

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
6/15/09 – 6/28/09**

**DISTRICT 1**

CO Mike McDonnell responded to a complaint of an injured moose in the Wolf Lake area. The moose had run off a small bluff and suffered broken back legs. The moose had to be dispatched.

CO Brian Bacon checked two anglers fishing the Menominee River Boundary Waters. A check of their live well found a smallmouth bass that was not currently in season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter received an early morning call of hounds running during the closed season. CO Painter responded and contacted a subject training his dogs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and Wildlife Division employees responded to a bear in a tree in Iron River. The bear was near the city playground, but did come down and leave after the watching public was moved away from the area.

COs Grant Emery, Jason Wicklund and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked an ORV rally in the Watersmeet area. Good compliance was found with only minor violations addressed.

All Area 1 COs worked the annual Bridgefest this past weekend. This event celebrates the building of the second and current bridge in 1905, linking the two cities of Houghton and Hancock. The COs provided security to the bridge, fireworks, cardboard boat races, and the triathlon to assist the communities with their planned events. Numerous people were contacted and appreciated the Department's efforts toward making their events more successful

CO David Miller responded to a complaint of a road kill moose near Alberta in Baraga County. A couple hit a moose that entered the highway early in the morning. During the crash, the moose flew through the windshield, sending the driver and sleeping passenger to the hospital. CO Miller secured the carcass, salvaged some meat for charitable organizations and disposed of the carcass.

In the early hours of the morning, CO Doug Hermanson assisted local authorities and the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) in the search for a sinking 14' boat on Keweenaw Bay. The boat was found and brought to shore by local authorities from Baraga and L'Anse Police Departments. The operator was lodged in jail for drunk boating and CO Hermanson is seeking charges for possessing a two foot sturgeon found in the bottom of the boat. It was thought that a tribal research net was raided by the subject.

CO Jason Niemi responded to a complaint of a person who had caught an undersized (47") sturgeon. The subject was located and interviewed which resulted in a signed confession. The sturgeon was seized from a local taxidermist.

CO Dennis Gast, while conducting surveillance on a closed section of the Sturgeon River, apprehended six anglers targeting sturgeon in a closed section of stream. One man was ticketed for fishing the closed area, while five others were turned over to be prosecuted in tribal court.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Reid Roeske was checking the Escanaba Harbor when he observed a subject driving carelessly. The park surrounding the harbor was busy with all types of activity, from boaters and anglers to bikers and runners. The driver of the vehicle operated with excessive speed and on the wrong side of the roadway. Tickets were issued for careless driving and no proof of insurance.

CO Mike Hammill contacted an individual fishing without a license in his possession. A quick check through dispatch revealed the individual had purchased a license but also had two felony warrants. The individual was taken into custody.

CO Derek Miller responded to an individual believed to be having a cardiac arrest. CO Miller performed CPR until emergency medical personnel arrived on scene and transferred the subject to the hospital.

CO Derek Miller contacted an angler on a local lake who was fishing without a license. The individual asked for a break and explained that he doesn't purchase a fishing license because he typically only fishes once a year. A license purchase history revealed the individual had not purchased a fishing license since 2002. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Publiski, Kevin Postma, Gerald Thayer and Sgt. Wally Binder conducted group patrols in the Straits State Park Campground during the Classic Car Show in St. Ignace. After being notified by park personnel of a loud unruly camp, the COs contacted the individuals at the site. During the course of the conversation, Sgt. Binder observed a tent door completely unzipped with a smoke signal extending into the air. The smoke had the smell of marijuana; the COs made a seizure and took enforcement action. Several other contacts resulted in enforcement action being taken for minors in possession of alcohol, excessive noise after hours, and litter.

