

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Josh Boudreaux patrolled Lake Michigamme over the Memorial Day weekend and checked a boat with two fishermen. Upon contacting the fishermen, CO Boudreaux was told they had left their fishing licenses back at the house. Upon looking up the two individuals licensing history, CO Boudreaux discovered that neither had purchased their 2018 fishing licenses. The two fishermen stated they probably should have stayed home that day. Both men were issued citations for fishing without a license.

COs Mark Leadman and Josh Boudreaux responded to Ontonagon County to assist with a search and rescue for an ORV rider who did not return home the previous night. Search efforts had been underway for hours prior to COs Leadman and Boudreaux's arrival. They assisted the search party with the aid of their ORV. The individual was located by members of the search party and COs Leadman and Boudreaux assisted with the extrication of the patient. Despite spending the night in the woods during numerous rain showers and being trapped under his ORV, the subject was in relatively good condition and in great spirits.

COs Brett Delonge and Josh Boudreaux were interviewed by local news channels 3 and 10 to provide information for national boating safety week. Each CO did an interview giving tips on safe boating practices and marine laws.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith investigated a littering complaint in the Forestville area of Marquette County. After rummaging through the dump site, COs Boudreaux and Smith discovered names and other identifying information in the contents of the garbage. The information found led COs Boudreaux and Smith to the suspect who after being interviewed admitted to dumping the garbage on forest lands. Law enforcement action was taken and the suspect cleaned up the garbage the next day.

CO Josh Boudreaux conducted a stop on an ORV for riding double. Upon contacting the individuals, it was found that they were both well under 16 years old and neither had their ORV safety certificates. While waiting for their parents to return who had been riding ahead of them, CO Boudreaux educated the individuals on the importance of the ORV safety program, answered questions and provided them with the web address of two online ORV safety programs. When the parents returned minutes later, CO Boudreaux explained the situation and informed them that he would be issuing a citation for allowing the children to operate an ORV without a safety certificate.

CO Josh Boudreaux worked marine safety enforcement on Lake Michigamme, Deer Lake, and Lake Independence over the Memorial Day Weekend. Despite the unfavorable weather on Saturday, boating activity was high throughout the weekend

and many people were happy to see the COs patrolling the lakes. Some warnings were given for marine safety violations and one citation was issued.

CO Cody Smith attended a hunter safety instructor meeting put on by Corporal Dave Painter at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club in Baraga County. Local instructors were able to freshen up on the class material and plan for their future classes. CO Smith met with one of the lead instructors and made plans to assist with future classes.

COs Cody Smith and Josh Boudreaux were on patrol in Marquette County when a call came across the radio of an individual who had fallen at the Westwood Mall. The individual was said to be unconscious and bleeding from the face. COs Smith and Boudreaux were patrolling nearby in the Forestville area and quickly responded. The COs were first on scene and determined that the individual was conscious but needed medical attention. Marquette Township EMS and fire personnel arrived on scene. The EMS personnel took the individual to the emergency room for further evaluation.

CO Dave Miller was putting his boat away when a call came in from Negaunee Regional Dispatch regarding a boater in distress. The boat was located near Whirligig Road in Baraga County. CO Miller met KBIC Officer Loonsfoot at the dock and proceeded to the stranded boat's location. The vessel was located and towed back to the boat launch.

COs Brett DeLonge and Josh Boudreaux conducted a 2-day boating safety class for attendees at the Becoming an Outdoor Woman event (BOW) at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay. In addition to regulations, rules, and safe boating operation, the attendees were taught how to properly and safely back up a boat trailer at a boat access site.

COs Brett DeLonge and Josh Boudreaux patrolled the Greenwood Reservoir in Marquette County for marine activity and anglers. The COs conducted several marine and fish checks during the patrol. One marine check was made where the boat operator failed to provide valid boat registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling from Marquette to Negaunee near the Crossroads area when he observed a vehicle pass through the four-way stop without stopping at nearly 60mph. CO DeLonge was able to turn around and stop the vehicle nearly a mile from the crossroads intersection. When asked about going through the intersection, the driver explained that he did not see the stop sign or red light. CO DeLonge discussed the safety issue and issued the driver a citation.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith were patrolling Van Riper State Park when they pulled up behind a vehicle that was waiting to turn west onto US Highway 41. COs Boudreaux and Smith quickly realized that the vehicle in front of them had license plate tabs that expired in 2017. The COs followed the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop for expired tabs and excessive speed. COs Boudreaux and Smith quickly learned that not only were the tabs expired but the driver was operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license and the vehicle was not registered or insured in Michigan. The suspect's vehicle

was towed from the scene. The operator was given a court date and the case was turned over to the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office for prosecution.

COs Cody Smith and Josh Boudreaux patrolled Lake Michigamme on Memorial Day weekend. While patrolling, they noticed a boat with no registration or MC numbers. When CO Smith contacted the occupants, they stated that they had purchased the boat one year ago and had just brought it to Michigan to put at their cabin. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Smith and Boudreaux noticed a boat doing laps around Lake Michigamme with an infant who did not have a life jacket on. A stop was made and the child was found to be under a year of age. CO Smith explained to the parents that the child must wear a life jacket on a vessel until they reach six years of age. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jennifer Hanson and Sergeant Grant Emery conducted a marine patrol of Lake Gogebic on Memorial Day. Many violations were addressed such as children under six not wearing life jackets, failure to display current boat registration and failure to provide life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethen Mapes received a complaint through dispatch on an overdue subject with health issues. The subject had left his residence around 6:30 pm and hadn't returned. With the time approaching 10:30 pm and heavy rain storms passing by, CO Mapes organized a search party. Civil Air Patrol and Michigan State Police troopers both responded. A plane was used to assist in the search. Also assisting was MI-Trails, Superior Search and Rescue, Ontonagon Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police, DNR conservation officers from Ontonagon, Gogebic, Houghton, Baraga and Marquette County, SONCO South, dispatchers from the Negaunee Regional Dispatch Center, and many local volunteers. The search concluded when the missing subject was found trapped under his four-wheeler. The subject was transported to Ontonagon area hospital for precautionary purposes.

CO Ethen Mapes assisted the Ontonagon County Sheriff's Office with two domestic situations.

CO Brian Lasanen was called to assist the Porcupine Mountains State Park rangers with a search for four missing kids ranging in age from 9-15 years old. CO Lasanen was assigned with a ranger to head to where the mother was and get more information about the missing kids. A short time later the kids were found. They were tired and thirsty but overall in good health.

CO Brian Lasanen was called to assist with a search for a missing stream fisherman along the Perch River in Baraga County. As CO Lasanen, other law enforcement officers, and search and rescue personnel were getting organized, the missing fisherman was located. The fisherman had planned to walk the river and fish until he came to a road crossing. After starting his trip down stream, he quickly realized it is a

lot harder walk than anticipated, so he hopped on the first road he came to and started walking until he was picked up by a first responder.

CO Brian Lasanen was working a general ORV patrol when he observed a side by side traveling down the county road at a high rate of speed. CO Lasanen was able to get behind the ORV and conduct a stop. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was checking boats coming off Lake Gogebic after dark when he observed a boat coming to the landing without a white navigation light. CO Brian Lasanen contacted the operator of the boat and it was determined he did not have a life jacket on board and he had been drinking. CO Lasanen conducted standard field sobriety tests and requested the operator to also take a preliminary breath test. The operator of the boat refused to submit a breath test. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen worked a marine patrol on Lake Gogebic. CO Lasanen contacted one boat who was displaying an expired registration decal. Further investigation revealed that the subject also did not have a life jacket. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Zach Painter and Sgt. Emery conducted a targeted ORV patrol over the holiday weekend in Gogebic County. Law enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on a highway, no ORV licenses, and helmet violations.

CO Jenni Hanson and Sgt. Emery conducted a targeted Marine patrol on Lake Gogebic on Memorial Day. With the extremely nice weather, the waterway was active with boaters. Law enforcement action was taken for watercraft registration and life jacket violations.

Sgt. Grant Emery was first on scene of a motorcycle verses SUV accident in Ironwood township. The driver of the SUV turned in front of the motorcycle, failing to yield the right of way. The driver and passenger of the motorcycle were both transported to the hospital by ambulance for their injuries.

COs Doug Hermanson and Brian Lasanen conducted a hunter safety field day at Camp Nesbit for Hancock Middle School. Nearly 70 students and counselors participated in a live fire shotgun range exercise.

COs Zach Painter and Jennifer Hanson were on patrol in Gogebic county and checked several shore anglers on Sunday Lake. One angler was fishing but had failed to obtain a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

COs Jared Ferguson, Brian Bacon, Cpl. Dave Painter and Sgt. Marc Pomroy hosted third grade students from Kingsford Schools for an outdoor expo at Strawberry Lake Park. The kids were given presentations on hunting safety, marine and ORV safety.

COs Jared Ferguson, Brian Bacon, Jeff Dell, Jeremy Sergey, Ethan Mapes and Acting Lt. Ryan Aho worked the 2018 Belle Isle Grand Prix in Detroit.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint from a local township fire department regarding an individual burning garbage during a no burning day. The investigation is ongoing pending contact with the suspect.

CO Jeffrey Dell responded to a grass fire at a private residence. By the time CO Dell arrived at the location, the fire had spread to nearby bushes. The owner who had been mowing her lawn left to go into town and when she returned noticed the fire. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the lawnmower had likely thrown a spark and due to the dry conditions experienced in the area, started the fire.

CO Shannon Kritz was on marine patrol when she pulled into a state boat launch and noticed there was an ice shack left in the parking area. CO Kritz was able to track down the ice shack owner who said he had been meaning to get it out of the parking lot but had not gotten around to it yet. Enforcement action was taken, and the shack was removed by the next day.

CO Shannon Kritz received a complaint from Wildlife Division about a wolf that had been hanging around a residential area and causing concern. CO Kritz patrolled the area that evening with GLIFWC Warden Matt Kniskern, checking for wolf activity. No wolf activity was found and the incident was turned over to Wildlife Division staff for follow up.

CO Jeremy Sergey received a complaint of a boat being dumped on state land in Menominee County. CO Sergey was able to track down the owner and an investigation revealed the trailer broke and the vessel fell off. The vessel was retrieved as soon as repairs were made to the trailer.

CO Jeremy Sergey was patrolling Menominee County when a four-wheeler and a side-by-side drove past him. The operator of the four-wheeler was not wearing a helmet. When CO Sergey stopped the four-wheeler, he noticed the operator of the side-by-side had an open beer in the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Stephen Butzin received a complaint of an injured bald eagle. He determined the eagle had been struck by a vehicle as it was attempting to eat a roadkill turkey. The eagle was severely injured but was still able to get airborne. CO Butzin retrieved a fishing net and was able to capture the eagle. The eagle was taken to a rehabilitator and hopefully will be released back into the wild.

While patrolling, CO Stephen Butzin observed an individual fishing off a dock on a small lake. CO Butzin contacted the individual fishing and asked if the fisherman had any luck. The individual stated he was not fishing. CO Butzin explained he had been

watching him for several minutes. The individual confessed to fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Garden Township, CO Butzin observed several individuals fishing from kayaks. Contact was made and they were asked to produce a life jacket for each person in a kayak. Further investigation found that none of the individuals had flotation devices. The individuals were educated on the importance of life jackets and enforcement action was taken.

CO Butzin, Michigan State Police and the Delta County Sheriff's Department responded to a call of an individual lost in the woods. The individual had made a wrong turn and was lost on a two-track in Garden Township. The caller was able to give a vague description of their location and approximate area. After a short time, the individual was located and escorted to their destination.

