

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
7/3/2016 – 7/16/2016**

DISTRICT 1

CO Eberly worked a burning complaint near Gratiot Lake this past week where an individual was burning treated lumber and other construction material. Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen was dispatched to assist the Gogebic County Sheriff's Office in a search and rescue mission, attempting to locate missing and injured people as a result of the flash flooding and tornado damage. CO Lasanen teamed up with Gogebic County Marine Patrol and a GLIFWC Officer, launching the patrol boats from Black River Harbor after the county road commission pushed out debris from the boat landing with a road grader. CO Lasanen checked the shoreline and made sure there was no one stranded in Lake Superior. CO Lasanen and GLIFWC Officer Steve Amsler transported deputies and troopers from Little Girls Point across Oman's Creek to check the welfare on the residence west along the Lake Superior shoreline to the state line. The Oman's Creek Bridge had been washed out along with 23 other areas along Lake Road that had been washed away. CO Lasanen and the other vessels transported residents across the washouts to a point where they could be transported back into town.

CO Brian Lasanen and CO Ethen Mapes responded to an over-turned vessel on Lake Superior off of Ontonagon. CO Lasanen and Mapes arrived at the location of the over-turned vessel which was already washed up on shore. The area was checked for anybody in the water and debris from the vessel. After the vessel was turned right side up the registration numbers were checked and the owner of the vessel was contacted. It was determined there was no one on board and the owner advised his boat was docked at Saxton Harbor Wisconsin and had gotten washed away in the recent severe storms.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen worked an ORV patrol in the Twin Lakes area this weekend, making a stop on an ORV operator for not wearing a helmet. While talking with the rider CO Lasanen could see the rider trying to hide his open beer he had. Upon further investigation during the stop, it was also determined the rider never attached his ORV decals to the machine. Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in a rescue of a female with a badly injured knee as a result of a fall. The victim had to be carried out over 3.5 miles through mountainous terrain, with rescue efforts lasting all night.

Conservation Officer Matt Eberly returned from an Isle Royal patrol and as he waited to be picked up at the Lily Pond landing he saw a boat in distress. The boater had

launched his vessel and after a short time the vessel stalled and its operator was not able to restart. CO Eberly assisted by getting the stranded boater back to shore.

CO Jared Ferguson and CO Brian Bacon were patrolling in central Dickinson County when they observed a dark cloud coming from a construction site. The COs made contact with the owner and found they were burning construction materials that included vinyl siding, paint cans and other materials. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson and CO Brian Bacon were on marine patrol on the backwaters of the Menominee River when they observed an individual fishing from shore. The COs made contact and found the subject had not purchased a 2016 fishing license. The subject stated he hasn't seen a CO in this location in the past and just wanted to go fishing one last time before he moved to Wisconsin. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling the Menominee River when he came across two individuals floating on inner tubes a great distance from any exit point. Upon contacting the individuals CO Ferguson found that they floated past the site they were supposed to exit the river from. CO Jared Ferguson loaded up both individuals into his patrol boat and safely transported them and their tubes back to the proper landing where their parents were waiting for them.

CO Shannon Kritz, while patrolling in Iron County, observed three young subjects in a side-by-side cross a highway, ride in the traffic lane on a county road and fail to signal a turn. CO Kritz stopped the ORV. All three subjects were under the age of 16 and the driver had not taken an ORV safety course. The CO made contact with the driver's parent and explained the importance of ORV safety and minors being supervised while in operation. The parent was cited for allowing a minor to operate an ORV unsupervised.

CO Shannon Kritz was on ORV patrol in Iron County when she observed a jeep approaching with two subjects standing up in the back seat. Contact with the driver found the vehicle to be unlicensed. A check of the subject's driving status found it to be revoked.

CO Shannon Kritz was called to Hagerman Lake where a boat was operating in circles without a driver. The boat eventually crashed into a dock. A search is underway to try and locate the missing fisherman utilizing the dive teams from Delta County and MSP. COs Brian Bacon, Jared Ferguson, Brett Delonge and Sgt.'s Marc Pomroy and Ryan Aho also assisted.

CO Brian Bacon was checking marine activity in Dickinson County when he observed a boat being operated with an expired registration. Contact with the driver was made and it was determined the vessel had not been registered for a few years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon was on patrol when he observed a vehicle traveling on the highway at a high rate of speed. CO Bacon was able to pace the vehicle and determine the vehicle was traveling at over 85 mph. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and when asked why he was in a hurry, the driver replied that he wasn't really in a hurry- just heading into town. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon finished an investigation into a timber theft that occurred this winter. Over 80 cedar trees were stolen at a cash value of nearly two thousand dollars. Warrants were authorized for a suspect that CO Bacon determined was responsible for the theft.

CO Bacon contacted a subject fishing on the bank of a river in Dickinson County. When asked for his fishing license, the subject stated he had purchased one every year for the last five years, but did not have a current license. CO Bacon checked the angler's story and found he had only purchased a license in two of the last five years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson worked a complaint regarding house litter that was dumped on state land near Groveland Mine. CO Ferguson responded to the scene and discovered a large pile of household furniture and a refrigerator that was dumped. CO Ferguson was unable to determine who dumped the items, and contacted a local volunteer clean up group to assist with the litter.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy received a call of an ORV being operated on the roadway with the operator having a rifle on his back. Sgt. Pomroy located the suspect ORV and conducted a stop of the operator. The operator was not wearing a helmet and did have an uncased rifle on his shoulder. After securing the .22 rifle, Sgt. