

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
5/31/11 – 6/13/11**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Dave Painter worked a complaint of campers not paying at the Glidden Lake State Forest Campground (SFC). CO Painter contacted a camping group on Sunday morning that had not registered their site. It turns out this was the same group warned on another site to register their site. They moved sites and again hadn't registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon contacted two ORV operators near the Groveland Mine Complex. Both dirt bikes were unregistered and one of the riders had a felony warrant out of Florida. Enforcement action was taken and the one rider lodged in the Dickinson County Jail.

CO Grant Emery was working a complaint of individuals taking overlimits of bluegill. Upon checking a group of anglers fishing from a boat, the operator stated he had been having a bad day. He was fishing northern pike and a fish had started to pull his fishing pole overboard. When he went to grab the pole he lost his balance and fell overboard. The subject recovered the fishing pole and made it back into the boat. His cell phone and wallet were damaged in the event. CO Emery continued the contact and located three undersized northern pike in the live well. The operator then stated; "My bad luck just got worse!" Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dennis Gast checked anglers in a boat on Prickett Dam Impoundment and found the three anglers in possession of 11 undersized bass. All three were ticketed for keeping undersized fish.

CO Doug Hermanson and Sgt. Steven Burton checked eight subjects fishing from a boat. One angler hadn't purchased a license and was issued a ticket. It was later learned that CO Trey Luce had ticketed an individual in the same boat earlier in the day for fishing without a license.

CO Matthew Eberly assisted a disabled vessel that was stranded on Keweenaw Bay. The operator was unable to start the boat due to a dead battery. CO Eberly was able to start the motor by using his battery. The officer then escorted the occupants safely to shore.

**DISTRICT 2**

COs Derek Miller and Mike Hammill conducted a marine patrol on Manistique Lakes and encountered several subjects with violations. Tickets were issued for short walleye, short bass, and possession of marijuana. The COs also assisted a stranded boater and returned the subject safely back to the dock.

CO Mike Hammill encountered a subject operating an ORV in an unusual manner. Upon contact the CO discovered that the subject was very intoxicated and a breath test revealed that he was over twice the legal limit to drive. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

CO Kevin Postma encountered a subject fishing without a license. The subject complained that he just arrived back in Michigan from Florida and that the CO should give him a break. Further investigation revealed that the subject had a Canadian fishing license already and has been back in Michigan for several weeks. Ticket issued.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Borkovich, along with local law enforcement personnel, responded to a barricaded gunman incident near East Jordan in Antrim County. After a successful negotiation, the subject was taken into custody without incident or injury to those involved.

Sgt. Mike Borkovich observed two subjects fishing at the mouth of the Elk River in Elk Rapids. The men had caught and placed several smallmouth bass in a five gallon pail. Upon noticing the CO's approach, one of the men ran to the pail and grabbed two of the bass, throwing them behind himself hitting the other angler in the face with the fish. The attempt to destroy the evidence of undersized bass nearly caused a fight between the two men. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a complaint regarding a beaver dam that had been destroyed that resulted in large amounts of sediment washing into the Sturgeon River. CO Bottorff investigated and determined that landowners upstream of the beaver dam had actually blown out the dam with an explosive device. Fortunately, the sediment did not result in a fish kill or any significant damage to the river ecosystem. A ticket was issued for unauthorized destruction of a beaver dam.

CO Mark DePew watched three anglers on Big Lake catch numerous pike and waited for them to come to shore. Upon measuring one of the pike, the CO found it to be short by a couple of inches. The angler was ticketed for retaining a short pike.

CO Mark Depew was patrolling an area of state land known for litter problems and contacted a group of people who had a party on the state land. CO Depew found the subjects had littered and burned a large amount of illegal materials. They were ticketed for the litter and made to clean up the area.

### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Sean Kehoe contacted a subject who used an Argo to access a small state owned island on Cedar Hedge Lake in Grand Traverse County. The subject drove the ORV all around causing damage to the wetland habitat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe checked a subject fishing who had a stringer of fish including four undersized bass. The subject stated he was only keeping them because his kids wanted him to and that he intended to release them when they were done fishing. A ticket was issued for the fishing violation.

