

**Law Enforcement Division  
Bi-Weekly Field Report  
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**DISTRICT 1**

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted in a search party in Ontonagon County. An elderly man had walked away from home in the middle of the night and collapsed in a nearby swamp. The man was found alive and brought to the hospital.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes was on a marine patrol in Lake Gogebic when he witnessed an angler on a boat dock catch a fish. Through his binoculars, CO Mapes could tell the northern pike was not big enough to keep. The angler walked back to his cabin and placed the fish in a small cooler. After a brief interview CO Mapes was able to gain a confession and law enforcement action was taken for possessing a short northern pike.

Conservation Officer Denny Gast checked two fishermen fishing below Prickett dam in a closed area. The two individuals walked by two signs warning of the closure and neither one of them had a valid fishing license. Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes was patrolling the White Pine area in Ontonagon County when he observed a side-by-side operating on the shoulder of the M64. When the ORV was stopped the driver was informed that the shoulder of the highway is still off limits to ORVs. Law enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on a Highway.

CO Mapes, CO Gast, CO Eberly and Sgt. Emery assisted Baraga State Park officers maintain order in Big Lake State Forest Came Ground. When the COs and rangers arrived at the camp ground, multiple vehicles were missing the required recreational passport. While the park officer was tending to the vehicles Sgt. Emery and CO Mapes patrolled the beach area where multiple marine violations were addressed. Violations included operating a personal watercraft within 100' of shore and in under 3' of water at greater than slow no wake speed, operating a personal watercraft with no marine safety certificate, and operating personal watercraft within 100' of a raft at greater than slow no wake speed. Law enforcement action was taken for the violations.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted a local residence with a skunk caught in a section of garden fence. CO Mapes was able to release the skunk which had multiple offspring nearby. The resident who assisted CO Mapes did not fare so, when she was sprayed by the skunk when it was startled.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted DNR Wildlife staff band over 120 geese in the Ontonagon and Silver City area.

CO Shannon Kritz attended the Aspiring Women in the Outdoors event held at Bewabic State Park. CO Kritz along with Cpl. Dave Painter utilized the departments laser shot

educational equipment to educate participants in safe hunting practices. Over 250 people participated in the event.

CO Brian Bacon and CO Shannon Kritz were conducting a joint marine patrol when they observed four people fishing in a boat. The COs made contact with the anglers and asked how the fishing activity was. The anglers reported they had caught a lot of small blue gill. A check of the catch found the anglers to be over the limit for bluegill. Enforcement action was taken and the fish over the limit were seized.

CO Shannon Kritz and CO Brian Bacon observed a side-by-side that did not appear to have Michigan ORV stickers attached and neither occupant was wearing a seatbelt. The COs conducted a stop of the side-by-side to address the violations. When CO Bacon asked the driver about having Michigan ORV stickers, he pointed to his Wisconsin ORV registration sticker. CO Bacon asked the subjects for their driver's license, and as the driver was obtaining his license, he kicked over his drink that he had hid on the floor of the side-by-side. Both subjects were found to have open alcohol on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken with both occupants of the ORV.

CO Shannon Kritz patrolled Tamarak Lake in Iron County, which has special trout regulations. A check of five subjects fishing in a small boat found one occupant had put down his fishing pole. He stated he did not have a current fishing license and had no reason to lie about it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon, CO Shannon Kritz and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a group marine patrol in connection to BUI enforcement. Windy conditions limited marine activity, but checks of the boaters contacted found good compliance with marine safety regulations.

CO Jared Ferguson and CO Brian Bacon patrolled local inland lakes in Dickinson County and found high compliance with regards to marine safety regulations.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling Dickinson County when he observed two ORVs traveling down a side street. CO Ferguson watched the two ORVs fail to stop at a stop sign and continue to the Hwy M-95. CO Jared Ferguson was able to catch up to the ORVs and make contact with operators. CO Ferguson found both ORVs to be unregistered, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson was called to the Norway Lake campground regarding a nuisance bear that was raiding the camper's coolers and food storage. CO Jared Ferguson was unable to locate the bear but advised campers to store their food and perishable items in a safe location to not entice the bear to return.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling the Menominee River area for marine safety issues when central dispatch radioed to all local units of a B&E in progress. CO Jared Ferguson was able to determine the address was about 3 miles from his location and responded. CO Jared Ferguson was first on scene and made contact with a male outside of the residence. After securing the area, CO Ferguson determined that the

male was the home owner's step-son and he was locked out of the residence. The subject stated he was meeting his stepfather for 18 holes of golf and forgot his keys, so he went into the house through the window. After confirming the subject's story with his father he was released to continue his day on the course.

CO Shannon Kritz conducted a patrol on Tamarack Lake in Iron County. Contact was made with two subjects fishing in a boat who advised they had caught three walleye. A check of the fish found two of the walleyes to be under the fifteen inch size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a marine patrol on the impoundments of the Menominee River and contacted several boaters and fishermen. For the most part, compliance was high during the patrol however multiple life jacket violations were found and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a marine patrol on the Dead River Basin in Marquette County. A large number of boats were checked with two watercrafts being found to not be in possession of PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigamme in Marquette County. CO DeLonge made contact with one angler that was fishing without a license. CO DeLonge also made contact with three watercrafts that did not possess PFDs. Enforcement action was taken with each violation.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Mark Zitnik observed three anglers fishing. Two of the three anglers gladly produced their fishing license. When CO Zitnik asked the third angler for her fishing license she said, she doesn't fish very much and did not have a fishing license. She picked the wrong day to gamble she wouldn't be checked. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and Kevin Postma received a complaint of a group of individuals taking over limits and short walleye on the Pine River near St. Ignace. The COs conducted a patrol on the river and made contact with two anglers coming off of the river. The fishermen appeared very nervous and stated they only caught one bullhead while on the river. The COs observed fresh blood and scales on the cooler and in the boat, they asked for permission to search the boat noting bullhead don't have scales. Much to the angler's dismay, a search was conducted and three short walleye were found. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was on routine patrol near Engadine when he saw an ORV being ridden by an operator who was not wearing a helmet. CO Busken tried to stop the ORV but he fled. The CO was able to follow the operator to his residence. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson were on patrol near Andrus Lake when they observed an ORV being operated with a passenger, neither of the riders were wearing helmets. Contact was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken and Robert Watson were patrolling the Tahquamenon Falls State Park when they received a complaint of ORVs being operated on M-123. Contact was made with the operators and passengers of six side-by-sides being ridden illegally on the state highway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson assisted in controlling traffic flow throughout a 50k/Marathon race through the Tahquamenon Falls State Park. At the finish of the race, CO Watson was returning to his normal patrol duties when he encountered an ORV operating in the driving lane, travelling down Highway M-123. A traffic stop was conducted and enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Jon Busken were conducting a joint patrol in the Tahquamenon Falls State Park area over the Fourth of July weekend. Many contacts were made. Violations encountered included ORV registration violations, riding double on an ORV not intended for a passenger, operate ORV on a public highway, operate ORV without helmet, and no fishing license.

COs Chris Lynch and Pat Hartsig attended Advanced Marine School in Port Huron. The week-long school taught the COs how to conduct search and rescues, use navigation equipment, night time operations, towing boats in distress, and operation of large vessels.

COs Pat Hartsig and Rob Freeborn used two separate vessels to shuttle a crew of firefighters and their gear from Fayette State Park to Poverty Island in Lake Michigan. A wildfire had occurred on the uninhabited island, and was still burning. The crew will be spending a few days camping on the island mopping up the fire before being picked up early next week.

During a patrol on Little Bay de Noc, CO Pat Hartsig checked many fishermen and recreational boaters. When CO Hartsig approached one boat with people fishing, the captain stated nobody had a fishing license. When questioned why, the captain stated they only went out once or twice a year and didn't think they needed one this year. RSS showed the last time the captain purchased a fishing license was in 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith inspected a boat livery on Drummond Island and issued a nuisance beaver permit.

Sgt. Mike Hammill and CO Calvin Smith were on routine patrol when a tree fell across a power line, causing the lines to fall across a busy highway. The COs blocked traffic until the utility company arrived and removed the live wires.

While driving up to the bridge over the AuTrain River Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon observed 2 diesel pickup trucks stopped window to window on the busy bridge. Dozens of people were standing on both sides of the vehicles trying to walk by with some using the bridge to jump into the water. As the CO approached both trucks squealed their tires and fishtailed away with tires smoking, narrowly missing bystanders. A stop was made on the vehicle coming toward the CO. The driver was not wearing a seat belt, had an expired plate and had had too much to drink. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn and CO Mark Zitnik were checking salmon fishermen on Lake Michigan several miles off shore when they came across a fishing boat without adequate PFDs or a fire extinguisher on board. Enforcement action was taken

CO Robert Freeborn and a Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Officer responded to an abandoned net complaint approximately 10 miles south of Manistique on Lake Michigan. The officers were able to locate section of the net that was partially floating. The officers pulled approximately 1 mile of gill net from the lake. The net did not have any markings. Sault Tribe will be investigating further.

While on routine patrol, CO Robert Freeborn encountered an ORV operator wearing a paint ball mask instead of a proper helmet. After stopping the ORV, CO Freeborn determined that the operator was not of age to be operating alone. The CO followed the subject back to a camp. Once at the camp, the CO located the juvenile's parent. CO Freeborn educated the parent on the ORV laws and a citation was issued to the parent as well.

CO Evink received a burning complaint from a state forester. The forester stated that the individual was burning brush and other debris and no burn permits were issued for the day. The forester made contact with the individual who became irate and didn't want to put the fire out. When the CO arrived, the individual again became unruly. He was issued a ticket for burning without a permit and did put the fire out.

