

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
4/9/2018 – 4/21/2018**

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officers (COs) Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen assisted with a hunter safety class in Watersmeet. At the end of the class, seven of the 6th grade students scored 100% on their final test.

COs Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen attended a county-wide active shooter training in Ontonagon. Area law enforcement officers reviewed active shooter action plans.

Sgt. Grant Emery attended the UPAC meeting at the US Coast Guard Station Portage with other law enforcement agencies and emergency management coordinators. The main point of discussion was the response to the personal injury accident in Chassell which resulted in a tanker transport tank being ruptured and leaking thousands of gallons of diesel fuel along the Sturgeon River. The meeting reviewed the response to the incident, containment and clean up.

Sgt. Emery attended two Coffee and Conversation public meetings with Fisheries Division to get the public's comments and input on fish regulations. Input from what our user groups want to see in our fisheries program was also sought. These meetings were held at Gogebic Community College in Ironwood and the Portage Township Library in Houghton. Both meetings were well attended with a lot of good discussions mainly regarding trout, walleye and perch regulations and the Division's fish stocking efforts.

CO Brett DeLonge and Probationary CO (PCO) Kyle McQueer were patrolling near Big Bay when they observed an unregistered ORV operating on the road way. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the ORV and found that the operator was underaged. The violations were discussed and the operator's father was contacted.

CO Brett DeLonge and PCO Kyle McQueer were patrolling the Harlow Lake Recreation area in Marquette County for illegal camping activity. The COs contacted several college students camping in prohibited areas, possessing prohibited glass bottles, and having camp fires in prohibited areas. The COs educated the multiple groups of individuals of the specific regulations in the recreation area and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and PCO Kyle McQueer investigated a snowmobile trespass complaint in Marquette County. Several interviews were conducted with the complainants and suspects regarding the ongoing complaint. Enforcement action is pending.

CO Dave Miller set up a trail camera on a known dumping site located on private property. As you enter the area, there are signs that read "NO DUMPING". After 48 hours, CO Miller checked the camera. Less than one hour after setting it up, there was a picture of a pickup truck towing a dump trailer full of trash going in, and the next picture was the truck coming out with an empty dump trailer. It wasn't very difficult locating the individual; the name of his company is printed on both the truck and the trailer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Kyle McQueer attended a meeting for a local ORV club in Sands Township. Both COs were well received by the club members as numerous ORV questions were answered. The club is working with ORV Trail Specialist Rob Katona to extend ORV trails across Marquette County and neighboring counties.

CO Dave Miller received a complaint of several subjects taking over-limits of coho. After several days of observation, the fishing has shut down due to the significant snow storm in the middle of April. If fishing doesn't pick up this year, the individuals will be monitored next season for the same violations. The ice conditions have allowed full size pickup trucks to operate on the frozen lake right up to the current snow storm.

CO Brett DeLonge gave a fur presentation to a group of school children at the Lake Superior Christian Church. Nearly 40 students attended the presentation put on for children that are home-schooled.

CO Jeffrey Dell is currently investigating illegal snaring activity in Menominee County. Several violations have been discovered and the investigation is ongoing.

COs Jeremy Sergey and Jeff Dell attended a U.P. Whitetail's Association meeting. Several questions were answered regarding trespass laws and chronic wasting disease (CWD).

CO Shannon Kritz taught at the Crystal Falls hunter safety class. CO Kritz covered basic laws, ethics and safety regulations.

CO Shannon Kritz patrolled Iron County lakes with GLIFWC Warden Matt Kniskern. High compliance was observed, and people were happy to still be out fishing with over a foot of ice left on the lakes.

CO Shannon Kritz assisted the Iron River Police Department with a complaint where a dog chased and attacked a deer, injuring it to the point where it had to be dispatched. Officers were able to track down the owner of the dog. The owner did not know how the dog got off his chain. CO Kritz explained to the owner that he was responsible for keeping his dog secured. Enforcement action was taken, and the deer was given to a needy family.

CO Shannon Kritz was on patrol when she came across an untagged minnow trap in a stream. CO Kritz pulled the trap and left her information so the trapper could contact her. The trapper contacted CO Kritz and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz attended a public event in Iron County for Earth Day. CO Kritz answered questions pertaining to hunting and fishing as well as environmental issues.

CO Jeremy Sergey and PCO Kyle McQueer worked with the Menominee County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to enforce a security zone designated by the U.S. Coast Guard during the launching of the USS Indianapolis.

COs Jeremy Sergey, Jeff Dell and PCO Kyle McQueer received a complaint that a group of snowmobilers were trespassing. The COs were able to track the snowmobilers to a residence where the riders were identified. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeremy Sergey and PCO Kyle McQueer received a complaint that a small deer rammed a woman in the chest on her property. The woman reported that the deer looked sick and it was laying in her field by a spin-cast feeder. When the COs arrived, they learned that the woman's son shot the deer. The COs are investigating this incident.

CO Jared Ferguson received a call that a raccoon had entered a camp and made its way to the attic. While in the attic the mother gave birth to three baby raccoons. The babies were removed and placed in a box outside near the tree line with insulation in blankets. Later in the night the mother returned for her young and carried them away.

CO Jared Ferguson patrolled the northern Dickinson/ Marquette County line checking local wetlands for ORV damage. Several of the areas were reported the year prior by local land owners and utility companies. CO Jared Ferguson checked a large amount of ORVs due to the nice weather and found no infractions.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint of ORVs operating on a public highway and passing cars on the right. CO Ferguson located a group of ORVs several miles down on the trail and found they were traveling down the highway due to trail conditions and didn't want to get wet and muddy. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Bobby Watson was checking a local boat launch on the Escanaba River when contact was made with a group of young fishermen. One of the fisherman appeared very nervous throughout the contact. When CO Watson requested the subject to produce a fishing license, the man was unable to produce a 2018 license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was checking a local boat launch when contact was made with a group of fishermen. CO Watson immediately noticed a pellet gun lying on the picnic table near the fishermen. After checking fishing licenses and surrounding area for any fish or harvested animals, CO Watson inquired as to why they had a pellet gun. One of the men stated it was for shooting cormorants if any swam by. CO Watson confirmed that no cormorants had swam by yet and informed the man it was illegal to shoot them.

COs Colton Gelinias and Calvin Smith were checking ice fishermen on Lake Superior. CO Gelinias contacted a fisherman who had five whitefish in his possession. During his contact, He observed blood next to the shanty. After moving some snow, he observed 14 whitefish heads. When questioned about the heads it was discovered that the fisherman brought his over limit of fish to shore. The fish were recovered from shore and a citation for over limit of whitefish was issued, the whitefish were seized and donated to local families in need.

CO Colton Gelinias received a Report All Poaching complaint regarding a turkey being killed out of season in Mackinac County. CO Gelinias contacted the complainant who stated that he watched his neighbor shoot a turkey. CO Gelinias contacted the suspect about the killing of the turkey. During the investigation the suspect admitted to shooting the turkey with a rifle. A report has been filed with the Mackinac County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Calvin Smith and Colton Gelinias participated in the 4-H program in Newberry. The COs held a survival booth at the event and assisted the students in making survival kits.

COs Calvin Smith and Colton Gelinias participated in the Tackle Party held by the Newberry Sportsmen Club. The COs ran the fishing game where kids of all ages tried to catch plastic fish that were on the gym floor. The game tested the kids' casting abilities, as well as reeling in fish.