After conducting a marine patrol in the Straits of Mackinac, COs Kevin Postma and Gerald Thayer observed a subject operating a motorcycle in a careless manner. The subject passed several vehicles in the turning lane, then proceeded onto the sidewalk and pulled out into oncoming traffic. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Gerald Thayer investigated a litter complaint on state lands. When questioned, the subjects became genuinely concerned as to how their garbage made it out to state land. The attention of the case quickly turned to a young man who was living with them, who became nervous and blamed his "best friend". Contact with the "best friend" revealed that they both were involved in the litter. The garbage has been cleaned up and enforcement action taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Eric Bottorff completed an investigation into a 90 acre wildfire that damaged an adjacent landowner's personal property. After interviewing a suspect, an admission was obtained. The fire originated from a campfire that escaped. Charges are forthcoming.

CO Eric Bottorff found a vehicle that had been unlawfully operated on the rail trail. CO Bottorff found the vehicle owner fishing and in possession of an undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff reports a young man who illegally killed a wild turkey was recently sentenced in court. Besides being required to pay \$1,000 restitution plus fines and costs and losing his hunting privileges for three years, he must provide 100 hours of community service. A 40 yard dumpster has been provided and he will be cleaning up multiple trash sites on state land for part of his community service.

While patrolling Burt Lake, COs Matt Theunick and Mike Feagan found a boat containing five anglers, three of whom did not have fishing licenses. Tickets were issued.

CO Richard Stowe responded to a complaint regarding anglers keeping many undersized bass. After contacting the individuals and observing their catch, CO Stowe determined the bass were actually rock bass (no size limit), and no violations existed.

CO Joe Molnar received warrants from the prosecutor's office regarding his investigation into illegal trapping this past season. CO Molnar served three persons their paperwork to appear in court. Two of the trappers are being charged with taking an overlimit of otter, while the third trapper has been charged with trapping a bobcat during the closed season.

COs Nick Torsky and Kelly Ross responded to a complaint of anglers taking undersized bass on a local lake. The anglers did not have any life jackets, their boat was not registered, and the COs found seven undersized bass in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

While working on Long Lake after a fireworks display, CO Bill Webster ticketed an individual for careless operation of a boat. The subject operated his boat at a very high speed about an hour after the fireworks display in total darkness.

CO Nick Torsky assisted the Otsego County Sheriff's Department with the investigation of a drowning at the County Park on Otsego Lake. The victim was 10 years old.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

COs Sam Koscinski and Steve Converse conducted a marine patrol on the Manistee River in Wexford County. The COs contacted numerous canoers and tubers along the river and issued five marine tickets for failing to provide personal flotation devices (PFDs) and one litter ticket. One subject who was tubing left a trail of beer cans floating in the river behind him. The COs were able to match the batch number on the bottom of the floating cans with the unopened cans in the subject's cooler. The subject was on probation and was not supposed to be in possession of alcohol. The subject also had failed to fill out a camp registration card and left a campfire unattended. The COs also contacted a subject on the river who had three outstanding warrants; the subject was lodged on the two local warrants.

CO Jim Espinoza spent a busy day in Mason County dealing with several complaints regarding fawns that had been taken from the wild. The first complaint involved two fawns tied to a tree in a yard with a bowl of water nearby, and were being guarded by an unlicensed pit bull. The fawns were removed by CO Espinoza, and the Mason County Animal Control officers will be dealing with the unlicensed dog. By the time CO Espinoza got to the second complaint of a fawn in a yard, the fawn had fled.

CO Espinoza responded to a third complaint involving a fawn, where a sheriff's deputy found a fawn in a vehicle that was tearing up a farm field and got stuck in a ditch. The deputy looked into the vehicle, and along with open intoxicants he saw a fawn in the back. CO Espinoza had to crawl into the vehicle through an open window since all the doors on the vehicle were stuck. The fawn was in grave condition and died, while the driver of the vehicle was tracked down a few miles down the road. The subject stated that he had picked up the fawn along the road and took it home and fed it cow's milk (which is deadly to fawns). The fawn became sicker so he contacted someone in Mason County who takes care of deer. The subject was ticketed for possession of the deer and the deputy lodged him on other charges. CO Espinoza then went to the residence where the fawn had been kept. A young woman came to the door with a second fawn and yelled at the CO "What did you do with my deer"? The CO explained the condition the deer was in and that it had died. The woman stated that she had been keeping them inside at night and then outside when she was at work. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jim Espinoza ticketed a subject for fishing without a license and for using illegal fishing gear on the Sauble River at Ludington State Park. CO Espinoza had contacted the subject last month and provided the individual with a fishing guide. At that time he asked him if he had a fishing license, and the subject stated he did. CO Espinoza checked after the individual did not have his license on the second contact.