CO Kevin Postma checked an individual fishing from shore at the Charlotte River. After a short conversation about how beautiful the scenery up here was, the individual was asked for a fishing license. The individual advised that he must have left it down state and that it might be an Ohio license. A check with RSS revealed the individual had not purchased a Michigan fishing license in several years, enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma was working ORVs out of his patrol vehicle in the Strong's area. While sitting at an intersection CO Postma heard some people yelling loudly. CO Postma could see four individuals in two side-by-sides, yelling and taking pictures of each other preparing to leave a gas station. One of the individuals was holding a beer can. CO Postma repositioned his vehicle out of sight and waited roughly one minute for the side by sides to pass. Contact was made with the four individuals and open intoxicants were discovered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Postma is investigating an 82 acre fire that was the result of a debris fire that was left unattended. A suspect was identified and the case is being submitted to the Prosecutor.

### **DISTRICT 3**

Conservation officers from District 3 were very busy over the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday weekend working Torch Fest on Torch Lake in Antrim and Kalkaska Counties. Hundreds of subjects were contacted with numerous violations encountered.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Tom Oberg were on marine patrol during Torch Fest when they observed a pontoon leaving the sandbar towing an inflatable raft. COs witnessed the driver of the boat run over the line connected to the raft and cutting it. Officers also noticed the pontoon had an expired registration. Officers made a marine stop and after investigation found out the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Other violations were found such as expired registration, failure to transfer registration, expired fire extinguisher, and no type IV PFD. The driver was arrested for OUIL and cited for the expired registration.

CO Albert and PCO Oberg were on marine patrol at Torch Fest when they were on foot patrol on the Torch Lake sandbar. A subject ran closely past COs splashing water on both of the COs dry uniform shirts and shorts. Conservation officers contacted the subject for suspected MIP (Minor in Possession of Alcohol) and once the subject found out he was going to be cited, he decided to run. The COs quickly apprehended the subject and placed him under arrest for resisting and obstructing a conservation officer and minor in possession of alcohol. The 20 year old subject had a blood alcohol level of .17.

COs Albert, Mark DePew, Sgt. Michael Feagan, and PCO Kyle Cherry were on the Torch Lake sandbar during Torch Fest when a fight broke out in the crowd. COs quickly ran over to the confrontation and broke up the fight. Both male subjects were arrested for disorderly conduct.

CO Albert issued several tickets for failure to purchase the state access site parking/use pass at the Torch River Bridge DNR access site over the holiday weekend.

A marine stop of a boat for an expired registration found the operator only had three life jackets on board for five people. He also failed to transfer his registration when he purchased the boat a year ago and did not have a type IV PFD. He was cited for the registration and life jacket violations and sent to shore to get more life jackets for the children on board.

While CO Albert, PCO Oberg and Sgt. Feagan were walking the Torch Lake sandbar during Torch Fest, they observed two separate incidents where patrons were placing litter in the water. Upon contact the subjects were confrontational and denied littering. Tickets were issued in both instances and the litter was picked up.

CO Albert and PCO Oberg observed a male subject suspected of MIP. Upon contact the subject was very confrontational and would not give his name and date of birth. The subject was transported to the incident command post where he would still not identify himself to conservation officers even after being advised he would be lodged in jail as a "John Doe" until he was identified. A mobile fingerprint scan taken by the Michigan State Police positively identified the offender. He was cited for MIP and charges will be sought for obstructing an officer.

CO Albert and PCO Oberg observed two ORVs in Antrim County operating illegally on the designated snowmobile trail that is on a highway right of way. Upon contact the driver of the first ORV did admit to seeing the posted "No ORV" signs on the trail but he drove past them anyways. The second ORV was being operated by his teenage daughter. A ticket was issued for operating on a public highway.

COs Andrea Erratt and Chad Baldwin worked the Blue Angels air show at the Cherry Festival in Traverse City. The CO's helped to maintain the restricted fly zone over West Grand Traverse Bay, ensuring all pleasure boats remained a safe distance from this area.

While patrolling Lake Charlevoix, CO Erratt encountered a kayak operating in 14 feet of water. The operator was contacted and found to be without a life jacket. A ticket was issued.

While patrolling Huffman Lake in Charlevoix County, CO Erratt encountered two ORVs operating with expired ORV stickers. The ORVs were stopped and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol at 6 Mile Lake also in Charlevoix County, CO Erratt witnessed two ORVs operating with expired registrations and the operators did not have helmets. Officer Erratt located the subjects at a house on the lake and made contact with the operators. A check of the subjects revealed that one of them had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs and Cheboygan County Sheriff (CCS) deputies teamed up again to patrol the Maple Bay Bash on Burt Lake. The number of people attending was similar to prior years, however overall problems were less. One PWC operator was arrested for OWI after he tore by the launch site dock within a few feet at high speed. One young man was picked up by officers in their patrol boat as he was attempting to swim from the sand bar to the campground – he was found to be drinking and cited for MIP and his mother & father were called to pick him up. Several other marine safety tickets were issued and several warnings.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a 4-wheeler accident near Topinabee, finding the operator to be intoxicated. The man was taken to the hospital and checked out, then released and arrested being lodged at the Cheboygan County jail by CO Rosochacki. His Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) was .16 several hours after the accident.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ryan Andrews checked multiple boats and anglers on Cornwall Flooding, issuing several tickets for no PFDs. They also patrolled Black Mountain Recreation Area, locating ORVs operating in a wetland and issuing tickets for the violations.

CO Tim Rosochacki and Sgt. Greg Drogowski patrolled Bois Blanc Island by 4-wheelers, checking anglers, boaters and ORVs.

COs Mark DePew and Matt Theunick both handled elk hit by car complaints on I-75 in Cheboygan County last week.

CO Bottorff and PCO Andrews searched for a wounded bear which was struck by a car on I-75 just south of Mackinaw. Conservation officers tracked the bear several hundred yards without finding any blood, or the bear.

CO Rosochacki and Sgt. Drogowski were the first on scene at a personal injury accident crash, where the driver attempted to flee the scene and was found on foot, very intoxicated. He was held at the scene and arrested for OWI and DWLS (driving while license suspended) by a CCS deputy. The passenger was cited for MIP.

While working at Torch Fest on Torch Lake, CO DePew and PCO Kyle Cherry received a complaint of a subject punching people as he walked through the sandbar. CO DePew located and tackled the subject as he was hitting another person. He was arrested and taken off the water. Officers also found several young ladies drinking what appeared to be alcoholic beverages, all under 21 years of age. They insisted it was only apple juice, but the PBT showed otherwise. All were cited for MIP and taken off the water.

CO Rosochacki and Sgt. Drogowski worked special state forest campground patrols in Cheboygan County through the holiday weekend, handling minor problems in the campgrounds and making many contacts.

CO DePew and PCO Cherry investigated a goose shooting complaint on Manuka Lake, where a witness observed another person shoot a gosling and its mother. A confession was obtained from the suspect and enforcement action taken for taking geese out of season.

CO Brad Bellville and CO Kelly Ross were patrolling East Twin Lake and observed multiple people in a boat fishing. When the COs contacted the anglers, one of them was found to be fishing without a license and he claimed he only cast the line twice and was not fishing. The COs explained the law to him and issued him a citation for fishing without a license.

COs Bellville and Ross were patrolling East Twin when they stopped a boat for operating with a broken bow light. When the COs contacted the driver he was found to be operating under the influence of alcohol and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail.

CO Bellville and Sgt. Joe Molnar made a presentation in Alpena County to a Careers in Natural Resources Camp put on by Lake Superior State University about being a conservation officer.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling state land during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend when he encountered a subject operating an ORV in a closed area. The subject had also failed to purchase an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc was at a traffic light when he observed a truck drive through a red light. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to be driving on a suspended license and was lodged in the Alpena County Jail.

CO LeClerc and Sgt. Molnar were on Lake Winyah in Alpena County operating their patrol boat near shore when a jet ski drove between them and several docks at a high rate of speed. The operator was stopped and issued a citation for operating within 100 feet of a dock.

CO LeClerc and CO Bill Webster were on marine patrol on Long Lake when they observed an angler on a pontoon boat. Upon contacting the angler it was discovered that the boat had not been registered since 2015. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at the 9<sup>th</sup> street dam in Alpena, CO LeClerc observed an angler fishing above the dam in the pond. Upon talking with the individual it was determined that he did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross was driving near Gaylanta Lake in Montmorency County when he witnessed an ORV operating at a high rate of speed drive through a stop sign and the operator was not wearing a helmet and was operating the ORV carelessly. CO Ross stopped the operator and found the driver to be operating the ORV under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended driver's license. The operator was arrested and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail.

CO Ross was driving north of Atlanta when he observed a vehicle drive off the road and when they reentered the road crossed the center line. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol; he was arrested and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail.

CO Ross was patrolling Clear Lake in Montmorency County when he observed an overloaded boat; a stop was conducted on the vessel. The operator of the boat was under the influence of alcohol and there were not enough life jackets. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling Grand Lake in Presque Isle County when he contacted a boat of anglers. One of them asked if the CO had a tape to measure for a fish he had caught because he was unsure if it was legal. The walleye was measured at 13.25 inches; upon checking licenses three of the anglers did not have licenses. A citation

was issued for the short walleye and the other anglers were advised to purchase a fishing license.

CO Sklba contacted a boat on Lake Emma in Presque Isle after dark. There were two people in the boat and neither of them had a lifejacket and their navigation lights did not work. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sklba contacted a subject who had placed a boat dock at a road ending on Grand Lake. The subject was advised it was illegal for them to put the dock at a road ending and was given 24 hours to remove it, which they did.

CO Sklba responded to a complaint of an unconscious subject at the Dollar General store in Rogers City. Upon contacting the elderly gentleman he advised that his wife was shopping and he fell asleep.

CO Webster contacted two anglers on a paddle boat in the middle of Long Lake, neither of the anglers had a fishing license and both were issued citations for fishing without a license.

CO Webster was on Long Lake when he observed a jetski with four riders driving at a high rate of speed through a crowd of anchored boaters. CO Webster followed the vessel and upon stopping, all the riders fell from the jetski. A citation was issued for operating within a 100 feet of an anchored vessel and swimmers.