While patrolling a two-track, CO Stephen Butzin observed a child riding an ORV without a helmet. A traffic stop was conducted. Further investigation found that the child had lied about his age, had not obtained an ORV safety certificate and did not have a valid ORV permit. The parent of the child was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch were patrolling when they observed a PWC driving at a high rate of speed and jumping the wake of another boat. Contact with the PWC operator was made. Further investigation found that the boat whose wake was being jumped did not have a valid registration. Enforcement action was taken on both individuals.

CO Chris Lynch conducted a taxidermy inspection and noticed a suspicious situation with an 8-point buck on site harvested by a Wisconsin resident. Further investigation and a check of the retail sales system confirmed CO Lynch's suspicions that the hunter shot the deer without his own license and put someone else's tag on the deer. CO Lynch forwarded the information to a Wisconsin game warden who interviewed the hunter. The hunter confessed to coming to Michigan and shooting the 8-point without a license, tagging the deer with someone else's tag, coming back to Michigan a second time. This time purchasing his own single deer tag and going back out hunting even though he was technically already tagged out. CO Lynch contacted the hunter and ultimately enforcement action was taken for the following violations: taking a deer without a license, attempting to take an over limit of deer, and using a deer kill tag of another.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol Memorial Day when a call went out of a boat adrift on Little Bay de Noc. CO Lynch met up with a Delta County Sheriff's deputy and located the boat adrift out on the water. The officers were able to tow the boat back to shore without incident and the four members aboard the boat were very thankful for the help.

CO Chris Lynch responded to a domestic violence call near his location and assisted an officer already on scene. Charges are pending.

CO Mark Zitnik was checking a trout stream with his ride-along when Alger County dispatch advised of a bear cub stranded along the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore on an outcropping of rocks. CO Zitnik and the ride-along joined the Alger County Sheriff's Department patrol boat and located the young adult bear. CO Zitnik exited the patrol boat and was able to attach a catch pole to the 125-pound bear who had been stranded on the rocks for nearly two weeks and was able to get the bear alongside the boat. The sheriff's deputy and CO Zitnik were able to keep the bear swimming along the boat for nearly a half mile until they reached land. The bear was released and is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Stephen Butzin and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon conducted a nuisance beaver inspection in Garden Township. During the inspection, several spent firearm cartridges were located on the property owner's dock. The owner was questioned as to what he was shooting off the dock. Eventually the owner confessed to taking multiple beavers over the past several years. The owner stated he shot several beavers off the dock as they were in the water. A tanned beaver pelt was located at the scene with a hole in the head consistent with the cartridges found on the dock. The owner also stated he had another pelt at a local taxidermist. The property owner was an out of state resident who also did not have a valid fur harvester license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Escanaba when he observed a side-by-side ORV traveling in the wrong lane down a county road. The ORV caused several on coming motorists to swerve out of the way at the last second. A traffic stop was conducted. Further investigation found that a child was riding on the ORV operator's lap and therefore wasn't wearing a seat belt. The ORV also did not have a valid registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling in Masonville Township when he observed a pick-up traveling at night with no tail lights or license plate light. A traffic stop was conducted. CO Butzin explained the importance of rear facing lighting while operating at night. The motorist and CO Butzin were able to replace a fuse which fixed the tail lights.

CO Stephen Butzin and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon were patrolling several lakes in Alger and Schoolcraft Counties. The COs encountered several marine safety violations. One individual was found to have two boats on a lake, both without valid registration. One of the boats also did not have the correct number of life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson and Commercial Fish Specialist Cpl. Mike Hammill were patrolling Little Bay de Noc when back-to-back contacts were made with two separate fishermen who were in possession of multiple walleye. Upon further inspection of the fish, it was discovered each fisherman possessed a walleye that did not meet the legal length requirement. One of the unsatisfied fisherman stated that he had done lots of volunteer work for the local walleye fishery but will no longer be donating his time to the DNR due to him receiving a ticket. The two COs expressed their understanding of the situation

and reminded the fisherman the legal length limit was 15". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Evink was patrolling back roads when he observed a side-by-side operating without a valid registration sticker. The ORV was stopped, and the operator said that he had just come up for the weekend and forgot to get a sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vinson and Commercial Fish Specialist Cpl. Jon Busken patrolled Munuscong Bay to work fish and marine enforcement. The COs noted high compliance with several anglers enjoying success. Unfortunately, one angler was found to be using four lines, one over the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg responded to a fire that burned approximately 40 acres of land in Chippewa County. The landowner admitted he had started the fire to burn his ditch and went inside after he thought it was extinguished. CO Tom Oberg explained that not only was there a burning ban in place for the day but that he was also responsible for allowing the fire to escape. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinis was on patrol in Mackinac County when he was dispatched to a fire. Contact was made with the suspect who was burning drywall, building supplies and plastic material. The suspect was advised there was a burn ban in place, as well as the materials that were being burned were illegal. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinis investigated a deer ranch in Mackinac County that had failed to renew their license. The ranch owner was contacted and admitted that he failed to renew the license as he was too busy. CO Gelinis explained how important it was to keep the permit current, so the rancher's deer could be monitored for diseases. Law Enforcement action was taken.

COs Colton Gelinis and Justin Vinson assisted Chippewa County Shooter's Association with a hunter safety field day.

COs Colton Gelinis and Justin Vinson held an ORV safety class at Newberry High School. All students received their ORV certificates.

COs Bobby Watson, Colton Gelinis and acting Sgt. Calvin Smith worked the annual Grand Prix 500 Race in Detroit with several other COs from around the state. With efforts from Michigan COs and Michigan State Troopers, the event went smoothly with no major incidents.

DISTRICT 3

CO Chad Baldwin participated in the Boyne City Middle School career day event and presented to seventh and eighth grade students who had an interest in learning more about conservation officers. CO Baldwin spoke about the hiring process, the recruit

school academy, and some of the essential job functions he performs daily as a CO. The fifth and sixth grade students were able to tour CO Baldwin's patrol truck and check out some of the gear he uses to perform his job.

CO Chad Baldwin conducted a presentation at Camp Willy in East Jordan. The sixth grade boys were on a camping trip and CO Baldwin was invited to come out and speak to the boys about his job. CO Baldwin talked about the type of duties he conducts on a daily basis. CO Baldwin also brought with him some educational displays to show the boys and answered various questions the boys came up with during the presentation.

CO Chad Baldwin was asked to present at a career event being held at Young State Park. Seventh and eighth grade students were able to choose between multiple careers they were most interested in and based on their answers they were bussed to a location unknown to them where presenters waited for their arrival. CO Baldwin was one of several presenters at the park and spoke to students about his job functions and the importance of Michigan's natural resources. CO Baldwin brought an educational fur kit to show students some of the local wildlife up close. Students were able to get hands-on experience and a better understanding of why conservation officers are important to Michigan.

CO Chad Baldwin and several volunteer instructors conducted a hunter safety class on Beaver Island. It was the first time in several years a class was held on the island and 22 students attended the class with an even mix of young students to adults. CO Baldwin gave the students an in-depth look at the hunting and trapping digest and highlighted some of the common mistakes he observes hunters making while out in the field. All the students successfully completed the course and are now looking forward to gaining hunting experience and enjoying Michigan's natural resources.

CO Chad Baldwin was working ORV enforcement on Memorial Day weekend when CO Baldwin observed an ORV with an expired ORV registration. CO Baldwin stopped the ORV and the owner stated that he was on a road and not on a trail and therefore it didn't matter that his registration was expired. CO Baldwin explained the ORV laws and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Baldwin was patrolling a county road when an ATV with two riders passed at a high rate of speed. It was clear to CO Baldwin that both the operator and passenger were juveniles, so CO Baldwin attempted to make a stop of the ATV. The operator turned around and saw CO Baldwin turning his vehicle around and appeared to try and speed up to elude the CO. CO Baldwin caught up with the ATV and initiated a stop. As soon as, CO Baldwin exited his patrol truck the younger passenger on the back of the ATV became frightened, was crying, and started having a panic attack. CO Baldwin immediately changed his enforcement stance to one of first aid and began calmly speaking with the rider and helped her focus on her breathing until her heart rate returned to normal and she calmed down. CO Baldwin was able to contact the rider's parents and had them meet him at his current location. CO Baldwin explained to the

parents what his observations were, and all the violations committed in his presence. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert attended the Mancelona Bass Festival and contacted numerous outdoor enthusiasts; answering questions and handing out law information.

CO Andrea Albert gave a presentation to a fifth-grade group of girls at Camp Willy on the duties of a conservation officer.

COs Duane Budreau and Adam LeClerc assisted Pellston Schools in the planting of nearly 4000 Red Pine trees. These saplings were planted by the students with the help of the local conservation district, volunteers and the Michigan DNR. The trees were planted to regrow an area that is used illegally by ORV riders, and has since been blocked off.

COs Duane Budreau and Adam LeClerc were checking trout fisherman along the Maple River when they came across a couple panning for gold. After noticing their vehicle parked in front of the "No Trespassing" signs, they assumed they gained access to the river through the private property. The prospectors were somewhat surprised when the COs found them panning for gold. The COs advised them of the riparian laws of the state as well as the recreational trespass issue.

CO Duane Budreau participated in the Petoskey Department of Public Safety Open House. CO Budreau, along with the Emmet County Sheriff's Department marine patrol and the U.S. Coast Guard showcased boats for public viewing. CO Budreau provided an explanation of Law Enforcement Division's responsibilities regarding marine safety enforcement, search and rescue capabilities as well as everyday duties of COs including Great Lakes patrol coverage.

Acting Sgt. Brad Dohm was patrolling Little Traverse Bay and contacted a charter boat that had too many lines out. While investigating the fishing violation, Sgt. Dohm ascertained that the vessel had not been registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry was patrolling Otsego County when he stopped a quad for operating on the wrong side of the roadway. While speaking with the operator, an unlicensed dirt bike from the group pulled up next to CO Cherry. When the CO asked if he had his dirt bike licensed, the operator stated his friends warned him that he needed to buy a license, but he still decided not to get one. Enforcement action was taken for the unlicensed dirt bike.

COs Kyle Cherry and Nathan Sink were checking a small inland lake when they contacted two anglers. When asked to produce fishing licenses both stated they did not have their fishing licenses on them. One subject then changed his story saying he might not have a license. Both subject's license statuses were checked, and both were confirmed to be fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Cherry and Nathan Sink were on patrol in Otsego County when a call came across dispatch for a residential fire in a neighboring town. COs Cherry and Sink responded along with Michigan State Police troopers and an Otsego County Sheriff's Department deputy to assist with road closures while the fire was put out.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on patrol when a call came across central dispatch of a lost/stuck vehicle in the woods. The individual stuck was unable to give central dispatch a good location of where they were due to having a language barrier and being from out of town. Central dispatch was eventually able to get a rough location of where the individuals were. After a short search, the COs located the lost family and were able to free the vehicle and gave them directions on where to go.

CO Matt Theunick was patrolling on Twin Lakes Road when an ORV passed his position in the opposite direction. As the ORV passed, CO Theunick observed that the ORV was not displaying a valid license. A stop was made and the operator confirmed they failed to purchase an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint about a pine marten family living in the rafters of a cabin in Cheboygan County. After investigating the unwanted martens, CO Theunick advised the owners that the noise of the family and their dogs would cause enough disturbances that the pine martens would most likely move out during the night. The next morning the family was happy to report the martens moved out.

CO Eric Bottorff reports that a subject who was investigated for hunter harassment and cited for illegally transporting a muzzleloader in a motor vehicle in the Pigeon River State Forest in Nunda Township last fall was assessed a \$680 fine.

CO Tim Rosochacki was requested by Alverno Fire Department to assist with a wildfire on private land. An individual was burning paper in a cardboard box on a day when burn permits were not being issued; high winds caused the fire to spread into the nearby woods. Enforcement action was taken.

A DNR fire officer requested CO Tim Rosochacki to a wildfire in Koehler Township, Cheboygan County. A subject was burning garbage in a burn pit when the fire escaped into the woods. A similar situation occurred the previous spring. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki was requested by central dispatch to assist in locating a lost morel mushroom hunter in Nunda Township, Cheboygan County. CO Rosochacki was able to contact the individual and rejoin them with their family.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he observed an angler out on a lake. CO Sink was able to call the angler onto shore where CO Sink was able to conduct a check. A check discovered the individual was fishing without a license, did not have life jackets on the boat, and the boat was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry responded to multiple illegal burns in Otsego County. The illegal burns required multiple different fire agencies to respond. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Cherry and Nathan Sink were on patrol when they observed an ORV operating at a high rate of speed. The COs activated their emergency lights and caught up with the ORV. They observed the operator run through a stop sign and operating without a helmet. The COs were able to catch the individual once the individual ran off the road and crashed. Upon contact with the operator, it was determined the individual was intoxicated. Field sobriety evaluations were conducted and the individual was placed under arrest and lodged in the Otsego County Jail.

CO Kyle Cherry was on patrol when a call came through central dispatch of an apartment on fire in the city of Gaylord. CO Cherry responded and was able to assist in evacuating endangered residents. No individuals were injured.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on patrol checking several lakes. The COs observed multiple marine violations including, no life jackets on board the vessel, and operating with expired registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department with locating a disabled boat on Mullet Lake. The boaters were walleye fishing after dark when they experienced motor failure while storms were approaching the area. CO Rosochacki assisted with rigging the tow lines and deputies were able to tow the disabled boat was towed to shore just before the rain began.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted with the investigation of a domestic violence complaint at Burt Lake State Park.

CO Tim Rosochacki conducted a late-night traffic stop on a vehicle operating erratically in Aloha Township. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged in the Cheboygan County Jail.

COs Matt Theunick and Eric Bottorff conducted an ORV patrol in an area near Black Mountain in Grant Township that is signed as closed to ORV use due to wetland destruction. Three ORV operators were cited for operating in the closed area on the two-track that enters the wetland. In addition, a fourth UTV was stopped on a nearby county road and cited for having an expired ORV license.

CO Eric Bottorff patrolled Cornwall Flooding in the Pigeon River State Forest on the holiday weekend in response to several prior complaints of gas motors being used on the electric motor-only waterway. No gas-powered motor usage was observed, but one vessel with an expired registration was stopped. On further investigation, the boat was found to have an insufficient number of life jackets and three largemouth bass between 10" and 12" were found on a stringer. All three subjects were cited. A second boater with an expired registration was also cited.

COs William Webster and Sidney Collins were patrolling northern Montmorency County with ORVs when they came across three riders on ORVs operating with passengers and no eye protection or helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

COs William Webster and Sidney Collins were patrolling Lewiston area with ORVs when they contacted several ORV riders operating in an area closed to ORVs. The COs had multiple violations between the riders and enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster responded to a complaint of a vehicle stuck in the mud on state land in Alpena County. When the CO arrived on scene, the driver was gone, but had reported himself to the local dispatch. CO Webster observed tracks at the scene to show the driver was causing erosive conditions in the area but got stuck in an extra deep-water hole. The driver was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster was heading south on M-33 near Rose City when a vehicle came up behind him at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then proceeded to follow CO Webster for about two miles so closely that CO Webster could not see the front bumper of the car. As they were driving, a passing lane opened-up and the driver passed the CO and proceeded to drive over 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. A traffic stop was made and when the driver was questioned about her driving, she stated that she didn't think COs were real cops and they didn't have authority. CO Webster politely served a citation for speeding to the driver and gave her a warning for following too close.

CO William Webster conducted a field day for online hunter safety students.

COs William Webster and Sidney Collins were on ORV patrol in Montmorency County when they contacted numerous subjects out enjoying the holiday weekend. The COs issued tickets for riding with no helmet and/or protective eye wear, riding in closed areas, and operating an ORV with a suspended driver's license. Several verbal warnings were also given.

CO Sidney Collins assisted the Montmorency County deputies in finding an elderly woman lost on an ORV. She had been separated from her group a couple hours prior. They were able to locate the woman and reunite her with her group without incident.

CO Sidney Collins responded to a complaint of animals being poisoned in Montmorency County. The subjects had been putting out liquid poison to kill nuisance animals. The poison also killed the neighbor's pet cats. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Mshar and CO Sidney Collins were on a sturgeon protection patrol in Cheboygan County when they received a bear complaint from the Report All Poaching hotline. The homeowner stated that a black bear was ruining their bird feeder near the front porch and would not leave. The COs were able to locate the bear at the feeder and scare it away. The homeowner was informed that bears are looking for any source of food at this time of the season and would return if they knew a food source was available. They took their bird feeder in and the bear has not returned.

Sgt. Michael Mshar and CO Sidney Collins responded to a telephone complaint of a subject feeding deer in Montmorency County. Contact was made with the home owners who stated they really liked to watch wildlife. Sgt. Mshar educated the couple on the disease issues and the purpose for the feed ban. The feed was removed, and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Mshar was patrolling near Lewiston when he observed two ORVs traveling at a high rate of speed down the middle of a paved county road. Contact was made with an adult and his fourteen-year-old stepson. Numerous violations including no ORV decals were present. Enforcement action was taken and the ORVs were trailered from the location by the juvenile's mother who came to the scene.

COs Paul Fox and Sidney Collins attended a youth conservation field day at Clear Lake State Park in Montmorency County. The COs presented to various school groups about the duties of conservation officers, hunter safety, and furbearing animals found across Michigan.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling state forest campgrounds during the busy holiday weekend. Upon checking an angler on shore in Tomahawk Lake Campground, he detected the odor of marijuana. Upon investigation, CO Fox located marijuana from two different subjects in the campground. CO Fox also contacted subjects riding double on an ORV within the campground. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol near Onaway when he observed an ORV travelling down M-33. A traffic stop was made and the operator was advised that state highways were closed to ORV travel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in Presque Isle County when he spotted a large plume of black smoke. Upon investigating the source of the smoke, a subject was found dismantling an old house and burning the materials, including shingles, siding, and insulation. In addition, the subject was burning during a burn ban. Tickets were issued.

CO Paul Fox was in Millersburg when he spotted an ORV parked at the gas station with two helmets sitting on it and no valid ORV decals. CO Fox waited for the riders to return. As expected, two juveniles returned from the store and were going to ride a couple blocks back to their house. CO Fox contacted the juveniles who were not old enough to ride unsupervised. CO Fox explained the legal requirements for juveniles to ride on the roadway, ORV decals, and riding double. CO Fox contacted the parents and had them pick up the ORV.

COs Paul Fox and Adam Leclerc have been investigating the death of several deer south of Onaway. A freshly found dead deer was taken to the DNR disease lab in Lansing. The deer was skinny and appeared in poor condition. A necropsy revealed that the deer died of starvation. That area produces high deer numbers in the winter and overcrowding can result in high winter die offs, even in mild winter conditions.

COs Jon Sklba and Paul Fox checked on some local shipwrecks during a marine patrol on Lake Huron. The area appeared undisturbed and intact. The clear water and calm winds allowed for good viewing of the wrecks from above.

COs Jon Sklba and Paul Fox investigated a possible oil spill in Lake Huron. The COs were unable to locate any oil, but the surface of the lake was covered in pollen which gave the lake an odd appearance.

CO Jon Sklba patrolled Grand Lake in Presque Isle County on the opening morning of bass season. Anglers had varying degrees of success. One boat was contacted and all the anglers on board had forgot their fishing licensed on shore. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted a PWC on Grand Lake that was showing an expired registration. The owner had forgot to attach his new decal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba patrolled Presque Isle County with his ORV and contacted several ORVs throughout the holiday weekend. Violations ranged from ORV trespass, to operating ORV on the roadway, riding double, and operating without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba received several bear complaints in Presque Isle County. The complainants were contacted, and suggestions were given to help alleviate the issues. CO Sklba also provided some of the complainants with the phone number to a DNR office where they could speak with someone from Wildlife Division staff.

CO Jon Sklba and CO Bill Webster patrolled a local lake in Alpena County during the holiday. During the patrol, a boat was contacted with all the occupants fishing. Two of the three aboard were able to provide a fishing license. The subject without a license stated that she did not buy one. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Sklba and Bill Webster were on marine patrol in Alpena County when they encountered a boat with rather unusual MC numbers on the side. Upon further investigation, the owner had put his boat's hull identification number on the side. The embarrassed boat owner was upset because he purchased the most expensive highly visible digits to post on his boat. The subject agreed to post the proper registration number.

DISTRICT 4

While patrolling seasonal county and state forest roadways, CO Rebecca Hubers has observed increased use activity by ORVs. CO Hubers has also observed increased state land off-road damage.

COs Amanda McCurdy, Patrick McManus and Rebecca Hubers attended a wildland firefighting class at the Benzie County Government Center. The class was instructed by a National Park Service officer and covered the tactics, equipment and organization involved with wildland firefighting.

CO William Kinney was patrolling through Grand Traverse County when CO Kinney observed an ORV operating illegally on a state highway. The juvenile operator of the ORV told CO Kinney he was heading to a friend's house. CO Kinney contacted the child's father to address the violations. Enforcement action was taken against the father for failing to transfer the ORV title. Warnings were given to the juvenile for violations committed on the roadway.

CO William Kinney was requested to investigate a wildfire that had occurred in Wexford County. The fire burned approximately one acre and had escaped from a burn barrel in the yard. Three different agencies responded to the fire given the extreme fire conditions for the day. Thankfully the fire was suppressed and did not spread off their property. Enforcement action was taken for failing to prevent the spread of the fire.

COs Patrick McManus and Rebecca Hubers came across three subjects standing next to a vehicle along a seasonal roadway. Inside the vehicle, the COs observed a bucket containing largemouth bass. CO McManus measured the fish and two of the four were under the legal-size limit. One of the individuals had turned 17 years old and did not possess a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for the undersize bass.

CO Richard Stowe received a complaint from Grand Traverse Central Dispatch of a bat in a residence. The family attempted to find an animal control company over the holiday weekend, but there were none available. CO Stowe responded to the home, captured and released the bat with much appreciation from the homeowner.

CO William Haskin was patrolling on the backwaters of Hodenpyl Dam in Wexford County when he checked a boat with three anglers. The anglers were in possession of an under-size bass and one was fishing without a license from a boat that was not registered. Warnings were given for the registration and fishing without a license; however, enforcement action was taken for the undersized bass.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol observed a vehicle turn in front of him that was displaying an expired 2016 license plate tab. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver and discovered that the subject's driver's license had expired in 2011 and that the plate and insurance for the vehicle had been expired since early 2016. The driver told CO Killingbeck that he is from Canada and does not have the proper paperwork needed to get a new driver's license. CO Killingbeck asked the driver what it would take to become legal and the driver said that he just needs to go over to Canada and get the proper documentation. CO Killingbeck asked the driver why he had not done so, and the driver said that he basically does not want to deal with Canadian government and would rather risk getting caught than getting proper paperwork needed. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Lake County jail on several charges and the vehicle was impounded.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was driving through a rural neighborhood in southern Lake County when he noticed a large fire with heavy black smoke near a residence. CO Killingbeck stopped to investigate and found a subject burning a large amount of carpet. The subject told CO Killingbeck that this was the easy way for him to get rid of bad carpet even though he knew it was illegal. CO Killingbeck had the subject extinguish the fire and educated the subject on regulations pertaining to the disposal of solid waste. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, received a complaint from a property caretaker of two subjects trespassing on Whirlpool Corporation property in southern Lake County. The caretaker said that he had asked the subjects to leave but they were refusing. CO Killingbeck responded to the area and was able to locate the subjects fishing on the Baldwin River. CO Killingbeck contacted the subject trespassing and the subject admitted to knowing it was illegal to trespass. Regulations were explained to the subject and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a request from the Lake County Sheriff's Department for assistance on an ORV complaint where ORVs were operating in a wetland. The CO learned that three groups of people were camping for Memorial Day weekend in front of a five-acre pond on state land. A residence nearby was complaining that the subjects were trespassing on his property with ORVs and operating in the pond. The subjects denied being in the water, but tracks showed the ORVs had clearly been operating in the wetland. CO Killingbeck discovered several juveniles in the group that did not have ORV safety certificates and had been riding illegally. One subject told CO Killingbeck that he had been ticketed by Killingbeck last year for driving while suspended. CO Killingbeck discovered that the subject's driver's license was still suspended and that he still had been driving and was planning to continue driving for the weekend. All of the ORVs on site were parked more than 50' from the roadway with ORVs displaying no valid ORV licenses and improperly displayed ORV licenses. There were no camp permits even though everyone admitted they knew it was required. Everyone was educated on regulations pertaining to operation of ORVs and state land rules. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Ryan Andrews conducted a hunter safety field day in Baldwin at the Pere Marquette Rod and Gun Club. The COs reported a low turnout of students, but all students passed the class without any difficulty.