A boat that was impounded recently by CO Mike Wells in Newaygo County was determined not to be stolen. The Secretary of State's office had made a mistake and given the owner of the boat a registration number that had already been assigned to the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department.

COs Steve Converse and Carla Soper, Manistee County, were checking anglers on the Manistee Pier when they observed a subject fishing with what appeared to be a snagging hook. After approaching the subject, it became apparent that the hooks had been cut off, and that the anglers were only using them as weights. CO Converse informed the subject that the weighted hooks were illegal, and explained to him that they were originally intended to snag fish. As the COs were leaving, the subject attempted to make a cast and caught his son instead, leaving the child with a large cut on his face. COs rendered first aid and the child was taken to the hospital.

CO Brian Brosky was working on the dunes at Silver Lake State Park from the park's ORV when the person operating a vehicle ahead of him on the entrance ramp began spinning the tires and speeding. At one point the operator doused the CO with sand. CO Brosky stopped the vehicle and ticketed the operator for exhibition driving. Later that same day CO Brosky observed a person run at least two stop signs near the exit ramp and then begin spinning doughnuts in the parking lot and spraying gravel in all directions. The operator stated that he was "doing a victory lap". A ticket was once again issued for exhibition driving.

CO Mike Bomay encountered two "ranger" style vehicles operating side by side on the roadway, and as they crested a hill, they were coming head-on at the CO. CO Bomay had to slam on the brakes and the two vehicles had to swerve to avoid the CO's patrol vehicle. Upon contacting the operators of the vehicles, the CO found that there were several violations, including no registration and operation on the roadway. There were several children riding in the vehicles as passengers in the cargo area, one of whom was a sleeping 18 month old. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County received a complaint that someone had "turfed" the grass areas at a local access site. The CO tracked down a 16 year old subject, who admitted to operating his vehicle in a manner to tear up the grass. The subject was ticketed for the civil infraction of operating a wheeled vehicle in an undesignated area.

CO Jair Kollasch was on patrol near the Hodenpyl Dam and observed six male subjects fishing below the dam and keeping undersized trout. When the CO contacted the subjects they spoke Spanish and very little English. CO Kollasch also learned that they were employed by a local strawberry farm. None of the subjects had US identification. The CO, who knew a little Spanish, was able to speak to the subjects and get only a name from one individual. The CO had Station 20 run a name search which indicated that the subject had a federal warrant. CO Kollasch was assisted by Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Manistee Post. The Border Patrol and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) were contacted and all six subjects were taken into custody and lodged. Deportation is likely.

CO Jair Kollasch was on patrol on the backwaters at Hodenpyl Dam and contacted a male and female fishing. The male subject did not have a fishing license and when the CO ran a file, the subject had a three count warrant out of Kent County (two were civil warrants totaling \$62,000 for child support). The subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Wexford County Jail.

CO Sam Koscinski responded to a complaint of a subject with undersized walleye at Northern Exposure campground in Wexford County. The complainant was able to provide the CO with very detailed information and the location of the undersized fish. When the CO arrived at the campground, the subject was filleting the fish at the cleaning station. The CO was able to locate at least two undersized walleye and one undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde ticketed a subject for an overlimit of bluegills on Mud Lake in Grand Traverse County. The subject had 54 bluegills.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Matt Liestenfeltz contacted a subject who was in possession of fishing equipment near a trout stream. The subject told the CO he had been fishing. CO Liestenfeltz checked his creel and found the subject to have an overlimit of undersized brook trout. The subject indicated he had to keep them because they had swallowed the hook.

CO Murray Cherry worked a joint marine safety patrol with the Missaukee County Marine Patrol that resulted in several arrests for marine safety violations and several fishing violations.