CO Michael Evink and Forest Service Officer Tembreull stopped two side-by-sides for operating on the paved portion of the roadway. Both vehicles had loads of firewood in the back. It turned out the wood cutters had proper ORV stickers and firewood permits. Warnings were given to the operation on the roadway due to the soft nature of the shoulder.

COs Colton Gelinias, Mark Zitnik and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon participated in a Cops vs. Robbers basketball fundraiser at Munising High School. All proceeds went to the Munising Senior Class.

While on patrol on Drummond Island, CO Tom Oberg observed a 4-wheeler coming towards him. The driver was not wearing a helmet. CO Oberg stopped the 4-wheeler and found the driver did not have valid ORV stickers on the machine. When questioned, the driver stated he had forgotten to put the helmet on and was on his way to get ORV tickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg patrolled a busy Saturday on Drummond Island for the annual "Jeep the Mac" event. Approximately 800 Jeeps ventured across the Mackinac Bridge and made their destination onto Drummond Island. No serious issues developed during the weekend with the busy crowd and many people were glad to see law enforcement present.

COs Colton Gelinis and Calvin Smith attended the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club meeting and answered questions pertaining to CWD, new fishing regulations and other recreational issues.

CO Calvin Smith and Cpl. Kevin Postma attended the St. Mary's Walleye Club meeting where the topic at hand was fishing regulations on the St. Mary's river system. Over 80 people attended the meeting.

CO Calvin Smith was contacted by a local trapper who had found a deceased bald eagle on the river bank. CO Smith retrieved the eagle and it appears the eagle died from natural causes.

CO Calvin Smith was a guest participant on Ask the DNR. The program is an hour-long, live television show where the public can call and ask questions.

CO Chris Lynch and Cpl. Mike Hammill served an arrest warrant on a subject for illegally taking multiple deer. The warrant was served without incident.

DISTRICT 3

CO Duane Budreau contacted an individual operating an ORV in northern Emmet County that was operating on the roadway without a helmet. The ORV operator stopped his machine in the parking lot of a gas station. CO Budreau pulled in behind the ORV and observed that the ORV permit was expired. The subject got off the machine and started towards the gas station entrance door as to ignore the presence of the CO truck parked directly behind his four-wheeler. CO Budreau contacted the subject regarding the observed violations and asked for the operator's driver's license. The subject first stated he did not have it with him. CO Budreau then inquired more directly if he had a valid driver's license. The subject admitted he has not had a valid license since 1992. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Baldwin investigated a privately owned cervidae facility that was believed to be delinquent in maintaining and submitting proper records. These records are required by law to be submitted annually, and during CO Baldwin's investigation, he found that the owner had been notified multiple times throughout the year about his delinquent paperwork. CO Baldwin contacted the owner and law enforcement action was taken. CO Chad Baldwin received a complaint that an individual had attempted to scare off deer that were perusing around his apple trees. The complaint stated that the suspect accidentally shot one of the deer while using a .22 rifle to scare them off. CO Baldwin tracked the wounded animal and interviewed the suspect who admitted to taking the

shot and stated that “next time I shouldn’t aim so low”. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO John Kamps stopped a group of snowmobilers for operating on the main traveled portion of a county road. Upon interviewing the group, it was determined that one individual was riding with an expired trail permit, and two individuals were riding with their previous year’s hunting license displayed as trail permit stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO John Kamps stopped a snowmobiler for driving on the wrong side of the roadway. It was determined that the individual also had an expired registration and snowmobile trail permit displayed on the snowmobile. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Matt Theunick, Tim Rosochacki and PCO John Kamps responded to the scene of a suspicious vehicle located on state land. After checking the vehicle’s registration, the owner of the vehicle was reported missing for over two weeks. Located next to the vehicle was a single set of foot tracks heading into a wooded area. The COs assisted the Presque Isle and Cheboygan County Sheriff’s Departments in tracking the footprints to a private cabin surrounded by the state land. The COs and deputies entered the cabin locating the suspect hiding in a crawl space underneath the cabin. The subject was arrested for breaking and entering. The individual was taken into custody and lodged in the Presque Isle County Jail pending a review by the prosecutor.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO John Kamps were on fishing patrol when PCO Kamps observed an individual catch and keep a brown trout in a designated trout stream. The stream that the individual was fishing was currently closed to the taking of brown trout. Contact was made with the individual and enforcement action was taken.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on patrol when a building alarm call came out through central dispatch. COs Sink and Cherry were close to the call so they responded. After a search of the building, the COs determined the building was secure.

CO Nathan Sink is currently investigating a snowmobile trespass complaint. The property owner has had an ongoing issue with snowmobiles running over his signs and driving on his property. A suspect was interviewed and an investigation is pending.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones received a complaint in Alpena County about dogs in a field eating a wild turkey. The complainant stated he witnessed the dogs running loose but was not sure if the dogs had killed the turkey. The officers attempted to locate where the dogs might have come from. As the COs drove down the road, they observed multiple cattle loose in the roadway. PCO Jones went to a residence to ask about the cattle and asked about the dogs. The resident admitted the dogs belonged to him and they had gotten loose. The dogs were brought back by the owner and a warning was given.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones received a complaint from an Alpena County resident who had observed an ORV trespassing on his leased property. The complainant had trail camera photos as well. The COs used the photos to determine the identification of the individual. PCO Jones interviewed the subject and he admitted to trespassing. While at the subject's residence, PCO Jones noticed feed in the subject's yard with deer and wildlife tracks. The subject was questioned on why he was feeding in a closed county. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones received a complaint from a farmer in Presque Isle County who advised that he witnessed two subjects trespassing on his property. The COs responded to the location and spoke with the landowner and the subjects who were trespassing. Charges have been requested thru the prosecutor's office.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones were on a snowmobile patrol in Alpena County when they contacted numerous subjects out enjoying the recent spring snowfall. The COs issued tickets for violations including; no trail permit, equipment violations and operating a snowmobile with a suspended driver's license.

CO Adam LeClerc was the first on scene to a single vehicle accident on North M-33 in Montmorency County. The vehicle had slid off the highway, over the ditch, and into several trees. CO LeClerc checked the occupants for injuries and shut off the vehicle. The driver and passenger both had minor injuries, both refused first aid. Medical personnel arrived on-scene and medical treatment was declined. All information was turned over to Montmorency County Sheriff's Department.

CO Paul Fox received a complaint of a deer carcass and household trash dumped in a ditch along a county road in Presque Isle County. Upon investigation of the items, a deer tag was discovered. A follow-up interview with the subject led to a confession of dumping the items. Enforcement action was taken and the litter was picked up.

CO Paul Fox assisted the Presque Isle County Sheriff's Department with a breaking and entering (B&E) and an assault complaint. CO Fox helped secure the scene and assisted with interviews.

CO Paul Fox was checking anglers near Long Lake in Presque Isle County when he observed an ORV travelling at a high rate of speed down the middle of a county road. A traffic stop was made and the operator was contacted. In addition to the moving violations, the operator did not have a valid ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba witnessed a two-vehicle accident in Alpena County. CO Sklba quickly responded and was able to both direct traffic, as well as request EMS to respond. Only minor injuries were reported, yet neither vehicle was drivable.

DISTRICT 4

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson responded to a shots fired complaint off Four Seasons Road in Benzie County. The COs contacted the suspect and requested he reinforce his backstop for safety reasons.

