

Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officers (COs) Jenni Hanson, Ethen Mapes and Sergeant Grant Emery attended the Summer Staff Orientation at the Porcupine Mountain State Park. The COs introduced themselves and gave insight on how to have a successful yet safe summer working at the park.

CO Jenni Hanson attended a Kid's Fishing Derby at Henry Lake in the Ottawa National Forest. CO Hanson contacted several young anglers and their families. The children had a successful day at the event and caught numerous panfish and bass.

CO Jenni Hanson contacted several boats launching, as well as coming off, Lake Gogebic at the Bergland boat launch. Very good compliance with all marine safety and fishing regulations.

CO Zach Painter assisted the Porcupine Mountain park staff in the recovery of a hiker in need of medical attention. The hiker was severely dehydrated and could not walk. The hiker was brought to the nearest trail head and given medical attention.

CO Zach Painter was on patrol in Gogebic County and checked four kayakers coming off the water at the Sunday Lake boat launch. Two of the kayakers did not have PFDs and stated that they did not think they needed them while in a kayak. Enforcement action was taken for failure to provide PFDs.

CO Zach Painter was on patrol in Gogebic County and pulled up behind a vehicle stopped in the middle of its lane. The driver put the vehicle in park and exited walking towards the rear of his vehicle. The driver was stumbling and had to use his vehicle to keep his balance. CO Painter contacted the driver and smelled the odor of intoxicants. The driver had slurred speech and could not stand straight. Standard field sobriety tests were given to the driver. Enforcement action was taken for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

CO Zach Painter and Sgt. Grant Emery assisted the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department in the search for a female that was reported missing in a remote area along Lake Superior the night before. COs Painter and Emery launched their patrol boat to search the shoreline despite rough seas. The missing subject was located just before dark near Little Girl's Point in good condition.

CO Ethen Mapes was backing out of his driveway at the start of his shift when a be on the lookout (BOL) came out in Ontonagon County. CO Mapes was listening to the BOL and waiting for two cars to pass before entering the roadway. One of the two cars that CO Mapes was waiting for matched the description and direction of travel of the vehicle just announced in the BOL. CO Mapes made a traffic stop on the vehicle and found the driver to be a bit distracted with a bag of chips as well as dealing with some ongoing health issues. CO Mapes talked with the driver until she was focused and ready to continue driving.

CO Ethen Mapes was the only law enforcement officer working in Ontonagon County when a report of a possible domestic was called into the sheriff's office. CO Mapes responded to the domestic and called in an off-duty deputy to meet him there. Upon arrival the couple had calmed down and made up. There were no findings of physical assault and they claimed to be arguing over the condition of their vehicle.

Acting Sgt. Doug Hermanson, COs Dave Miller, Brett DeLonge, Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a four-day patrol on Lake Superior waters at Isle Royale National Park. The COs first inspected charter boats on the island then patrolled for fishing activities. Activity was light, and efforts were hampered by fog and thunderstorms.

Acting Sgt. Doug Hermanson, COs Dave Miller, Brett DeLonge, Brian Lasanen and Sgt. Marc Pomroy returned from Isle Royale and patrolled the Portage channel in Houghton County in response to the aftermath of destructive thunderstorms and flooding. Large debris fields were checked, and several overturned kayaks and loose PFDs were investigated. Shore contacts were made, and assistance offered to those in areas made inaccessible by washed out roads.

CO Ethen Mapes was requested to assist the Ontonagon Sheriff's Office when they received a complaint of a possible body wrapped in a tarp along an ORV trail. CO Mapes and an Ontonagon County deputy located the tarp and determined the bones were from a black bear.

CO Ethen Mapes stopped two side-by-side ORVs he observed riding along the state highway in the Bergland area. One ORV was not licensed. After clarifying where the trail was located, CO Mapes issued one of the operators a citation for the ORV decal violation.

CO Zach Painter observed two subjects on an ORV in Gogebic County. Neither of the subjects was wearing eye protection. Enforcement action was taken for transporting a passenger on an ORV not designed for multiple riders.

CO Jenni Hanson observed two individuals riding a side-by-side ORV near Wakefield. The vehicle failed to operate on the extreme right of the road and neither of the occupants had a seat belt on. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ethen Mapes and Jenni Hanson responded to a nuisance bear that had been caught in a DNR set bear trap in Watersmeet Township. The COs transported the bear to a new location and released it.

COs Ethen Mapes and Jenni Hanson searched for a pontoon boat on Lake Gogebic that had been blown away from the dock during thunderstorms. The COs located the boat approximately one mile down the shore and returned the boat to the owner's dock.

CO Jenni Hanson observed a side-by-side being operated by an individual who was not wearing a seat belt. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen contacted a group of kayakers on Lake Gogebic. Two of the kayakers did not have PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Boudreaux observed a three-wheeled ORV approaching from behind his patrol truck. CO Boudreaux did not observe an ORV sticker on the three-wheeler as it passed so he activated his emergency lights and siren in an attempt to stop the ORV. The operator of the ORV looked back at CO Boudreaux than turned back forward and attempted to evade him. CO Boudreaux pursued the ORV. The ORV operator made a sudden turn down an ORV trail, lost control and crashed. The driver was taken to Marquette General Hospital for an evaluation and then transported to Marquette County Jail where he was charged with driving on a suspended license and felony flee and elude.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith patrolled Craig Lake State Park in Baraga County and contacted several campers who had been out enjoying the solitude the park offers. Many people stated they were happy to see the officers patrolling the area and no violations were discovered.

CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a complaint in Ishpeming where a fawn had become trapped in a fenced in backyard and was beginning to panic. CO Boudreaux located the fawn and was able to successfully relocate it without incident.

CO Josh Boudreaux heard a BOL come out over the radio for a possible intoxicated individual at the 581 Store south of Ishpeming. Due to his proximity CO Boudreaux responded to the scene and located the individual in the passenger seat of a vehicle in the parking lot. CO Boudreaux contacted the driver and passenger. CO Boudreaux observed no signs of impairment with either of the individuals but did detect the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. When questioned about the odor, the driver and

passenger presented their medical marijuana cards. The two stated they had not yet smoked today and CO Boudreaux reminded them of the regulations pertaining to use of medical marijuana in public places and proper transport.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman, COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith joined with Forsyth Police, Michigan State Police and Marquette County Sheriff's detectives to work on a string of suspected arson fires set around the Sawyer area. Numerous fires have been found over the past two months in wooded areas around Sawyer. A witness described a vehicle with two occupants leaving the area of the most recent fires. Officers canvassed the area following up on all possible leads. Surveillance of the area continues from all departments involved.

CO Cody Smith patrolled Prickett Lake and observed multiple anglers fishing from their boats. One of the boats made their way to the launch where CO Smith helped them to load the boat on their trailer. The anglers were up for a fishing trip with family and had reported a slow bite for panfish throughout the lake.

COs Cody Smith and Mark Leadman were on patrol in Marquette County when they received a complaint of someone keeping walleye at Deer Lake. Due to high mercury levels on Deer Lake, it is illegal to keep any fish from the lake. COs Leadman and Smith arrived at the lake and observed a vessel that matched the description of the boat in the complaint. Contact was made with the vessel and it was noticed the registration was expired. While talking to them about the complaint, they denied keeping any fish, stating that they knew the lake was catch and release only. CO Leadman noticed a stringer they were trying to keep hidden which contained two walleyes. A citation was issued for both violations.

CO Cody Smith was gathering some information from the local sheriff's department when they received a call from concerned residents of L'Anse. The call was about a fawn that had been running around the neighborhood for a few hours. CO Smith responded to the residence and spotted the fawn in a neighboring property. The fawn seemed distressed and the resident was asked if they saw a dog chasing the deer. They had seen a larger dog in the area earlier which may have been what spooked the deer. The residents were advised to keep their distance and let the deer calm down. A follow up was made and the fawn bedded down under a tree. Residents were reminded if they see a spotted fawn not to pick it up or capture it. The mother will return to the fawn.

CO Cody Smith patrolled up to Houghton to assist local agencies with the flash floods. CO Smith kept residents back from an undermined road located by the Houghton Walmart. Residents were reminded to stay back from the edge of these areas where water had eroded the earth below. At this specific location there was a 25 to 30-foot

drop to the water and rocks below. Upon arrival people were standing just a few feet from the edge trying to capture pictures and video.

CO Brett DeLonge received several complaints of a camper being left on state land since the previous deer hunting season. CO DeLonge was able to locate the camper in a remote location of Marquette County and obtain the owners information. CO DeLonge followed up with the owner of the camper and enforcement action was taken along with the camper being removed.

CO Brett DeLonge patrolled the Greenwood Reservoir in Marquette County during free fishing weekend. Several anglers were contacted while enjoying their time on the water and no violations were noted.

CO Brett DeLonge assisted the Negaunee City Police Department and troopers from the Negaunee Michigan State Police Post with a reckless dirt bike operator who fled from officers. The operator was arrested, and the abandoned dirt bike was located. Charges are pending and some of the violations included operating an ORV with a suspended driver's license, reckless driving, and no ORV registration.

COs Dave Miller and Cody Smith stopped two ORVs for operating along US-41. One of the operators driving privileges were suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Cody Smith and Dave Miller worked the L'Anse Lake Trout Festival. This was during the free fishing weekend and there were 132 boats registered for the tournament. This was the largest turnout in the history of the tournament. COs Smith and Miller took their Great Lakes patrol boat out and patrolled the area for marine safety violations. No violations were observed, and the weather cooperated for the anglers.

CO Cody Smith was on patrol in Baraga county when he noticed a boat backed into the launch at the L'Anse marina. Three individuals were onboard when CO Smith approached the vessel. CO Smith asked if they were heading out fishing to which they replied they were going to try it later that day and that they were just making sure the boat would start up. CO Smith asked them if they had a current registration for the vessel being that the sticker was expired. The owner of the vessel did not have a valid registration and was advised to obtain one from the Secretary of State a couple blocks away before they launched the boat for the evening fishing trip.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith patrolled Craig Lake State Park over the weekend. They contacted multiple anglers while they were out, all of which were using artificial bait as the regulations require in the park. Anglers were catching a mixed bag with reports of pike, bass, walleye, and muskellunge. One angler was just finishing his portage down the hill to Craig Lake when CO Boudreaux pointed out that he had

forgotten his PFD. The individual stated he knew he would forget something and walked back to the parking lot to retrieve it from his vehicle.