CO Justin Vanderlinde responded to a complaint of an illegal dumping site on state land and located evidence from the housing material in the litter pile. CO Vanderlinde was able to go to the retail establishment and obtain information on the purchaser of the dumped materials. The CO eventually located the responsible subject and ticketed him for the violation along with ordering the site cleaned.

CO Justin Vanderlinde received a complaint regarding subjects burning a large quantity of wire on state land. CO Vanderlinde located the subjects who stated they were burning the coating off the wire so they could "recycle" the material. Among several problems with their actions was the fact they started the bundle of wire on fire and then left to get lunch as the wire burned down during high fire danger time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse located unattended fishing lines along the Manistee River. After waiting several hours with no one showing up, CO Converse took the bells that were placed on the lines and walked around a camper located several yards away and rang the bell. CO Converse then went back to the river by the lines and waited. Several minutes later, a man and woman arrived and CO Converse rang the bells again. This startled the subjects who admitted to leaving the fishing lines unattended. A ticket was issued for unattended fishing lines.

CO Troy VanGeldereren was checking subjects who were fishing on a small lake and who admitted to catching some bass and one pike. CO VanGeldereren measured the pike at 19 inches. One of the subjects then quickly stated "How about this one?" and revealed a second undersized pike measuring 21 inches. A ticket was issued for possession of undersized pike.

CO Mike Wells responded to a late night call regarding subjects launching at a state access site after 11:00 p.m. The complainant advised that the watercraft in question had a noisy generator that was disturbing residents next to the access site. CO Wells conducted a patrol of the area and located the boat with four subjects bow fishing. One of the subjects advised that he was not fishing. CO Wells advised the subject of his earlier observation of him holding a bow with an arrow knocked. The subject then changed his story and admitted to shooting at several fish without a fishing license. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license and verbal warnings given for the use of the launch site during closed hours.

CO Mike Wells was checking a lake on foot where he had received a complaint from last year of unknown subjects taking undersized bass. CO Wells observed two subjects catch two small bass and place them in the bottom of a boat. As CO Wells continued his observations, a separate subject came walking up the bank of the lake with an

undersized bass on a stringer. CO Wells quickly contacted the subject who was in possession of a nine inch bass. CO Wells then contacted the occupants of the previously observed boat and located a larger stringer hidden in a tackle box containing nine undersized bass. The occupants of the boat also lacked personal flotation devices (PFDs). Tickets were issued to all for possession of undersized bass and to the boat owner for no PFDs.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Chuck McPherson responded to a complaint of a submerged ice shanty in Lake St. Helen and was able to obtain the owner's name and address from the shanty. CO Jeremy Payne contacted the owner who told him he had reported the shanty stolen after coming up to ice fish and not finding his shanty.

CO Chuck McPherson assisted the Michigan State Police (MSP) K-9 officer in a search for three juveniles lost in a swamp. Officers were able to locate the three youths and guide them out of the swamp. They were checked by emergency medical personnel and released to their parents.

CO Becky Hopkins was called by the US Coast Guard (USCG) to assist them in arresting a drunken boater whose blood alcohol was found to be well over the legal limit. They arrested the subject on Lake Huron and brought him to shore where CO Hopkins transported him to the county jail.

CO Brian Olsen received a complaint of subjects harassing loons on a local lake. He located the subjects a while later still on the lake. They denied the harassment charges but their boat had an expired registration and the driver had warrants for his arrest.

CO Brian Olsen stopped an overloaded pontoon boat on a lake. The boat was so overloaded that the pontoons were entirely under water. There were more people on board the boat than there were life jackets. A ticket was issued to the driver along with an education on boat capacity.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a complaint of a fight in the House Lake SFC. By the time Officer Lockwood arrived, the fight was over and some of the participants had gone to the hospital. The remaining participants were evicted from the campground.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Jason A. Smith received a complaint of people operating watercraft on a small inland lake without PFDs. Officer Smith checked the area and located several vessels that did not have sufficient PFDs, as well as expired registrations and fishing without a license. Further investigation revealed that all of the vessels had been rented from an unlicensed boat livery that has been operating for nearly 50 years. Officer Smith issued a ticket to the owner of the boat livery.