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson are investigating the death of a bald eagle that died due to gunshot wounds.

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson observed three subjects in a float boat on the Betsie River. Upon making contact, it was noted that one of the subjects did not have a fishing license, and there was not an adequate amount of personal floatation devices upon the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson responded to a complaint of an ORV operating in a restricted area and abandoned on state land in Grand Traverse County. The COs towed and impounded the ORV. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson responded to a person lying on the side of a hill in the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. The callers observed the subject who had not moved for several minutes and were worried the subject may be in medical distress. COs walked the area and located the subject who informed them that she was simply meditating in the sun that most northern Michigan residents have been missing for weeks.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO James Garrett attended a chronic wasting disease (CWD) meeting at the Wex Center in Cadillac on April 11th. The COs provided security at the event and answered any questions that the public had about CWD and other related topics.

CO Richard Stowe participated in a teleconference call, along with the supervisor of Traverse City State Park that discussed rules pertaining to the use of e-bikes.

CO Richard Stowe attended a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Banquet and answered questions from local sportsmen on a variety of issues. There were approximately 80 in attendance.

CO Richard Stowe spoke at the annual Michigan Bow Hunters Banquet held in Grand Traverse County. During the presentation, the CWD talking points were utilized, and the importance of compliance with current and future disease control measures were stressed. There were approximately 250 in attendance.

CO Richard Stowe attended the annual Firearms Instructor Training at Camp Grayling.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis were patrolling the Indian Bridge area of Mason County when they saw three anglers illegally launching their boat in a non-approved federal access site along the Pere Marquette River. The anglers had also

parked in a no parking zone and blocked a lane of travel on a curve in the road. The COs contacted the suspects and asked why they had launched illegally. The driver of the boat replied that he didn't want to paddle the extra distance from the actual launch. One subject had a warrant for unpaid child support and was lodged in the Mason County jail. Enforcement action was also taken by the USFS officer for the illegal launching of a boat.

COs Kyle Publiski, Brian Brosky and PCO Jessica Curtis responded to a complaint in Mason County where a bear was causing damage to a vehicle. The caller informed the COs that the bear ripped the tonneau cover off her truck to get to a 50-pound bag of corn. The COs arrived on scene, and after tracking the bear for about 10 minutes, they were able to locate the remains of the bag of corn. Wildlife Division told the COs that there was a bear trap in the area. When they went to locate it, it was apparent that the bear had eaten the bait yet remained un-trapped. The COs rebaited, adjusted, and reset the trap and caught the bear the next day. The bear was transported and relocated.

CO Kyle Publiski, CO Brian Brosky and PCO Jessica Curtis conducted a patrol on Lake Michigan. While on patrol, the COs issued tickets for fishing with too many lines, an expired registration, and encountered a subject in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis were patrolling for ORVs in Lake County when they observed an ORV riding down the road, with no ORV stickers. After stopping the ORV, the driver claimed he had lost his ORV registration stickers and was back-tracking to look for it. After running his driving status through dispatch, he came back with a suspended license. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Lake County jail for operating while license suspended.

CO Steve Converse and PCO James Garrett were on routine patrol when they observed an individual disregard a stop sign, as well as fail to signal their turn. The COs conducted a traffic stop and found that the driver did not have his license with him, as well as possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO James Garrett were on foot patrol on the Little Manistee River weir when they observed an angler fishing in the closed portion of the river. The COs witnessed the angler land and put a steelhead on his stringer. The COs then approached the individual and questioned him about where the fish was caught. The individual admitted to catching the fish in the closed portion. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and PCO James Garrett were patrolling the Manistee River when they observed seven kayakers sitting along the river's edge. The COs were observing the group from a distance when all but one individual in the group began to smoke marijuana. The COs contacted the group at their vehicle downstream and questioned them about the marijuana. All the individuals the COs observed smoking admitted to smoking the substance illegally and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was the first to arrive to a report of an overturned boat on the Pere Marquette River. Lake County dispatch was able to contact the victims who reportedly were suffering from hypothermia and attempting to hike out from their remote location. CO Killingbeck and CO Brian Brosky were able to contact the victims who hiked out to a roadway and were already being treated by EMS. The victims had attempted to "jump a log" in their boat which resulted with them flipping over and the boat nearly breaking in half. The subjects were very thankful to have made it out of the river with water conditions being high and swift from recent rain and snow melt. Arrangements were made to have the boat removed from the river later.

CO Josiah Killingbeck assisted COs Casey Pullem and Mark Papinau with teaching CPR and basic first aid to hunter safety instructors at the Kettunen Center in Tustin. The COs reported that the training was well received and beneficial to our instructors from around the state.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed an ORV trespassing through a utility right-of-way and operate through two wetlands. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver who said the area looked fun and he was following other tracks. CO Killingbeck asked the driver if he knew what the regulations were pertaining to legal operation of an ORV. The subject said he had only owned the ORV for a year and never attempted to educate himself on ORV regulations. CO Killingbeck educated the subject on ORV regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol in Lake County when he was passed by a vehicle at a high rate of speed, weaving in and out of traffic. CO Killingbeck ran the plate through LEIN and discovered it had been expired since the beginning of April. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and asked the driver if she knew her plates were expired. The driver said she did but figured no one would bother her through the end of the month. CO Killingbeck discovered that the driver was operating with an expired license as well. Numerous violations were addressed, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in Mecosta County where he saw a vehicle parked at Roger's Dam. CO Varriale walked into the woods and saw two people sitting by Roger's Pond. Upon closer examination, CO Varriale saw that the individuals were smoking marijuana in public. During a short interview, the individuals said they had medical marijuana cards. CO Varriale told them they were not allowed to smoke in public. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling closed trout streams in Oceana County when he observed a truck parked at a bridge. CO Shively was able to walk up and observe two subjects fishing and overheard them talking about going after brook trout. CO Shively contacted the subjects who were adamant that they were fishing for steelhead and the stream was open. After showing them the fishing guide and pointing out their comments about targeting brook trout, the two subjects were cited for fishing a closed trout stream.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol when he located a vehicle parked in the woods. A check of the area revealed tracks in the snow and CO Wells could hear what he believed was a predator call being used. After a short walk, CO Wells located the subject in full camouflage clothing with a rifle, overlooking a deer carcass. Upon contact, CO Wells asked the subject if he had any hunter orange clothing on his person and the hunter stated that he did not. He was under the belief that he did not have to display orange while hunting for coyotes. CO Wells explained to him that while he is stationary he may remove his hunter orange, but that while going out and coming back from the hunt he must display hunter orange. CO Wells then asked the subject for his license and the subject responded that he left it back at the house. He advised that it was the same base license that he used last season. CO Wells explained that the base license expired at the end of March and the subject readily admitted that he failed to obtain a current license. The subject also admitted that he picked up the deer carcass as a road kill that morning and did not register it. He stated he was unaware that it had to be registered. Citation was issued for the violation of hunting coyote without a license, with warnings issued for the hunter orange and road kill deer violations.

While conducting boat patrol on the Muskegon River, CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Tyler Sabuda checked between 150 to 200 anglers taking advantage of the nice spring weather. Throughout the day, the COs took enforcement action a dozen times for various types of violations.