Conservation officers in Area 3 issued a mix of ORV and marine violations this holiday weekend. Offenses included closed area violations, no helmets and unregistered ORV, riding double, towing tubes without observers, insufficient PFDs, unregistered vessels and navigation light violations.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

While conducting an inland lake marine patrol west of Traverse City in Grand Traverse County, Sgt. Robert Torres and CO Rich Stowe stopped a pontoon vessel that was operating at high speed across the lake. The vessel was stopped as there were three young kids sitting on the front of the pontoon with their legs dangling over with some feet touching water. These kids were outside the pontoon railing and fortunately the boat was stopped prior to anything unfortunate happening. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO Zach Bauer received a call from CFS Steve Huff to assist with a case in Leland involving a tribal commercial fishing vessel pulling fishing nets at a location closed to commercial fishing. CO McManus and PCO Bauer hiked to the top of Pyramid Point along the Lake Michigan shoreline to provide surveillance of the commercial anglers, confirming their location. CFS Huff, with the help of the Leelanau County Sheriff's Department Marine Division, escorted the fishing vessel into

Leland Harbor where CO McManus, PCO Bauer and CFS Huff met with them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO McManus and PCO Bauer were patrolling West Grand Traverse Bay during the National Cherry Festival Air Show, and spotted a boat traveling above slow-no-wake speed with two individuals riding on the bow. The current wave conditions were over 3 to 4 feet, with a 15-20 mph wind. CO McManus and PCO Bauer stopped and made contact with the vessel and its occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO McManus and PCO Bauer assisted the National Park Service and Benzie County Sheriff's Department on a patrol focused on intoxicated driving along the Platte River. After performing several stop for various traffic offenses, multiple arrests and citations were issued including some for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, public intoxication and speeding.

While patrolling state land in Benzie County, CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk came across a vehicle parked in the middle of a county road. The subject advised that he was just changing into his work clothes and headed to work. Upon further investigation, the COs located a glass pipe containing burnt marijuana residue in the vehicle and a package containing cocaine in the subject's wallet. Enforcement action was taken.

After working a firework detail on Long Lake in Grand Traverse County, CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk patrolled around the lake checking for marine violations. The COs witnessed a boat operating with no white light on the stern of the vessel. When the COs activated their emergency lights, the operator turned off all of their navigational lights in attempt to elude detection. After locating the boat and making contact with the occupants, it was determined that the operator had been drinking alcohol. After conducting field sobriety test on the operator of the vessel, the COs determined he was under the influence of alcohol. The operator blew a .12 at the County jail (1 ½ times over the legal limit of .08). Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk worked a joint law enforcement event with the National Ranger Service, Benzie County Sheriff Department, and Michigan State Police on the Platte River in Benzie County. Hundreds of contacts were made with people floating down the river.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk got a call from a concerned citizen who saw a boat on Upper Herring Lake in Benzie County that had multiple spot lights on it shining down into the water. After educating the caller on the sport of bow fishing, the caller agreed that they were probably bow fishing. Nevertheless, the COs went to the boat launch to investigate further, and heard the subjects on the boat talk about seeing a huge bass, and simultaneously an arrow being shot into the water. After making contact with the subjects at the boat launch, it was determined that they did not possess any illegal fish and they all had their fishing licenses.

CO Rebecca Hopkins, CO Steve Converse and PCO Colton Gelinis patrolled the Manistee River on the holiday weekend. Numerous safety citations were issued for kayakers not having a PFD on board. Fishing with no license citations were also issued, as well as possession of marijuana and minor in possession of alcohol.

CO William Kinney was on marine patrol on the waters of Lake Cadillac in Wexford County when he came across two individuals fishing from their kayaks. CO Kinney pulled alongside the two kayakers to check for fishing licenses. Both individuals were able to produce a valid fishing license. The CO then asked to see lifejackets. The kayakers were unable to provide a PFD and did not think they needed one while kayaking. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling in Wexford County when he noticed an ORV come sideways through an intersection running a stop sign and driving in a reckless manner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin patrolled several bodies of water including the Manistee River. Several kayakers and boaters were without life jackets and expired registrations. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the National Cherry Festival air show detail on West Grand Traverse Bay, CO Sean Kehoe and CO William Kinney observed a 50' sailboat not displaying registration. The COs discovered the boat had not been registered for several years and was previously a documented vessel. Leelanau County Sheriff's Department marine division personnel assisted with the investigation. Enforcement action is being taken.

While working the National Cherry Festival air show detail on West Grand Traverse Bay, CO Sean Kehoe and CO Rich Stowe, along with Sgt. Robert Torres, encountered multiple kayaks operating in heavy traffic at sunset. None had the required hand held light and many were short life jackets. Investigating further, it was ascertained all were rented from a local business. Employees and the owner of the business were interviewed and COs were told that given the volume of rental traffic on the holiday weekend they simply ran out of life jackets and thought it would be ok to still let individuals go out without them. Enforcement action was taken.

A weekend ORV patrol in Manistee and Lake Counties resulted in numerous citations for CO Sam Koscinski and CO Steve Converse. The COs stopped the ORVs for various violations, including spark arrestor violations, operating in closed areas, seat belt and helmet violations, and also found many that had failed to transfer and title their off road vehicles.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky worked a patrol on Lake Michigan out of the Ludington Harbor that resulted in eight tickets that were written for failing to possess personal flotation devices on kayaks.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky worked a patrol on the Pere Marquette River which resulted in numerous tickets to extremely intoxicated kayakers who were on the river without any personal flotation devices at all.

CO Brian Brosky issued over 20 citations in Mason County while on routine ORV patrol over the holiday weekend. The violations included trespassing, operating in a prohibited area, operating without registrations, and operating without helmets. CO Brosky also found that many individuals floating the Pere Marquette River were not in possession of personal flotation devices. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski worked the fireworks on Hamlin Lake and stopped a number of vessels operating without navigation lights and without valid registrations. The COs also encountered an angler without a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Carla Soper were working complaints of trespassing along a stretch on the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin. The COs noticed a raft that had stopped on the private property and observed the individuals acting in a vulgar manner and exposing themselves. The COs stopped the group to discuss their behavior and could immediately smell the odor of marijuana coming from the raft. It was discovered that one individual had the marijuana in her possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Carla Soper stopped an individual on his ORV after he had done a donut in a major intersection in Lake County. The ORV then proceeded down the center of the roadway at a high rate of speed until the COs could catch up to him and stop him. The operator didn't have a helmet on and also hadn't purchased any ORV registrations since 2014. The operator told the COs that it was his first time riding in the area and said he had no idea what the rules were and that he was just "trying to have fun." Regulations were explained to the subject and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Carla Soper were working a stretch of the Pine River near Silver Lake State Forest Campground when they encountered several kayakers on the water without any personal flotation devices. One subject told the COs that she had been kayaking this river for 30 years and has never taken a PFD. They also witnessed an individual throw an empty can from his kayak. When they asked the man why he littered, he stated that he was "sick of it rolling around in the bottom of his kayak." Numerous citations were issued.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking ORVs at a busy trail intersection when two operators traveling at a high rate of speed appeared as if they were going to disregard a stop sign. Once they saw CO Killingbeck, they braked and skidded through the stop sign before coming to a complete stop. CO Killingbeck spoke with both operators about their operation and one said that he had just been pulled over 30 minutes ago by a

deputy for speed. Neither ORV had spark arrestors or a Secretary of State title. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol when he observed two ORVs operating on a utility right-of-way. CO Killingbeck stopped both operators who said it was their first time riding in Lake County. CO Killingbeck inquired if they had attempted to educate themselves with the ORV regulations before riding and both operators said they had no idea what any of the rules were. CO Killingbeck also observed that their registrations were improperly displayed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Big Star Lake for high speed boating in violation of the local watercraft ordinance. CO Killingbeck contacted four personal watercraft and one vessel towing a skier that were all operating before legal hours. Other violations were also addressed including registration violations and no fire extinguishers onboard the vessels. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Carla Soper were patrolling along the Pere Marquette River in Lake County when they observed a subject walking onto private property. They saw the subject who was carrying fishing gear look at the "No Trespassing" signs and walk around them onto private property. Contact was made with the subject and he admitted to seeing the signs and knew that they meant keep off the property, yet still entered onto the property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Carla Soper were on patrol when they observed a dirt bike operating on a Lake County roadway without any eye protection or helmet. The ORV was stopped and the driver said that he did not know he needed to have a helmet on. Upon investigation, it was also determined that the individual had a suspended operator's license. The individual told the COs that he had just been arrested several days ago on this same dirt bike for driving while suspended. Enforcement action was taken again.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Big Bass Lake when he observed a vessel being operated without a registration displayed. CO Killingbeck stopped the vessel and the operator said that he was not aware of the fact that he needed a registration. CO Killingbeck explained marine regulations to the individual and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was contacted by Lake County Central Dispatch asking for assistance with a disturbance at a State Forest Campground. CO Killingbeck responded and learned that a Deputy had just been to the same site for a disturbance about 45 minutes prior. CO Killingbeck and the Deputy were able to make contact with the suspect who was extremely intoxicated and began arguing with the officers. They advised the belligerent man that he needed to leave the campground or risk being charged with trespass. The angry man began throwing his belongings out of his tent and continued to be very loud and vulgar. CO Killingbeck arrested the subject for being

disorderly and also discovered he was also in possession of Marijuana. The subject was lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Kyle Publiski and Sgt. Carla Soper worked Silver Lake Sand Dunes and assisted with a personal injury accident. The driver of a stick-shift vehicle started the ignition with the vehicle in gear. The vehicle lunged forward and ran over a man who had been sitting in a folding chair in front of the truck as well as a four year old child that was playing in the sand. Both were taken to the hospital for injuries they had sustained.