CO Jason A. Smith checked a boat on the Cass River and discovered that the three subjects had forgotten to bring any PFDs. One 17 year old subject had also failed to purchase a fishing license. A ticket was issued for the PFD violations.

CO Jason A. Smith contacted a group of canoers as they passed through a state game area on the Cass River. The subjects had illegally harvested some fresh water mussels, were minors in possession of alcohol and had left their empty beer cans in the river and along the shoreline as they traveled down the river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin was on marine patrol on Saginaw Bay and observed a vessel with an expired registration. Upon contacting the two adults and three children onboard, it was also discovered that there were insufficient PFDs for all of the passengers. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Atkin and Chad Foerster were on patrol in Arenac County when they observed a very large plume of black smoke. Upon locating the source, they contacted the owner of the residence who was burning the items. The burn pile consisted of household building materials, mattresses and other household items that are illegal to burn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Holly Pennoni assisted the MSP and Bay County Sheriff's Department in search of a missing three year old and five year old. When the call came out, it was unknown if the children had wandered off or had been picked up by someone from their yard. A search of the area resulted in locating both children unharmed. One child was getting ready to cross a major highway and the other was at the edge of a field approximately a half a mile apart from each other.

CO Holly Pennoni assisted the USCG when a 14 foot vessel capsized in very rough seas near the shipping channel in Saginaw Bay. The occupants did not have on their lifejackets and were lucky they were assisted by another angler passing by.

CO Joshua Wright located an abandoned vehicle on state land. The vehicle had been left for several days and was covered in mud. It appeared the vehicle had been tearing around the state land through the mud holes. The owner of the vehicle was located and ticketed for storing/leaving private property on state land.

COs Nick Atkin and Phil Hudson were patrolling inland lakes when they contacted a boat coming into the boat launch. The COs asked the angler if he had any success and he told COs he caught three largemouth bass. Upon measuring the bass, one was 10 inches, one was 11 inches and one was 12 inches. The angler thought the legal size limit was 12 inches when in fact it is 14 inches. Enforcement action was taken.

While on ORV patrol on the holiday weekend, CO Scott Brown contacted two groups in the Rush Lake State Game Area (SGA) who were in possession of marijuana. The first group was a medical marijuana card holder who was sharing his medicine with his

brother. The second group had a small bottle of marijuana in a prescription bottle with a generic prescription label printed out. The second incident was turned over to the local drug unit for follow up.

CO Ken Lowell has been following up on a litter complaint regarding deer carcasses being dumped on state land. Officer Lowell located a tag on one of the carcasses that led him to a man in Barry County. With the help of Officer Gary Raak in Barry County, the COs were able to track down the man who dumped the deer. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located several people fishing along the shore of Tamarack Lake. Upon inspection of the fish buckets, a 10 inch largemouth bass was found. When asked why he had such a short bass in his bucket the angler stated that he did not know there was a size limit on bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Flat River SGA, CO Ken Lowell drove up on two individuals relieving themselves on a two track. Upon inspection of the truck, CO Lowell located open intoxicants in the vehicle. The driver had a suspended driver's license and was wanted on two warrants. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Montcalm County Jail.

CO Chad Foerster was working the Saginaw Bay on the patrol vessel when he came into contact with a vessel occupied by two anglers. During the conversation, the anglers were boasting about how good the fishing had gotten over the weekend. Further investigation revealed that the anglers were over their legal limit of walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Tittabawassee River, CO Dan Lee and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly saw four anglers wading in the river, a father and son with two friends. The father was from out of state and he had purchased a DNR sportcard that day along with a 72 hour fishing license. The other three individuals did not have fishing licenses and were ticketed.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Mike McGee observed three subjects fishing on a local stream. When CO McGee contacted the adult subjects, one of them stated that the other two individuals were his son and daughter-in-law and that he was teaching them to fish. The only problem was that he forgot to teach them to buy a fishing license before fishing.

CO Andy Bauer reported a final disposition from a non-resident purchasing numerous resident hunting and fishing licenses. The subject paid over \$200 in fines and reimbursed the state \$765 for the difference in the price of non-resident licenses versus the resident licenses which he illegally purchased.