CO Angela Greenway was travelling on US-131 in Wexford County, returning from interviewing a subject, when she noticed a man hitchhiking while wearing a blue coat over what appeared to be an orange jumpsuit. CO Greenway stopped to investigate. The subject informed CO Greenway that he needed to get to the airport to go meet his girlfriend Selena Gomez. After identifying the subject and a long conversation, the subject admitted that he would like to go speak with a mental health worker. The subject was eventually transported to the hospital.

DISTRICT 5

While following up on a complaint of a deer blind left on state land in Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze met with a male subject. It was determined the blind belonged to the subject, who had been cited for the same violation in the past. While discussing the matter and the subject's prior season success, statements and evidence were obtained possibly linking him to the illegal harvest of an antlered deer. A follow up investigation into the suspect's license history and an interview produced a confession and confirmed the suspicions of the COs. Charges are currently pending with the Kalkaska County Prosecutor's Office.

While patrolling seasonal county roads in Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze located an abandoned vehicle in the middle of the roadway stuck in mud and snow. The registered owner was located and contacted regarding the vehicle. The owner advised her son had gotten the vehicle stuck two days prior. The suspect attempted to dig out the vehicle but was unsuccessful and left it in the middle of the

road. It was explained to the owner that you can't leave a vehicle in the middle of a roadway as it also blocks other drivers from utilizing the road. A local towing company removed the vehicle and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling seasonal county roads in Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze located a small utility trailer left in the middle of the roadway with a vehicle and camper parked behind it. The trailer didn't have registration or working lights. Contact was made with the passenger since the driver was not present at the time. The passenger explained she was camping on private land for the weekend with a group and had left the trailer in the road to use the truck to pull another vehicle out of the mud. While speaking with the passenger, an ORV approached the scene and the operator was determined to be the missing driver. The man was found to be operating with a suspended license and without a valid ORV permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze contacted two snowmobiles operating on posted private property in Kalkaska County. Upon investigation it was determined that one of the operators had failed to transfer the snowmobile title upon purchase, and the other was operating without a valid trail permit. A citation was issued addressing the violations.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin responded to a rollover accident on I-75 in Crawford County. The driver of the vehicle had lost control and drove into a ditch. Upon hitting the ditch, the vehicle rolled twice before coming to rest on its roof. The driver of the vehicle suffered minor injuries. When asked to produce insurance on the vehicle, the driver confessed to letting her insurance lapse. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin responded to a complaint of a deer carcass located in a trash bag at a residence in Crawford County. The two COs located evidence in the bag and traced it back to a residence a few blocks down the road. At the residence, the COs discovered deer hair and blood outside. They questioned the suspect who admitted to finding the deer in the middle of the road a few nights prior. The suspect stated he knew he needed a tag and had been cited once before in a similar situation. Enforcement action was taken.

Over the past several weeks, COs John Huspen, Mark Papineau, PCOs Sidney Collins, Stephen Butzin, along with DNR Law Enforcement dispatch have been working on an illegal ORV riding complaint in Crawford County. A group of three suspects had posted a video to YouTube. During the video, the suspects filmed themselves riding several ORVs in a gravel pit, which is closed to ORV use. The suspects in the video stated several times that they knew it was illegal to ride in the gravel pit. At one point in the video a suspect stated, "hopefully the DNR don't hear us." The COs, with the assistance of the DNR dispatch, tracked down the three individuals. All of them were interviewed about the video. They confessed to the violations and admitted responsibility for their part in the incident. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin were patrolling Lovells Township in Crawford County when they observed a vehicle drive into a lake access site and get stuck in the snow. The COs approached the vehicle to see if the driver needed assistance. The driver stumbled out of the vehicle and smelled of intoxicants. The COs could see an open beer can in the center console. The driver was run through field sobriety tests and given a preliminary breath test. The driver was found to be operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated with a high blood alcohol content. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman were on patrol in Roscommon County when they observed two snowmobiles operating the wrong way, against the flow of traffic, and on the roadway. Upon contacting the two riders, neither of them had trail permits and one had failed to affix a registration to his machine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal assisted the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department on a domestic violence call. Due to blizzard conditions, CO Neal was the second officer on scene and was able to assist with keeping the parties separated.

COs Ben McAteer and Matt Zultak conducted a hunting and firearm safety day for the Boy Scouts of America at South Higgins Lake State Park. Approximately 275 scouts attended the event. It was a great opportunity for the scouts to learn safety techniques and interact with the local conservation officers.

While patrolling Foote Dam in Iosco County, CO Jon Warner and PCO Josh Boudreaux contacted an individual to check his fishing license. While talking to the subject it was determined he did not have his fishing license on him and would need to retrieve it from his truck. The COs followed the angler to his truck to observe him while he retrieved his fishing license. Upon opening the door of his truck, there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside. After a brief interview and investigation, two glass smoking pipes, a metal grinder, and 3 baggies containing a green, leafy substance suspected to be marijuana were discovered. Charges are being sought through the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office for possession of marijuana.

CO Casey Pullum was patrolling Oscoda County when he witnessed the operator of a snowmobile on a roadway who was not wearing a helmet. CO Pullum stopped the individual and the subject informed him he was "test driving" it because he was thinking about buying it. Further investigation by CO Pullum revealed the owner had failed to switch the registration to his name within the required time frame by law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Pullum and PCO Josh Boudreaux spoke at the Mio-Au Sable School in Oscoda County to the senior class about recruiting. Approximately 30 students attended the talk.

While patrolling Iosco County, CO Jeff Panich and PCO Josh Boudreaux conducted a traffic stop on an individual whose reverse lights were activated while driving down the roadway. The individual operating the vehicle gave officers a false name to conceal the fact he was driving on a suspended license for the 4th time and had outstanding warrants. He was placed in custody for operating on a suspended license and upon searching the vehicle, multiple needles were located with suspected heroin. The man was lodged in the Iosco County Jail and additional charges are being sought through the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office for possession of heroin and providing false information to a police officer.

CO Ethan Gainforth testified at a show cause hearing related to a hunting violation case from the 2017 deer season. The two subjects were involved with various violations including hunting without a license, hunting with an unlawful device, and excessive baiting. The judge ordered their hunting equipment to be condemned. The equipment included a Benjamin Air Bow with an infrared scope as well as a Ten Point Phantom Crossbow totaling approximately \$5,000. As part of the criminal statute, each of the subjects were also ordered to pay the maximum fine for their violations.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Justin Vinson responded to a residence in Hay Twp., Gladwin County to assist the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department with three subjects that had fled on foot from a vehicle. The COs located shoe prints leading away from the passenger side of the vehicle in the fresh snow. The COs followed the foot tracks through numerous yards, a small woodlot and then down toward a river. The COs noticed the tracks leading up to a vehicle where it appeared as if the suspect tried to gain entry. The COs continued following the tracks until they ended at a shed. Upon orders, the suspect exited the shed without incident and was secured by the Gladwin County Deputy. CO Lockwood and PCO Vinson returned to the original scene and located a second set of boot tracks coming from the driver's side of the vehicle. They followed the tracks a short distance until they led down the bank of the river. A quick check of the bank revealed the subject had not climbed back up the bank. While checking the stairs and dock area, the subject was located hiding under a dock standing in the water. He was ordered out of the water and escorted back to the residence. Both subjects had outstanding arrest warrants. The vehicle contained all the components for manufacturing methamphetamine.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Joshua Wright spoke at a hunter safety class conducted at the Harrison Sportsman's Club. There were approximately 16 students attending the class. The COs talked about various laws and how they specifically related in Clare County. The COs also covered many aspects of hunting safety and ethics and were very pleased with the eagerness of the students.