CO Kyle Publiski and Sgt. Carla Soper were working in the dunes at Silver Lake State Park when they witnessed a man driving by while smoking what was believed to be a marijuana cigarette. The driver did not have his ORV registration displayed on the vehicle and was not wearing a seatbelt. The COs stopped the driver who initially claimed that he wasn't smoking and said he didn't have any marijuana in the vehicle, but indicated that he did possess a medical marijuana card. The COs advised him that they could still smell the marijuana and also apprised him of the other ORV violations that were present. Eventually a marijuana cigarette was discovered lying under his seat and the individual stated that he didn't see why it was a big deal to drive and smoke at the same time. The COs advised him that he clearly violated provisions in the Medical Marijuana Act and that he also was operating under the influence of drugs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse received a call that a large sturgeon was lying on the shore of Bear Lake in Manistee County. With the assistance of Sgt. Carla Soper, the two bagged and loaded the 70 plus pound fish onto their boat. The fish was then taken to Fish Division in Cadillac. It has been determined that a few sturgeon were planted in the lake back in the 1930s in the small inland lake, but there has been no documented natural population recorded. The fish was measured at 78 inches and further testing will be conducted by Fisheries.

CO Steve Converse was working a marine patrol on the Manistee River when he encountered a man and two children in kayaks that didn't have any personal flotation devices onboard. The man had been fishing and was in possession of an undersized bass, and undersized rainbow trout, and an undersized brown trout. CO Converse addressed the marine safety violation and fishing violation. A citation was issued. Several hours later the same man, with his two children, was on an inland lake again without PFDs. CO Converse stopped the individual and made him leave the lake, until they had their flotation devices onboard.

CO Ben Shively and PCO Casey Varriale had just started their shift at the Silver Lake State Park ORV area when they were dispatched to a motorcycle crash. Upon arrival, they contacted the subject who had been ejected from his motorcycle and found that he had been knocked unconscious and was now showing symptoms of a concussion. After loading the subject for transport out of the dunes by EMS and Park staff, they were flagged down on a second accident of a subject whose foot had slid off of his foot peg on his motorcycle and the foot peg had torn the back of his calf. CO Shively and PCO

Varriale arrived on scene and provided first aid to the subject until he could be transported out of the dunes. One citation was issued to the operator who was unaware that he needed to wear a helmet while operating a four wheeler in the ORV Area.

CO Ben Shively was working the Silver Lake State Park ORV area when he was flagged down by a subject who reported a vehicle that was in possession of alcohol. CO Shively made contact with a park officer, also on patrol in the dunes, and both responded to the parked vehicle. As they pulled up, three subjects frantically attempted to hide their open containers of alcohol. As CO Shively looked in the rear of the open hatch on the Tahoe, he observed a glass marijuana pipe in plain view. A search of the coolers that contained the prohibited alcohol also revealed a sandwich bag which contained marijuana. Citations for possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana were issued.

CO Ben Shively was travelling on the expressway when he was passed by a vehicle which was operating at 90 mph in the posted 70 mph zone. CO Shively conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and found the driver's license was suspended and he had two outstanding warrants for his arrest. The warrants were outside of pickup range and the driver was cited for driving while his license was suspended.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol and preparing to launch his patrol boat at the access site when he observed a male subject on a PWC coming toward the launch. As the operator approached, CO Wells observed that he was not wearing a PFD. Contact was made and the subject advised that he had just left his cabin and was bringing the PWC to the launch to remove it from the water. CO Wells explained to the subject the legal requirements of wearing a PFD and the subject admitted that he had forgotten it and should have put it on. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Casey Varriale were on marine patrol when a subject was observed fishing from a dock at his residence. The COs made contact with the subject and immediately noticed four bobbers floating in the water with five fishing poles lying around the subject on the dock. CO Wells asked the subject if anyone else was fishing with him and the subject stated there was not. CO Wells asked the subject how many lines he was currently using and he admitted that he has four lines in the water and that the fifth rod has a lure on it and that he has been casting it for pike while the other four lines are in the water. CO Wells asked this subject if he knows how many lines he is legally allowed and he responded 3 or 4. Also tied to the dock was a minnow trap with no name or address on it. Citation was issued for fishing with more than 3 lines and a warning was issued for the untagged minnow trap.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Casey Varriale were on patrol and observed several subjects leaving the side of the river with fishing gear, several buckets and coolers in possession. Contact was made with one of the anglers who had two small mouth bass, six rainbow trout, and several sunfish. The limit for trout is five with a size limit of ten inches. The subject advised that he thought he had only five trout and that he must have counted incorrectly. Upon measuring the trout, three were determined to be

undersized. CO Wells asked the subject if he had measured the trout and the subject pointed at the top of the cooler stating that it was ten inches across. CO Wells measured the same location and determined the cooler lid to be 9.5 inches in length. The three undersized trout were seized and citation was issued for the undersized fish with warning for the over-limit. All other fish were legally in possession of the subject.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig were on patrol at Silver Lake Sand Dunes policing a fight that was occurring at the main gate when PCO Ludwig stopped a vehicle that had cut the busy vehicle line. The COs made contact and noticed that the Jeep was the same Jeep they were looking for earlier in the day that possibly had alcohol. The COs saw a two liter of Coca Cola in the back seat. When they asked to smell the soda, they noticed that it was spiked with alcohol. They then found more beer in the Jeep. It was discovered that the driver had a suspended license and also had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was lodged at the jail for all three charges.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig were patrolling on Lake Michigan when they noticed a fisherman frantically reeling in his fishing lines. When they checked the subjects, one of the males held up his Florida driver's license trying to fool the COs into believing that it was his fishing license. It was discovered that the reason the subject had been reeling in lines is because they had six lines out for one license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig responded to a complaint of a fight at the main gate of Silver Lake State Park ORV area. They discovered that one subject had yelled at another for moving orange cones and cutting in line. The line cutter then jumped on the other subject's truck and dented the hood and bent his windshield wiper. Charges for malicious destruction of property are being sought through the Prosecutor's Office.

CO Brian Lebel was working at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes and was approached by a concerned citizen. The man explained he had watched two subjects on the beach area with a bag of suspicious white material bending over and attempting to bury something. The man further explained that small silver cans were observed and he was concerned they were burying explosives. CO Lebel made contact with the suspects as the rangers interviewed nearby witnesses. In the end, it was discovered that the suspects were roasting marshmallows over the open flame of sterno cans and had to dig into the sand to avoid the wind.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Ethan Gainforth was checking a local lake near Farwell when he observed an angler looking into a plastic grocery bag at a flopping fish. CO Gainforth watched the angler for a while and then proceeded to quietly walk around to check the angler to see what the suspicious activity was all about. Upon getting close to the angler, CO Gainforth saw the angler waking towards him carrying all of his gear and an empty

grocery bag in the hand with the tackle box. CO Gainforth asked the angler how he did fishing and the angler avoided eye contact said in a gruff voice "nothing". The angler attempted to walk right by the CO without much contact. CO Gainforth asked the angler what he had in the bag and the angler said nothing. The angler denied ever catching the fish until CO Gainforth told the angler he observed him with the fish in the bag. The angler put his head down and said that he had caught the fish and then threw it on the bank when he saw the CO. After measuring the fish it was found to be sub-legal, enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau investigated numerous piles of trash illegally dumped on state forest lands in Gladwin County. The pile of trash was numerous trash bags of household insulation, carpeting, and miscellaneous amounts of other household trash. While sifting through the trash, CO Papineau was able to locate a single envelope with a plastic address window. After holding the envelope at a certain angle in the sun, CO Papineau could clearly read the address of the letter that was formerly contained in the envelope. After interviewing the suspect, CO Papineau was able to obtain a confession. Warrants are being sought.

While on patrol, CO Mark Papineau observed a PWC following dangerously close to the stern of another watercraft. As CO Papineau approached the vessels in an attempt to make a stop, CO Papineau noticed that the PWC was almost touching the stern of the power boat it was following. A stop was performed and the PWC operator informed CO Papineau that he was simply riding the wake and didn't think anything about how dangerous his actions were. Enforcement actions were taken.

While performing an after dark marine OWI Patrol on Gladwin's Secord Lake, COs Mark Papineau and Brian Olsen observed a pontoon operating at a high rate of speed in very poor visibility conditions. The watercraft was stopped and it was apparent that the operator was highly intoxicated. After safely returning the watercraft to shore, several field sobriety tests were performed. After numerous failed attempts, the subject was arrested for Boating Under the Influence and lodged in the Gladwin County Jail with a .17 BAC.

COs Nick Atkin and Steve Lockwood were patrolling on Secord Lake on July 4<sup>th</sup> when they observed a vessel being operated without the required navigation lights. Contact was made with the lone occupant on the vessel. It was obvious the operator of the vessel had been drinking. Sobriety evaluations were performed and a PBT was given. The result of the PBT was .16. The operator was placed into custody for operating a vessel under the influence. Once the operator and the vessel were safely back to shore the operator was transported to the Gladwin County Jail and lodged.

Conservation Officers Brian Olsen and Kyle Bader, along with a DNR fire officer from the West Branch Field Office, were first on scene of an ORV crash. The male operator lost control of his dirt bike on an ORV trail. He was ejected from his dirt bike and died on scene. COs Olsen and Bader conducted the investigation of the crash.

Conservation Officer Kyle Bader patrolled Sage Lake during their annual fireworks show. CO Bader stopped multiple boats for marine violations. During one of the checks, CO Bader suspected the operator of being intoxicated. After sobriety tasks were given, he arrested the man for operating a boat under the influence of alcohol. His blood alcohol content was twice the legal limit.