CO Cary Foster encountered two subjects fishing at Morrison Lake in possession of 58 crappies and two bluegills. CO Foster issued a ticket for possession of an overlimit of panfish and a warning for no fishing license.

CO Cary Foster observed three people fishing from a small boat. As CO Foster approached, the operator dropped off one of the passengers who then fled on foot. CO Foster concluded the contact with tickets issued to two for no PFDs and one was arrested and lodged on an outstanding warrant.

COs Greg Patten and Chris Simpson of Muskegon County responded to a report of a subject who was burning a garage. COs found shingles and other debris being consumed in the fire and ticketed the person for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Greg Patten ticketed an individual after several checks of a location for illegal feeding of deer. The subject was using mineral blocks and feed amounts in excess of two gallons for an extended period of time. The site was in violation of previous, as well as, current wildlife feeding rules.

COs BJ Goulette and Ivan Perez responded to a call of subjects possibly in possession of illegally taken turtles. When the COs arrived, they found two people at the home and recovered a box turtle, a wood turtle, and a Blanding's turtle, as well as several red eared sliders. After interviewing the subjects, it was determined the turtles were all taken from the Grand River near Spring Lake. Tickets were issued for taking the protected species and the turtles were released.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Rich Nickols assisted a kayaker who had fallen out of his vessel in the middle of a deep lake. The kayaker, who had a PFD with him but was not wearing it, was unable to re-enter his vessel and was becoming very fatigued. CO Nickols rescued the kayaker and his kayak and delivered them safely to shore. The kayaker learned a valuable lesson that PFDs need to be worn to be effective.

COs Pete Purdy and Dan Prince patrolled a local inland lake and encountered many subjects violating numerous laws, including violating the slow no wake zones, fail to display the proper watercraft numbers, fail to display the proper marine registration paperwork, operate unregistered vessels, fail to provide PFDs, fail to provide required fire extinguishers, fishing without licenses, and two subjects were wanted on outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

COs Pete Purdy and Rich Nickols contacted an ORV operator who was illegally operating his unlicensed ORV on a county roadway against the flow of traffic. The subject was not wearing the required safety equipment and was holding a very small child in his arms while driving. The subject admitted to illegally trespassing on a farm field before he entered the roadway. The juvenile was turned over to a responsible adult and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol CO Shane Webster contacted occupants of a vessel where one of three subjects fishing did not possess a fishing license. There were no PFDs on board the vessel and it was not properly registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn contacted four subjects fishing in a boat on the Grand River. One of the subjects did not possess a fishing license, they did not possess the correct amount of PFDs and their fire extinguisher was inoperable. While the subjects were heading to shore their motor died and it could not be restarted, which required CO Thorn to tow them the rest of the way. The investigation also showed that one of the subjects was wanted on an arrest warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol CO Brad Brewer observed a pontoon boat in the water that appeared to be slowly sinking. The boat was overloaded with ten people on board and having trouble making it safely to shore. CO Brewer found that there were not enough PFDs on board for each occupant. CO Brewer escorted the ailing vessel to shore and took enforcement action.

CO Jeff Goss received a complaint that a subject was illegally keeping raccoons in her house that were taken from the wild. The subject possessed 12 raccoons that were roaming in the house and were not being properly cared for. With the help of a licensed wildlife rehabilitator all the illegally possessed raccoons were captured and removed from the premises. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason J. Smith received a call over the police radio that there was a vehicle operating very erratically on I-94. CO Smith observed the vehicle leave the roadway and hit four construction barrels. CO Smith stopped the vehicle and rendered assistance to the operator who was suffering from chest pains and had other medical difficulties. CO Smith stayed with the victim until medical personnel arrived.

CO Al Mendez observed five subjects fishing on the bank of the Grand River. When CO Mendez approached he watched two of the subjects throw their fishing poles in the weeds and attempt to flee. CO Mendez rounded up the group and inquired as to the suspicious activity. The two subjects who attempted to flee stated that they didn't want to go to jail as they were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken but they were not taken to jail.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a report of shots being fired and located two teenage subjects who were experimenting with homemade explosives. Enforcement action was taken and the juveniles were turned over to their parents.