CO Josh Boudreaux followed up on a littering complaint he and CO Cody Smith had previously investigated in Marquette County. CO Boudreaux contacted two individuals at the suspect residence and obtained a confession. The individual responsible for dumping the litter was issued a citation and had the mess cleaned up shortly thereafter.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman and CO Josh Boudreaux worked the "Three Free" weekend; a weekend where people can fish without a license, operate an ORV without an ORV sticker and enter state parks without a recreation passport. The COs encountered many people enjoying the outdoors who were taking advantage of the opportunity and had many positive contacts. There was little ORV traffic due to dusty trail conditions, but the lakes remained active. Several warnings were issued for various violations.

COs Brett Delonge and Josh Boudreaux responded to a car vs moose accident on M-95 in Marquette County. Thankfully there were no injuries sustained by any of the vehicle's occupants. The moose did not survive the incident.

CO Josh Boudreaux and Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman contacted a subject at his cabin on Lake Michigamme. Numerous complaints had been received about illegal burning at the construction site over the past couple weeks. DNR fire personnel had put out an unattended fire at this location and Michigamme Township Fire responded on a separate occasion. Both fires were burning during times when burning permits were not being issued due to very dry conditions. Remnants of construction material were also visible in the fire pit. The subject was informed on all the burning regulations he had violated and agreed to stop the activity. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeffrey Dell conducted a patrol in Menominee County to target early season bass activity. CO Dell contacted a group of anglers and asked to see one of the angler's stringer that had fish on it. The angler asked CO Dell if he wanted to measure the large smallmouth bass on the stringer. CO Dell stated he'd rather look at the small largemouth bass and pointed to another fish on the stringer. The fish was found to be well under the legal-size limit. The fish was released back into the river and enforcement action was taken for possessing an undersized largemouth bass.

CO Jeffrey Dell stopped an ORV rider operating on a county road in Menominee County. The ORV had no decal and the operator was under the legal age limit to operate without adult supervision. The youth had also never completed an ORV safety course. The youth was escorted to his residence where the law and the COs concerns were explained to the youth's parents.

CO Shannon Kritz was loading her patrol boat at the Crystal Falls Field Office when she heard a loud crack and observed a tree fall onto a powerline by an out building. The tree sparked the powerline and eventually caught fire while it was on the line. CO Kritz was able to contact the fire department immediately and they were able to put out the fire and remove the tree.

CO Shannon Kritz attended an Outdoor Expo with the Michigan State Police and the Iron River Police Department in Iron County. CO Kritz presented the public with information on marine laws and regulations.

CO Shannon Kritz and CO Jenni Hanson conducted a marine patrol on Gogebic and Iron County Lakes. Many contacts were made, and enforcement action was taken on violations including failure provide proper PFDs and fishing without a license.

CO Brian Bacon conducted a marine patrol on the Menominee River in Dickinson County. CO Bacon contacted one boat and found the three passengers to be without PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bacon was patrolling ORV activity in Dickinson County when he observed an ORV being operated without a visible ORV license. A stop was conducted, and it was determined the operator had failed to purchase an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon conducted a check of a state forest campground in Dickinson County. One camp was found to not be registered. Enforcement action was taken with the responsible campsite guest.

CO Brian Bacon received a complaint of a doe that was hit by a vehicle. A fawn was recovered from the scene and brought to a wildlife rehabber.

CO Jared Ferguson was working Iron County inland lakes on free fishing weekend when he came upon two boats preparing to load. A quick check by CO Ferguson found the occupants of the boat were in possession of an over-limit of bluegills. The second boat which was also part of the fishing party was found to be in possession of an undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint in Dickinson County which involved a vehicle that went on to private property and drove through deer food plots. The property was legally marked no trespassing. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Jared Ferguson checked area trout fisherman in Dickinson and Iron County. Compliance was high with several limits of brook trout checked.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint from dispatch regarding a very large bear being struck by a motor vehicle in Dickinson County. After several calls, CO Ferguson was able to find someone who would take the bear and salvage it.

DISTRICT 2

COs Bobby Watson and Chris Lynch were patrolling Little Bay De Noc on free fishing weekend. Many contacts were made, some warnings for marine violations were given, and enforcement action was taken on multiple occasions. A complaint was passed on to the COs from a fisherman that was contacted during the patrol, regarding a group of nonresident fishermen keeping everything they caught, including undersized walleye. The two COs were quickly able to locate the suspected group and found them to be in possession of two undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken. Contact was made with a separate subject, who CO Watson had issued a ticket to earlier in the spring for possession of undersized walleye. It was discovered the fisherman once again was in possession of an undersized walleye. A total of four tickets were issued throughout the day for possession of undersized walleye.

CO Bobby Watson was patrolling a local trophy trout stream which restricts the possession of live bait when CO Watson observed two men fishing from a dock with a can of worms in between them. CO Watson observed each man use the worms, and observed each man catch one smallmouth bass and then toss the fish into the weeds behind them. When CO Watson contacted the men, they denied having caught any fish, despite the smallmouth bass still flopping in the weeds behind them. CO Watson then discovered three more cans of worms and a bucket of minnows. A DNR criminal history check was ran on the two men and discovered they had a lengthy past of DNR violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik assisted Munising Police Department, with a domestic, in progress that ended up with the boyfriend hiding in the woods with a 308 deer rifle, stating he was going to commit suicide. CO Zitnik and the Munising Police Department officers were able to talk the man out of it and transported him to Marquette Health Systems for evaluation.

CO Mark Zitnik and Detective Matt Waldron from the Alger County Sheriff's Office responded to the west side of Grand Island for a complaint of a wounded fawn, that was swimming in the water and could not get onto land. CO Zitnik and Detective Waldron located the deer, which ended up being a two-year-old buck and escorted the deer to a safer spot on the Island.

CO Mark Zitnik and Park Ranger Seth Turi were working ORVs when they came upon a family who decided not to wear helmets or purchase ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin and Sgt Jerry Fitzgibbon received a complaint of several crayfish nets in Masonville Township. The two located the nets. They did not have a name nor address attached to them as required by law. Further investigation revealed the owner of the nets. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch encountered several boaters operating without navigation lights after dark. Contact with the boaters was made and citations were issued.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch were patrolling Cornell. The COs observed an ORV traveling down a county road at a high rate of speed. The COs also noticed that the ORV did not have ORV stickers. COs activated their emergency lights and siren; the ORV operator did not stop. The subject then crossed into the oncoming lane and turned around in an intersection. The COs put their hands-up signaling the subject to stop. The subject then disregarded a stop sign and took off. The COs began to pursue the subject. During the pursuit the subject took off in a grassy field. COs were able to follow the ORV tracks to a residence. Behind a garage COs located the ORV they were pursuing; the engine was still hot. The COs knocked on the door of the residence and observed a subject in the basement. The subject refused to come to the door. The subject faced charges ranging from flee and elude a police officer, careless driving, no ORV sticker, ORV trespass onto the lands of another, operate ORV under 16 without supervision, and failure to present ORV safety certificate. Ultimately contact was made, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Nahma Township. While patrolling, he encountered a child riding on a lawn chair in the back of an ORV. The ORV was being operated by the child's parents down a county road. A traffic stop was conducted, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin received a complaint of an injured eagle in Masonville Township. CO Butzin arrived on scene and searched several acres for the eagle, but the eagle was not located. Several days later an individual located the eagle a couple miles from the last known location. The individual was able to tend to the eagle until CO Butzin was able to arrive. The individual was thanked for his efforts and the eagle was transported to rehabilitation.

CO Stephen Butzin received a complaint of several baby raccoons which were being held at a residence in Wells Township. Further investigation found one individual to be in possession of the raccoons. The individual did not have a license or permit to possess the wild game. Enforcement action was taken, and the raccoons were relocated.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Wells Township. CO Butzin encountered several fishermen on a pier. They were asked if they had caught any fish, they stated yes. When asked what they had caught they stated one perch. CO Butzin asked to see the fish and their fishing licenses. Further investigation found that the fishermen were in possession of a five-inch walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Stephen Butzin and Mike Evink attended a children's fishing event in Garden Township. The COs set up a booth with multiple animal furs. The two answered fishing and hunting questions as well as taught children about the different furs.

COs Michael Evink and Stephen Butzin along with Michigan State Police, Manistique EMS and Sault Tribal officers responded to a remote portion of Lake Michigan shoreline in response to a kayak with two persons drifting out. CO Evink responded with a department personal watercraft (PWC), which he launched from the location of the complaint. CO Evink with guidance from people on shore was able to locate and assist one subject treading water and return him to shore. CO Evink then located the second individual at the bottom of the Lake and stayed with him until the body retrieval could be completed.

COs Colton Gelinias and Tom Oberg attended a kid's fishing day event at Castle Rock Pond. The kids were able to fish throughout the pond and learn different basics to fishing. The COs also assisted in answering any questions the kids had.

COs Tom Oberg and Colton Gelinias patrolled a local bass tournament throughout the Les Cheneaux Islands. The COs made sure the fishing laws were being followed and issued several citations and verbal warnings for marine safety issues.

COs Calvin Smith and Justin Vinson patrolled the St. Mary's River for marine activity. The COs checked several vessels and fishermen for safety equipment and licenses. It was discovered that one vessel was missing a PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vinson and Acting Sgt. Calvin Smith were ending their marine patrol when they observed a fishing pole at the end of a dock with no fisherman in sight. The COs knocked on the residence and spoke with the owner of the fishing pole. When asked why he wasn't tending to his line, the fisherman replied, "I started to mow my lawn and then had to go inside and take a phone call and forgot about it." Law enforcement action was taken for the unattended line.