DISTRICT 6

COs Joe Myers and PCO Adam Beuthin patrolled Gratiot County on Hunter Access Program (HAP) lands in preparation for spring turkey season. During their patrol the COs contacted a group who were banding nesting woodcock in the area. The COs learned a lot about the life cycle of a woodcock in Michigan.

COs Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara were on patrol when they observed two anglers fishing at the Greenville Dam. Upon their approach, one of the anglers was seen putting a marijuana pipe in his coat pocket. It was later confirmed that he had a medical marijuana card; however, the attempted use in public was noted by the COs. Both anglers were found in possession of tackle used to target pike. When asked what they were fishing for, they both admitted to targeting pike out of season. One of the anglers stated he had already released two pike he caught earlier that day. The other was found to be fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ken Lowell, Jeff Ginn, and PCO Katie Stawara conducted a group marine patrol along the Muskegon River near the Thornapple boat launch. Warm temperatures had multiple anglers on the water, but the fishing was slow. The COs contacted a number of boaters not possessing the correct PFDs and one having an expired registration. Tickets were issued for the marine violations.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara responded to a complaint of deer carcasses on the shoulder of a road. The COs found four fresh deer carcasses dumped in a pile on the shoulder of a paved back road. The deer had been quartered and the back straps removed. One appeared to have been shot in the head and another was observed to be carrying a fawn. Contact with the complainant and surrounding neighbors was made in attempt to obtain as much information as possible. The case remains open and under investigation.

CO Jason McCullough was driving through Montcalm County on his day off and witnessed a subject carrying a rifle in an open field with no hunter's orange. CO McCullough contacted CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara. Contact was made at the residence closest to the observation site. A subject matching the complainant's description answered the door. An interview with the suspect resulted in a full confession of him hunting rabbit out of season with no hunter's orange. The suspect showed the COs where he had shot a rabbit earlier that morning using a .22 caliber rifle and provided the butchered carcass he had in the freezer. Tickets were issued.

CO Josh Russell was patrolling the Greenville Dam when he noticed a subject fishing. The CO contacted the individual who was targeting pike. The CO advised the individual that pike season was closed. The individual also had not purchased a fishing license for the 2018 season. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Michael Haas were patrolling the Flat River State Game Area looking for ORVs tearing up the road. When CO Russell crested a hill, he witnessed an F-150 going sideways down the road twice. CO Russell performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver also did not have proof of insurance. Ticket were issued.

CO Joe Myers and PCO Adam Beuthin received information on an illegal deer taken during the 2017 deer season. Upon an investigation and interview of the subject, the subject admitted to using another person's kill tag and placing it on the deer that was killed. A ticket was issued.

CO Jason King and Lt. Jeremy Payne responded to a subject suspected to be illegally fishing for walleye in the Saginaw Bay during the spawning closure. After observing the subject, the COs made contact. The subject was actively fishing for catfish and no violations were discovered.

While on patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz spoke with a fisherman. While speaking to the subject, CO Bucholtz noticed a cigarette at the subject's feet. When CO Bucholtz advised the subject he had dropped the cigarette, the subject became visibly nervous. CO Bucholtz asked to see the item which turned out to be a marijuana cigarette. A citation was issued for possession of marijuana. The subject was also arrested on unrelated charges.

While following up on an investigation of an illegal blind on state land, CO Bucholtz made contact with the suspect who admitted fault. The blind was permanently set on state land with nails in the tree; it was marked in an unlawful way and had been left out past the March 1 deadline. Enforcement action was taken and the blind was to be removed.

While on patrol near Rose Island, CO Bob Hobkirk and PCO Cody Smith noticed a pop-up blind on a section of state land. Upon investigation it appeared the blind had been abandoned last fall. The blind was collected, and a seizure notice was left for the owner to claim their property. A local resident had no knowledge of the blind which could be seen from their driveway.

CO Bob Hobkirk and PCO Cody Smith attended a career day at Bad Axe Middle School. Throughout the day they presented to 133 students. It was discussed with the students the role of a Michigan conservation officer and the process of becoming one. Some students showed interest and asked questions about the career as well as general outdoor recreation.

CO Seth Rhodea and PCO Cody Smith were starting their shifts when a complaint was called into the Report All Poaching hotline of an elk that had escaped from its enclosure. CO Rhodea was able to respond quickly to the scene informing the owner of the establishment. The elk was led into the enclosure with a bucket of feed. CO Rhodea and the owner located a tree that had fallen on the fence that allowed the escape of the elk. PCO Cody Smith arrived at this time helping to secure the fence until the owners could properly mend it. CO Rhodea and PCO Smith inspected the entire perimeter of the enclosure to ensure there were no other openings. Once it was confirmed that all the elk and deer were accounted for and that the perimeter was secure they continued their patrol.

CO Seth Rhodea and PCO Cody Smith were nearing the end of their patrol when PCO Cody Smith noticed black smoke rising in the distance. They made their way to the scene to see the remains of a couch burning behind a residence. After contacting the residents, the legality of burning a couch was discussed along with having an open burn without a burn permit. The owner's information was collected, and a citation was issued

for unlawful disposal of solid waste. A warning for the open burn without permit was also issued.

CO Chad Foerster worked the Bay County waterways during the walleye spawning closure and encountered numerous anglers. Though most were in compliance, several citations were issued for various marine and fishing violations

CO Dan Robinson was working Isabella County when a call came out for a highly intoxicated male who wanted to hurt himself. CO Robinson was within blocks of the incident location and arrived on scene with the local police department. Mobile medical response was called to the scene and the officers assisted the subject to the ambulance for transport to the hospital for evaluation.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were working through Mt. Pleasant when they witnessed a subject stumble off a curb and land in a puddle of water head first. The COs turned around and stopped to check on the subject. The subject was highly intoxicated, possibly under the influence of other drugs, had lacerations on his hands, was confused and had lost about five hours of the day. He also admitted to having at least five tall beers that morning. The COs were assisted by Mt. Pleasant police. After determining that the subject would be better taken to the hospital for evaluation than to the jail for public intoxication, Mobile medical response was contacted. The subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation and a warm place to detox.

CO Jay Person and PCO Kyle McQueer completed a litter investigation in Midland County. A complaint was made about a trash site that was found in the driveway at the complainant's hunting property. The material was sifted through and the name and address of a subject was discovered. Contact was made with the subject regarding the illegal dump. The subject and his wife had been evicted on Easter Sunday and the brother, who had just been released from prison, had helped them move their belongings and dispose of the trash. It was discovered that the subject had hired his brother to dispose of the trash but it had been done so illegally. The following week the brother and the mother of the subject passed away in a fatal car crash in Gladwin County. It was decided by the property owner that due to the unfortunate circumstances he no longer wished to pursue charges and no enforcement action would be taken.

DISTRICT 7

While patrolling a closed section of the Black River after dark, CO Tyler Cole spotted two subjects walking the banks of the river. Both subjects had fishing gear, as well as flashlights, and were shining the river looking for fish. After observing the subjects for 20-30 minutes and hearing them converse about being frustrated about not seeing any fish, contact was made. Both subjects stated that they were not fishing and were "looking for their lost dog". Citations were issued to both subjects for "possess fishing gear along a closed trout stream".