CO John Huspen responded to a complaint of a loud late night party on a beach at a state forest campground. CO Huspen located the subjects who abandoned the party site and moved into campsites that they had not registered for with the plan of leaving early in the morning before campground workers checked to see if they had paid for the sites.

COs Tami Pullen, Rebecca Hopkins, Warren MacNeill, Steve Lockwood, Joel Lundberg, and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez all participated in group patrols in conjunction with the USCG and "Operation Drywater" targeting boating under the influence. Several arrests were made for marine safety violations including no PFDs, towing without observers, no navigation lights, and minors in possession of alcohol.

CO Warren MacNeill investigated a complaint of anglers keeping short walleye in a live well at a cabin. CO MacNeill contacted the owner who quickly told one of his guests to confess to keeping the short fish that were in the live well, which the subject did. It was determined that the owner had been ticketed for the same violation previously.

CO Warren MacNeill contacted a group of people seining fish in the Black River. The subjects admitted to doing it for years but, didn't realize it was illegal.

CO Steve Lockwood observed a subject parked along a road and slumped over his steering wheel. CO Lockwood contacted the subject who stated he was having severe chest pains. CO Lockwood called emergency medical personnel and stood by the individual until their arrival. The man was taken to the hospital.

CO Tami Pullen participated in a multi-agency group patrol targeting railway trespass and jumping from trestles into the river. Several arrests were made for railway trespass.

## **DISTRICT 6**

While on ORV patrol, CO Jason Smith located a group of minors who were having a party at a state game area. Several of the subjects ran into the woods upon seeing the patrol truck. CO Smith contacted the minors who remained at the scene, and after the remaining subjects left the game area, the campfire was extinguished. Shortly after, the fleeing minors returned back to the party site cold, wet, and tired. CO Smith ordered the subjects to stand in his vehicle headlights so he could see them. One subject refused and had to be restrained. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Jason Smith contacted two subjects in a boat who were in possession of eight walleye. One of the subjects advised CO Smith he was not fishing, but just along for the ride. After asking the boat operator if this was true, and advising him of the pending overlimit situation, it was decided that the passenger was fishing, but had failed to buy a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint of a subject possibly poisoning wild animals in his back yard. When CO Hobkirk contacted the individual, he admitted to live trapping nuisance skunks and raccoons, but initially denied poisoning any animals. Once CO Hobkirk found a dead grey fox within 50 feet of the subject's yard and began questioning him, the subject confessed to placing fly bait and coke to kill animals that entered his yard. He also admitted to doing this for the past two years. A warrant request is pending on the charges.

CO Robert Hobkirk received a complaint that a subject had two Canada geese in a pen in his back yard. When CO Hobkirk arrived at the residence, he was met at the door by the subject's girlfriend, who also lived at the residence. She showed CO Hobkirk the two geese and told him that her boyfriend had captured them behind the house and had kept them for the last week. After photographing the pen and geese, they were released. Contact was then made with the homeowner and a ticket was issued for the violation.

CO Holly Pennoni received a complaint that a group of anglers who were staying in a campground on Saginaw Bay were taking overlimits of walleye. It was reported that they were going out fishing two or three times each day and bringing in extra fish. CO Pennoni contacted the anglers on the day they were scheduled to leave for home and found them to be in possession of 45 walleye over their limit. The anglers were issued tickets for possessing overlimits of walleye.

A group marine patrol of District 6 officers and sergeants was conducted in Bay City on the Saginaw River for the annual River Roar Boat Races. Over the course of the three day event, COs contacted over 300 boaters, issued verbal warnings for marine violations and issued tickets for various fishing and marine violations.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint of a subject keeping a raccoon caged in his yard for which to train his dogs. Upon contacting the subject, CO Rhodea located four raccoons in small cages without water or food. The subject said he had trapped them at a neighboring farm and brought them home to train his dogs. The subject was issued a ticket for having the live raccoons in his possession.