CO Colton Gelinias spoke to a group of kids at a local hunter safety class about the job of a conservation officer and ethics in hunting. All kids received their hunter safety certificate.

CO Colton Gelinias was on ORV patrol in Mackinac County when he contacted an ORV with no ORV permit. Further investigation revealed that the ORV owner failed to transfer the title when he bought the ORV a year ago. Law enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Chad Baldwin received a complaint about a fawn that had been trapped in a homeowner's garage for an unknown number of days. When CO Baldwin arrived, he found the fawn laying comfortably on a pile of window screens. Once CO Baldwin approached the fawn to try and cover it with a sheet, it took off trying to hide behind various objects in the garage. After chasing the fawn around for several minutes, CO Baldwin was able to get control of the animal and take it behind the house where there was a large grass field that the homeowner said was frequented by deer. As soon as CO Baldwin walked into the field, two adult deer that had been bedded down jumped up and scampered away. One of those deer was presumably the mother out looking for her fawn.

CO Chad Baldwin participated in the Charlevoix County Active Shooter Response Training conducted at the old Charlevoix Elementary School. Officers from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office, Charlevoix Police Department (PD), Boyne City PD, East Jordan PD, and Charlevoix County Reserve deputies all participated in the two-day event. Local EMS and fire departments also joined the training and integrated into the scenarios to practice recovering and treating injured bystanders in an active shooter situation. The officers trained and practiced entering buildings, hallways, and classrooms as individuals and pairs. Simunitions were used by the officers and suspects to make the training as realistic as possible.

CO Adam LeClerc attended and helped with the kids fishing derby held at Young State Park. CO LeClerc answered questions from kids and parents regarding fish and game regulations. Multiple fish species were caught including bullhead, bluegill, rock bass, and an accidental painted turtle, which were all released back into the pond.

CO Adam LeClerc witnessed two trucks attempt to go up an illegal hill climb in Emmet County. After failing their attempt and having to reverse down the hill, CO LeClerc activated his emergency lights and siren to the surprise of the two drivers. The drivers were advised that the area was not open to off road use and climbing the hills causes erosion and killing of plants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a bear complaint in Antrim County. The complainant was trapped inside his shed by a bear that had come into his yard looking for food. The complainant initially made loud noises to scare the bear, but when the bear did not retreat the complainant took shelter in his shed. When CO LeClerc arrived, the bear had returned to the woods and was not seen again. CO LeClerc informed the complainant to not refill his bird feeders and remove any other food source in the area

COs Nathan Sink and Duane Budreau was patrolling Paradise Lake checking fishermen and boaters on the lake when he came across a boat with an Ohio registration. Three occupants were on the boat, an adult female and two teenagers. The mother and her children were visiting from Ohio and staying at a cabin on the lake. The 18-year-old boy

was quick to show his license; however, mom attempted a couple of stall tactics. When asked for her license she said that she never planned on fishing when she came out on the boat. Obviously, her plans changed, and she was fishing and therefore needed a license. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on marine patrol in Otsego County when they came across several anglers fishing in a boat. The COs observed each person on board actively fishing. When the COs approached the boat, the COs noticed one individual set his fishing pole on the bottom of the boat and avoid making eye contact. When asked about the individuals fishing license he stated he did not have one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he received a complaint of an individual shooting at a turtle. CO Sink responded to the location to interview the individual. The individual stated that he shot at the turtle because he did not want the turtle eating his birds. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on marine patrol in Otsego County when he came across two vessels that were displaying expired registrations and one vessel failing to display MC numbers. CO Sink conducted a stop on the two vessels. The two vessels assured CO Sink that the boats were registered, but they did not have the decals on the boat. After further investigation, CO Sink discovered that the day before the sheriff department stopped the same two boats and both were given a warning. The sheriff's department advised them to park the boats at the house and not to ride them again until they put the decals on the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on marine patrol in Otsego County when he observed two jet-skis doing donuts in a slow no wake zone. CO Sink conducted a stop on the two jet-skis who did not know it was a slow no wake zone. CO Sink informed them of the multiple slow no wake signs they passed by. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he observed a driver operating without wearing a seatbelt and the vehicle had a broken brake light. CO Sink conducted a traffic stop. It was discovered that the vehicle was also uninsured. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when a domestic violence call came across central dispatch in Otsego County. CO Sink was close to the call and responded. The argument was between a father and son over a cell phone. The two were separated without issue.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol in Otsego County when he came across a vehicle broken down on the road. CO Sink stopped to make sure the individual was okay. The individual ran out of oil and had no one to call for help. CO Sink was able to assist the individual in getting oil for his vehicle and got him on his way.

CO Kyle Cherry was checking a lake in Otsego County when he observed two men fishing from shore for several minutes. Upon contacting the anglers, one of the men denied fishing and stated he was helping his kids. Both men then stated they were tribal members and did not need licenses. Further investigation revealed they were not exempt from needing fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff checked an angler shore fishing on Roberts Lake who said that she thought it was free fishing weekend. Enforcement action was taken, after explaining that free fishing weekend was the prior weekend and did not include Friday, even during the free period.

CO Matt Theunick was working anglers on Mullett Lake when he contacted an individual who was in possession of an undersized pike. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick was working marine patrol on the Sturgeon River near Wolverine, paying specific attention to PFDs being utilized by kayakers. CO Theunick contacted over 50 kayakers and issued three tickets.

COs Sidney Collins and James Garrett were on patrol in Montmorency County when they contacted three subjects in kayaks on Sage Lake. The subjects were found to have no PFDs in their kayaks and two of the three men were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sidney Collins responded to three separate feeding complaints in Montmorency County. Each landowner was made aware of the laws pertaining to feeding/baiting in the county. The feed was removed from the areas and enforcement action was taken.

CO Sidney Collins was first on scene to a domestic situation in Montmorency County. CO Collins assisted the county deputies in the investigation of a subject attempting to run a family member over with a vehicle. The suspect left the scene before law enforcement arrived. The family is currently pressing charges and plans on getting a personal protection order against the suspect. The investigation is ongoing.

CO William Webster assisted the Alpena Sportsman's Club with a hunter safety class in Alpena County. A total of 37 students were in attendance.

CO Paul Fox responded to Loon Lake to assist a deputy who was dispatched to a drunken and disorderly subject complaint in Presque Isle County. The subject was intoxicated and drove a vehicle into the lake. The subject was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling the Black River near Black Lake in Presque Isle County when he came across a vessel with an expired registration. Upon further inspection, the operator did not have a throwable PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox assisted Presque Isle County Deputy Ryan Frost with an ORV personal injury crash. The operator was extremely intoxicated and was riding his niece around

their property when he struck a tree at a high rate of speed. The operator then left the young girl at the scene and hid in a residence. The young girl suffered a broken leg and the uncle suffered a head injury. In addition to being intoxicated, the uncle was not wearing a helmet. The operator was arrested for operating an ORV while intoxicated. Additional charges are being pursued due to the injuries sustained by the juvenile passenger.

COs Paul Fox and Sidney Collins attended a hunter safety class in Alpena. They taught the students about hunter safety, ethics, wildlife management, and wilderness survival.

CO Jon Sklba received a complaint of an injured fawn in Presque Isle County. The complainant was willing to wait with the fawn until CO Sklba was able to respond. Upon arrival, CO Sklba discovered a perfectly healthy fawn. It appeared that the fawn was attempting to utilize its camouflage by just laying low and still. The fawn ran off when approached.

CO Jon Sklba responded to an in-progress breaking and entering complaint in Presque Isle County. CO Sklba was first to arrive and was able to take both involved subjects into custody. The subjects stated they didn't think anyone lived at the very expensive lake house. The complaint was called in by a concerned citizen who observed the out of place subjects attempting to gain access to the residence. Charges are pending.

CO Jon Sklba investigated a possible illegal/unlicensed livery in the Grand Lake area. The livery was found to be in compliance with the requirements.

CO Jon Sklba assisted during a field day for a hunter safety class in Alpena. The class had roughly 30 students.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin checked numerous trout fishermen on the Pine and Manistee Rivers observing high compliance and good catches. CO Haskin took the time to explain to the anglers about the New Zealand Mud Snail and ways to prevent the spread of it as well as other invasive species. Large brown trout were being caught and mostly released.

CO William Haskin and CO Craig Neal worked the Manistee River on the border of Wexford and Missaukee County. The COs checked over 200 kayakers and found several without life jackets. Enforcement actions were taken, with numerous verbal warnings.

CO William Haskin and CO Craig Neal assisted a family with small children on the Manistee River. The family was not going to make it to their parked vehicle before dark and still had a long way to go on the river. The COs were able to get one of the individuals to the parked vehicle and back to his family.

While on marine patrol on Cedar Lake, CO Amanda McCurdy approached a vessel with two men fishing. After conducting a fishing check, CO McCurdy asked to see PFDs, but the men admitted they did not have any on board. The CO completed the rest of the marine check and issued a citation for failing to provide PFDs for the two men on board.

Leelanau County Sheriff's Department hosted a mass casualty training at their facility and the surrounding areas. CO Patrick McManus and CO Amanda McCurdy attended, along with numerous other law enforcement, fire department and first responder agencies. A simulated attack resulted in mass casualties, along with escaped prisoners and injured personnel. Law enforcement agencies went through a series of drills to escort medical first responders throughout the building, evacuate injured employees and locate escaped prisoners around the facility. Overall, the event allowed officers across the county to work in a single, cohesive unit to prepare for worst-case scenarios.

COs Patrick McManus and Amanda McCurdy visited a DNR and Rotary Club sponsored kids fishing event in downtown Traverse City. The COs were on hand to answer any DNR related questions, bait lines, and remove fish from hooks for any successful young angler.