## **DISTRICT 9**

COs Mark Papineau and Kris Kiel conducted a marine patrol on Lobdell Lake. The pair contacted three subjects fishing from a bridge. Two of the subjects did not have fishing licenses and one had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken. During the same patrol the COs observed a subject "bow riding" on a vessel with four other

occupants. The COs stopped the vessel, contacted all five occupants and administered a marine safety inspection. The operator/owner could only produce one life jacket. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Papineau and Kris Kiel were checking marine and fishing activity in Seven Lakes State Park. The COs observed two subjects, one juvenile and one adult, fishing with 20 ounce empty water bottles with fishing line attached. The adult was originally a Michigan resident but moved last year to Texas. The subject stated he did not know he needed a fishing license. A license check revealed when he was a Michigan resident he purchased a license every year. The subject was issued a ticket for being a non-resident fishing without a license. Bond was taken.

CO Linda Scheidler contacted four subjects fishing from the bank on Kearsley Lake. When the subjects saw the CO, one of them set his pole down and denied fishing. Another subject stated that he was not going to lie to the CO and admitted to fishing without a license. However, he did lie about his personal information. With the assistance of dispatchers, the subject's correct identity was found and the subject had multiple warrants for his arrest. Unfortunately, the county jail was overcrowded and the subject could not be lodged. Enforcement action was taken on the three subjects who were fishing without licenses.

CO Todd Szyska attended a court date regarding a subject that kept a northern pike out of season and then fled this past spring. The subject pled guilty to attempting to resist and obstruct a conservation officer and guilty to possessing a northern pike during the closed season, which resulted in over \$1000 in fines, costs and restitution. The subject was ordered by the judge to pay the fines or spend 365 days in the Macomb County jail.

CO John Borkovich, along with other emergency personnel, responded to a swimmer entering the water near the mouth of the St. Clair River and not coming up. They interviewed witnesses who stated the subject had air tanks on his back. CO Borkovich remembered a similar incident earlier this year where a diver entered the water in the same area and came out downstream of the Bluewater Bridge. The CO was able to locate the subject's vehicle and headed downstream to locate the diver. A short time later the diver emerged from the river. The subject was identified as the same subject who was warned last time for not having a diver flag. This time enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on the Black River, CO John Borkovich observed a subject on a bridge above him who appeared to be injured and bloody. The CO contacted the subject who had just been assaulted. The subject's girlfriend was able to get a license plate number of the suspects' vehicle. The CO relayed the information to sheriff's deputies who took over the investigation and caught the assailants.

Checking anglers in the warm water discharge of the Detroit Edison plant in Monroe, COs Dan Walzak and Jon Sklba contacted two occupants in a vessel who were

catching a fair amount of catfish. Both anglers were quick to tell the COs about how good they were doing until the fish were counted and it was determined that both of them possessed more than their legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

Checking anglers on Belleville Lake with CO Mike Drexler, CO Dan Walzak looked under a bridge and observed a subject fishing on the other side of the river. When CO Walzak contacted the angler, he was sitting with his fishing rod in front of him with the line reeled in. The CO asked the angler if he was having any luck fishing and the subject responded "No, but I'm done fishing now." CO Walzak asked to see his fishing license and the subject stated that he did not have one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Walzak and intern Mark Bolak were dispatched to a complaint of a subject keeping bass caught out of the Detroit River. Arriving to the area, a vehicle matching the description given by the complainant was still there. CO Walzak checked stringers in the water and found no bass. When CO Walzak asked who owned the vehicle, one of the anglers claimed ownership and admitted that there were fish in the trunk. A search of the vehicle revealed eight smallmouth bass. Further investigation by CO Walzak determined there was a second angler taking bass. Both anglers admitted knowing the season was closed. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at Belleville Lake, COs Mike Drexler and Dan Walzak encountered four subjects, two of whom were fishing. When asked, neither subject had a fishing license. One angler provided his ID while the other gave his information verbally. The subjects were instructed to sit tight while the COs checked a few more anglers. During this time the female and the angler who gave his information verbally left the scene and the female drove him away. When the female returned, it was determined she was driving on an expired driver's license and the male provided false information due to an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The other subject was on probation and had a warrant out of Detroit. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers after dark, COs Mike Drexler and Dan Walzak contacted a male and female in a pickup truck with a young girl sitting outside the vehicle. As the COs approached, both occupants quickly exited the vehicle and approached the officers. A look inside the truck revealed the cap to a hypodermic needle. A consent search of the truck was performed and a hypodermic needle, various prescription pills, and a marijuana pipe were found. The seized items will be turned over to the crime lab for testing and contact will be made with the prosecutor for possible warrants.