CO Seth Rhodea located two adults and one child who had trespassed to fish on a pond. Upon contacting the anglers, the adults were found to be fishing without licenses, one had an undersized bass, and there were no life jackets on board the boat. The subjects stated they didn't know they couldn't fish there, even though they had driven between two "No Trespassing" signs, over a dirt berm, and backed up to a locked gate. Enforcement action was taken for the multiple violations.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint from a woman who stated her dog had dragged a freshly severed deer head back to her yard. After receiving poaching complaints in the past in that area, CO Rhodea contacted the woman and found a nine point buck that had been dead for a long time and was badly decayed. CO Rhodea explained to the woman that letting her dog run at large was illegal and that chaining the dog up would probably solve her problem of the dog dragging home decayed deer parts.

COs Chad Foerster and Nick Atkin conducted a marine patrol on the Saginaw Bay. During the patrol the COs located two vessels in which anglers were fishing with more than three lines and one vessel without enough life jackets for all occupants. Numerous other marine and fishing violations were addressed.

CO Phil Hudson conducted a joint patrol with local deputies targeting drunken boaters during the Rainbow Lake fireworks. Only minor violations were encountered.

While patrolling Townline Lake, COs Ken Lowell and Phil Hudson watched two anglers fishing off a pontoon boat. Upon approach of the vessel the anglers pulled in their lines and started to motor away. The COs caught up to the pontoon and stopped them to check for life jackets and fishing licenses. The father told the COs that he left his wallet in the cabin and was going to get his license. After checking the angler through the computer it was discovered that he had not purchased his license this year. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Vicki Goss contacted a boater who did not have the required number of PFDs. Further investigation revealed that the boat operator had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken and the operator was lodged at the county jail.

CO Jeremy Payne encountered two anglers at dark on Stevenson Lake who were in possession of two short bass. The anglers explained how both fish had swallowed the hooks and while removing them, the fish began to bleed everywhere and they were going to die. The CO observed that there was no blood to be found on the fish, the individuals, or their canoe. The anglers could not explain the lack of blood observation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling the Saginaw River banks in downtown Saginaw when he observed a subject driving who he recognized as possibly having an outstanding warrant for an illegal deer that the CO charged him with in 2006. The CO was able to look up the subject's name using his computer and then confirm that the subject did still have the warrant out for his arrest. The CO stopped the subject and lodged him at the Saginaw County Jail on the outstanding warrant.

COs from District 6 worked with the USCG at the Bay City River Roar Boat Races by closing down the Saginaw River. Attendance was high on shore in the grandstands and on the river as boaters anchored to watch the race. Though several marine violations were encountered, all seemed to have a good time.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Chuck Towns ticketed five persons for ORV violations. In one case illegal campers in the Muskegon State Game Area were mud running and operating cross country with trucks and ORVs. The group was ticketed and evicted from the area. In another incident CO Towns and Sgt. John Jurcich stopped a subject operating off trails in US Forest Service lands on a new borrowed ORV. The operator was carrying a five and a seven year old on the vehicle, none of the occupants were wearing helmets and the driver had a suspended operator's license.

COs Chuck Towns, Patrick McManus and Jeff Rabbers all worked assignments at Holland State Park during the period with various assists and enforcement action being taken on parking, alcohol and fishing violations. Severe storms and floods affected the park with seven inches of rain falling and numerous trees down in the campground area.

CO Chris Holmes reported an increase in activity at lake access sites at area parks with alcohol related incidents on the rise. He reported four warrant arrests while on patrol.

CO Chris Holmes, while working in the Fort Custer area, was requested to assist Parks staff with a woman out in the water in the swim area who was screaming and appeared to be intoxicated. CO Holmes was able to get her to the beach, where it was apparent she had been drinking and was becoming increasingly unruly and belligerent in front of a large crowd. CO Holmes removed her from the beach with the assistance of an off duty police officer who witnessed the activity. The CO arrested the woman for disorderly conduct, and local deputies assisted with her transport to jail, as she was attempting to kick out the windows of the patrol vehicle. She was charged with felony

resisting and obstructing and attempted malicious destruction of police property while still lodged at the county jail.