While at the district office, CO Kinney was made aware by one of the staff members that they had observed an individual riding an ORV behind the office without a helmet. CO Kinney walked outside and observed the individual riding the main road without a helmet and eye protection. Contact was made with individual to address the issue. It was discovered the individual had an active warrant for his arrest out of Detroit, was suspended, and was not wearing his appropriate safety equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Richard Stowe and Rebecca Hubers, along with a Grand Traverse County Sheriff's marine patrol officer, assisted as safety vessels for a community project conducted by a local 8th grade student who wanted to bring awareness to Aquatic Invasive Species. The East Grand Traverse Bay event included paddle vessel washing and a "photo op" float off the Traverse City State Park beach.

CO Richard Stowe assisted residents and volunteers in a clean-up day of Hoosier Valley and the shooting ranges, approximately 100 yards of trash was removed.

COs Richard Stowe and Rebecca Hubers responded to a state land camping complaint where it is believed the subject may have been occupying the location for up to four years (per his admission). The subject was issued a litter ticket by CO Sean Kehoe at

the same location in 2016. The 2016 ticket remains unpaid with the 85th District Court. Additional enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vanderlinde assisted the Benzie County Sheriff's Office with a search and rescue involving an elderly hiker lost on a locale hiking trail. The lost hiker was found wandering around in the woods, a short distance from the trailhead.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky were checking fishermen on Hamlin Lake. The COs observed several subjects fishing from a boat. As the COs made contact, it was determined that the subjects didn't have fishing licenses. One of the subjects asked several times for a warning, stating they didn't have time to get a fishing license. CO Publiski asked the subject, if he had time to stop and buy worms, snacks and gas for the boat. The subject stated, "Good point, you're right." The subjects were cited for fishing without licenses.

Patrolling the lakes of Mason County, COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky issued several citations for having no PFDs on board boats and kayaks. The COs are still encountering people not knowing, forgetting, or not caring that it's the law to have life jackets on board boats and kayaks.

While on marine patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews contacted and checked an angler while he was fishing. After checking the angler for his fishing license, fish and safety equipment, CO Andrews asked the man about the smell of marijuana coming from him. In addition to the marijuana possession, the registration lettering on the boat was incorrect. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was checking anglers on lakes in Lake County, when he checked an angler fishing alone in a small aluminum boat. CO Andrews noticed that there was no PFD in sight. When asked if he had one, the angler replied that he must have forgotten it. As CO Andrews looked in the man's boat, he observed a short northern pike and a largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken for the undersize pike.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews observed an ORV operating on the wrong side of the county roadway. The CO conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon contacting the operator and passenger, the CO discovered that there were open alcohol beverages in the cup holders and the ORV did not have an ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews responded to an ORV injury accident and worked with the Lake County Sheriff's Department to provide medical treatment to the victim and transport the

victim to a landing zone where a medical helicopter could land and pick up the injured person. The victim was riding by himself when he veered off the trail and struck a tree. Luckily, he was able to find his cell phone and have a good signal to call for help. He sustained serious injuries and it took the officers a combined effort and time to locate him in a remote area.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking a fishing vessel on Round Lake in Mason County. When asked to check fishing licenses, the COs were told by two of the individuals that they had licenses while a third subject produced a non-resident fishing license. Upon further inspection, and when questioned about the license produced, the date of birth did not match. It was determined that the subjects did not have fishing licenses and the subject who produced a fish license was trying to use an absent family member's license to fish. The subjects were cited for the fishing violations.

CO Scott MacNeill observed an ORV operating down the public highway in Manistee County. After making a traffic stop on the ORV, it was discovered there was no ORV license on the machine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill conducted a joint patrol with the Coast Guard of Manistee. During the patrol, several vessels were boarded, and several marine violations were discovered during the patrol. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a fishing access site along the Pine River when he observed a vehicle displaying an expired license plate. CO Killingbeck determined that the registration had been expired since 2016. After conducting surveillance on the vehicle, CO Killingbeck observed the vehicle leaving the area. CO Killingbeck was able to stop the vehicle and contacted the driver, who told CO Killingbeck that he did not have a driver's license, because it was suspended resulting from drunk driving charges. The driver told CO Killingbeck that there was no insurance on the vehicle either. The driver said he knew it was illegal to be driving the vehicle and admitted to driving it to Lake County from the Grand Rapids area with no insurance and expired plates. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and Ryan Andrews were on marine patrol when they checked a local lake where they observed one boat on the lake with a subject fishing. As the COs prepared to launch their boat, the subject fishing suddenly noticed that the COs were launching. The COs observed the subject quickly put down his rods, start up his boat and take off towards a dock nearby. CO Killingbeck ran down the shore line approximately one quarter mile and was able to contact the operator who had docked his boat and was preparing to leave the area. After speaking with the very nervous fisherman, CO Killingbeck determined that the subject was in possession of two short

pike. One pike was just over 20 inches and the other 23 inches. The subject admitted to knowing the short pike were illegal and that was his reason for hurrying to shore when he saw the COs. Enforcement action was taken, and the fish were seized.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while checking a remote lake in southern Lake County, observed a boat with two subjects fishing. CO Killingbeck kayaked out to the subjects fishing in the boat and contacted the subjects fishing. One subject told CO Killingbeck that he was not fishing but “practicing casting.” CO Killingbeck observed the subject’s fishing pole to be set up for bluegill fishing and, after a short interview, the subject admitted to fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a local lake in the Baldwin area of Lake County when he observed a boat with a subject fishing. CO Killingbeck, while watching the subject fish, observed the subject catch a largemouth bass, and without measuring the bass, the subject put the bass in a bucket. CO Killingbeck launched his kayak and contacted the subject fishing. CO Killingbeck confirmed the subject was in possession of a largemouth bass that measured twelve inches. CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he was familiar with bass fishing regulations. The subject said that he forgot there was a size requirement. After a lengthy conversation, the subject admitted to CO Killingbeck that he was catching panfish and bass to put in his private pond. CO Killingbeck also determined that the subject did not have any type of PFD. Numerous violations were addressed, and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Manistee County, CO Steven Converse observed a pontoon boat anchored in the middle of Bear Lake with two subjects fishing. CO Converse was able to determine that the subjects were fishing with more than three lines. After a period of time, CO Converse watched as the subjects made their way to shore and was able to make contact and address the violation.

CO Steven Converse was observing anglers on Portage Lake when he observed a boat underway with two young kids on board who were not wearing life jackets. CO Converse contacted the occupants of the boat when they came into the boat launch. It was discovered that there were no PFDs on board for four occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol on Center Lake in Osceola County where he contacted two anglers enjoying the free fishing weekend. One of the anglers was excited to show CO Varriale the bass she had just caught and was planning to eat for dinner. The bass appeared to be undersized, so CO Varriale measured the bass with the angler. The bass did not meet the length requirement and the angler was educated about the size and bag limitations of the sport fish. Since the fish was alive and healthy,

the angler released it back into the lake and learned a valuable lesson about sport fishing in the State of Michigan.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol in the Muskegon State Game Area when he came upon a pile of recently dumped garbage. CO Wells checked the pile and came up with several names from the same residence. Contact was made with a female at the residence whom gave an admission that a few weeks earlier she had missed the “dump day” in her community and that she had borrowed her father’s truck for the event. She had to return her father’s truck that day, so she dumped the garbage just before she returned the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken, and she was advised to clean the area up.

While on patrol in the game area, CO Mike Wells located an illegal camp site. The site was unoccupied at the time. A few hours later, CO Wells returned and contacted several subjects at the camp. CO Wells educated the subjects on the legal camping dates and issued warning to the subjects. He also educated them and supplied them with the free camp registration permit that is required on state owned lands. It was discovered that one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant from a neighboring county. The subject was arrested and lodged on the warrant.

CO Troy VanGelderren was on marine patrol when he encountered a jet-ski without registration decals. After making a stop, the rider showed a temporary registration because he had just bought the jet-ski. When asked for a boater safety certificate, the operator did not realize he needed one. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen responded to a wildfire in Crawford County. The fire escaped from a small campfire that was still burning from the day before. CO Huspen contacted the Crawford County Sheriff’s Department due to numerous marijuana plants near the house. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charles Jones was on patrol near the Manistee River in Kalkaska County when he observed an individual urinating next to a truck. Upon contacting the individual, CO Jones could also see open intoxicants in the vehicle. The man’s name was checked through Kalkaska County Central Dispatch and it returned showing a suspended driver’s license and a warrant for his arrest. He was arrested and booked in the Kalkaska County Jail on the warrant with local charges pending for the driving violation.

CO Charles Jones and Sgt. Brian Olsen conducted a marine patrol on the Torch River in Kalkaska County. CO Jones noticed a young girl, without a PFD, riding on the bow of a boat where seating was not available. The vessel was stopped and educated on boater safety. A warning was given for the violations.

COs Officers Kyle Bader and Brad Bellville were patrolling near Houghton Lake in Roscommon County for fishing activity. The COs observed a group of anglers fishing in

a small bay off the lake and watched them catch a few fish. Upon making contact, the anglers told the COs it was free fishing weekend and they didn't need licenses. The anglers stated, "We know it's free fishing weekend because we saw it on Facebook." Unfortunately, they were incorrect. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader contacted a subject sitting in a vehicle at a canoe launch along the Rifle River in Ogemaw County. As CO Bader approached the individual, he noticed marijuana paraphernalia near the man. A small amount of marijuana, as well as an open fifth of liquor was in the car. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader watched two ORVs take off from a stop sign and drag race for over a mile on an Ogemaw County road. CO Bader kept up with the slower rider at 65mph while the front rider pulled away. Contact was made with both individuals and enforcement action taken.

CO Kyle Bader responded with a Richland Township police officer to an ORV accident that took place near the Roscommon/Ogemaw County line. Upon arriving at the scene, they rendered first aid to an elderly female that had rolled her ORV and sustained a serious laceration to one leg. The patient was transported out to EMS personnel by COs Matt Zultak and Ben McAteer.