CO Ryan Andrews was patrolling a local lake near Baldwin when he observed a PWC towing a skier with no observer. CO Andrews contacted the operator and advised the subject of regulations pertaining to PWC operation with skiers. The operator argued with CO Andrews that since the lake activity was slow and the skier was a good swimmer he did not see a reason to need an observer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steven Converse was patrolling an area known for illegal ORV and mud truck activity. CO Converse observed a group of vehicles stopped at the base of a hill with

subjects walking around drinking beer. As CO Converse watched, he observed subjects toss empty cans into the woods before leaving the area. CO Converse stopped the vehicles as they left the area and discovered additional violations of MIP and no insurance on vehicles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski, while patrolling the Ford Lake area of Mason County, observed two subjects fishing off a dock. Upon contact with the two subjects, they stated they didn't have any fishing licenses. CO Publiski sent the female subject back to the cabin to get their identification. The female returned with her ID but couldn't find the other subject's ID. CO Publiski asked the male subject what his name was, and the subject continued to refuse to provide identification and began to walk back to the cabin. CO Publiski walked with the subject and asked him again for his name the subject refused, and at that time was arrested for fishing with no fishing license and lodged in the Mason County Jail.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky were patrolling Hamlin Lake before the opener of bass season, when they checked a boat with three fishermen aboard. CO Publiski asked the subjects if they had any fish on board the boat, the subjects responded with, "Just bluegills." While CO Publiski was checking licenses and safety equipment, he asked the subjects if he could check their live well. Inside the live well were a few bluegills and several bass. CO Publiski asked the subjects about the bass. Two of the subjects responded with, "They're not my bass, I know better." while the other subject stated the bass were all his and thought bass season was open already. CO Publiski asked the subject why the other two subjects fishing knew bass season was closed, but he didn't. The subject had no answer and was ticketed for possessing largemouth bass out of season.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky, while patrolling Round Lake in Mason County, contacted a boat that had four subjects fishing aboard. As the COs approached the boat, a subject in the back of the boat threw his arms up in frustration. CO Publiski asked the subject what the problem was, and the subject stated he didn't think they were going to get checked today. Upon further investigation, the COs determined three out of the four subjects had no fishing licenses and three of the four subjects were twenty-years old and had been drinking. Regulations were explained to the subjects and enforcement action was taken.

While working the Memorial Day weekend, CO Kyle Publiski contacted numerous subjects on several Mason County lakes. Numerous violations were addressed, including unregistered boats and PWCs, no life jackets and other safety equipment violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski, while on patrol, observed a subject fishing and actively catching perch near the city marina in Ludington. As CO Publiski got in his truck and drove to the other side of the marina, the subject spotted CO Publiski and threw his fishing pole down and started to quickly walk towards downtown Ludington. CO Publiski contacted the subject still walking away and asked for a fishing license. The subject denied fishing, but when

CO Publiski walked the subject back over to where he was fishing and pointed out the pole he was using, the subject admitted that he was fishing and did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol when he received a complaint of an ORV that had driven into a Newaygo County lake and parked in the water. CO Wells arrived and located a familiar face. The night before CO Wells had contacted this same ORV operating on a county road with no ORV license displayed. The operator had the stickers in the glove box and failed to attach them. Warning was issued for the fail to affix after the operator affixed them to the ORV. On this date, this same ORV operator decided to drive his ORV through the DNR access site and into the lake along the edge to meet up with some friends whom were parked in a pontoon boat. Citation was issued for the operation of the ORV in the closed area and a warning was issued for operating the ORV into the lake.

CO Mike Wells was conducting marine checks at an access site on the Muskegon River when he observed three kayakers paddle to his location to exit the river. Upon contact, CO Wells discovered that it was a father and two sons and that none of the kayaks had life jackets aboard. The father stated that he had gotten into a rush for the trip and had forgotten to grab the life jackets for the kayaks. A citation was issued to the father for failing to provide a life jacket on a kayak.

CO Mike Wells was on foot patrol along the White River in Newaygo County when he observed a subject fishing on the wrong side of a "No Trespassing" sign. CO Wells observed the subject catch what appeared to be a short trout and place it in something on the ground. CO Wells contacted the subject, who was with a juvenile. They had six trout in their possession and the adult subject admitted to catching the three smaller trout, one of which was under the eight-inch minimum size. CO Wells asked the adult for his fishing license and he admitted he did not have one stating that he believed it was free fishing weekend. CO Wells explained that next weekend is free fishing weekend and that he is responsible to check the regulations. Citation was issued for the fishing without a license violation and a warning issued for the undersized trout and the trespass.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in Osceola County when he witnessed two juveniles riding an ORV. Several violations were witnessed, and a traffic stop was conducted. CO Varriale discovered the juveniles did not have parental supervision or an ORV safety certificate. CO Varriale contacted a parent and discussed what took place. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in Osceola County when he witnessed a truck swerving and driving erratically down the road. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver of the vehicle was a 14-year old child. During a short interview, it was discovered the juvenile and adult passenger were hunting turkeys. A loaded shotgun and an uncased crossbow were found in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Bomay was prepping his patrol boat for launch and noticed a man and women fishing from a boat. The vessel immediately came to shore and the male operator acted nervous. CO Bomay greeted them and requested to see the male's fishing license. He responded that it was in his vehicle and they were just getting ready to leave. The male angler returned with his fishing license. CO Bomay then requested to see the female angler's license and she advised she didn't have one.

CO Michael Bomay responded to a complaint of subject who lives adjacent to a DNR ramp and removed the boundary fence to spread sand along his shoreline. The sand was dumped in the parking area of the ramp. Upon arrival, the sand had been removed and the fence had been put back into place. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively assisted Michigan State Police Hart Post with a cock fighting ring that was illegally operating and trespassing in the woods along an orchard in Oceana County. CO Shively assisted troopers with evidence recovery and inventory searches of all the vehicles at the scene which were being impounded. While conducting an inventory search on their second vehicle, a freshly killed bearded turkey was found in the back of a Chevy Trailblazer. CO Shively photographed and seized the turkey. Michigan State Police arrested 15 subjects on felony charges, impounded 14 vehicles, seized 35 live roosters, and 10 dead roosters. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Ben Shively was on patrol in Oceana County when he observed a motorcycle approaching him at a high rate of speed as it entered a residential area. CO Shively activated his radar and found the subject was traveling 92mph in a 55mph zone. CO Shively conducted a traffic stop on the motorcycle and found the subject to not have a motorcycle endorsement on his license, no insurance, expired registration, and the subject was also on probation for a previous flee and elude conviction. Enforcement action was taken, and the motorcycle was impounded.

CO Ben Shively was traveling across M-20 in Oceana County when he observed a pickup truck approaching him and left of the center line at a high rate of speed. CO Shively activated his radar and found the subject was traveling 81 mph in a 55-mph zone. As the vehicle passed CO Shively, both passenger tires left the paved roadway onto the shoulder creating a large cloud of dust. CO Shively turned around and attempted to catch up to the vehicle which had now slowed to 75 mph. Upon catching up to the vehicle, CO Shively activated his emergency lights and siren, and after a short distance, the vehicle finally pulled over. CO Shively contacted the driver, who in slurred speech stated that he was just trying to play music on his phone. CO Shively asked the subject to step to the rear of the vehicle and conducted sobriety tests. The subject was administered a PBT which came back over twice the legal limit. The subject was placed under arrest for OWI and lodged at the Oceana County jail.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling federal land in Oceana County when he contacted two subjects on ORVs operating in a closed area and with no helmets. CO Shively contacted the subjects and found that they also had no ORV licenses on their machines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was working the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area when he was approached by a citizen who had observed a group of trucks with a case of beer in the bed of the truck, which is prohibited within the park. CO Shively was able to sneak up behind the group of trucks and contacted five subjects, four of which had beer in their hands or on the tailgate of the trucks. Four subjects were cited for possession of alcohol. The alcohol from the case of beer and cooler were dumped, and they were evicted from the park.

CO Ben Shively was working the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area when he observed an ORV traveling 35mph in a posted 25mph in the highly congested area along Lake Michigan and operating without eye protection. CO Shively attempted to conduct a traffic stop with emergency lights and siren on the ORV, but the subject was oblivious to CO Shively. After a short distance, the subject turned around looking for another ORV rider he was with and saw the emergency lights. Contact was made with the subject who also did not have his driver's license on him as required. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn contacted a group of ORVs illegally operating in a state-owned gravel pit in Kalkaska County. To access the gravel pit, the operators had to pass through barriers on private property. When contacted, the operators advised CO Hearn that they were not doing anything wrong because the ORV law now allows them to operate anywhere on state land. The group was educated on the ORV law changes and issued a citation for the violation.

COs Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz patrolled together for ORV activity on the busy Memorial Day weekend. Both COs noticed a large increase in ORV activity for both Kalkaska and Missaukee Counties. Several warnings were given for minor violations and two citations were issued for ORV violations.

While parked on a gas pipeline in Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn observed an ORV pass his location with the operator drinking a beer. Once behind the ORV, it was also noted that he was traveling at an excessive speed. A stop was made on the ORV and during the screening for alcohol impairment, the driver refused all sobrieties and PBT. A search warrant was obtained, and a blood draw was done at the Kalkaska Hospital. The driver was subsequently lodged for the alcohol violation.

CO John Huspen observed a dirt bike and ORV pass his location at a high rate of speed while operating in the middle of a county road. CO Huspen paced the subjects operating at approximately 80 mph after they blew through a county road stop sign. CO Huspen was able to get the ORVs stopped. When asked if the subjects knew the speed at which they should be operating, both advised 25 mph. The operators stated they were just heading to one of the local lakes to take a swim. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charles Jones conducted a check of unattended fishing lines at the end of a dock in Kalkaska County. The baited lines were still in the water with no one around. CO Jones eventually noticed an angler who came up to the lines. The angler admitted to leaving the lines on the dock and in the water for multiple days. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charles Jones was patrolling Manistee Lake when a PWC was observed riding too close and harassing Canada geese. CO Jones contacted the operator who initially denied his actions, but later admitted to harassing the birds. CO Jones educated the operator on PWC and harassment of wildlife laws. A citation was also issued for the violation.

CO Charles Jones and the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department received a call from dispatch about an ORV accident in Bear Lake Township. When they arrived on scene, EMS was providing medical attention. The rider was transported by EMS to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City with serious injuries. An investigation of the crash was conducted, and it was determined that speed and trail conditions were a factor.