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer observed two anglers fishing on the Lake Michigan side of the South Pier in St. Joseph. The COs contacted the anglers and determined one of them was fishing without a license. The individual was arrested on a warrant and issued a citation for fishing without a license.

While on patrol checking closed trout streams, CO Travis Dragomer observed an angler fishing upon Mill Creek in Watervliet, Berrien County. CO Dragomer contacted the angler who stated he was unaware that he was fishing on a closed stream. CO Dragomer advised him of the type 1 trout stream regulations and a citation was written.

CO Zach Bauer received a call from the Report All Poaching hotline of two anglers fishing on a closed stream. CO Bauer was on his day off and responded to the call. He located the two anglers on the closed stream with two steelhead. The steelhead were seized, and citations were issued for the violations.

CO Jeff Robinette responded to assist the Cass County Sheriff's Department with a domestic assault where the suspect and victim had both fled the scene. It was determined that both the suspect and victim had outstanding warrants on unrelated charges. CO Robinette set up on a perimeter location when a deputy called out that he had located both subjects in a tree line. The deputy was approximately a half mile from the road. CO Robinette used his patrol vehicle to pick up an Edwardsburg Police officer, who was also on scene with CO Robinette. CO Robinette drove out across the farm field that separated the tree line from the road. The field at the time was extremely muddy due to rainy conditions and the four wheel drive patrol vehicle proved to be an invaluable tool, allowing both CO Robinette and the Edwardsburg PD officer to arrive at the deputy's location in a timely fashion and take the two subjects into custody. Both subjects were turned over to the Cass County Sheriff's Department and were lodged on the outstanding warrants. Charges are pending from the domestic assault incident.

CO Matt Page assisted the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department with a complaint of a subject walking down the side of the road carrying a long gun. A concerned citizen called on the subject due to a high number of issues in the neighborhood. Officers arrived and made contact with the subject who was compliant. After making contact, the subject was run through LEIN and found to have a felony warrant for carrying a concealed weapon. Additionally, the subject was searched subsequent to arrest and was again carrying a concealed weapon without a permit. The subject was lodged for the CCW violation and the outstanding warrant.

CO Christopher Simpson received a Report All Poaching complaint from a concerned citizen who had witnessed a subject shoot a turkey with a pellet gun from the window of his home. CO Simpson responded to the area and interviewed the suspect who admitted to shooting at the flock of turkeys with a high powered scoped pellet rifle. The subject claimed to only be trying to scare the turkeys from his bird feeder and porch and stated he did not know he hit one of the birds. CO Simpson recovered the breasted-out turkey carcass near the location. The case will be submitted to the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office for charges.

COs Jeff Robinette and Matt Page were patrolling St. Joseph County checking various fishing locations along the St. Joseph River when they observed an adult with two juveniles fishing. Upon exiting the patrol vehicle, the adult subject yelled at the COs "You might as well grab your ticket book, sir, because I didn't get my license this year." The subject was thanked for his honesty and issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Greg Patten assisted Norton Shores Police Department and the PJ Hoffmaster State Park staff with a call of an armed subject at the day use parking area. Upon arrival, it was discovered that the subject was suicidal and had expired from a self-inflicted gunshot.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Parmalee Trail in the Middleville State Game Area. He observed a subject operating a side-by-side ORV in a closed area with more passengers than the ORV was designed for. Upon contact, more violations were found: operating an ORV with a suspended license and no helmets/eye protection. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll responded to an armed robbery of a bank in Kalamazoo. Both robbery suspects were taken into custody after a multi-agency perimeter and K-9 deployment.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll were issuing a citation for a subject fishing without a license when another subject was observed illegally operating an ORV down the roadway. Officer Holmes ran to the roadway and stopped the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll were checking an area for fishing activity when they observed a suspicious vehicle parked nearby. The COs contacted the female driver and determined she was in the process of "shooting-up" methamphetamine. A report will be submitted to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's Office for felony drug charges.

DISTRICT 8

While enroute to First Aid Training, CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek observed a vehicle pass them at a high rate of speed, changing lanes without signaling. The COs determined the vehicle was traveling at speeds over 90mph. The COs were able to make a traffic stop on the vehicle and contact the driver. Numerous violations were addressed and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Washtenaw County, CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek observed a vehicle pass them at a high rate of speed. They were able to determine the vehicle was traveling in speeds excess of 105mph. They stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver who was extremely nervous during the stop. It was determined that his license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek located an abandoned, burnt vehicle in the Chelsea State Game Area. The COs secured the scene and turned it over to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

CO Brandon Hartleben attended the sixth and final planning meeting for the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve Management Plan. The draft management plan underwent some final edits from the planning team and is being forward onto management channels in both the DNR and Washtenaw County for final approvals.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Chris Reynolds attended the Earth Day event held at Constitution Hall. The COs staged a patrol truck as a static display at the event entrance and staffed a booth with other event attendees. The COs contacted over 300 school-aged children, chaperones, teachers and parents and provided information on how a Michigan conservation officer supports recreational safety and Michigan's rich outdoor heritage.

CO Brandon Hartleben and Sgt. Jason Smith worked the walleye closure along the Huron River from Ann Arbor to Ypsilanti. Numerous contacts were made during the patrol and multiple citations were issued for fishing without a license and for possessing walleye during the closed season.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Sidney Collins found an SD card reader while checking anglers at a local park. The electronic device was found on the ground and soaking wet. After drying the SD card within the device, the COs were able to view the pictures and determine a location in which one of the pictures was believed to be taken. The information led the COs to an address in Albion in which the person in the pictures no longer lived. Local police officers were able to identify the man who was able to get his pictures and SD card reader device back.

CO Sam Schluckbier was patrolling the Grand River shoreline near Webber Dam in Ionia County and checked several fishermen. One individual claimed he did not know his license expired in March and had not purchased a new one for 2018. After looking into the fisherman's history, CO Schluckbier found he was cited in previous years for the same violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jeremy Cantrell noted a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed while travelling in Jackson County. The vehicle passed by the CO's patrol vehicle and did not slow, going approximately 20 miles per hour over the posted limit. A traffic stop was made, and the COs noted the strong odor of marijuana. The operator was found to be on probation and in possession of approximately a quarter ounce of marijuana. After being taken into custody, a full search of the vehicle revealed additional marijuana, prescription pills, and cocaine. The subject was lodged in the Jackson County Jail.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jeremy Cantrell spoke to the Grass Lake Sportsman's Club Hunter Safety Class on Sunday April 15th, 2018 in Jackson County. The COs

discussed the role of conservation officers and other safety information with approximately 40 students.

CO Matthew Neterer worked with investigators from Consumer Energy to solve ORV trespassing and littering issues at a substation in Ingham County. Investigators used security cameras to monitor the site and captured photos of a suspect trespassing on an ORV. CO Neterer responded to a nearby residence where an ORV matching the description was parked in the driveway. The owner of the ORV admitted that he had been operating on the Consumer Energy property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Neterer received information from an investigator with Consumer Energy that they located a processed deer carcass dumped at one of their substations. The carcass still had a deer tag attached. CO Neterer recovered the tag and discovered that it had not been properly validated. The suspect lived a short distance down the road. Enforcement action was taken for littering and failing to validate a kill tag.