COs James Garrett and Casey Pullum were on patrol in Oscoda County. As they arrived at the public boat launch on Perry Lake, they noticed four adults on the beach and two of them were fishing. As the COs exited the patrol truck, one individual immediately reeled in their line while the other handed the fishing pole to a kid. Neither individual had current 2018 fishing licenses. One of them also had a misdemeanor warrant out of Redford, Michigan. While CO Garrett dealt with the two individuals fishing, CO Pullum found that one of the other individuals on the beach also had a misdemeanor warrant out of Waterford, Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Garrett was on patrol by Mack Lake in Oscoda County when he noticed a pontoon boat that appeared to have an expired registration. When the individuals on the boat saw CO Garrett on shore, they turned and headed back to their cabin at the opposite end of the lake. CO Garrett was able to locate the vessel and take enforcement action.

While patrolling a lake in Iosco County, CO Tyler Sabuda noticed some anglers fishing from shore on the other side of the lake. As CO Sabuda started towards the anglers, he noticed one of the men put down his fishing pole and walk away from the other anglers. CO Sabuda talked with the anglers and got them to tell him the location of the other angler. When CO Sabuda located the individual, it was determined that he was fishing without a license and had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Steve Lockwood and Phil Hudson were patrolling on Saginaw Bay when they checked two anglers with an over-limit of walleye. The anglers attempted to tell the COs that they were simply "culling" fish as they caught them and would sort them at the

end of the day. CO Lockwood explained possession limits and how they worked to the anglers. A citation was issued for possession of an over limit of walleye.

CO Steve Lockwood was patrolling the Saginaw Bay in Au Gres when he contacted an angler that was targeting walleye. The angler stated he was using some type of "bead" counting system to keep track of the number of fish he had caught. Unfortunately, the beads did not tell the correct story and the angler was issued a citation for possession of an over-limit of walleye.

CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Jon Wood were conducting a marine patrol in Clare County when they came upon a pontoon boat with a few anglers on board. One of the anglers was very quiet and avoided eye contact during the check. Further investigation revealed the "quiet" angler did not have a fishing license and had an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Isabella County. The angler was cited for the fishing violation. He was also arrested and transported to the Clare County Jail to await extradition to Isabella County on his outstanding warrant.

CO Ethan Gainforth stopped to check fishing activity on one of the local lakes in Clare County. Soon after arriving, he could hear an outboard motor start and then watched as two men in a small vessel began motoring toward the access site. CO Gainforth stayed hidden until the anglers maneuvering into the access site. At that time, CO Gainforth pulled his patrol truck into the access site to meet the anglers. The anglers did not appear to want to be checked as the boat immediately made a hard-right turn at full throttle. CO Gainforth's attempts at verbally instructing the anglers to stop were ignored. The outboard stalled due to mechanical problems and CO Gainforth again instructed the anglers to make their way to the launch and the operator got underway again, while at the same time yelling instructions to his partner to "dump the fish!" Unfortunately for them, the outboard motor stalled a second time and CO Gainforth instructed them to get into shore and explained the serious consequences of dumping the fish. The wiser of the two anglers heeded the warning and began rowing the boat into shore where they were greeted by CO Gainforth. A check of their bucket revealed an undersized northern pike and an undersized largemouth bass. Additional marine violations were found and both men admitted that they knew better. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a complaint of a watercraft that was being operated in violation of the "slow-no-wake" zone on the Au Gres River in Arenac County. While interviewing the witness, CO Papineau was advised that a bass boat was observed at a high rate of speed that was causing large wakes to crash onto shore and moored vessels to slam against the seawalls. The witness advised that he was able to obtain registration numbers for the watercraft, which lead CO Papineau to the operator. CO Papineau interviewed the man, who admitted that he intentionally operated his bass

boat at an excessive speed to “show off” for a friend. A citation was issued for operating a watercraft at an unreasonable speed.

During a marine patrol in Clare County, COs Mark Papineau and Josh Wright contacted an angler that was fishing from a pontoon boat. During the contact, the COs located a rope that extended into the water that was tied to a pontoon. Upon pulling the rope from the water, COs Papineau and Wright located a 17-inch northern pike. Initially, the angler denied any knowledge of the fishing laws and size limits and stated that the undersized pike had swallowed the hook and died. After receiving a citation for the undersized pike, the angler confessed that he hoped his attempt to downplay the incident would get him out of a ticket.

During a marine patrol in Clare County, COs Mark Papineau and Josh Wright contacted several anglers in a boat bearing an expired registration. The anglers advised COs Papineau and Wright that they had been having motor problems on their primary boat and were forced to switch to a secondary vessel. According to the anglers, they believed that since the registration said 2018, that it was valid for the entire year. During a safety inspection of the watercraft, the COs also discovered that the anglers did not have enough PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation where a subject was trespassing on private property. CO Papineau spoke with the Arenac County landowner who advised that he caught a subject searching for mushrooms on his property without permission. According to the landowner, the same subject had been caught trespassing several years prior and was advised at that time not to return. The suspect used an ORV to access the property while he trespassed in search of mushrooms. CO Papineau was able to identify the suspect with a photograph taken by the landowner of the subject’s ORV sticker. An interview was conducted, and CO Papineau obtained a confession. Warrants are being sought for criminal trespass through the Arenac County Prosecutor’s Office.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars was returning to his residence after a marine patrol through Gratiot-Saginaw State Game Area when he noticed a large tent set up with no camping permit. CO Byars contacted the campers and determined that one of the campers had a felony warrant. CO Byars placed the suspect under arrest and lodged her in Gratiot County Jail. The CO issued a verbal warning for illegally camping on state land.

COs Joe Myers and Will Brickel worked a marine patrol in Midland County. During their patrol, the COs focused on BUI related offenses and violations of operation. The COs wrote tickets for safety violations and equipment. Multiple warnings were also issued for safety equipment as well.

CO Joe Myers was on ORV patrol in an area of high complaints in Gratiot County. During the patrol the CO located suspects who were operating in the area that was closed to ORV use. In addition, the ORVs were travelling in a careless manner and were cited for their careless operation. Warnings were also issued for safety equipment.

CO Ken Lowell was working Crystal Lake in Montcalm County for fishing and marine activity when he checked a boat with one angler who claimed to have three walleye of legal size. Upon inspection of the angler's catch, one of the walleye looked a little short. When CO Lowell measured the walleye it only measured 13 1/4 inches long. The angler admitted later that the fish had died while on the planner board and he was going to keep it anyway. A ticket was issued for possessing an undersized walleye.

While on marine patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell checked a boat with three anglers fishing on Derby Lake. The anglers had fishing licenses, but they had forgotten their life jackets. A ticket was issued for failing to provide any PFDs.

While on marine patrol on Derby Lake, CO Ken Lowell noticed a pontoon boat that was showing an expired registration. CO Lowell inspected the boat for marine safety equipment and the boat owner could not come up with any life jackets. A ticket was issued for no PFDs.

COs Josh Russell and Joseph Myers were patrolling Townline Lake when they noticed a vessel displaying expired registration. The COs made contact and verified the vessel was expired. A ticket was issued for expired registration.

COs Jason King and Will Brickel were checking boaters and fishermen along the Bad River when they encountered three anglers who were fishing from a boat. When asked to see a life vest per person, they were only able to provide the COs with one vest. A citation was issued for not enough life vests on board.

CO Jason King instructed a DNR Law class for the 134th Michigan State Police Trooper Recruit School at the Michigan State Police training academy. CO King went over DNR laws and other violations they may come across as troopers in the field, and what to look for. There were 107 recruits that attended the period of instruction.

COs Jason King and Will Brickel responded to a complaint they received about a subject who had taken a baby raccoon from the wild and was keeping it as a pet. The COs contacted the property owner and located the baby raccoon. The subject was reminded that care for orphaned wildlife can only be done by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake Huron near Port Austin, COs Robert Hobkirk and Kyle Bucholtz observed a single angler using more than three fishing lines. The angler was trolling for walleye with eight lines. The subject was cited for the violation.

CO Robert Hobkirk was checking anglers at the mouth of the Pinnebog River when he observed an individual operating an ORV on Port Crescent State Park property. CO Hobkirk was able to make his way around to the other side of the river and contact the operator before he left the area. Violations included operating in a closed area, no helmet, and no ORV sticker. The operator was cited for operating in a closed area.

CO Bob Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea had just started a patrol on Lake Huron when they contacted several subjects fishing together in a boat. It was discovered that two people on board did not have fishing licenses and enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted a homeowner after observing a plume of black smoke coming from his property. It was discovered that he was burning a mattress and table and chairs. The homeowner was educated on proper solid waste disposal and a citation was issued.

CO Mark Siemen responded to several different calls from concerned citizens about fawns that appeared to be abandoned by the mother. He checked the area for dead doe's and after not finding any, CO Siemen made contact with the individuals and advised them to leave the fawns alone so that the mother deer can continue to care for them.

In Tuscola County, CO Jason A. Smith contacted an ORV that was operating on the roadway. The subject was very apologetic about not having his ORV sticker. CO Smith informed him that it was Free ORV Weekend and an ORV license was not required for that weekend, but the operator must abide by all other ORV regulations.

COs Joshua Wright and Mark Siemen worked the Saginaw Bay on Father's Day and made contact with about seventy-five subjects. Several verbal warnings were given, and two individuals were cited for fishing with more than three lines. One of the individuals contacted was also found to be under the influence of alcohol while operating a vessel. That suspect was arrested and taken to the Tuscola County Jail.

CO Joshua Wright was checking the incoming vessels at Murphy Lake in Tuscola County. One of the operators appeared to be under the influence. CO Wright preformed field sobriety tests on the suspect and found the suspect to be under the influence of a combination of alcohol and controlled substances. The individual was taken to the local hospital and had blood drawn for analysis and then taken to the Tuscola County Jail.