Conservation Officer Warren Macneill assisted with an investigation on a forest fire in Alcona County. Three young men had been camping on private property and decided to have a small campfire. They attempted to extinguish the fire with water from a cooler, but it was never completely out. While they were away from camp, the fire spread and burn portions of the property and their camping gear. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Jeff Panich checked two anglers fishing on Foote Pond in Iosco County. Neither subject had a current fishing license for 2016. One of the subjects, a male from Ohio, tried to pass off a daily fishing license he had purchased in May. CO Panich recognized the date on the paper license and questioned the man further. He eventually admitted to fishing without a valid license. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Jeff Panich made contact with a vessel operating after dark without navigation lights. A detailed check of the vessel discovered only five personal flotation devices (PFDs) for nine occupants, no fire extinguisher, no working navigation lights, and exceeding capacity for the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Casey Pullum contacted three subjects operating ORVs in Oscoda County. One of the subjects with an outstanding warrant was arrested and transported to the Oscoda County Jail. Recognizing some odd behavior displayed by his arrestee, CO Pullum returned to the scene of his initial ORV stop. While backtracking where the men had come from, CO Pullum discovered illegal drugs (prescription pills and marijuana) hidden in the woods. After the male subject was released from jail, CO Pullum conducted some surveillance in the area. The man was caught searching for the drugs he had hidden. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Jon Warner and U.S. Forest Service LEO Justin Repine were dispatched to a fight in progress on the Au Sable River in Oscoda Township. CO Warner and LEO Repine had to navigate through numerous tubers, kayakers, and boaters to reach the men who were still fighting on shore. The subjects were separated and the instigating party was arrested and transported to the Iosco County Jail.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Jeffery Dell assisted MSP in a search for an ORV rider who fled on foot after crashing a three-wheeler into a ditch. The Conservation Officers helped assist by setting up a perimeter. The subject was not located and the three-wheeler was impounded.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Jeffrey Dell conducted a marine patrol on Manistee Lake. While on the lake, an operator of a pontoon began waving at the Conservation Officers

attempting to have them move. The Conservation Officers were not located in the path of the pontoon. It was also observed that the pontoon had an expired registration. When the pontoon was stopped numerous beer cans were observed on the floor and the operator was investigated for marine OUIL. The subject was lodged at the Kankaska County jail after determining his blood alcohol level was a .23.

CO John Huspen and PCO Jeffrey Dell assisted with a joint agency patrol in South Higgins Lake State Park and marine patrol on Higgins Lake. The Officers assisted with foot patrols in the park checking for underage drinking and boating under the influence. Contacts resulted in numerous marine violations as well as fishing violations being located. One subject was taken into custody for boating under the influence of alcohol.

CO John Huspen and PCO Jeffrey Dell were called to a complaint of someone burning a pool table. When the Officer arrived on scene they could see what looked to be the top of a pool table that had been burnt. The officers contact the owner of the house who stated that he took the pool table off the fire so everything was good. Upon further investigation the Officers determined the fire that was still burning contained old cabinets and other building material. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers Ben McAteer and Chuck McPherson responded to an accident involving two personal watercrafts on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County. Upon arrival, five individuals were contacted, three of which had serious injuries. One individual was airlifted to Traverse City for medical treatment. The Conservation Officers interviewed both operators of the machines and collected evidence from the scene. Investigation is ongoing.

While patrolling a remote lake in Kankaska County, Conservation Officer Mike Hearn and PCO Jeffrey Dell contacted a group of anglers having significant success with catching pan fish. After checking the harvest of large pan fish PCO Dell asked to see the anglers fishing licenses. Only one of the anglers was able to produce a valid license. Citations were issued to the anglers who did not have fishing licenses.

While patrolling the Torch River at the conclusion of the fireworks, Conservation Officers Matt Liestenfletz, Mike Hearn, Nick Atkin and Sergeant Jeremy Payne observed a boat operator "throttle" his motor in a no wake area. It was also observed that the boat did not have a working stern light. A stop was made and it was discovered one of the passengers was a minor and intoxicated. The driver of the boat was also determined to be intoxicated. The minor was cited for MIP and the driver was arrested and lodged at the Kankaska County Jail.

Conservation Officer Craig Neal and Sergeant Jeremy Payne were patrolling Higgins Lake South State Park when they observed two subjects carrying a cooler as they were struggling to walk, both of appeared to be under the age of 21. CO Neal and Sgt. Payne stopped and talked to the two subjects. It was determined that both of the subjects were intoxicated. Both subjects admitted to being under the age of 21, admitted to drinking

alcohol, and submitted to a PBT. The two subjects were cited for minor in possession and turned over to a legal guardian.

## **DISTRICT 6**

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood patrolled Wixom Lake after dark. They encountered a PWC operating at 12:30 a.m. In addition to not having navigation lights and operating after legal operating hours, the COs discovered that the PWC was also pulling a water skier. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers from Midland County, Gladwin County, Isabella County and Bay County worked a joint patrol with the Midland County Sheriff's Department and the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department on Wixom Lake in Midland and Gladwin County. There was a three day event being held on a section of the lake called Pontoon Alley where a DJ was set up on the water playing music from noon until dusk. This was promoted to be a large event with hundreds of boats attending. Due to the large showing of law enforcement, there were minimal issues that had to be dealt with. Residents, who were very concerned about this event, stated to law enforcement that it was actually one of the quietest 4th of July weekends they could remember.

COs Jill Berry and Ken Lowell helped out with the Gratiot County Youth Academy for kids ages 11-15 years old. The kids were able to see what a police academy setting was like and participated in a variety of activities during the week. Some of the activities included weapon safety, emergency vehicle operations, K-9 unit, medical, fire operations, evidence tech, room clearing, a court session, traffic stops, and roles of a Michigan Conservation Officer. At the end of the week there was a graduation ceremony for the youth cadets.

CO Jill Berry attended the Youth Conservation Council in Tustin, Michigan to talk with a group of young men and women about being a conservation officer. Throughout the day, CO Berry served as a mentor and answered many questions about the job.

CO Quincy Gowenlock took part in the Walleyes for Warriors Fishing Tournament on Saginaw Bay. The CO led approximately 100 plus fishing boats which had a total of over 250 veterans down the Saginaw River and out into Saginaw Bay. When the tournament was over the CO led the parade of boats back to Veteran's Memorial Park in downtown Bay City where the veterans were welcomed by several hundred supporters.

COs Quincy Gowenlock, Jill Berry and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly conducted a marine patrol along the Saginaw River in Bay City during the annual 4th of July fireworks display. Numerous boaters were contacted during the patrol and numerous warnings were given for violating the recently approved new slow no wake zone established from Friendship Pier to Veteran's Bridge. The COs also assisted with shutting down the river during the fireworks show.

COs Ken Lowell, Will Brickel, Jill Berry and Seth Rhodea worked a group patrol on the Saginaw River in Bay City for Operation Dry Water. Numerous boats were contacted with five vessels boarded for possible boating while intoxicated violations. The investigations revealed that the drivers of the vessels were in fact not intoxicated. Several tickets were issued for registration and navigation lights.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Bob Hobkirk were patrolling the Eagle Bay Public Access when PCO Myers made contact with nine kayakers. The kayakers were returning from a trip to Turnip Rock without personal floatation devices when contact was made. PCO educated the kayakers on the use of PFDs and the safety issues that could arise when operating without them. Warnings were issued to all nine kayakers.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Bob Hobkirk were conducting a late night patrol of the Rush Lake State Game Area when they contacted four male subjects operating ORVs in a closed area. The four subjects were found to be operating without a valid ORV license, in a closed area and without the proper safety equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Bob Hobkirk were conducting a patrol of M-25. A traffic stop was made of an ORV operating on M-25. PCO Myers questioned the operator. The ORV was found to be operating on a road closed to ORV traffic without proper safety equipment and without registration. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers, CO Bob Hobkirk, CO Kyle Bucholtz and Sgt. Scott Brown responded to the Pte Aux Barques area east of Port Austin after a report of a capsized kayak. The information provided was that it was a family of four that had attempted to make it out to Turnip Rock. Three of the passengers were picked up by a private vessel and another kayaker while they attempted to swim towards shore. The fourth kayaker went under and did not resurface. After a four and a half hour search of the area, the body of the fourth missing kayaker was recovered. Of the four on the kayak, only two had life jackets.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to an illegal burn complaint. While on scene, CO Bucholtz learned the subject had burned building material and other unsafe items. The suspect admitted responsibility but stated he did not know some of the items were in the fire before he burned the pile. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Joshua Wright worked the Saginaw River during Operation Dry Water. Multiple contacts were made with one citation being issued for an expired registration on a vessel.

CO Joshua Wright worked a fireworks detail on the Saginaw River for the Bay City Fireworks Festival on two different occasions. Many contacts were made with attendees to the festival and no incidents were reported.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted a group of anglers at a private gravel pit. The owner of the gravel pit had requested assistance with trespassing problems he had been having. None of the anglers were found to have permission and were all cited for trespassing.

COs Seth Rhodea and Mark Siemen worked marine patrol over the 4th of July holiday. Most boaters were found to be in compliance but several subjects were cited for PFD violations and for operating PWCs without having taken boaters safety.

COs Seth Rhodea and Mark Siemen contacted a subject trolling by himself with over the limit of lines. He was cited for fishing with too many lines.

CO Mark Siemen, while working ORV patrol, stopped a golf cart with four occupants in Worth Township of Sanilac County. During the stop, investigation led to all subjects being issued citations for open intoxicants and multiple other violations. The occupants

of the golf cart argued that what they were doing was legal because Worth Township has an ordinance allowing golf carts to be operated on the roads. CO Siemen explained the laws of operating a motor vehicle on the roadway with open containers of alcohol. CO Mark Siemen, while patrolling in Sanilac County, stopped a semi-truck pulling double trailers. The semi ran a stop sign, causing CO Siemen to enter a ditch to avoid a collision. No injuries occurred and no damage was done to either vehicle. The driver of the semi was issued a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Andy Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss worked the fireworks event in the city of St. Joseph on the fourth of July. During the patrol, a kayak operating on Lake Michigan in rough waters without a PFD was contacted, along with an unregistered personal watercraft. Citations were issued for both violations.

