO Chris Reynolds, while working a Belle Isle shift, noticed an elderly woman struggling to get out of a strong thunderstorm and heavy rain that moved in quickly. The CO went to the woman and asked if she needed assistance. The woman was pleased to see a CO. The CO assisted the woman in getting back to her vehicle located at the other end of the aisle.

CO Shane Webster arrived on Belle Isle early to prepare for his shift. As he drove down one of the roadways, he noted a vehicle 'tailgating' him. Upon reaching a stop sign, he could see the man gesturing at him to get out of the way. CO Webster leaned out of his vehicle and motioned for the man to calm down. CO Webster made his turn and had to brake quickly as the man turned behind him and attempted to accelerate quickly and pass, despite two oncoming cars. Due to the careless driving, CO Webster attempted to perform a traffic stop of the vehicle by activating his emergency lights and sirens. CO Webster pursued the suspect as he drove at twice the posted speed limit around the island, just over two miles before he stopped. CO Webster made contact with the subject who claimed CO Webster was not a police officer and was not allowed to stop him. CO Webster was backed up by DNR parks employees, Michigan State Troopers, and Detroit Police Officers. The man was arrested and lodged at the Detroit Detention Center.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, COs Dan Robinson and Danny Walzak witnessed a vehicle enter the island well after closing hours. The COs determined that the subjects did not belong on the island and initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle stated that he was out enjoying the park and showing his daughter the sights of the island at 12:30am. A check with dispatch showed that the subject had seven outstanding warrants and he was driving with an expired license at the time of the stop. The subject was lodged on his warrants.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed coming into a four way stop. The driver blew through the stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver was speeding, ran a stop sign, had expired insurance, and expired registration in his vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Sergeant Damon Owens, while at the end of his Belle Isle shift, investigated a possible rolling domestic dispute near the Strand and Scott Fountain. Although the domestic dispute was denied and unfounded, Sgt. Owens did discover that one of the vehicle's occupants had outstanding warrants. Sgt. Owens took the subject into custody and logged him at the Detroit Detention Center without incident.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, CO Joseph Deppen saw multiple people inside the abandoned zoo. CO Deppen and CO Bucholtz entered the zoo from opposite sides and confronted nine trespassers. Two individuals ran from the COs, but were quickly apprehended after their original exit was blocked and they gave up. The subjects were led outside the zoo and enforcement action was taken.