While patrolling the Three Rivers State Game Area in St. Joseph County, CO Shane Webster and PCO Jeremy Cantrell heard a domestic violence complaint broadcasted over St. Joseph County local dispatch. The COs were nearby and responded. After arriving, the COs, along with the St. Joseph County deputies, were able to separate the individuals and interview them. It was determined that both individuals involved with the complaint were to be lodged. Once the two were in custody, it was discovered that there was another individual inside the house. That individual had a failure to appear warrant and was taken into custody.

CO Matthew Neterer and PCO Amanda McCurdy were first on scene of a personal injury rollover crash in the city of Lansing. The COs provided first aid to one of the passengers that was critically injured until Lansing Fire Department arrived on scene. One of occupants appeared to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol and claimed that the driver fled the scene but could not provide a name or physical description. The scene was turned over to accident investigators from the Lansing Police Department.

CO Chris Maher presented at a hunter safety class at the Brooklyn Sportsman Club in Columbia Township, Jackson County. He spoke to over 40 students and parents about the importance of hunting safely, and in a legal manner. CO Maher answered questions and shared work experiences.

CO Chris Maher followed up on a complaint of an individual who was trapping fox out of season. CO Maher found the suspect was using untagged traps and trapping out of season along with a multitude of other violations. Several warnings were given on minor violations and enforcement action was taken for taking fox during the closed season.

CO Chris Maher participated in a job shadow day for Columbia Central High School located in Jackson County. CO Maher spoke to several students about the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer. CO Maher explained how the job is constantly changing

and gave the students a glimpse into the life and responsibilities of a conservation officer.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jason Becker received a Report All Poaching complaint that subjects were keeping over limits of panfish on a local lake. CO Becker responded to the lake and waited for the subjects to return to the boat launch. CO Becker contacted the anglers as they pulled their boat up to the dock. The subjects stated that they caught a few bluegills. After counting the fish in the subjects' live well and cooler, the boat owner was in possession of seventeen bluegill over the limit and his fishing partner was in possession of eleven over the legal limit. CO Becker also noticed that the boat registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking a gravel pit for fishing activity. CO Becker observed a vehicle parked along the road where people illegally enter the privately-owned gravel pit. CO Becker contacted two subjects that had walked back to a pond to fish. CO Becker advised the subjects that the gravel pit was private property. The subject stated that they have been fishing there for years and did not know that they could not be there. CO Becker pointed out that the subjects walked within five feet of a "no trespassing" sign and showed the subjects their footprints in the mud. CO Becker checked both subjects for fishing licenses and ran both through LEIN. One subject was fishing without a license and the other had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken and the subject with the warrant was taken to the district court for arraignment and lodged on his warrant.

CO Jason Becker attended an earth day event at the Chrysler Headquarters, in Auburn Hills. He talked with approximately 150 people, educating them on the role of a conservation officer.

CO Jacob Griffin was patrolling Oakland County when he received a complaint of maple trees being tapped on state land. A park officer reported six, five-gallon buckets were full and sitting next to four tapped maple trees. CO Griffin investigated the complaint to discover several maple trees were tapped in a line leading to a residence. Further investigation revealed that approximately 220 gallons of maple sap were taken from state land. CO Becker and CO Griffin interviewed the subjects involved. The two subjects admitted to drilling holes in several trees to take maple water for making maple syrup. The COs educated the two subjects on the laws regarding the removal of forest products from state owned land, damaging trees on state owned land, and littering. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Jacob Griffin noticed a subject fishing from a dock near Cass Lake. CO Griffin recognized the individual as someone he had issued citations to in previous years for failing to purchase fishing licenses. CO Griffin contacted the fishermen and discovered the subject once again had not purchased a fishing license. CO Griffin reminded the subject of his previous issues, educated the

subject when his fishing license expires, and the date he can purchase a new license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Christopher Knights was checking boat launches near Pontiac. CO Knights noticed one vehicle with a trailer parked in the lot near the boat launch. CO Knights decided to wait for the boat to return. After a little while the boat arrived, CO Knights waited for all the occupants to get out of the boat and retrieve their vehicle. CO Knights approached all three and asked how the day was. They all stated they got a few fish, CO Knights asked the boat owner to head back to the boat to complete a check of life jackets. After checking for safety equipment, CO Knights checked the coolers and live wells for the fish. The first live well checked had a large northern pike inside. CO Knights immediately asked who the fish belonged to and the boat owner stated it was his. CO Knights also noticed the boat was showing an expired registration. CO Knights informed the fisherman of the season for northern pike. CO Knights issued a citation to the boat owner for taking a northern pike out of season, as well as an expired registration.

While patrolling Maceday Lake in Waterford, CO Chris Knights saw a boat headed to shore. CO Knights pulled in the state launch and waited for it to approach the dock. After checking all the fish and locating the life jackets, CO Knights noticed the registration expired March of 2017. CO Knights questioned the owner, he stated he knew it was expired, but took the chance anyways. CO Knights issued a citation to the owner and advised him of the law.

CO Justin Muehlhauser received a tip that walleye and pike were actively spawning in the Shiawassee River in Fenton. The informant stated that he saw fish staging in the water near the Fenton Mill pond and witnessed some suspicious activity. The informant believed that people were attempting to snag the fish. CO Muehlhauser set up to monitor the location the next day. A group of men arrived at the location, only one had a fishing pole. The group spread out and began looking for fish in the water. The man with the fishing pole moved out of view so CO Muehlhauser attempted to get a better vantage point. As CO Muehlhauser approached, one of the "spotters" alerted the fisherman of the DNRs presence. CO Muehlhauser moved in and contacted the fisherman. The fisherman admitted to fishing without a license and said that his license just expired, and he forgot to get a new one. CO Muehlhauser inspected his gear and noticed that the man had tied a walleye jig directly below and in-line with a treble hook. This was in violation of general gear restrictions and a strong indicator snagging activity. CO Muehlhauser seized the man's set up and issued citations for fishing without a license and using a weight suspended from a multi-pointed hook.

While working a group patrol in Wayne County, COs David Schaumburger, Kris Kiel, Joseph Deppen, and PCO Zach Painter encountered a vessel with Ontario registration. The COs approached the Canadian man fishing in American waters and started checking his vessel for safety equipment and fish. The angler had six walleyes in his live well, one over the American limit, and he was still fishing. The COs reminded him that he was fishing in American waters and the limit for walleye was five. The angler

said, "I am heading back to Canadian waters, so I am taking a Canadian limit." The COs informed the angler of current American fishing regulations and enforcement action was taken.

Wayne County, COs David Schaumburger, Kris Kiel, Joseph Deppen and PCO Zach Painter noticed a charter vessel fishing close to the Canadian border. The vessel drifted well into American waters and the COs stopped the vessel to speak with the anglers. The COs found multiple undersized walleye and two anglers did not have fishing licenses. The walleyes were seized, and enforcement action was taken.

While checking boat launches in Wayne County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed one vessel still fishing in the Detroit River as the sun was setting. CO Deppen waited for the vessel to return to the launch and started checking for safety equipment. CO Deppen found a walleye stuffed in a bucket toward the stern of the vessel. CO Deppen measured the walleye and it was only fourteen inches. When confronted with the short walleye, the angler said, "The walleye only has to be thirteen inches in the Saginaw River." CO Deppen informed the angler he was fishing in the Detroit River and enforcement action was taken.

CO Joseph Deppen responded to a wildlife complaint regarding an injured loon. CO Deppen arrived at the scene and found a large loon bleeding from its chest. CO Deppen scooped up the loon in his rain jacket and transported the loon to the local animal hospital. The loon was taken in by veterinarians and the outlook is bright for a strong recovery.