CO Steve Mooney and CO Matt Page worked the fireworks event in South Haven, assisting VanBuren County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The event on the water went off without a hitch. However, on shore there were riot conditions in which several law enforcement agencies were called in to control the ordeal.

CO Andy Bauer made contact with a fisherman on the pier in St. Joseph who was fishing without a license. When contacted, the subject stated that he was a Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and that he didn't need a fishing license. CO Bauer explained that there are not treaty rights for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and the subject was cited for fishing without a license.

CO Matt Page was on marine patrol and stopped a PWC that was towing a tuber without an observer on the PWC. The operator was issued a citation.

CO Matt Page made contact with a boat occupied by three subjects that were fishing. During the contact, it was discovered that two of the subjects did not have fishing licenses, the boat was unregistered, the title to the boat had not been changed upon purchase and they were short a life preserver. CO Page issued two citations for the fishing violations and a citation for life preserver violation; warnings were issued for the other violations.

CO Jeff Robinette was on marine patrol and observed a PWC that was being operated at high speed too close to a swim raft. CO Robinette made contact with the operator and discovered that the operator was fifteen years old and had never taken a boater safety course. Contact was made with the mother and she was subsequently issued a citation for allowing her daughter to operate without the safety certificate. A warning was issued for the other violation.

CO Saykham Keophalychanh and CO Matt Page were on marine patrol on Paw Paw Lake in Berrien County and were waiting to launch their boat. A boater pulled in front of everyone, launched his boat, and then took off at high speed about ten feet from the

pier. The operator was chased down and contact was made. The subject stated that he was tired of waiting and had gotten frustrated. CO Keophalychanh issued the subject a citation for violation of the one hundred foot rule, which requires slow speed within one hundred feet of a dock.

CO Tyler Cole was patrolling Magician Lake when he made contact with one fisherman. The subject was found to be fishing without a license and he also had three outstanding warrants. He was issued a citation for the fish violation and taken to Cass County Jail for his warrants.

CO Richard Cardenas was checking an anchored pontoon boat on Thornapple Lake in Barry County when a person operated a boat at high speed very close by. CO Cardenas checked the distance and made contact with the operator. In addition to violating the one hundred foot rule, CO Cardenas discovered that the operator also had an inadequate number of floatation devices. Citations were issued for the violations.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Long Lake in Barry County on the fourth of July when he noticed a person operating a speed boat that was pulling tubers. The operator carelessly passed in between his patrol boat and several other boats, within one hundred feet of the shoreline. CO Cardenas stopped the boat and discovered that the operator had failed to provide adequate floatation devices for his passengers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Mshar was patrolling the upper Kalamazoo River downstream from Allegan Dam. CO Mshar contacted a group of anglers on the shoreline fishing for catfish. Upon contact, CO Mshar inquired if the anglers were having any luck. All reported they had just started and did not have any fish. A closer check of the area resulted in a cooler being located in the woods which contained an over limit of channel catfish. Two of the subjects were acting very nervous during the contact and kept trying to walk away from the area. A LEIN check of the two subjects showed that they both had criminal bench warrants out of fourth District court in Cass County for failure to appear and probation violations. Once the warrants were confirmed the subjects were arrested and transported to the Allegan County Jail. The subject with the over limit of catfish was issued a citation and the over limit was seized.

CO Mike Mshar was conducting a marine patrol on the lower Kalamazoo River near Saugatuck and contacted numerous vessels who were without sufficient PFDs. CO Mshar issued citations for the infractions. During one of the contacts, the vessel operator stated he had went online to see the rules and could not find anywhere where it said he needed a PFD. CO Mshar offered the subject a marine safety guide and educated him further on the matter.

CO Paul Higashi stopped a jet ski operating in the wrong direction on Sugarloaf Lake in Kalamazoo County. Upon contact, it was noticed that the subject's Illinois registration was expired. The CO followed the subject back to his dock and issued him a citation for the expired registration. A warning was given for operating in the wrong direction. While

at the dock, CO Higashi answered several questions from the home owner that is a Michigan resident. Upon answering all of her questions she thanked CO Higashi for doing his job and it was a pleasant contact.

CO Justin Ulberg assisted at a kid's fishing event sponsored by Cabela's. Over two hundred kids attended the event. For many kids, it was the first time being exposed to fishing. The kids were instructed on how to bait a hook, how to cast, and were able to catch fish in a nearby pond.

While assisting at a kid's fishing event, CO Justin Ulberg was informed that there was an injured mallard duck in the nearby pond. CO Ulberg was able to locate the duck and discovered the duck had a fishing hook caught in its mouth and fishing line wrapped around its leg. CO Ulberg was able to capture the duck and removed the fishing tackle. The duck was released back into the pond.

CO BJ Goulette and PCO Eric Smither were checking fishermen on Petty's Bayou Bridge. Upon counting two full buckets of pan fish, it was discovered that the fishermen were over their limit and also possessed an undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement action taken.

While checking Petty's Bayou Bridge, PCO Eric Smither checked an angler under the bridge and found him to also have an undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishermen at Allegan Dam, PCO Eric Smither and CO BJ Goulette came in contact with an individual fishing without a license. The individual stated that he didn't know he needed a license. However, upon further investigation the COs found out that he had bought fishing licenses for over 10 years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Simpson and PCO Joseph Deppen checked a boat with four individuals that were fishing with six lines. However, only one person had a fishing license. The captain of the boat, who had the only fishing license, was given a choice of a ticket for fishing with too many lines or ticket someone else on the boat for fishing without a license. The captain chose to have the COs write his wife a ticket for fishing without a license, which they did.

CO David Rodgers received a complaint of subjects harvesting mussels in the Grand River. CO Rodgers checked the area with no results and then returned at a later date to find that subjects were indeed harvesting mussels. The subjects were also fishing without licenses and littering. Enforcement action taken.

While on a marine safety patrol, CO Greg Patten stopped a boat for no visible registration. Upon contact, it was found that the operator had not registered the boat and didn't have any life jackets on board. Enforcement action taken.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Dan Prince attended the Livingston County Scout's Day Camp on June 22nd, 2016. The event was held at the Fowlerville Fairgrounds. The event was open to all Livingston County Cub Scouts. CO Prince talked to 122 scouts and parents about the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer and the importance of Michigan's natural resources. CO Prince also showed the scouts different animal pelts.

COs Pete Purdy and Robert Slick were dispatched to a subject with a severe arm injury at the Whitmore Lake boating access site. The subject was unable to move his arm and it was beginning to swell. The subject advised he attempted to throw an anchor from his boat over-hand when his arm "popped." First aid was provided until Fire and EMS arrived.

CO Pete Purdy made contact with a husband and wife fishing in a boat. When CO Purdy requested to see life jackets the husband advised he realized he left them at home but decided to "risk it and go out." He was issued a citation for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Pete Purdy while on vessel patrol observed a kayak flip over and the occupant was unable to roll it back over. His friend that was in another kayak was attempting to help but was coming close to flipping over his own kayak. CO Purdy made contact with the kayaker in the water and helped him into his patrol vessel. The subject advised he was exhausted and having a hard time staying afloat and the kayak was beginning to sink. CO Purdy asked if either subject had a PFD both advised they didn't. CO Purdy assisted them to shore. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Drexler and Andrew Monnich worked the Devils Lake Fireworks in Lenawee County. During the patrol the COs issued citations for failing to provide PFDs, a child less than six years-old not wearing a PFD, an expired registration, and no anchor light. Late in the evening the COs stopped a vessel for operating without navigation lights. The operator was visibly intoxicated. After sobriety tests were administered he was arrested for operating a motor vessel while intoxicated.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Andrew Monnich conducted a marine patrol on Silver Lake in support of Operation Dry Water. After checking several vessels on the lake, COs Hartleben and Monnich identified a man and woman fishing from one of the docks. After the man noticed the COs, he quickly grabbed up his gear and ran back to his house. The woman was still on the dock when the COs arrived and after a brief interview she confirmed that the man had been fishing. CO Monnich contacted the man at his residence and he confirmed that he had in fact been fishing and that he did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Andrew Monnich were on marine patrol on Ford Lake when they contacted two PWCs approaching the beach area at Ford Lake Park to switch out riders. Neither of the PWCs were registered, and no one in the party of six taking turns riding the PWCs had boater safety certificates. The owner of the PWCs was ticketed for operating an unregistered watercraft and the group was given a warning for no safety certificates. The PWCs were escorted to the nearby launch and removed from the lake.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Andrew Monnich were on marine patrol when they spotted an angler casting from shore. As the COs approached, the angler put his fishing rod down and began to walk toward a house. The COs made contact and asked the angler