CO Ken Cerny assisted local deputies with a personal watercraft (PWC) injury accident on a local lake. A 70 year old woman was operating a PWC and sustained injuries to her leg and pelvis.

While on marine patrol, CO Andy Bauer contacted the operator of a vessel that was registered in Indiana. The operator handed CO Bauer a laminated 180 day temporary boat registration certificate. Investigating the matter further, CO Bauer discovered the temporary boat registration was issued in 2002.

While on ORV patrol, CO Steve Mooney contacted several ORVs operating on a railroad in violation of the railroad trespass law. One of the operators was driving a four wheeler that had three passengers, none were wearing helmets, and they were stealing firewood from private property.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Rich Nickols observed a large plume of thick black smoke and responded to the scene. Upon arrival, CO Nickols observed several subjects standing around a small structure that was on fire. The subjects stated they were burning brush in a large pit next to an old chicken coop when it caught on fire. There was no attempt to put the fire out and the subjects didn't seem to remember that the structure had numerous old tires inside. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a marine patrol, COs Dan Prince and Pete Purdy contacted a subject who was in possession of 60 pan fish, well over his legal limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger was the first on the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving a semi truck and a small pick up. One driver had minor head injuries and was turned over to the local ambulance crew. CO Bigger assisted in shutting down traffic on M-21 while the accident scene was cleaned up.

CO Shane Webster contacted a subject on the side of the road who seemed to be disoriented. Upon further investigation, CO Webster observed the subject's vehicle in the ditch which had crashed into a tree. CO Webster found the subject to be intoxicated to nearly twice the legal limit. A Leoni Township Police Officer assisted CO Webster at the scene. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a group patrol at the local Carp Carnival on the Michigan Center Chain of Lakes, COs Brad Brewer and Damon Owens observed a vessel operating at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner. As the COs approached the vessel they observed one subject steering while the other was messing with the throttle. The operator of the

vessel was found to be intoxicated to over twice the legal limit for operating a vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Bigger received a complaint that a subject had a raccoon held illegally in captivity. The raccoon had just bitten a neighborhood child. CO Bigger arrived on scene and seized the animal. The child was taken to the hospital and enforcement action was taken on the subjects who had the raccoon in their possession.

CO Peter Purdy contacted two subjects who were fishing; neither of them had fishing licenses. Upon further investigation it was determined that the male subject had served jail time for assaulting the female subject and one of his probation conditions was that there was to be no contact with the female. The probation officer was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Peter Purdy received a complaint that a subject possessed two fawns illegally. CO Purdy's investigation found that the subject's dog had chased off the fawns' mother so the subject kept the fawns because she thought she was "doing the right thing". The fawns became ill because they were not getting the proper care. One fawn died before getting them to a proper rehabilitation center and the other died at the center. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a local chain of lakes, CO Shane Webster encountered a subject fishing without a license, a subject who possessed a 10" smallmouth bass, and a subject who was operating a motor boat with an expired registration. Enforcement action was taken in all instances.

CO Rick Villerot was the first on the scene of a personal injury boating accident. A subject was flipped off a tube while being towed by a boat during very high winds. The subject was conscious but had no feeling in the lower extremities. CO Villerot assisted the emergency personnel and secured the landing zone for the life flight helicopter.

CO Jason J. Smith responded to a call of a stranded kayaker on the Huron River. CO Smith was assisted by Washtenaw County Sheriff Department deputies in rescuing the kayaker without incident.

While patrolling state land, CO Kyle Bader recovered a boat and trailer that was stolen out of Indiana. The recovered items were turned over to the reporting agency.

CO Dan Prince contacted a subject fishing for pan fish who stated he was almost at his limit. When CO Prince counted the fish it was found that the subject was ten fish over his limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy responded to a call that a vehicle was driving the wrong way on a highway and running other vehicles off the road. CO Purdy was the closest law enforcement officer to the scene and arrived after the vehicle had stopped on the roadway. It was determined that the driver of the vehicle was having a diabetic reaction

and was not operating under the influence of liquor. The vehicle operator was turned over to emergency medical personnel.