CO Raymond Gardner was on patrol and received a complaint about a possible injured loon in the front yard of a residence in Mt. Morris Township, Genesee County. CO Gardner responded to the residence and contacted the complainant who showed CO Gardner where the loon was located. CO Gardner and the complainant then attempted to capture the loon using blankets. After a few failed attempts, CO Gardner retrieved his catch pole from his patrol truck. CO Gardner was able to capture the loon with the catch pole and secure it in a box for transport. CO Gardner took the loon to a rehabilitator in Almont Township, Lapeer County to ensure the loon was uninjured. After the loon was checked and confirmed to be uninjured, CO Gardner took it to Lake Nepessing. While driving to Lake Nepessing, CO Gardner received a complaint from Lapeer Central Dispatch regarding another possible injured loon in North Branch. After releasing the first loon at Lake Nepessing, CO Gardner responded to the complaint in North Branch. Upon arrival, CO Gardner contacted the complainant who showed him where the loon was located. The loon was found swimming in a ditch close to the road. Instead of using the catch pole to capture this loon, the complainant let CO Gardner use his fishing net. The loon was captured without injury and secured in a box for transport. CO Gardner transported the loon to Barnes Lake where it was released.

CO Raymond Gardner was on Byers Rd in the Lapeer State Game Area when he witnessed two dirt bikes operating through an area closed to ORV operation. CO Gardner stopped both riders and noticed that neither of them had a 2018 ORV license.

CO Gardner explained to the riders that where and how they were operating was creating erosive conditions and against the law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers along the shores of Lake St. Clair and observed one subject fishing. When the subject saw the COs, he set his fishing pole on a picnic table and walked away from it. The subject told the COs that he was not fishing. The subject did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license and bond was taken from the non-resident.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter attended a career fair at Macomb Community College. The COs talked with several people about the career as a conservation officer.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers at the St. Jean boat launch on the Detroit River, when they encountered three anglers that stated they were fishing on the Canadian side of the river. One of the anglers had an over limit of walleye and stated that he had counted wrong. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers at the St. Jean boat launch on the Detroit River, when they came across an undersized walleye in the angler's possession. The anglers said they did not know what the size limit was and did not have any way to measure the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter participated in a group patrol checking anglers on the Detroit River. The COs checked two anglers that were in possession of ten walleye. One of the anglers stated that he had only caught one of the fish while the other angler had caught the other nine. Enforcement action was taken for the over limit of walleye.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were on patrol when they received a complaint of an injured loon. The COs located the loon and transported it to a federally migratory bird licensed animal hospital for rehabilitation.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers along the Clinton River and located two anglers that were fishing without licenses. The anglers stated that they did not think they needed a license to fish from a dock. Enforcement action was taken on the subjects for fishing without licenses.

COs Dave Schaumburger, Joseph Deppen, Kris Kiel, and Zach Painter conducted a group patrol on the Detroit River checking walleye anglers. Over 40 vessels and 120 anglers were checked. Violations observed included possession of undersized walleye, over limit of walleye, fishing without a license, and minor marine violations.

CO Pat Hartsig was checking anglers on Harsens Island when one angler set his rod down when he saw CO Hartsig. The angler did not have a fishing license and said he only had two bluegills, which were on the ground next to him. CO Pat Hartsig took down his information and continued checking anglers nearby. CO Pat Hartsig then noticed two buckets of panfish next to the water with nobody around them. A nearby

angler was asked who they belonged to and he pointed to the angler that didn't have a license. The fish were seized, and enforcement action was taken for possessing fish without a license.

CO Pat Hartsig attended a career day at Port Huron High School in St. Clair County. CO Hartsig spoke with students about careers with the DNR and Law Enforcement Division.

Sergeant Damon Owens worked with areas 1, 2 & 3 who conducted a District wide group patrol along the Detroit River with efforts to enforce marine and fish targeted resources with a specific interest on protecting the walleye resource.

CO David Schaumburger and CO Dan Walzak came upon a vessel fishing in Michigan waters of the Detroit River to check licenses and fish. Two of the anglers had a Michigan license, the third angler stated that he works seven days a week and did not have a chance to buy a fishing license. The CO asked why he did not buy his license when they bought the minnows in the morning and the angler could not answer. The anglers had 15 walleyes on board, and two of them were undersize. The angler without a license was issued a citation for fishing without a license and his five walleye were seized. The owner of the vessel received a citation for possession of undersize walleye.

CO Dan Walzak and CO Dave Schaumburger checked a boat on the Detroit River with four anglers aboard. When CO Walzak began to measure fish, he heard one of them state that there were fish in the front of the boat and 15 in the back of the boat. Checking the 15th fish in the rear live well, CO Walzak saw the tail of another fish. It was of legal size and CO Walzak advised the passengers on the boat that there were 16 in the live well. Talking stopped and one of them asked, "Are you kidding?" CO Walzak advised that he was not and checked the five fish in the front of the boat. All fish checked were of legal size, but enforcement action was taken for the extra fish.

CO David Schaumburger and CO Dan Walzak checked a vessel fishing for walleye and located a fish approximately ½ inch short. The anglers stated they measured the fish on their homemade measuring board which was two Dremel marks into their metal seat. The CO measured the marks and they were approximately 13 inches apart, two inches short of the legal-size limit. The angler was issued a citation for possession of undersize walleye.

CO David Schaumburger checked a vessel pulling into a private marina who claimed to have their Canadian limit of walleye on board, 12 fish. The COs asked to see their licenses and then counted 13 fish. The anglers stated that they miscounted, however, they cut the gills of the fish and therefore must have counted wrong twice. The vessel owner was issued a citation for possessing an over limit of walleye.

CO David Schaumburger received a call that a bald eagle had been hit by a vehicle on US 23 and was lying on the side of the road. The CO was approximately an hour away from the incident and asked for assistance from a nearby MSP Trooper. The Trooper

located the bald eagle and she was able to hold the eagle for safekeeping until the CO could secure it to be transported to the Wildlife Lab in Lansing.

BELLE ISLE

CO Matthew Neterer worked a Belle Isle shift and conducted speed enforcement on the McArthur Bridge where road construction crews were working. Two vehicles were stopped for traveling 40mph in the 25mph zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling on Belle Isle when he noticed a vehicle parked in the basketball courts. CO Wright made contact with the driver who was playing basketball. The vehicle was unregistered to the new owner and had no insurance. There was marijuana found in the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation.

While patrolling Belle Isle, COs Jason Becker and Mark Siemen were advised that a subject was dropped off by a boat that had come from Canadian waters. The COs worked with US Border Patrol to locate the subject. The subject was taken into custody by Border Patrol.

CO Jason Becker was driving on the MacArthur Bridge going to Belle Isle. The bridge is currently under construction and traffic was reduced to one lane in either direction. CO Becker observed a vehicle swerve between orange barrels into the construction area to pass a loader being used by the construction workers. The vehicle got around the loader and swerved back between barrels and into the lane of traffic. There were several construction workers in the work area that abruptly moved away from the vehicle that entered the work area. CO Becker stopped the driver on Belle Isle. The subject stated that the loader was moving less than five miles per hour and blocking traffic, so he thought it was okay to pass it. CO Becker advised the subject how dangerous travelling inside the barrels was and that the orange barrels are safety equipment used to protect the construction workers. Enforcement action was taken.