CO Joshua Wright was checking a well-known party spot in the Tuscola State Game Area and located about fifteen vehicles and observed an additional vehicle drive off

private property onto a closed area. Michigan State Police assisted CO Wright and soon after they arrived the vehicle pulled behind CO Wright's only to leave again quickly to avoid the officers. Unfortunately, in their quick departure, the driver did not notice the tree behind him and ran right into it. The driver had open intoxicants and a controlled substance in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Foerster and Jill Miller assisted Michigan State Police with a fugitive that took off on foot from a traffic stop near the banks of the Saginaw River. It was later determined that the subject was a wanted felon. The COs supported ground units and K-9 in their patrol vessel by searching the river bank. The K-9 unit was able to locate the suspect and he was taken into custody without further incident.

COs Chad Foerster and Jill Miller were invited to participate with the Cabela's National Walleye Tournament that was hosted in Bay City. In addition to leading 115 boats out Saginaw River to Saginaw Bay, CO Foerster gave a marine safety presentation to approximately 260 professional anglers, co-anglers, and staff who were in attendance. CO Foerster covered Michigan fishing laws and regulations, boating laws, and local restrictions.

During a marine patrol on Whitefish Lake in Montcalm County, CO Mike Haas encountered an angler displaying an expired registration on his watercraft. CO Haas contacted the angler and discovered that the boat was also missing required safety devices. A citation was issued to address the marine safety violations.

CO Mike Haas was performing a patrol through state land in Isabella County when he encountered a large truck driving through the muddy roads. CO Haas noticed that the truck was not displaying a license plate and initiated a traffic stop. The operator of the truck failed to register the truck, the truck had no plate and no insurance; the driver was also not wearing his seat belt. A citation was issued to address the violations.

While checking anglers on a northern Isabella County lake, CO Mike Haas observed a gentleman fishing in a secluded area of the lake. CO Haas eventually contacted the angler who initially claimed he had not been fishing. After CO Haas told the angler he had been watching him fish, described what gear he had been fishing with, how many fish he'd caught, and other observations, the angler admitted he'd been fishing but didn't have a license. The man also stated he didn't want to get a citation since he already had an out of state citation he had to pay. A citation was issued for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CO Mike Haas contacted a family fishing on a lake of the Six Lakes chain in Montcalm County. The couple stated they were happy to get out for the first time of the year to take advantage of the free fishing weekend. CO Haas had to break the news to the family that the free fishing weekend was the next weekend. The man on the boat frantically opened his tackle box and produced a stack of previous fishing licenses

belonging to him and his wife; he then insisted that he would have bought the licenses if he had known it was not free fishing weekend. The couple was warned for fishing without their licenses, but a citation was issued for failing to register their boat.

During a late evening patrol through state land in Midland County, CO Mike Haas came across a vehicle driving slowly down a two-track. As this particular area was an area where the DNR had received complaints about illegal activity, CO Haas contacted the driver of the car and inquired what brought him out to the middle of the woods at such a late hour. The man stated he was delivering McDonald's to his friend who was camping on the state land. The man's story was confirmed when CO Haas contacted the camper. The camper and his family were warned for failing to post a required camp registration card and the man delivering the McDonalds received a citation for having expired registration and no insurance on his vehicle.

COs Dan Robinson, Kyle Bucholtz, Josh Wright, and Will Brickel attended an Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement course which is a two-day course that helps law enforcement officers be more effective in drug and alcohol enforcement. The focus of this training is for roadway enforcement, but the COs also saw many applications where the skills would be applicable to all seasons and forms of recreation when contacting subjects under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chris Holmes and Probationary Conservation Officer (PCO) Nick Ingersoll were patrolling the Kalamazoo River when they observed two individuals fishing along the river in Merrill Park. The two anglers were having good success. After the COs checked the anglers fish, it was determined that they were in possession of two undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken for undersized bass.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll were patrolling Spring Valley Park in Kalamazoo when they drove past a vehicle that smelled like marijuana. The COs contacted the two individuals in the car and it was determined that they had just finished smoking and were in possession of two open containers of alcohol. The driver was also in possession of crack cocaine and was driving while his license was suspended. An arrest warrant is being submitted to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll received a complaint of individuals camping in the Gourdneck State Game Area. After contacting the individuals, it was determined that they had been camping there for almost a week. The COs advised the campers that they were not allowed to be camping there, and that camping was closed in the state game area. After a file check was ran on the individuals, it was determined that one of the individuals had a felony warrant for dangerous drugs out of Kalamazoo. The individual was arrested and lodged at the Kalamazoo County Jail.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Nick Ingersoll received a complaint of an individual who shot a turkey without a license. After contacting the suspect at his residence, the COs questioned him about shooting the turkey without a license. After the COs conducted their investigation, he admitted to shooting the turkey without a license. He admitted it was a mistake and should not have shot the turkey without a license. A warrant was issued by the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor for shooting a turkey without a license.

CO Tyler Cole was patrolling near Three-Legged Lake in Van Buren County when he observed three individuals fishing at the access site. A check of licenses and fish revealed that none of the three individuals had fishing licenses and one of the individuals was in possession of four live bluegills. The fish were released, and enforcement action was taken.

On Saturday the sixteenth of June, the American Legion in Constantine, located in St. Joseph County was hosting a hydroplane boat race event. After receiving multiple complaints, COs Jeremy Cantrell and Kyle McQueer investigated the event. Upon arrival the COs noticed it was a highly populated and organized event. They contacted the coordinator and asked him for his permit. The coordinator had to go to his residence to retrieve the document. Once the individual returned, the COs noticed it had not been signed and validated. After receiving guidance from Sgt. Steve Mooney, Sgt. Jeff Rabbers and Lt. Gerald Thayer, COs Cantrell and McQueer terminated the event for the weekend.

COs Micah Hintze and Kyle McQueer were patrolling St. Joseph County when they noticed a vehicle driving without its lights on at night. A traffic stop was conducted. A file was ran on the driver and it came back that the subject's driver's license was suspended indefinitely in the state of Michigan. This was the driver's third offense for driving while their license was suspended. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Micah Hintze received a complaint from the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline of a young swan being shot. CO Hintze met with the complainant, who explained their neighbor chased the young swan through his property and repeatedly shot the bird with a small caliber rifle. COs Hintze and Cary Foster met with the suspect to discuss the issue. While interviewing the suspect and gathering evidence, the COs uncovered over a dozen marijuana plants the man was growing. The local drug enforcement team was brought in to deal with the grow operation and the COs are addressing the wildlife violations.

While patrolling an inland lake in Cass County, CO Micah Hintze observed a boat approaching the access site with one person aboard. CO Hintze met with the fisherman at the dock. The fisherman explained he didn't think he would ever get checked on this lake. CO Hintze searched the man's cooler and counted the fish on board proving the

man was in possession of more than his allowed daily limit of 25 panfish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg investigated a complaint where a witness observed her neighbor shoot a Canada goose out of season. CO Ulberg contacted the suspect and questioned him about the complaint. The subject stated that he had been having a problem with the geese defecating all over his yard, so he shot at the geese to scare them off. Further investigation revealed that the subject shot five goslings and then buried them in his back yard. The suspect proceeded to dig up the carcasses and gave them to CO Ulberg. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten followed up on a RAP complaint of a person taking and possessing a snapping turtle out of season. One of the complainants reported that a subject was grilling the turtle meat. CO Patten located the turtle's shell at a suspect's residence. The suspect confessed to possessing the turtle. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Mike Drexler was checking anglers on the Huron River and detected the odor of marijuana coming from a fisherman. The subject admitted to possessing a small amount of marijuana and, as the CO investigated further, he located an undersized walleye on a stringer not far from the subject. The angler admitted it was his and enforcement action was taken on all violations.

CO Brandon Hartleben was on marine patrol on Whitmore Lake when he contacted three subjects fishing from a motorized vessel displaying a 1998 registration decal. Additional inquiries revealed that there was no PFDs on the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling southern Lenawee County for ORV activity, CO Eric Smither observed an ORV coming in his direction on the roadway. When the operator noticed CO Smither, he turned the ORV around hoping to avoid contact. CO Smither also noticed the operator of the ORV did not have a helmet on and conducted a traffic stop where he educated the operator regarding ORV laws. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were patrolling by Hayes State Park when CO Monnich noticed an individual driving a vehicle he had stopped a few days earlier for not having insurance. The driver also had a suspended license. The COs followed the vehicle and ran the plate which showed it still did not have insurance. The COs conducted a traffic stop and the driver stated he had no other way of getting to the lake without driving. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were on marine patrol on Round Lake when they witnessed a small child riding on the bow of a pontoon boat while underway. The COs made contact with the boaters to educate them about the dangers of bow riding, also found the boat did not have any life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was on marine patrol on Devils Lake when he observed three anglers on a pontoon boat fishing. CO Monnich made contact with the anglers who stated that they had bought one fishing license and it was good for all three of the anglers. CO Monnich advised they all needed a fishing license to be able to fish. A check in the retail sales system showed that no one had bought a license for the year. Enforcement action was taken.

While working marine patrol CO Eric Smither and CO Andrew Monnich observed an individual fishing on a boat that did not have a current registration. When he noticed the COs, the operator started to leave the area. The COs made contact with the individual and upon further investigation, found that he did not have a current fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

Acting Sgt. Pete Purdy and CO Nick Wellman checked Riley Dam in Coldwater. They contacted an individual who was fishing without a license. The subject advised that he was only eighteen and didn't need a license. He was advised seventeen was the age he needed to start purchasing licenses. The angler produced his driver's license which showed he was in fact twenty. He then stated he thought it was "free fishing weekend." The COs advised free fishing weekend began on Saturday and it was only Thursday. The individual was issued a citation for fishing without license.

CO Jeff Goss attended the Fish 'n Float event hosted by City of Marshall Recreation. Kids were encouraged to fish, canoe and kayak. Despite the rainy weather 20 kids participated in the fishing contest.