While checking anglers on the Detroit River, COs Mike Drexler and Dan Walzak contacted five anglers in one vessel. When asked to see PFDs for everyone on board the occupants were only able to display three life jackets and one youth life jacket. A ticket was issued for fail to provide the proper number of PFDs.

While working the Holloway Reservoir, CO Linda Scheidler observed a man and a woman sitting by four fishing poles with lines in the water. When the CO contacted them the male subject said he was not fishing. The CO explained to the woman that if

she was fishing all four lines the CO could give her a ticket for fishing with too many lines. Hearing this, the male subject still insisted he was not fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Todd Szyska received an anonymous complaint of someone taking an overlimit of walleye. The complainant had obtained the registration of the boat that was used and the COs were able to obtain an address. COs Kiel and Szyska responded to the area and waited. When the subject pulled up about five minutes later, the COs pulled in behind him and asked how he had done fishing. The subject answered, "Good." The COs asked where the fish were and he pointed to a cooler in the back of his truck. The subject had 13 walleye, three of them undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Sklba and Mark Ennett contacted a pair of anglers at Bolles Harbor. The subjects had spent the morning fishing and a check of the vessel revealed two large coolers full of fish. The anglers were able to produce fishing licenses, but were unable to produce a fire extinguisher for their vessel. After emptying the coolers the subjects were found to be over their limit of channel catfish, and in possession of undersized largemouth bass. Fifty-nine fish were seized and the subjects ticketed for the violations.

CO Jon Sklba, intern Mark Bolak, and local deputies responded to an ongoing complaint of a group of people in Sterling State Park who were netting fish. The group has been going out during the weekend mornings and netting fish. The group was contacted with buckets, coolers, and totes full of fish. Tickets were issued for taking fish by illegal method and the fish were seized. Over 4600 fish in total were seized, totaling over \$23,000 in potential reimbursement.

CO Lacelle Rabon was checking boaters at the City of Ecorse boat ramp. The weather was very rainy with high winds and whitecaps on the water. CO Rabon watched as one of the three persons who were attempting to secure a boat fell in the water. CO Rabon ran over to the boat to assist and, after successfully getting the individual out of the water, noted that the registration letters and numbers were not correctly attached to the boat. The owner also could not produce his boat registration and was ticketed.

CO Brandon Kieft finalized an Oakland County case involving charges of felonious assault and angler harassment. Back in August of 2010, two anglers filed a complaint on a male subject who had threatened them to stop fishing on the public lake in front of his lakefront home. An argument developed and the subject shot a bow and arrow at the anglers. The defendant entered a last minute plea deal to a reduced charge of disorderly person and the original charge of angler harassment. He will be sentenced for these charges in July.

## **DISTRICT 21**

On June 7, 2011, Det. Bill Ford reports that while performing Hazardous Waste Vehicle inspections on I-94 in Berrien County, he was in the area when a State Trooper requested assistance on a traffic stop. During the assist, \$9000.00 was located hidden in the trunk of the vehicle. The driver advised he had no knowledge of the money and the trooper seized it pending forfeiture proceedings.

Det. Kenneth Montgomery reports on June 9, 2011 a smelting operation located in Detroit pled guilty to five (5) counts of Air Pollution Control violations. The company was fined \$18,000.00, placed on six months non-reporting probation, and ordered to pay \$5,000.00 to the Wayne County Environmental Trust Fund, and \$1,800.00 in court costs. The company has a history of non-compliance with air quality rules and regulations. The facility has been operating under a Consent Order since 2008 and has repeatedly violated the terms of the order.