CO Charles Jones and Sgt. Brian Olsen contacted four anglers in Kalkaska County. After a license check, it was determined that one angler did not have a fishing license, the boat was not carrying a fire extinguisher or proper life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Crawford County, CO Ben McAteer observed a pickup truck stopped in the middle of an intersection. As CO McAteer got closer, the vehicle began to drive away, failing to stop at a stop sign. A traffic stop was initiated, and CO McAteer was able to smell the odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. A file check of the individual revealed he had multiple warrants for his arrest. Field sobriety tests as well as PBT were given to the driver. The results concluded that he had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system. When CO McAteer questioned the driver about sitting in the middle of the intersection, he stated he was making a sandwich for himself and his dog "Lucky." The operator was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. "Lucky" finished his sandwich and was placed into the care of a nearby family member.

COs Chuck McPherson and Craig Neal checked two anglers on Houghton Lake the week before Memorial Day. The subjects were catching a good number of panfish in the canals. However, the COs also located two largemouth bass in their possession. The anglers were advised that bass season was still closed, and the fish were seized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal was checking the south Houghton Lake boating access site and watched three anglers pulling their boat out of the water. CO Neal contacted the anglers and asked how the fishing had been. The anglers stated they had caught two panfish and a walleye. CO Neal checked their fishing bucket and noticed what appeared to be a short

walleye. Upon measuring the fish, it was only 14 ½ inches long. The fish was seized, and a citation was issued for possession of a walleye under 15 inches.

While conducting an ORV patrol over the Memorial Day weekend, CO Matthew Zultak and Sgt. Brian Olsen witnessed a dune buggy run a stop sign. The COs contacted the vehicle operator and smelled the odor of intoxicants when he spoke. The man's eyes were glossy and bloodshot. Field sobriety tests were also conducted on the operator. Due to the observations of the COs and his field sobriety tests, the subject was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle under the influence and careless operation of an ORV. He was lodged in the Roscommon County Jail.

While ending their patrol of a lake in Iosco county, COs Tyler Sabuda and Brad Bellville noticed a vessel making its way to the boat launch. The COs contacted the boaters and soon noticed multiple empty alcoholic beverages on board. After further investigation, the COs located illegal drugs in the suspect's boat and vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

COs James Garrett and Casey Pullum were on marine patrol along the Au Sable River in Oscoda County when they encountered a group of seven canoers. Upon contact, it was found that one individual did not have a life jacket on board, and several others were minors in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol along the Au Sable River, COs James Garrett and Casey Pullum encountered a kayaker that informed them her friend had got caught in a tree and fell from her kayak. The COs continued around the bend to find the individual clinging to a tree branch in the river trying to not get swept downstream. The COs approached her and were able to assist her to shore where they got her back in her kayak to continue with her trip.

While patrolling the Mio Pond in Oscoda County, CO Casey Pullum located canoers in the middle of the pond who appeared to be distressed. One of the individuals was waving his arms for help. One of their canoes had capsized and a large amount of camping gear was floating in the water. Another canoe in the group was attempting to assist those in the water while two kayakers from the group were gathering gear. CO Pullum assisted the two individuals from the water into his boat and the water was dumped out of their canoe and flipped back over. CO Pullum then drove them to the shore to gather their belongings and get back to their trip. The canoers stated they started at Parmalee Bridge and were canoeing down to 4001, which is a two-day trip. They intended on staying overnight in Mio. This is the fourth or fifth year they have completed this trip and the first time they have tipped causing them to lose gear.

CO Casey Pullum was on patrol in Oscoda County after dark when he noticed two occupants riding on an ORV that is only designed for one person. A traffic stop was made on the ORV. During contact with the driver, CO Pullum detected a strong odor of intoxicants present on the man's breath. He admitted to having a couple beers. After performing standard field sobriety tests (SFSTs) and administering a PBT, CO Pullum

determined the man was operating an ORV under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and lodged in the Oscoda County Jail.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a report all poaching complaint of a subject that was believed to be taking over his limit of panfish. According to the complainant, the angler was seen returning to shore a couple of times throughout the day. The complainant believed the angler was taking extra fish back to his vehicle and then returning to catch more. CO Lockwood was able to respond and meet the suspect angler as he reached shore. After counting fish in the boat and the extra fish in his vehicle, CO Lockwood came up with a total of 50 panfish. The angler attempted to tell CO Lockwood that the 25 extra fish were from his buddy who had just left. Unfortunately for the man, the complainant was able to verify that the angler had been fishing alone all day. A citation was issued for the gross over limit of panfish.

COs Steve Lockwood and Phil Hudson checked several vessels as they returned from the waters of Saginaw Bay. Most anglers were catching good numbers of walleye and having a great time. As CO Lockwood approached one vessel, an angler started the conversation with, "Officer, we might be over our limit by one fish." He was correct, and a citation was issued for the over limit. A second vessel was found with an over limit of walleye a short time later. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood located several juveniles in the spillway of the Edenville Dam that were harassing the muskies that were in the shallow water. The juveniles were trying to hit the fish with large rocks and using an arrow to spear them. CO Lockwood had a serious educational talk with the juveniles and sent them on their way.

While patrolling in Gladwin County, CO Mark Papineau conducted a traffic stop on three ORVs being operated illegally on a state trunk line highway. The subjects advised CO Papineau that they believed that the new ORV law opened "all" roads to ORV usage, including highways. Additionally, one of the subjects did not have the required ORV license. CO Papineau educated the subjects about the ORV law changes and issued a citation for the unlicensed ORV.

District 5 COs Mark Papineau, Ethan Gainforth, Josh Wright, and Lt. Brandon Kieft participated in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run for the opening ceremonies of the 2018 Summer Games. The torch run began in Lansing and continued to Mt. Pleasant. The COs each volunteered to run five miles.

CO Joshua Wright gave a presentation to several youngsters at the Harrison American Legion as part of their "fishing awareness" program. Several youths were in attendance and were very attentive during the program.

CO Ethan Gainforth received a report of a missing elderly man near the small town of Meredith in Clare County. The information provided was that the man had been missing for approximately four hours and had various serious health conditions. COs Steve Lockwood and Joe Myers also responded to assist CO Gainforth with the search.

Several other resources were utilized, including the DNR fire detection plane, K-9 units from the Clare County Sheriff's Department and small groups of concerned volunteer citizens. Eventually the man was located nearly a mile away from his residence. He was transported to the Gladwin Hospital and treated for dehydration. The search was a success due to the cooperation of all parties involved.

DISTRICT 6

While patrolling Gratiot County, CO John Byars noticed a side-by-side ORV off the road at a popular fishing spot in the Pine Creek area. The CO noticed an angler up stream in an area that was posted no trespassing. CO Byars observed the angler for a period of time and then made contact. When CO Byars asked the angler for his fishing license, the angler stated he had left his fishing license at his house. While checking the status of the angler's fishing license, CO Byars discovered that the angler did not have a fishing license and his driver's license was suspended. CO Byars issued a citation for fishing without a license and gave him a warning for driving the ORV while suspended. A family member came to pick up the angler and the ORV.

While on marine patrol on Rainbow Lake in Gratiot County, CO John Byars noticed a kayaker with no visible personal floatation device (PFD). CO Byars made contact with the kayaker and found that she did not have a PFD. CO Byars issued a citation for not having a PFD and educated the kayaker about marine laws and the importance of having a PFD while kayaking.

During an ORV patrol, CO John Byars noticed two people operating an ORV without a helmet. CO Byars conducted a stop and issued a citation to the operator for operating an ORV without a helmet and gave a warning to the passenger. The CO also gave a warning for not having his driver's license on him while operating the ORV.

In Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell checked a couple anglers coming off Derby Lake who had some success fishing for bluegill. During a check of their fish and licenses, the anglers told CO Lowell that the other boat on the lake was doing better than they were. CO Lowell set up and watched the remaining anglers catch multiple pan fish. When CO Lowell made contact with the anglers and asked them how many pan fish they had, one angler stated that they had quite a few. The other angler stated they had about 40 total fish. However, a count of their fish revealed 63 bluegill in their possession. CO Lowell issued both anglers a citation for an over limit of bluegill.

CO Ken Lowell patrolled Muskellunge Lake in Montcalm County over the Memorial Day holiday weekend. CO Lowell watched an angler catch a bass from the shore and put the fish in a bucket. The angler then put the bucket on a pontoon and navigated out into the lake. CO Lowell checked the anglers and one angler admitted to catching a 14-inch smallmouth bass. Upon inspection the bass was only 13.5 inches. A citation was issued for possessing an undersized bass.

CO Ken Lowell was patrolling on Tamarack Lake in Montcalm County and observed a couple of anglers catch and keep multiple bluegill and perch. Upon inspection of the angler's fish, the anglers claimed to have a limit of bluegill and some perch. However, when CO Lowell counted the bluegill it revealed the anglers had 60 bluegills in possession. Both anglers were cited for taking an over limit of bluegills.

COs Josh Russell and Dan Robinson interviewed a couple of subjects regarding several issues including illegal disposal of solid waste and a possible illegal deer. Before the COs made contact, they were advised that the subjects were in possession of a baby raccoon. After interviewing the subjects regarding the issues from the previous day, the COs asked where the raccoon was. Both subjects were extremely surprised that the COs knew about the raccoon. The raccoon was produced, and tickets were issued for possessing wildlife in captivity without a permit.

COs Jason King and Jill Miller participated in a special Hometown Heroes event at Cabela's in Saginaw County which was honoring law enforcement, emergency personnel, firefighters, and members of the military. The COs had a lot of good contacts and were able to answer a lot of marine and wildlife questions for the public.

COs Jason King and Jill Miller came in contact with two subjects riding dirt bikes through Vet's park in Downtown Bay City. A citation was given for not wearing an approved crash helmet and other enforcement actions were taken.

While checking fishermen on the bass opener in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz received a tip regarding an angler with an over limit of bass. The complainant overheard two fishermen say they observed a CO in the area and would stay offshore until the CO had left because they had an over limit of bass in their trucks. CO Bucholtz left the area only to return on foot. Within minutes one of the suspects returned to shore and began fishing again. CO Bucholtz spoke with the suspect and the others in his large party. After identifying the suspects, CO Bucholtz located and seized two over limits of smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz made contact with two young teenagers in possession of an undersized bass. The subjects stated they had used their fishing rods to measure the fish. CO Bucholtz believed the young anglers had acted in good faith, but had obviously failed to properly measure the bass. CO Bucholtz educated the two young fishermen on the proper way to measure a fish and returned the bass to the water. No citation was written and the two teens were released to a parent.

Due to the recent warmer weather, CO Kyle Bucholtz had the chance to speak with multiple boaters. One boating party was observed pulling into a Huron County harbor with a teenager walking on the bow of the boat. Upon further inspection, CO Bucholtz noted two young children on the boat without life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea was patrolling in Huron County when he located several anglers fishing. When the anglers saw the CO approaching they quit fishing and put their poles down. After contacting the anglers, it was discovered they did not have fishing licenses. Citations were issued.

CO Seth Rhodea observed the driver of vehicle pass a school bus that was dropping off schoolchildren and had its red lights flashing. A traffic stop was made and the driver was cited for the violation.

CO Jason A. Smith contacted multiple groups camping illegally in state game areas in Tuscola County over the Memorial Day weekend. In addition to the camping violations there were also vehicles in closed areas and minors in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling Tuscola State Game Area where there have been ongoing issues with vehicles operating illegally in closed areas. CO Wright made contact with one group and located an open alcohol container. The subject was cited. Research revealed that the subject was also cited the weekend before in the same area for other violations.