CO Jeff Goss checked some anglers at Riley Dam. A quick glance in their bucket revealed that the anglers were having plenty of luck. Upon closer examination it was discovered that they were in possession of three undersize bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss was checking for fishing activity at Stuarts Landing in Marshall when he located a man at the back of his vehicle going through his tackle box. CO Goss asked him how the fishing was, and the man said he wasn't fishing. CO Goss commented on him having three fishing poles and a tackle box and the man insisted that he was not fishing and had no intentions of fishing. CO Goss then asked the man for his

identification and he replied he did not have it. CO Goss was able to get the name and DOB from the nervous man. Upon running the man CO Goss discovered he had an outstanding child support warrant with a \$12,000 bond, as well as a warrant for possession of methamphetamines. After he was secured in handcuffs, a vehicle search revealed that the man was in possession of crystal meth and other drug paraphernalia. A Michigan State Police trooper assisted CO Goss by transporting him to the jail.

CO Josh Jackson was invited to Union City Elementary School for career day. The fourth-grade students had guest speakers from three different areas; the Helping Pathway, the Health Pathway, and the Nature Pathway. CO Jackson talked about the Nature Pathway and the importance of a conservation officer's role. Over 60 students joined in the discussion about the duties and daily tasks of a conservation officer as well as other jobs within the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

COs Sam Schluckbier and Troy Ludwig were working a marine patrol on Lake Ovid in Clinton County. During the early morning patrol two kayakers were found without any PFDs on board. The subjects had been kayaking for some distance and were escorted safely back to the launch. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Sam Schluckbier and Troy Ludwig had just finished a marine patrol of the Grand River when they witnessed two separate individuals leaving the boat launch on an unregistered PWC without wearing PFDs. The COs contacted the individuals and advised them of the law requiring the operators to wear a PFD while operating a PWC. A check with dispatch showed that one of the individuals had warrants out of Clinton and Calhoun County as well as South Carolina. Warnings were issued and the individual with warrants was turned over to the Clinton County Sheriff's Department.

CO Sam Schluckbier checked a group of kayakers on the Grand River in Eaton County. Upon contact he found that none of the adults had any PFDs with them. A 5-year-old girl was wearing a life jacket sized for an adult, which did not provide her the proper protection. The adults claimed they did not know the laws of kayaking and will have life jackets with them in the future. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier presented to the Olivet High School Trap & Skeet Team at the Bellevue Conservation Club. The topics covered included how to become a conservation officer and the daily duties.

COs Chris Reynolds and Carter Woodyk while on patrol in Hillsdale County observed an ORV with the driver not wearing a helmet. The COs stopped the ORV and advised the driver of the violation. During the stop the COs noticed that the driver had an open

container of alcohol. The driver was found not to be under the influence and a citation was issued for the open intoxicants and helmet violation.

COs Katie Stawara and Troy Ludwig performed a joint patrol of the Grand River. The COs contacted numerous anglers including two anglers who did not have their fishing licenses in their possession. A check with dispatch showed that one angler had two outstanding warrants out of Ingham County. The angler with warrants was turned over to the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. Warnings were given for the fishing license violations.

While patrolling Branch County CO Nick Wellman received a call from Branch County central dispatch about a trespassing complaint involving kayakers. CO Wellman contacted the complainant who stated they were still on the river. CO Wellman went to a known spot where kayakers finish their trips and contacted an individual coming off the river. He admitted he was part of the group the complaint was about. Once the rest of the group got off the water the CO interviewed them about the incident. It was found the group wasn't trespassing; however, no one in the group had life jackets and claimed they didn't know they needed them. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Wellman and Jeff Goss went to conduct interviews about some possible illegal deer from the last few years. Upon interviewing both subjects, it was found that one deer was killed on a deer farm and claimed as a fair chase buck. The other interview yielded a full confession from the subject who admitted to killing the buck and then purchasing a tag after the fact. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Wellman was working with COs Todd Thorn and Chris Maher in Ingham County when they came across a couple in a van parked on state land. Upon contact, CO Nick Wellman noticed an open beer can near the passenger. The COs then asked if there was anything else in the car that they should know about. The male passenger admitted to having marijuana on him. Several joints were found on the male as well as other paraphernalia. In addition, a file check showed the female driver was suspended and had an active warrant for her arrest. Enforcement action was taken, and the female was lodged in the Ingham County Jail.

While patrolling Rotary Park in Branch County CO Nick Wellman walked past a gentleman sitting in his car. CO Nick Wellman said hello and noticed a large amount of prescription pill bottles in the front seat. CO Nick Wellman asked the man if everything was ok and, while the man was telling the CO why he was sitting out there, CO Nick Wellman noticed a marijuana pipe in the cup holder. The CO asked the man about smoking marijuana in the park and he stated he was just a recreational user and wasn't

hurting anyone. A search revealed a container holding a larger amount of marijuana. Enforcement action taken.

CO Nick Wellman and CO Pete Purdy were checking kayakers at a local launch when two male kayakers walked up and asked CO Purdy a question. Both COs smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The COs asked them about it and one male confessed to being in possession of marijuana. He turned over a plastic bag with three marijuana cigarettes in it. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rich Nickols and Katie Stawara stopped at Muskrat Lake boat launch to check activity. When the COs pulled in, two subjects in a small fishing boat started to leave the dock in a hurry. CO Stawara had the subjects return to the dock and made contact. After a short conversation, it was discovered the boat registration was expired and the owner had never registered the boat in his name after purchasing it. As CO Stawara was issuing a citation, CO Nickols continued to talk to the subjects. The subjects quickly realized their boat was taking on water. Additionally, they had no PFDs on board. The COs had the subjects remove the vessel from the lake and issued a citation. During the contact one of the subjects stated he remembered CO Nickols as the CO that had arrested him for being a felon in possession of a firearm while deer hunting.

CO Chris Maher received a RAP complaint of an individual who had a whitetail fawn in captivity. The complainant stated that the suspect has taken in wild animals without a permit multiple times before. Upon investigation, CO Maher found the suspect had two fawns in her possession and was not licensed to possess them. CO Maher explained to the suspect that though her intentions may have been good, without proper knowledge and training on how to treat and release wildlife, further injury to the animal can occur. CO Maher took the fawns to a licensed rehabilitator and enforcement action was taken.

CO Katie Stawara attended a public input meeting about Public Act 288. The meeting was held at the Dewitt Community Center and addressed the use of state forest roads/ORV rules in the southern lower peninsula. Citizens were able to ask questions and provide input to DNR personnel.

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CO Jessie Curtis received a complaint from dispatch of 6-10 hydroplanes racing on Lake Nepessing, at the same residence CO Curtis has had to go to for the same complaint in the past. CO Curtis contacted the event host. He did not have a permit as CO Curtis has explained that they needed to have in the past. CO Curtis shut the event down and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jessie Curtis was patrolling through the Lapeer State Game Area when she noticed ORV tracks heading off the road and through the woods. CO Curtis turned off her patrol truck and listened for the ORVs. As CO Curtis was parked, the ORVs pulled off the trail exit she was sitting at. The riders of the ORVs had no ORV stickers and weren't wearing helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jessie Curtis was patrolling in Metamora Township in Lapeer county when she observed a side-by-side driving in the lane with traffic on Pratt Rd. The side-by-side also did not have any ORV stickers. CO Curtis stopped the side-by-side and explained that all ORVs unless road legal must be on the right side of the road and must be licensed. The driver received a citation for an unlicensed ORV.

COs Jonathon Kamps and Jessica Curtis patrolled the Holloway Reservoir checking boaters and anglers. At the Holloway Dam while checking anglers, CO Curtis found a subject that had an undersized walleye in their fish bucket. The walleye was approximately 14". The subject received a citation for the undersized walleye.

While on fisheries patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen spoke with CO Kris Kiel about a complaint dealing with persons keeping largemouth bass out of season. COs Deppen and Kiel made the location and found anglers along the shoreline. The anglers had two largemouth bass in their bucket. One of the largemouth bass was also undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen contacted anglers who had an expired registration. While checking for safety equipment, CO Joseph Deppen noted they did not have enough life jackets for everyone aboard. The vessel also did not have proper registration on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking a group of anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed an angler with his son and they were placing all their fish in an orange bucket. CO Deppen made contact and asked the anglers what they had been catching. The anglers said, "Sheepshead, rock bass, and perch." CO Deppen pulled out a few fish and at the bottom with a sinker in its mouth was a largemouth bass. CO Deppen looked around at the anglers and asked, "Who caught this fish." None of the anglers would respond, but the young child said excitedly, "My dad caught that one, isn't it pretty." CO Deppen said "yes, it is." The father looked up and said, "those are out of season, aren't they?" CO Deppen said yes, and it is undersized as well." The young excited angler was given a sticker and enforcement action was taken.

While on a group fisheries patrol in St. Clair County, CO Joseph Deppen received a complaint about an angler taking over limits of walleye near the blue water bridge in Port Huron. CO Deppen made the location and surveilled the suspected angler. The angler had three rods in the water and two stringers that he was using. The angler

started packing up and pulled up six walleye and put them in a bucket. CO Deppen approached the angler and the angler started walking towards his vehicle. CO Deppen said, "hey you forgot your other stringer." The angler hung his head and walked to the wall with CO Deppen. The angler's other stringer had eight more walleye on it. CO Deppen picked up the stringer and handed it to the angler. The angler placed eight more walleye in the bucket and said those fish belonged to his wife. The only problem was, his wife was at home and not fishing. CO Deppen also pointed out, even if she was here, he would still be over limit. Enforcement action was taken.

While on group fisheries patrol in St. Clair County, COs Pat Hartsig, Kris Kiel, Danielle Zubek, Jacob Griffin and Joseph Deppen were checking anglers fishing for walleye. CO Hartsig noticed a vehicle leaving a local fishing spot, and the angler had six walleyes on his stringer that he placed in his vehicle. As the night progressed and more anglers were checked, CO Hartsig reported seeing the angler's vehicle back at the same location. COs Griffin and Deppen made the location and noticed the angler was fishing down on the wall. The COs contacted the angler and he had seven walleyes in his bucket. The COs and the angler walked up to his vehicle and questioned him about any more fish in his possession. Under the front seat was another bag of six walleye filleted out. The angler said those were from yesterday. The COs educated the man on daily and possession limits and enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner received a complaint regarding an individual at the Davison Lake boat launch who was harassing the state employees while they were cutting the grass. CO Gardner contacted the harassing subject and explained to him that he needed to leave the state workers alone. CO Gardner found out that the subject believes he is the actual owner of the land that the state boat launch is on as well as the entire Ortonville State Recreation Area and the oil rights. CO Gardner showed the individual a map of the property that clearly shows ownership of the surrounding area. The individual then told CO Gardner that his map was wrong and that he was the true property owner. Realizing that the individual didn't care what the property map stated, CO Gardner explained to the individual again that he needed to leave the state workers alone or there would be further law enforcement action taken in the future.