CO Al Mendez received a complaint of a subject taking baby ducks from the wild and keeping them as pets. The ducks were seized and enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

Sgt. Arthur Green interviewed subjects regarding three missing peregrine falcon hatchlings in Detroit. The building where they are nesting is being renovated and there is limited access to the area of the nest. The investigation continues.

Sgt. Arthur Green responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of two subjects taking an overlimit of white bass. He arrived on scene and found the subjects who fit the description where the complainant had stated they would be. There were three subjects who had 77 white bass. Only one of the subjects had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken and restitution will be sought for 52 white bass.

Sgt. Arthur Green and COs Jonathon Sklba, Brandon Kieft and Mark Papineau assisted the USCG in a search and rescue operation on Lake St. Clair. A boating accident had occurred and six people were rescued and one was missing. The subject was found in the mid afternoon. Macomb County Sheriff's deputies are investigating the accident.

CO Jonathon Sklba assisted the Monroe County Sheriff's Department with their investigation of a missing girl. A body was located at a common fishing location on Dixon Road. CO Sklba, along with COs Mark Ennett and Pete Purdy, were asked to help provide information on anyone they have contacted at that location. CO Sklba was able to provide a beer can and lotto ticket that he took from that location in May.

COs Brandon Kieft and Ben Shively located a missing exotic deer at a residence in White Lake Township. The homeowner stated that the original owner had transported it there after he was ticketed for having the deer without a permit. The homeowner stated she knew she needed a permit to hold the deer, since that was the reason that the original owner had to get rid of it. She received a ticket for operating an unregistered cervidae facility.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of a subject removing two snapping turtles from the pond in front the 51st District Court in Waterford. The complainant obtained a license plate number from the vehicle that the snapping turtles were being loaded into. CO Shively contacted an individual at the address of the license plate registration, who admitted to taking the snapping turtles. CO Shively asked where the snapping turtles were and the subject opened up the garage to reveal eight snapping turtles in the bed of the truck along with six eggs that the turtles had laid. The subject was ticketed for taking snapping turtles during the closed season. The turtles were returned to the pond.

CO Ben Shively responded to a RAP complaint of three subjects on a lake who were littering, fishing without licenses, and had no life jackets in their boat. CO Shively arrived at the lake and contacted the subjects from a neighbor's dock. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was checking the power lines property in northern Oakland County when a vehicle entered onto the property on the opposite side of the county road and headed east. CO Shively crossed the road and observed the occupants outside the vehicle locking in the front hubs just before a large mud pit on the trail. When the subjects saw CO Shively, they quickly got into their vehicle but could not go through the mud pit because their hubs were not locked in. CO Shively issued the driver a ticket for ORV trespass.

COs Ben Shively and Brandon Kieft worked the Sunday "Races of the Thunder" hydroplane races on Walled Lake. The COs contacted numerous vessels and conducted marine safety checks, along with providing security on the race course. One subject was ticketed for not having enough life jackets on board and another subject was ticketed for operating a PWC without a life jacket.

COs John Borkovich, Al Schwiderson, Ken Kovach, Ben Shively, Todd Szyska and Mark Papineau, along with Sgt. Tom Wanless, conducted an evening marine patrol on Lake St. Clair targeting drunk boating. This patrol was in conjunction with the national Operation Dry Water campaign. Hundreds of people were contacted and several warnings given. Arrests were made for failing to provide life jackets, 100 ft. violations and minors in possession of alcohol.

While conducting a weekday evening marine patrol, CO Linda Scheidler stopped a vessel which had the navigation lights on the bow of the boat installed on the wrong sides. While conducting a marine check, CO Scheidler found multiple violations. CO Scheidler detected the odor of intoxicants on the operator and had him perform some sobriety evaluations. The operator was subsequently arrested for operating under the influence and transported to the Genesee County Jail.

CO John Borkovich contacted a small sailboat that appeared to be unregistered. Upon contact with the operator, it was determined the vessel was not registered and there were no life jackets on board. The vessel was in rough, deep water. CO Borkovich guided the vessel to safer, calmer waters and enforcement action was taken.