for a fishing license. The angler stated that he did not need one because he was on his own shoreline and not in a boat. He went on to state that he has been fishing for years from his shore and has never bought a license. The COs explained the laws pertaining to fishing in public waters and enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Mike Drexler were on Devils Lake checking an angler when they noticed a vessel pass by with a small child not wearing a PFD. The COs made contact with the vessel and found out the child was under 6 years old. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was on marine patrol on a small Lenawee County lake when he noticed two jet skis operating at a high rate of speed in between a group of kayakers. CO Monnich stopped the two jet skis and asked why they were operating at such a high rate of speed in such close proximity to the group of kayakers. The operators didn't think it was that big of an issue. Enforcement action was taken for careless operation. CO Andrew Monnich was assisting Cambridge Township Police Department on a land dispute on a local lake when he noticed two young individuals operating a motorized vessel without a valid registration and within close proximity to swimmers. CO Monnich contacted the owner of the vessel. Upon asking why the vessel wasn't registered he stated that he didn't need to have it registered because he was on a private lake. CO Monnich also asked how old the individuals were that were operating the vessel to the sand bar. The owner went on to say the vessel hadn't moved all weekend. After telling the owner of the vessel what he had witnessed earlier from shore, CO Monnich obtained a confession that the owner's young children did operate the vessel out to the sand bar. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich received a call from Lenawee Central Dispatch about a vessel that was almost struck by a PWC. Upon making contact with the complainants, CO Monnich noticed the PWC still operating out on the lake. CO Monnich launched his patrol vessel and made contact with the operator. While talking to the operator about the careless operation he noticed that the PWC had no registration. CO Monnich asked the operator where the registration was and the operator stated he didn't need one since he was practicing and trying to get better at racing so he could qualify for a race. CO Monnich asked what event he was qualifying for and the operator didn't have one in particular in mind. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was on his way to fuel his patrol vessel when he passed by two ORVs heading towards a disabled dirt bike on the side of a busy road. CO Monnich turned around and made contact with the operators who were not wearing helmets, driving unregistered ORVs, and operating on a roadway. After obtaining the riders' information CO Monnich found out one of the operators had a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds while on a local Hillsdale County lake, was checking some anglers fishing. The check was going good until the officer asked for PFDs. All of the anglers stopped and looked at each other, apparently confused as to where the PFDs were. The CO explained the importance of knowing where the PFDs were and having them readily accessible. As it was, the group was short of PFDs for all of the individuals on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on marine patrol, noticed a group of canoes and kayaks on one end of the lake. As the officer patrolled towards the group, the group immediately started to hurry to try to get out of the water. The officer asked what the hurry was to get out of the water. Several of the individuals stated they had forgotten their PFDs and were trying to get in before the officer made contact. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on marine patrol, had a boat paddle right next to the officer's patrol boat. As they passed, he noticed no PFDs on the boat. The CO made contact with the individuals and asked if they had PFDs on board. Both of the occupants looked at each other and said to the CO, "we didn't think we needed PFDs." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds was called to assist with finding a person who had fallen off of a boat and possibly drowned. The CO responded to the lake and assisted the Hillsdale County Sheriff with pinpointing the location where the person fell off the boat, clearing some of the boats out of the area and setting up a perimeter so that the dive team could safely dive to locate the person. It took several hours for the dive team to find the person who had drowned.

CO Chris Reynolds was checking anglers and their catch on a Hillsdale County lake when he noticed no PFDs in the boat. The operator stated he had forgotten them in his truck just a short distance away. The CO stated he would escort the boat to the truck to pick up the PFDs when the operator stated he did not have any and was trying to get out of the ticket. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers from a boat CO Jason McCullough noticed one subject pack up his fishing gear very quickly and take off down a narrow channel towards the boat launch. CO McCullough was able to catch up with the angler at the dock who was trying to load an unregistered boat onto a trailer. CO McCullough asked why the angler was leaving during prime fishing time. The angler admitted he had observed the CO coming across the lake and thought he could make it back to the launch before the CO caught him. Enforcement action was taken on the unregistered watercraft.

CO Jason McCullough stopped a boat around midnight for operating without proper navigation lights. A marine safety check revealed the vessel was also short several pieces of safety equipment. A further check of the passengers revealed one subject was wanted on an outstanding warrant. The operator of the boat was cited for the missing safety equipment and the subject with the warrant was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

CO Jason McCullough observed four anglers fishing on a lake for approximately 10 minutes. CO McCullough noticed when he went to launch his boat one of the anglers set his fishing pole down and stopped fishing. Upon contact CO McCullough recognized the angler as the same fishermen he had wrote a fishing without a license ticket to during the winter. A license check revealed the angler still had not purchased a fishing license. Another citation was issued to the angler for fishing without a license.

COs Jason McCullough and Jeff Goss were checking anglers over the busy holiday weekend. The two COs observed a couple of boats with three adults and three kids fishing right next to each other. The COs watched as one subject smoked something and passed it over to the next boat. The COs contacted the group and discovered none of the adults had fishing licenses, both vessels lacked the appropriate number of life jackets, the parents had been smoking marijuana, and one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant. Citations were issued to the parents and the subject with the warrant was lodged in the local jail.

COs Joshua Jackson and Isaac Tyson were preparing their patrol vessel at a local access site when Officer Jackson observed a loud truck drive by with occupants yelling and singing. Officer Jackson noticed the passenger was drinking from a brown glass bottle. The two COs quickly situated the vessel on the trailer and followed the truck. The truck stopped at a nearby convenience store and both COs observed the passenger get out, drop a brown bottle in the back of the truck, and proceed into the store. Upon contact, the passenger admitted to drinking a beer on the roadway. Further investigation proved that the passenger was not legal age to be drinking alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Isaac Tyson was on marine patrol when he noticed a pontoon with no registration decal visible. After contacting the operator it was discovered that the boat was short two PFDs, the boat had an expired registration, and the current owner had not yet registered it in his name. One of the boat's occupants also had a warrant for their arrest. One subject was lodged in the county jail and enforcement action was taken for the other violations.

CO Isaac Tyson gave a presentation at the Litchfield District Library's summer reading program. Twenty five elementary age students were in attendance. Many topics were covered including wildlife, marine safety and hunter education.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink noted 4 undersize largemouth bass in a bucket while checking anglers on Belle Isle. The four bass measured, 12, 11, 10, and 5 inches in length, all well under the 14" size limit. The angler was cited for the violation.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink were patrolling the Lake Columbia fireworks when they observed a vessel turn off its navigation lights and continue to drive across the lake. The COs made a stop of the vessel and quickly noted the odor of intoxicants, along with the operator's slurred speech and glassy eyes. Sobriety tests were conducted and it was determined the operator was under the influence of liquor. The man was arrested and refused to submit to a chemical breath test. As a result, a warrant was obtained for a blood withdrawal. The man was lodged in the Jackson County Jail for operating a vessel under the influence.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink were patrolling the Michigan Center Lake fireworks when they noted a vessel travelling at a high rate of speed well within the one hundred foot safety area near several anchored vessels. A stop was made and it was readily apparent the operator had been drinking. He admitted that he had drank ten beers within a very short timeframe. Sobriety tests and a PBT were performed, confirming the subject was intoxicated. He was transported and lodged at the Jackson County Jail.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink checked two anglers fishing from a bridge in Jackson County. Both subjects were found to be fishing without licenses and in possession of two undersize largemouth bass, one being ten inches and the other twelve inches. Further checks revealed one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Tickets were issued for the fishing violations and the subject with the warrant was lodged in the Jackson County jail.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink stopped to check an angler fishing from a vessel on a Jackson County lake. The subject had a fishing license but there was an odor of marijuana coming from the vessel. One of the subjects admitted to having the marijuana. A further check revealed that he had an outstanding warrant out of Ingham County. Bond was posted on the warrant and enforcement action was taken on the other violations.

While patrolling Lake Ovid in Clinton County CO Larn Strawn observed a person riding on the bow of a vessel while underway, with the person dangling his feet into the water. CO Strawn stopped the vessel and discovered the operator only had one throwable life preserver on board and no wearable lifejackets for either himself or his two passengers. Additionally, all three were fishing and the bow rider did not have a fishing license. CO Strawn issued a citation to the captain for not providing a lifejacket when required and a verbal warning for bow riding and no fishing license.

CO Matt Neterer attended the Outdoor and More Expo at the Ingham County fairgrounds. CO Neterer set up the hunter education laser shot trailer and educated approximately 15 children on firearm safety and ethical hunting practices.

While on marine patrol, CO Matt Neterer observed an older pickup truck with a dealer plate pulling out a pair of PWCs out of the water. CO Neterer then noticed that the PWC trailer did not have a registration plate. CO Neterer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered that the driver was driving on a suspended license and had two outstanding arrest warrants. The subject was arrested and lodged at the Ingham County jail.

COs Matt Neterer and Todd Thorn partnered up for a marine safety patrol on the Grand River for the Lansing 4th of July fireworks. As boaters began to leave the area after the fireworks, a motorboat cut too close to a canoe causing it to capsize. The canoe had three people on board, one of which was not wearing a life jacket. The subject that was not wearing a lifejacket began to panic and struggle in the water. COs Neterer and Thorn quickly responded and assisted the two adults and one child onto the patrol vessel, and they were transported safely back to shore.

COs Chris Maher and Jason King worked marine patrol on Michigan Center Chain of Lakes during the annual Carp Carnival. The event draws many followers who recreate on both land and water. Even with the large influx of users on the lakes, no major

violations were witnessed. COs Maher and King did issue several citations for safety violations.

CO Jason King assisted Michigan State Police and Shiawassee County Sheriff's Department Deputies with the closing down of I-69 east bound traffic near exit 98 due to a two car accident resulting with personal injury and heavy debris on the roadway.

CO Jason King was observing boaters in the water at Lake Lansing in Ingham County when he saw a female subject struggling to swim and shouting for help approximately 50 yards from shore. CO King ran to the boat launch where he jumped into a subject's boat and went to the panicking subject. CO King and a bystander in a kayak gained control of the subject and pulled her into the vessel. CO King placed a life vest on the victim and had her brought back to shore where she was determined to be okay.

After working a shift on Belle Isle, CO Isaac Tyson decided to check a local dam before going home. CO Tyson arrived at the dam around 1:00 a.m. and noticed a small fishing boat down river a few hundred yards. CO Tyson was able to get within 15 yards of the boat and observed them for over half an hour. During this time both suspects appeared to be smoking marijuana. Contact was made and the suspects admitted to possessing marijuana. The suspects also did not have PFDs in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben and Sgt Dan Bigger stopped a vessel in the Baseline-Portage channel and ultimately arrested one occupant for outstanding warrants and the other for boating under the influence. While at the University of Michigan hospital securing a blood sample for the intoxicated boater the COs were requested to assist in chasing and capturing a fleeing, violent, naked patient who was running through the hospital. The COs ultimately located and restrained the patient while hospital staff administered a sedative. The COs helped load the man into a restraint bed, where he was secured.