COs Kris Kiel, Joseph Deppen, and Sgt. Todd Szyska assisted Chesterfield Township Police Department on a search for a missing 15-year-old teen boy. The teen had been missing for approximately two and a half weeks. The COs worked with Chesterfield Twp. Police Department, the Michigan State Police canine units, and the Macomb County Sheriff to search all areas within the Township. The COs used ORVs to search the State Game Area and local fields and woodlots in the area. The search lasted for over nine hours and ended with the tragic discovery of the teen, deceased, in a heavily wooded acreage off Hickey Rd. Chesterfield Twp. Detectives and the Medical Examiner's Office are working to determine the cause of death.

COs Kris Kiel and Joseph Deppen responded to a RAP complaint of a subject keeping an undersized bass. By the time the COs arrived, the subject was in possession of two largemouth bass during the closed season, one of which was also undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel participated in two late night group patrols targeting St. Clair River walleye anglers taking over limits. Multiple over limit cases were made. One vessel with four anglers checked by COs Kris Kiel and Danielle Zubek produced 26 walleye, two over the limit. CO Kris Kiel and Danielle Zubek also contacted two subjects that had twelve walleyes. The problem was that CO Pat Hartsig observed one of the subjects caught nine of the fish. Enforcement action was taken in both cases.

CO Ben Lasher was patrolling the St Clair River for shore fishing activity and found a vehicle parked but no one fishing on the pier. A border patrol agent had observed two subjects walk down from the vehicle but didn't see where they went. CO Lasher suspected the subjects were trespassing on the old Marysville Edison Plant property and advised Marysville Police of the issue. CO Lasher and a Marysville officer walked into the fenced property to find two subjects fishing and in possession of walleye over limits. Enforcement action was taken by both agencies.

COs Pat Hartsig and Brad Silorey patrolled the St Clair River checking walleye anglers. Numerous groups were contacted, and enforcement action was taken on fishing without licenses and smoking marijuana.

CO Brad Silorey was requested to join Macomb County marine division on their vessel this weekend. United States Coast Guard was conducting a special operation along the US / Canada boarder in Lake St. Clair. Operation "Sidetrack" included Law Enforcement from the Macomb County Sheriff's Division, Michigan State Police, Border Patrol, and Canadian counterparts. The objective of the operation was to stop vessels that were near or crossing the international boarder and conduct safety inspections. CO Silorey and Marine deputies were able to stop many vessels near the border, but also many vessels that were fishing in the area.

CO Brad Silorey was on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair when he observed a vessel fishing. The angler was very secluded in the middle of the lake. When CO Silorey was approximately 30 yards from the angler's vessel, the angler looked at CO Silorey and realized he was a Conservation Officer. It was at that moment the angler walked over to the side of his vessel and threw a stringer that was going into the water over the side. CO Silorey shot over to the rapidly sinking line that had what looked to be approximately 10-15 walleye. The fish and the line sank down into the depths until they disappeared. CO Silorey immediately questioned the subject as to why he did that. The subject acted like nothing had happened and then began to make multiple excuses. He stated that there were only 5 walleyes on the stringer and he thought it

was illegal to “cut” the gills on the fish. The angler had no other walleye on the vessel, and only a few perch. Enforcement action was taken on the angler for multiple violations.

COs Jason Becker and Danielle Zubek observed a PWC operating within 100 feet of anchored boats and swimmers on Pontiac Lake. The COs stopped the PWC and learned that the operator and her two passengers were all thirteen years old. The COs followed the PWC back to the launch and spoke with the PWC owner and the operator’s mother. The mother stated that she and her children attempted to attend a boater safety class the day before but couldn’t work it into her schedule and thought it would be ok if they operated without it. CO Becker advised the mother that even if her child had taken the course, she was still not old enough to operate the PWC. CO Becker also advised the mother of the careless operation and that there were three people on a machine designed for two. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Becker and Danielle Zubek were patrolling Pontiac Lake and observed a PWC operating opposite the counter-clockwise direction around the busy lake. The COs stopped the PWC and advised the operator that it was unsafe to travel in the wrong direction. CO Becker asked the subject if he had taken boater safety, and the subject stated he did. While CO Becker was checking for record of boater safety, CO Zubek recognized the subject because she had stopped him and his brother two weeks earlier for PWC violations. The subject laughed when CO Becker told him there was no record of him taking boater safety. CO Becker stated that the violation was a misdemeanor and cited the subject for operating a PWC without taking boater safety.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he received a complaint of ORVs operating in the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area and on the equestrian trails scaring the horses. CO Griffin was able to immediately respond to the area along with Park Officer Tom Bissett. The two officers searched the area and spoke with multiple horseback riders who witnessed the ORVs. Officer Bissett was able to locate one of the ORVs with two subjects. The operator of the ORV tried to flee the scene but got stuck on a small tree. CO Griffin immediately responded to the area to discover the operator ran over several small trees, damaging or destroying them. Although the two subjects showed little concern, CO Griffin educated the two subjects on the law regarding ORV operation. Furthermore, CO Griffin explained to the subjects they were in violation of illegally operating an ORV within a state recreation area, operating while damaging trees on state land, operating while transporting a passenger when the ORV is not designed for two people, operating without a crash helmet, operating without safety glasses, operating without an ORV registration, operating an ORV without a properly functioning muffler, operating an ORV on a public highway, and operating an ORV on designated horse trails to worry horses. The ORV was impounded, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted two subjects fishing from both sides of a public roadway. As CO Griffin drove closer to the subjects, one subject squatted down with his fishing pole, but stood up without the pole in his hand. As CO Griffin contacted the subjects he asked for their fishing license. One subject stated he was not fishing, but just keeping an eye on his friend's pole. The subject was informed that CO Griffin saw him try to hide his fishing pole under the bridge. Additionally, CO Griffin pointed out that the subject's friend was on the opposite side of the roadway which would mean his line was unattended if the subject was truly not fishing. The subject admitted to fishing and that he did not have a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was checking marine and fishing activity at a state boat access site in Oakland County. While CO Griffin was at the access site, one subject operated an ORV through a neighborhood and on to the state land. CO Griffin stopped the subject to ask why he is illegally operating an ORV on public roads and on state land. The subject stated he was just testing the machine out. CO Griffin explained to the subject that operating on public roads in Oakland County is illegal and operating on state land in Oakland County is illegal. Additionally, the subject was not wearing a helmet, he was not wearing safety glasses, and the ORV was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

While participating in a group patrol of the St. Clair River, Cos Danielle Zubek and Kris Kiel were given a complaint of two anglers fishing, with one of the men taking more than his limit of walleye. The COs checked the anglers. One gentleman admitted to catching nine walleye, while the other gentleman only caught three. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Johnathan Kamps contacted two anglers as they approached a local boat launch. When the CO asked the fishermen if he could see inside the cooler, one individual quickly took a walleye out of the cooler and put it out of CO Kamps' view. CO Kamps inspected the walleye that the individuals hid along with another one in the cooler and determined that both were undersize. Enforcement action was taken for possession of short walleye.

CO Johnathan Kamps responded to an ORV trespass complaint. The CO contacted the subject at his residence where he obtained a confession for riding on the property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Keven Luther received a complaint via radio from station 20 of a shark in the Detroit River at Mt. Elliott Park in Detroit. CO Luther contacted the complainant via cell phone. After receiving photos from the complainant, CO Luther determined the shark to be a sturgeon. CO Luther met with complainant at Mt. Elliott Park in Detroit and retrieved the

deceased sturgeon from the Detroit River. The sturgeon appeared to have expired from natural causes.

CO Keven Luther patrolled Maybury State Park's equestrian trail entrances for mountain bikers operating in the equestrian trail. No activity was observed. CO Luther patrolled the Rouge River fishing derby at Waterford Bend Park in Northville. CO Luther discussed the event with the event coordinator and answered questions for the public. CO Luther then patrolled the area for possible rainbow trout over limits. No illegal activity was observed. The fishing derby has over sixty youth anglers participate in the event.

COs Keven Luther, Adam Beuthin and Sgt. Damon Owens conducted a marine patrol of the Detroit River. CO Luther and CO Beuthin issued one citation for operating with wake in a no wake zone in Ecorse along the Detroit River.

CO David Schaumburger sat and observed three anglers fishing at the Belleville Dam for quite some time. When the CO started to approach the anglers, one of them was no longer holding a pole. The CO asked for fishing licenses, the one holding the pole said he was not fishing. The CO told the angler he had been watching him for quite some time and the angler replied, "So you know I am lying?" One of the other anglers told the CO since he is 66 years old he did not need one. The CO informed him he was wrong, and the angler accused the CO of lying to him. The final angler had a fishing license but was in possession of an undersized smallmouth bass. Citations were issued for fishing without a license and possessing an undersized bass.

CO David Schaumburger located a walleye on a stringer and asked the angler if he had measured the fish. The angler stated he knew it was larger than 13-inches. The CO stated to the angler that the size limit for walleye was 15-inches and the angler looked puzzled. The CO measured a 14.5-inch walleye and a citation was issued for possessing an undersized walleye.

BELLE ISLE

CO Katie Stawara completed a B2 shift at Belle Isle. She assisted a subject having car trouble and observed multiple traffic violations while on shift. Enforcement action was taken with multiple subjects found in possession of alcohol.

CO William Webster assisted with the annual Belle Isle Grand Prix in Detroit.