COs Dan Robinson and Josh Russell attended the opening ceremonies for the Michigan Special Olympics in Mt. Pleasant. The COs were there to greet the athletes as they entered the stadium and stood next to other Michigan law enforcement officers in support of the event as the cauldron was lit. The COs received hundreds of "high-fives" and handshakes as well as a few hugs from the athletes as they mingled.

CO Mike Haas was patrolling in Isabella County when another vehicle began to tailgate him. CO Haas could see in his mirror that the driver was on and off her phone and didn't seem to be paying attention to the roadway. Eventually the vehicle passed the CO and was speeding approximately 20 miles over the posted speed limit. CO Haas initiated a traffic stop and issued a citation for violating the basic speed law and warned the driver for distracted driving, failing to use her turn signal while changing lanes, and for following too closely to another vehicle.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were patrolling and checking anglers on an inland lake in Isabella County. During a check of anglers, CO Robinson witnessed a boat towing a skier overtake another boat at such a close distance that the skier attempted to high-five an occupant in the other boat. The COs concluded their contact with the anglers and waited for the boat and skier to come back around. The COs stopped the suspect boat and spoke with the operator and skier. A citation was issued to address the careless operation of their watercraft.

While performing marine patrols on Littlefield Lake over the Memorial Day weekend, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas witnessed and addressed numerous violations. Citations included bow riding, expired registration, and several boats were issued citations for failing to provide personal floatation devices.

After completing a marine patrol, COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson trailered their patrol boat and began to make their way to another lake. On the way to the next lake the COs observed numerous skid and burn out marks zig-zagging back and forth down multiple roads. A short time later the COs encountered a group of ORVs and dirt bikes. The group was warned for careless operation and issued citations for failing to license their machines, failing to wear helmets, and driving with suspended licenses.

During a marine patrol on Coldwater Lake in Isabella County, COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson stopped multiple boats for violating the high-speed boating hours. Coldwater Lake has a special watercraft ordinance restricting the times where boats are permitted to travel at high-speeds. Citations were issued for the violations.

While on a marine patrol on Lake Isabella, Sgt. Anthony Soave and CO Mike Haas contacted a jet-skier that had expired registration on his personal watercraft. After issuing the gentleman a citation for the registration violation, the COs made their way back to the boat launch. While they approached the launch, they witnessed two men fishing from a dock. The COs contacted the anglers and discovered that both men failed to purchase their 2018 fishing licenses. CO Haas asked if they knew they needed fishing licenses and if they noticed the COs patrol truck parked near the dock. One angler admitted that they knew they needed licenses, but they thought they would take their chances; they also admitted that they didn't notice the CO truck and stated they wouldn't have fished at that spot had they seen the truck. Both men received citations for fishing without a fishing license.

Sgt. Anthony Soave and CO Mike Haas were checking anglers on Stevenson Lake when they encountered a vessel displaying expired registration. While speaking with the occupants on the boat, it was discovered that the owner had failed to transfer the title of the boat to his name and failed to provide enough life jackets for everyone on board. A citation was issued to address the violations.

While trailering their boat and traveling between lakes, Sgt. Anthony Soave and CO Mike Haas encountered numerous ORVs operating on the public roadways. Various warnings were issued as well as citations for operating without helmets and ORV licenses.

CO Mike Haas received a complaint from the report all poaching hotline regarding the illegal possession of a whitetail deer fawn for where the subject's name and address were unknown. After some research using various social media sites and phone calls, CO Haas was able to locate the residence where the fawn was held. The occupants at the house admitted to picking up the young fawn and taking it to another residence where a different person said he could care for it. The subject who picked up the fawn stated that when he approached the fawn the mother ran away and left it there alone. CO Haas reminded the subject that he should have stayed away from the fawn rather than approach it and the mother would have returned later once it was safe. During the interview CO Haas also noted the smell of burnt marijuana in which the subjects admitted to the illegal use. Numerous drug items were confiscated. CO Haas

later recovered the fawn and turned it over to a licensed rehabilitator and enforcement action was taken with the parties involved in the illegal possession of the deer.

DISTRICT 7

While on marine patrol, Sergeant Jeff Rabbers and CO Greg Patten observed a cabin cruiser type boat on plane with two children on the bow. One of the children was seated and one was standing on the bow pulpit with his arms outstretched. Enforcement action was taken for exceeding a no wake speed with persons on the bow.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Sager Trail in the Barry State Game Area and located two quads operating in a closed/undesigned area. After contacting the subjects, CO Cardenas found multiple violations, such as, operating an ATV without a helmet, creating erosive conditions, operating an unlicensed ORV (no ORV sticker), and operating an ORV on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas conducted a patrol on his dirt bike in the Barry State Game Area. He located a jeep operating on an undesignated/closed trail. The jeep was stuck in a deep mud hole with both passenger side tires completely under the mud and water. CO Cardenas contacted the driver and found additional violations, such as, creating erosive conditions, operating an unlicensed ORV (no ORV sticker), no proof of insurance, and damaging a roadway/trail as to hinder public access. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas contacted a vessel on Jordan Lake. The persons in the boat were fishing. CO Cardenas found that no personal floatation devices were on the vessel and that the boat was not registered to the owner. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO James Zellinger observed a vessel being operated on Clear Lake with an expired registration decal displayed. After contacting the operator, CO Zellinger determined the operator had purchased the vessel in 2017 and never registered the vessel in his name. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Richard Cardenas and James Zellinger conducted a marine patrol on Thornapple Lake. During the patrol a subject was observed fishing, upon contact it was determined the subject did not purchase a fishing license for the 2018 season. Another subject was observed operating a personal watercraft too close to the shoreline. Enforcement action was taken in each incident.

During a marine patrol on Duncan Lake CO James Zellinger observed a subject operate a personal watercraft on plane within 100 feet from multiple docks. Contact was made with the subject and enforcement action was taken. Approximately 10 minutes later another watercraft was observed operating on plane within 100 feet of the same docks. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger assisted the Barry County Sheriff's Office in a search for a missing person. The missing person was 75 years old and had been diagnosed with

dementia. CO Zellinger located the missing person approximately four miles from his residence walking on the side of the road. CO Zellinger returned the subject to his home, where his family was very excited to see him again.

COs Micah Hintze and Jeff Robinette responded to a complaint from the local fire department of an individual burning illegal material on their farm. The farmer was cooperative and showed the COs the oil-soaked rail road planks and foreign materials that were smoldering from burning. The farmer admitted he knew he wasn't allowed to burn these materials and was directed to dispose of the materials properly once they have cooled off. Enforcement action was taken for the illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Micah Hintze contacted a family fishing at a local public lake access. The father displayed a valid twenty-four-hour fishing license while the mother couldn't produce any current year license. They explained they were from out of state and thought one license covered the whole family. While explaining the license requirements for anyone fishing state waters, CO Hintze noticed a small stringer in the weeds containing a largemouth bass. The father admitted to catching and keeping the fish. CO Hintze explained the season was currently closed for largemouth bass and enforcement action was taken for the violations.

While patrolling lakes in Cass County, CO Micah Hintze contacted a husband and wife wading and fishing. Both were unable to provide a license but said they had purchased them. CO Hintze took the individuals information to check for a valid license and continued to walk towards other fishermen. Shortly after, CO Hintze began returning to the patrol truck to validate the husband and wife's claim when a vehicle being driven by the husband contacted prior, sped out of the parking lot. CO Hintze quickly followed the vehicle while running the names through dispatch, confirming that they didn't possess a valid fishing license. The suspect was also speeding and swerving in an attempt to create distance from the CO. A traffic stop was conducted and when the suspect stepped out of the vehicle he admitted neither one of them possessed a license. They tried to leave the area due to this fact. Enforcement action was taken.

Over the Memorial Day weekend CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll were patrolling Fort Custer State Game Area when they observed two individuals kayaking. The COs contacted the two individuals and it was determined that they did not have any personal floatation devices (PFDs) on board. While the COs were issuing the two individuals citations they observed people fishing across the lake on one off the docks. The COs contacted the group of anglers that were fishing on the dock, and it was determined that four out of the six did not have fishing licenses. The four individuals were cited for fishing without a license.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll were patrolling Three Lakes in Kalamazoo County when they observed a boat that did not have navigation lights operating after sunset. Upon contacting the owner about not having navigation lights, the COs noticed that the boat was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll received a complaint of an individual who was taking bass out of season on Austin Lake in Kalamazoo County. The COs were able to identify the suspect and confirm that he was taking bass out of season. When they contacted the subject, he admitted to keeping the bass. The suspect was cited for taking bass during closed season.

CO Matt Page assisted local officers in Van Buren County with a trespassing complaint and a possible wanted subject. After questioning the suspect and given a false name, COs were able to determine the identity of the suspect and found that he was wanted on three felony warrants and an additional two misdemeanor warrants out of a neighboring county. The suspect was taken into custody without incident.

DISTRICT 8

CO Josh Jackson attended a boater safety class in Branch County. The sheriff department's marine division hosted the class of about 30 students. CO Jackson introduced himself and discussed common concerns on the waters.

CO Shane Webster assisted CO Robert Slick with a youth outdoor safety day held at the Shiawassee Fairgrounds.

CO Todd Thorn assisted local firefighters with a small brush fire that occurred in the Dansville State Game Area.

CO Shane Webster responded to a complaint of subjects riding ATVs on the railroad tracks. CO Webster was able to hear an ORV in the distance and track it down riding on the Consumers Energy powerline next to the railroad tracks which are clearly marked against trespass. The operator was stopped and ticketed for ORV trespass.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to Eaton County to assist with the search for a couple that had fled from police. The man and woman had been on the run from police and were suspects in numerous home invasions in the area. The male suspect ran into the woods and was thought to be hiding in the swamp. Michigan State Police deployed two K-9 units and a helicopter. Eaton and Calhoun County deputies and several Michigan State Police troopers set up a perimeter around the swamp. The MSP helicopter eventually located the suspect hiding in the water. He was apprehended without further incident and lodged in the Eaton County Jail. The female suspect was located walking down the road a short time later and lodged in the Calhoun County Jail.

CO Chris Maher worked a special assignment at Jackson College. He spoke to several Jackson Career Center students about the duties and responsibilities of a Michigan conservation officer. While some students were very knowledgeable and understood what a conservation officer does, other students learned about it for the first time. All students were engaged and interested, asking multiple questions while CO Maher was there speaking.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in Shiawassee County and observed an ORV operating on the roadway. When CO Slick caught up to the individual the ORV was doing donuts in the middle of the road. CO Slick stopped the individual and informed him that ORVs are not allowed on the roadway in Shiawassee County and it is unsafe to operate it in that manner. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Katie Stawara and Todd Thorn patrolled Ingham County for evening angler activity. Multiple citations were issued for fishing without licenses. The COs also encountered an individual smoking marijuana in a parked vehicle. Contact with the subject resulted in an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The subject posted bond and enforcement action was taken.