## **DISTRICT 9**

COs Kris Kiel and Ray Gardner worked a marine patrol during the Jobbie Nooner on Lake St. Clair. Many contacts were made and a few minor violations were observed. The COs made contact with a vessel operator that failed to renew his registration and had a bow rider. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak was dispatched to a shots fired complaint by the Lapeer County Central Dispatch. When CO Zultak arrived on scene, the subject had already left. CO Zultak interviewed the witnesses who stated that a subject had fired a long gun across a field while sitting in his car. Using the witness's vehicle description, CO Zultak was able to locate the subject, who confessed to shooting a woodchuck in the field. A report will be submitted to the Prosecutor's Office.

CO Matthew Zultak conducted multiple marine safety patrols on the waters within Lapeer County. Citations were issued for failure to provide PFDs, operating an

unregistered watercraft, and towing without an observer. Multiple marine violations were encountered and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak was dispatched to a sick fox complaint by Lapeer County Dispatch. The red fox had evaded capture from other law enforcement officers earlier in the day. When CO Zultak arrived on scene, the complainant stated the fox had disappeared into the woods prior to his arrival. The CO searched for the red fox, but had no luck locating it. CO Zultak will continue to patrol the area in attempt to locate the animal.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol in the northern end of Macomb County when he observed a side-by-side ORV recklessly slide around a corner coming straight at him. The ORV was being driven in the center of the road when CO Silorey activated his emergency lights and stopped it. The subject was informed that he was operating an ORV on a county road that is closed to ORV use. Additionally, the suspect had failed to purchase an ORV license for his machine. Enforcement action was taken. After clearing the above ORV traffic stop, CO Brad Silorey spotted two more ORVs traveling at a high rate of speed in his direction. A stop was made on the ORV riders a short distance down the road. The subjects were informed that in addition to operating ORVs on a closed county road, they were riding double on machines intended for one rider, had no ORV licenses, and were not wearing helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was checking anglers at a popular fishing spot in Macomb County when he made contact with an angler with a language barrier. CO Silorey was able to check the angler's fishing license and bucket to see what he had caught that day. The angler was in possession of a largemouth bass and a fresh water drum. It was evident that the bass was undersized and measured in at 12  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches. The angler stated that he did not catch it and it was given to him by someone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted several people fishing from a dock. CO Griffin walked to conduct a routine fishing check and found one subject with a bucket of fish. When CO Griffin asked for the anglers fishing license he stated that it must be at the house. As CO Griffin checked the subject's fishing license history he counted the fish in the bucket. CO Griffin found an undersized bass in the bottom of the subject's bucket and discovered that the subject has not purchased a fishing license since 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin and Justin Muehlhauser were on marine patrol in Oakland County when they spotted one subject operating an unregistered personal watercraft (PWC). After the COs stopped the subject, CO Griffin asked for the subject's identification. While running the subject's information the COs explained the issues regarding the registration of the PWC. Upon running the subject's information CO Griffin discovered that the subject did not take the required boaters safety course and that he had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at Kent Lake, CO Jason Becker observed two subjects shore fishing. CO Becker made contact with the subjects and noticed a bucket with fish near them. A license check revealed that one of the subjects was fishing without a license. The second subject stated that he caught the fish in the bucket. CO Becker measured a 14 inch bass and a 21 inch pike. CO Becker asked the subject if he knew that the minimum size limit for pike was 24 inches. The subject stated he did not know any legal size limits. CO Becker explained to the subjects that the angler fishing without a license qualified for a \$6 senior license. Enforcement was action taken.

While on patrol on Union Lake, CO Jason Becker stopped a PWC for operating at high speed within 100 feet of the dock. When CO Becker contacted the subject, he noticed that the registration on the PWC expired in 2011. The subject was explaining his troubles with registering it with the Secretary of State. CO Becker thought the story sounded familiar and asked the subject if he had contacted him last year about the same issue. The subject stated he did have the same conversation with CO Becker last year. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol on Pontiac Lake, COs Jason Becker and Chris Knights contacted two subjects on a pontoon boat with an expired registration. The man stated that he thought the registration was valid through 2016. CO Knights explained that the decal is printed with the expiration date of March 31, 2016. Upon further investigation, the COs discovered that the man purchased the boat two years ago and failed to register it within the 15 days allowed by law. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, CO Jason Becker was approached by a subject on a mountain bike. He stated that there was a very foul odor on the bike trail and described it to CO Becker. Because there was a missing person in the area, CO Becker contacted White Lake Police and the park staff to advise them of the situation. CO Becker was met by a White Lake Police Officer on the trail. After a short search, CO Becker located the body of a woman that had been missing for three weeks. The White Lake Police took over the death investigation. The woman had apparently committed suicide. CO Chris Knights arrived on scene to assist with directing investigators to the location and securing the area for the investigation.

While patrolling Wolverine Lake for the fireworks show, CO Jason Becker contacted a boat without any lights on. Upon investigation, CO Becker learned that all ten occupants of the boat were under 21 and there was a lot of alcohol on board. CO Becker performed several sobriety tests on the operator and determined she was able to drive. CO Becker followed the boat back to the dock where he met the young subject's parents. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Jason Becker observed an ATV drive past him on the public road and wave to him. When CO Becker contacted the subjects, they were operating on a public road that is closed, riding double on a 4 wheel ATV, had no ORV sticker, and neither subject was wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jacob Griffin and Justin Muehlhauser worked a marine patrol during “operation dry water” on Cass Lake in Oakland County. Shortly after sunset, the COs observed a vessel violating a local watercraft control regulating the speed on the lake after 9:00 p.m. Upon stopping the vessel to warn of the local watercraft control that was in effect the COs noticed obvious signs of intoxication aboard the vessel. The operator stated that he only had a few drinks over the course of a few hours and that he was the designated driver for the group. CO Muehlhauser asked the operator to perform some field sobriety tests to determine if he was able to continue operating the vessel. The man agreed to the tests. Due to the performance on the tests the man was placed under arrest for operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol. The operator was lodged in the Oakland County Jail.

CO Mark Ennett investigated a report all poaching complaint of a pair of individuals who were seen shooting a small flock of ducklings on a private pond in Raisinville Township. According to witness statements, the birds were killed with a shotgun, and had become sort of “neighborhood pets”. Further questioning of one witness yielded information that the ducks were domestic. Additionally, the landowner had given the shooters permission to kill/remove them. The investigation is still ongoing, but at the moment it appears that there are no state violations present.

CO Raymond Gardner and Acting Sgt. Kris Kiel patrolled Jobbie Nooner in Lake St. Clair. The COs found 1 expired vessel registration, 2 improper displays of vessel registration, 1 PFD violation and 1 incident of bow riding. Enforcement was action taken.

COs David Schaumburger and Acting Sgt. Kris Kiel responded to and maintained surveillance on an active report all poaching complaint of subjects illegally setting gill nets in U.S. waters along the east side of the shipping channel near buoy 30, Lake St. Clair, Macomb County. The COs made contact with the two subjects in a 16 foot aluminum boat that were identified as members of the Walpole Island First Nation. The COs recovered approximately 1700 feet of gill net 53 pounds of walleye, 7 pounds of yellow perch, 15 pounds of white perch, 7 pounds of white bass, and 10 pounds of redhorse suckers. The subjects were in possession of a hand held GPS which did show the international border (Canada vs. U.S.). Lake St. Clair Fisheries Division assisted the COs with removal of all fish from the gill nets, weight of the fish, and proper wrap up of the nets.

## **BELLE ISLE**

CO Robert Slick was patrolling Belle Isle when he noticed a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed. CO Slick performed a traffic stop and found the driver of the vehicle to have a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was working a Belle Isle B2 Shift when he was approached by a woman that had lost contact with her 45 year old autistic brother about 40 minutes earlier when he left for the comfort station by the giant slide. After notifying Station 20, MSP Troopers, conservation officers, DNR-parks personnel, and DFD personnel began

searching the island. After roughly an hour of unsuccessful searching, a K-9 was requested to help locate the missing man. CO Hartleben was meeting with the family prior to K-9s arrival and approached the grey Dodge Durango that the woman had drove her brother to the island in to find an article of clothing for scent tracking. As CO Hartleben approached the vehicle he noticed what appeared to be a man matching the description sitting in the passenger-side front seat. After confirming that the man in the Durango was indeed the missing brother, further search personnel were canceled and the effort was complete.

CO Al Schwiderson worked a B2 shift on Belle Isle. The CO conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak was working a Belle Isle shift and observed a group of subjects fishing. Upon contact, it was found that the subjects were using marijuana. One subject had multiple warrants for her arrest and had not purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger assisted MSP motor patrol with a traffic stop on Belle Isle. The occupants of the vehicle were in possession of marijuana and open intoxicants (alcohol). A PBT was administered to both occupants to ensure they were safe to drive off the island. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly worked an afternoon shift on Belle Isle on Sunday during the 4th of July weekend. The island was completely packed. Hundreds of contacts were made. By far, most of the contacts were with people picnicking and just enjoying the park. Sgt. Kimmerly ended up arresting two subjects on traffic warrants and issued tickets for speeding, disregarding stop signs, careless driving and driving while license suspended.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Bob Hobkirk were conducting a foot patrol on Belle Isle in Detroit when they made contact with a large group of individuals. The group was located on a well-known secluded area of the island state park. PCO Myers and CO Hobkirk observed two males navigate their vessel to the secluded beach area. PCO Myers made contact with two male subjects now wading in the water. When contact was made one of the male subjects threw an object in the water that he was previously smoking when contact was made. PCO Myers questioned the man about the object that he had thrown into the river. CO Hobkirk retrieved the object from the water. The object was later identified as marijuana. While retrieving the object from the water the two male subjects ran for their boat, pushed off from shore, and attempted to pull start the vessel's motor. CO Hobkirk jumped in the water and pulled the boat back to shore. The two men were placed in handcuffs. Alcohol containers and another object, also later identified as marijuana were recovered and enforcement action was taken.