PCO Nicholas Ingersoll and CO Jason McCullough were checking shore fishermen on a local Branch County lake. As PCO Ingersoll was contacting four anglers, who didn't have licenses, he observed another two anglers start packing their fishing stuff up and head towards their truck. PCO Ingersoll had the group of four wait by their vehicle and went to contact the two anglers at the truck. Upon contact PCO Ingersoll discovered one angler had three outstanding warrants, no fishing license and some illegal narcotics. The subject with the warrants was lodged in the local county jail and enforcement action was taken on both groups.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on marine patrol in Hillsdale County with CO Andy Monnich, observed a personal water craft (PWC) operating at a high rate of speed. When the CO attempted to make contact with the PWC the operator swerved in between another boat almost hitting a flock of geese. A stop was conducted, and it was found that the operator was well under age to be operating without supervision. The CO escorted the child to his parents and explained the violations and the safety concerns involved. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while patrolling Hillsdale County, observed a vehicle parked in an area where people have been known to trespass and fish a small lake. The CO sneaked into the area and observed a fisherman. When contact was made the angler said, "I think I'm in trouble." The CO asked the angler if he had permission from the landowner. The angler said he didn't. It was also found that the angler didn't have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nicholas Wellman and CO Josh Jackson were on patrol when they observed multiple ORVs pulling up to a local gas station. They contacted the operators and informed them that Branch County roads were not open for ORV use. The ORVs had no licenses and a passenger was in possession of an open beer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nicholas Wellman was on marine patrol on the South Chain of Lakes in Branch County when he observed an ORV with several small children riding on it without helmets. CO Wellman docked his boat as the ORV pulled into a local business. CO Wellman contacted the subject and advised him on the rules regarding ORVs in the

county. The operator admitted to knowing the rules but just wanted to take a quick ride to get ice cream. The ORV also didn't have an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Neterer was patrolling the Dansville State Game Area when he observed a suspicious vehicle occupied by a male and a female traveling on the road that leads to Hewes Lake. Upon running the license plate, CO Neterer discovered that the male driver had a suspended driver's license and a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. CO Neterer and CO Todd Thorn contacted the couple and discovered that the male driver was on bond with a GPS tether for a felony case out of Wayne County. The subject was advised and released on the arrest warrant out of Wayne County and issued a citation for driving while license suspended. CO Neterer notified the Wayne County tether unit of the violation.

COs Matthew Neterer and Todd Thorn were on a bicycle patrol in Lansing checking anglers at the Brenke Fish Ladder when CO Neterer observed a male subject get into a purple Cadillac and leave the area at a high rate of speed. CO Neterer was able to get a partial plate and notified central dispatch of the suspicious situation. While patrolling the area a few hours later, CO Neterer observed the same vehicle traveling near the fish ladder and followed it a short distance before it pulled into a residence. CO Thorn arrived on scene and contact was made to investigate possible OWI. The driver resisted and obstructed the COs and attempted to go inside the residence stating that "DNR officers can't pull people over." The driver was found to be operating under the influence and was placed under arrest. The subject was lodged at the Lansing City Jail with a blood alcohol content that was over twice the legal limit.

CO Nick Wellman was patrolling in Branch County when a structure fire was called out over the radio. CO Wellman was only a few miles away from the fire and responded. CO Wellman and a local police officer arrived at the scene at about the same time and ran to ensure everyone was out of the home. The couple who lived at the residence made it out safely, but the woman's wheelchair had burned in the fire. CO Wellman assisted in getting the family the items they needed and then directed traffic until the fire departments cleared the scene.

CO Sam Schluckbier presented at a youth day event sponsored by the Pheasants Forever Eaton County Chapter. Topics covered during the presentation were safety precautions, rules & regulations, ethical hunting practices and the role of a conservation officer. Over 60 children and adults attended the event. Positive feedback was received by attendees.

CO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint of a subject who shot a whitetail deer during the 2017 archery deer season and had never purchased a hunting license. The CO was able to get enough information from the complainant to interview the suspect. The CO, along with CO Nick Wellman interviewed the suspect who reluctantly confessed to shooting two antlered whitetail deer. Additionally, the suspect admitted to fishing without a license, turkey hunting without a license, and shooting a coyote without a license all

between October 2017 and May 2018. Charges will be sought through the Hillsdale County Prosecutor's Office.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jessie Curtis was out patrolling the Holloway Reservoir near Columbiaville when she saw multiple anglers fishing on a public dock. After watching the anglers catch several smallmouth bass CO Curtis approached the anglers to see what they were doing with them. The anglers were unaware of the species of the fish and asked if they could keep them. After informing the anglers that they couldn't keep them as they were under sized and out of season, they threw them back. CO Curtis asked for their fishing licenses and none of the anglers had ever bought a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jessie Curtis received a phone call from Lapeer central dispatch regarding two baby raccoons that a couple deputies found that night. After looking, the deputies could not locate mother raccoon anywhere. CO Curtis went and picked up the baby raccoons who were small enough to still be bottle fed and made sure the babies made it to a local wildlife rehabilitator.

COs Jessie Curtis and Johnathon Kamps were on marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir checking anglers and boaters. As CO Curtis and CO Kamps were checking anglers, the COs contacted two subjects wading in the water fishing. While talking with the subjects, the COs noticed an under sized smallmouth bass on the subjects' stringer. After measuring the bass, it was only 11". Enforcement action was taken.

COs Raymond Gardner and Jessie Curtis received a report all poaching complaint regarding a turkey that was posted on Facebook. The hunter had posted the turkey five days before his chosen hunt period started. The COs interviewed the hunters who had been involved in the hunt. Both hunters admitted to hunting before their hunt period, and one admitted to shooting the turkey outside their hunt period. The investigation is still ongoing.

CO Raymond Gardner investigated a complaint regarding building material being dumped on Lapeer State Game Area property. CO Gardner was able to locate building plans and torn pieces of invoices from the store where the material was purchased from, as well as an invoice number, at the dump site. After finding this information CO Gardner took measurements of the dump site and found there was approximately 280 cubic feet of building material dumped. CO Gardner then went to the store with the information he had and was able to obtain a full copy of the invoice that had a suspect name on it. CO Gardner contacted the subject and asked him about the material dumped and the subject informed him that the hydraulic trailer the building material was in was stolen over Memorial Day weekend. The individual then gave CO Gardner the report number from St. Clair County Sheriff's Office. The individual told CO Gardner that as soon as he purchased a new hydraulic trailer he would remove the building material from the Lapeer State Game Area.

While on fisheries patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen was checking anglers at a local fishing pier. As CO Deppen was checking anglers down the line, one angler towards the end started packing up and walking away. CO Deppen stopped the angler and asked them to hold up their fishing license. The angler said it was in their vehicle and they would be back. CO Deppen told the angler to sit on the bench and wait until the CO had finished checking the other anglers. The angler grew impatient and finally admitted to not having a fishing license. CO Deppen finished up his checks and during a license verification, it was revealed that another angler had warrants for his arrest. One angler with outstanding warrants was arrested, the angler without a license was given a citation and further enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger, Kris Kiel, and Joseph Deppen conducted a group fisheries patrol targeting local problematic areas. The COs issued multiple tickets throughout the patrol including over limit of walleye, possession of undersized walleye, and fishing without a license. Also, multiple individuals were found to have misdemeanor and felony warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joseph Deppen headed home from a group patrol when he noticed a motorcycle approaching in his rearview mirror at a high rate of speed. The motorcycle slowed down when he noticed the CO, but then accelerated and passed CO Deppen on the far lane. CO Deppen activated his lights and sirens and attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the motorcycle failed to stop. CO Deppen was able to get the license plate and shut down his lights and sirens. CO Deppen drove directly to the registered owners address. The motorcycle and owner were in the driveway when CO Deppen pulled up. The driver was arrested and charged with reckless driving and speeding 118mph in a 70mph zone.

COs Ray Gardner and Jessie Curtis were on patrol in Lapeer County and stopped at the Lapeer shooting pit to check activity. Upon arrival, both CO Gardner and CO Curtis witnessed two individuals using paper targets, drum cymbals, soda cans and tennis balls as targets, three of which, are not approved for use as targets. CO Gardner and CO Curtis contacted the shooters and asked them to stop shooting. CO Gardner asked them what they were shooting at and the first shooter said he was shooting at the drum cymbals and the paper target, while the second shooter said he was shooting at the paper target and tennis balls. Even though both shooters were seen by CO Gardner and CO Curtis shooting at the soda cans. CO Gardner explained to them that they were not allowed to target shoot at anything other than approved targets and the shooters told CO Gardner that they didn't know. CO Gardner then pointed at the concrete barricade the shooters had their gear sitting on that had "PAPER OR CLAY TARGETS ONLY" and asked the shooters if they read it and they said no. The shooters then said that they didn't put the drum cymbals, soda cans or tennis balls out there and CO Gardner then explained to them that regardless of who put the stuff out there the moment they shoot it, it becomes theirs. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel participated in a group walleye patrol targeting subjects taking over limits of walleye. Multiple subjects were contacted with over limits of walleye. During the patrol,

COs Kris Kiel and Pat Hartsig contacted two subjects shore-fishing at 5:00 a.m. One subject had ten walleyes in a cooler and the other had eight. The one subject who had ten walleyes stated he thought the limit had been changed to eight. The COs reminded him that pertained to Saginaw Bay and he would still have been over the limit by two. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel, Pat Hartsig and Ray Gardiner worked a marine patrol on Lake St. Clair for the Memorial Day holiday. Many vessels were stopped, and contact was made with the occupants. Violations included a 35.5-foot documented vessel where the owner failed to register the vessel with the State of Michigan and a subject towing a tuber without an observer. Enforcement action was taken in both cases.

CO Ben Lasher patrolled the Port Huron Game Area with his ORV to locate illegal camps set up in the area. CO Lasher found heavy horseback riding evidence and will be following up with more patrols in this area.

CO Ben Lasher was working a local park on the St. Clair River and found the subjects of numerous over limit of walleye complaints. Both subjects had their limit of six walleye a 7 am. CO Lasher found them back at the park at 9:45 pm and watched them catch 11 more walleyes before contacting them. Enforcement action taken.

CO Ben Lasher observed a subject pull a trash bag out of a park trash can and place numerous walleye in the bag, walk up to the shadows near the parking lot and drop the bag out of sight. CO Lasher contacted the intoxicated subject and asked if he had any fish. The suspect denied having any fish at first and then when confronted with the truth, admitted to having picked up some fish. The bag contained nine walleye and the subject had a state wide pickup warrant out of the 36th District Court. CO Lasher was told to advise and release the subject. Enforcement action taken.

CO Ben Lasher found three subjects parked across the street from a fishing trespass complaint. Upon contacting the subjects, they produced a stringer with 17 walleyes. After questioning where they were fishing, the anglers admitted to trespassing on the Moose Lodge property. CO Lasher then found more walleye in one of the vehicles. The three subjects were found to be in possession of 30 walleye. They claimed another subject was there and had already left but they were still six walleyes over their possession limit. Enforcement action taken.

CO Pat Hartsig was checking walleye anglers when he contacted a group on shore. The anglers had fish laying in the rocks around them. When asked when they started, and if they had any more fish with them, they stated they started earlier in the evening before and had more fish in the cooler in their car. When CO Pat Hartsig checked their coolers, he found both were many fish over their limit for walleye. Fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

COs Pat Hartsig, Ben Lasher, Kris Kiel, Ray Gardner, Brad Silorey, Adam Beuthin and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked a group patrol on the Saint Clair River targeting walleye

poachers. Some COs watched multiple groups catching walleye and hiding their over limits in their vehicles. Once fishermen in violation left, the COs conducted traffic stops and seized over limits of walleye. By the end of the patrol, 50 illegally taken walleye were seized by the COs.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol checking anglers, when he pulled into a local park in the city of Mt. Clemens. CO Silorey observed one man fishing and six lines in the water. CO Silorey contacted the angler. The man stated that he was also fishing with his son, who was nowhere to be seen. After several moments, the angler's son came running from the other side of the park. While CO Silorey was checking the anglers' fishing licenses, another object on the fishing pier caught his eye. CO Silorey walked over to a spool of fishing line that was anchored to the floor with a screwdriver, and the line going over the railing into the water. CO Silorey pulled up the line and observed multiple baited hooks and a weight on the other end. CO Silorey questioned the angler if that was his line as well, to which he denied. CO Silorey gave the angler one more opportunity to tell the truth, and it was then that the angler stated that it was his line as well. The angler was fishing with more than three lines. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Todd Szyska attended a bench trial in New Baltimore court on a four-year-old warrant case on a subject that had fished without a license and was in possession of a controlled substance. The subject had been picked up on the warrant and had been transported from Downriver by CO David Schaumburger and handed off to CO Joseph Deppen to be arraigned in the Macomb County Court. The subject had posted a bond and hired an attorney. The subject was found guilty.

While on marine patrol on Long Lake, CO Jason Becker observed a small jon boat with a young man fishing. When CO Becker contacted the subject, he noticed that the boat he was in was propelled by an electric motor and the vessel did not have any registration. CO Becker learned that the subject was a juvenile and had not taken boater safety and did not know his vessel needed registration. While CO Becker was educating him on the boating regulations, the subject's mother approached in a kayak. CO Becker educated her on the regulations and checked for safety equipment. The juvenile did not have any floatation device, and his mother had a gardening pad as her floatation device. CO Becker advised that the floatation device had to be coast guard approved. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted two personal watercrafts (PWCs) without valid registrations. Upon making contact with the operators, CO Griffin discovered one PWC did not have a valid registration number. CO Griffin informed the one operator and owner of both PWCs that the machines were not transferred into his name within 15 days of taking ownership, both machines did not have valid registrations, and the subject did not have the required boater safety certification to legally operate a PWC. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol when he spotted an unregistered vessel operating across the lake. CO Griffin made contact with the vessel to discover that not

only was the vessel unregistered, but the operator failed to carry the required safety equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a boat operating at high speeds with passengers sitting on the rear edge of the vessel. CO Griffin made immediate contact with the vessel to have the passengers get back inside the boat. While doing so, he discovered the vessel was not equipped with a throwable flotation device. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a pontoon boat operating at high speed with passengers sitting on the edge of the open deck with their feet hanging off the front of the boat. CO Griffin made immediate contact with the vessel, conducted a marine safety inspection, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Christopher Knights was conducting a marine patrol on Lake Oakland in Waterford. While coming around one of the corners, CO Knights saw a pontoon boat docked on shore with two passengers. One of the passengers was fishing off the boat. After CO Knights approached the vessel, the individual slowly put the rod into his boat and proceeded to announce himself and say hello. CO Knights acknowledged back and asked for his fishing license. The individual searched his wallet and stated he didn't have it on him. After checking him through the RSS system it was determined that he had never purchased a fishing license. CO Knights advised him of the this and he stated he was going to use his father's license, but it wasn't on the boat. CO Knights advised the subject that using his father's license was also illegal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser checked a vessel with three fishermen on Lake Fenton. The anglers advised that they had caught several panfish throughout the day. The CO checked the anglers for fishing licenses. One of the anglers stated that he did not have his license on him, but he did purchase a license for 2018. When the CO checked the man's license status, it was determined that he did not have a fishing license for 2018. Station 20 also advised that the man had an active warrant out of the City of Flint. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violation. The man was advised and released on the warrant per the Flint Police Department.

While patrolling Lake Fenton for marine activity, CO Justin Muehlhauser observed a vessel which appeared to exceed capacity. Every seat was taken on the vessel and there were two occupants standing and leaning against the railing on the pontoon while it was underway. The CO stopped the vessel and counted 18 persons on board. According to the manufacture's capacity placard, the vessel was only rated for 12 persons. The CO questioned if there was a personal flotation device (PFD) on board for every person. The operator advised that there were plenty of PFDs. The CO advised everyone to grab a life jacket. The occupants began searching the compartments but did not produce any life jackets. The CO escorted the vessel back to shore and had the occupants exit the vessel. The owner of the vessel consented to a safety inspection. There were only four wearable PFDs and two Type 4 PFDs found on the vessel.

Enforcement action was taken on the owner for failing to store, carry and maintain marine safety equipment on-board the vessel.

COs Justin Muehlhauser and John Kamps patrolled the Holloway Reservoir for marine activity during the Memorial Day weekend. The COs stopped a vessel which displayed expired registration. The operator informed the COs that he had just traded a friend for the vessel and didn't know it was expired. The COs then conducted a safety check and discovered that the vessel was missing one personal floatation device (PFD) and one throwable flotation device. The operator was cited for failing to provide PFDs for each person on board.

CO John Kamps contacted an individual fishing along the Flint River. Further investigation determined that the individual was fishing without a license and had a felony warrant out for his arrest. The CO took the individual into his custody and enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

CO John Kamps contacted two individuals fishing on the Flint River. Investigation determined that the individuals were in possession of eight walleye. The CO measured the eight fish finding that seven of them were under the minimum size limit. Enforcement action was taken for possession of short walleye. Subsequently, one of the individuals had a warrant out for his arrest and was taken into the CO's custody.

CO John Kamps observed a single boat fishing on a lake. Upon contact with the boat, it was determined that the individual was fishing without a license, failed to have a valid boat registration, and had no life jackets on the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Kamps and Sergeant Steve Mooney were on marine patrol when they approached a boat that was trolling for walleye. Contact with the individuals determined that they were in possession of two walleye under the minimum size limit. Enforcement action was taken for possession of short walleye.

While on marine patrol, CO John Kamps and Sergeant Steve Mooney observed two individuals fishing on a dock. When the individuals realized who the COs were, they packed up their belongings and walked up into their home. The COs docked their boat and asked the individuals to exit the house. Upon an interview, it was determined that both gentlemen were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Kamps stopped an ORV for driving on the roadway. The subject was riding double with a child in front of him. Neither of the two individuals were wearing helmets and the ORV was not registered. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Adam Beuthin and Keven Luther were on fisheries patrol checking white bass fishermen in Wayne County at the Meyer Ellias Park when they contacted two individuals who were walking in from fishing. Upon checking both individuals for their limit of white bass it was found that one fisherman was five fish over and the other was

four fish over the limit of white bass. Enforcement action was taken and everyone was issued a citation for possessing more than their limit of white bass.

CO Adam Beuthin was on a white bass group patrol in Wayne County when he contacted two fishermen. After asking to check for fishing licenses and count the fish, it was found that the two were over their limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam Beuthin was at the Elizabeth Park Marina checking fishermen coming off the river. One of the boats spun around causing it to contact another boat tied off to the dock. The operator of the vessel was instructed to dock the boat and head to shore immediately after the collision. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam Beuthin assisted Great Lakes Enforcement Unit's Cpl. Nick Atkins and Fisheries Division's Tom Goniea by taking the two out on Lake Erie north of Stoney Point. The effort was in search of commercial fishing nets that had been reported close to shore and leaving countless deceased fish floating on the surface. After searching the area, the team found the commercial fishing nets and observed legal markings off all nets, there was no sign of any deceased fish floating on the surface of the water. The information was recorded and passed along the chain of command.

COs Adam Beuthin and Dave Schaumburger were on a night marine patrol starting out of Lake Erie Metroparks and traveling the Detroit River. Strong winds and cool temperatures kept many anglers and boaters off the river. One of the vessels contacted on the patrol near Wyandotte was on the river fishing. The COs contacted the anglers and one of them was not in possession of a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Adam Beuthin and Keven Luther were checking watercraft as they were coming off the water at Sterling State Park. A vessel was spotted by CO Beuthin that had a 2018 registration. After contacting the operator of the boat he stated, "I have the new registration at my house." After running the MC numbers, it came back as being expired. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Adam Beuthin and Keven Luther were at Sterling State Park on marine patrol when a vessel came in from Lake Erie to the boat launch. Upon performing a safety inspection of the vessel CO Beuthin found the boat did not have a fire extinguisher on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Keven Luther responded to a complaint of a possible rabid fox on Detroit's east side that was later determined to be a raccoon. CO Luther investigated the complaint and contacted the complainant without incident.

CO Keven Luther took part in the Elizabeth Park white bass group patrol in Trenton on May 20, 2018. CO Luther contacted over 50 people. CO Luther issued three citations for over limit of white bass, one possession of fish/ no license and one civil infraction citation for failure to provide a personal floatation device.

CO Keven Luther doubled up with CO Adam Beuthin in Monroe County to contact a charter boat suspected to be keeping undersized walleye. The charter boat was following the size and possession limits during the inspection. CO Beuthin and CO Luther patrolled several angler hot spots in the county. The two COs assisted a Luna Pier officer in contacting an individual camping off the shore of Lake Eire. COs Beuthin and Luther contacted approximately seventy-five boater and angler vessels at WM. C. Sterling State Park boating access. Two inoperable fire extinguisher citations and one unregistered vessel citation was issued.

CO David Schaumburger approached an angler to check his fishing license and the angler could not produce one. The angler was a Michigan resident with a Michigan driver's license but stated to the CO that he was from a different country and did not know he needed one. The CO looked at the angler's purchase history and saw the angler had purchased a fishing license two years ago. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was checking anglers on one side of a stream when he watched two anglers pack up their equipment quickly and head to their vehicle. The CO made haste across the bridge and stopped the pair before they left. One of the anglers stated to the CO they did not have a fishing license and wished for a break. The CO stated they may have been given a break if they didn't try to get away first. Enforcement action was taken.

Patrolling the waters on the Detroit River during the Grand Prix races, CO Dan Walzak observed a vessel showing expired registration. Making contact with the vessel owner, the subject told CO Walzak that he had recently purchased the boat and that the dealer advised him that he would handle the registration transfer and send him current registration. The new owner produced papers obtained from the dealer and presented them to CO Walzak. Looking over the paperwork, it clearly stated that the buyer of the vessel was responsible for taking care of the registration transfer – not the dealer. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

COs Carter Woodwyk and Robert Slick worked on Belle Isle during the Memorial Day holiday. The island was occupied with a large number of visitors and was eventually closed to additional vehicle traffic. Multiple violations were addressed for parking in fire lanes, bike lanes, and on the grass. As a result, one vehicle was impounded and all the other vehicle owners moved their vehicles. Additionally, the COs assisted MSP in breaking up a fight between two males late in the evening.

COs Travis Dragomer and Joseph Myers conducted a Belle Isle Shift. While on patrol the COs responded to two medical calls near the grandstand area. One subject passed out and hit his head on the cement after completing a 5K marathon. The subject was turned over to EMS and transported to the hospital. The other subject was experiencing symptoms of heat exhaustion. COs Dragomer and Myers tried to assist in cooling the

subject's body temperature down by having her sit in their air-conditioned patrol vehicle. The subject refused medical attention and was turned over to her brother.

While traveling home from Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker observed a vehicle making abrupt lane changes and passing cars at a high rate of speed. CO Becker paced the car at approximately 95 mph. After catching up to the speeding vehicle, CO Becker activated his emergency lights and siren. The subject was slow to pull over and stop. CO Becker asked the driver what the speed limit was, and he stated 55 mph. CO Becker advised the subject that he was traveling at 95 mph and reminded the driver of the danger he was putting other motorists in. Enforcement action was taken.

While working Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker observed a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed. The subject saw CO Becker and sped up and then drove on the sidewalk to pass another vehicle. CO Becker stopped the vehicle and stated that he didn't think he was going that fast. The subject did not have a response for CO Becker when asked why he decided to drive on the sidewalk to pass the other vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Just prior to Belle Isle Park's nightly closer, CO Sam Schluckbier and CO Brad Silorey observed several individuals trespassing inside the abandoned zoo. Assisted by Michigan State Police and a Belle Isle park ranger, COs Silorey and Schluckbier searched the zoo on foot. During the search several subjects were confronted and fled into the thick vegetation. A foot pursuit ensued on the catwalk which is centrally located in the zoo property. Conservation officers were able to locate and apprehend three of the subjects hiding in the vegetation. A canine was brought in by MSP to search the remainder of the zoo and a perimeter was established. The subjects confessed to knowingly trespassing and fleeing from police officers. All three were arrested and transported to jail.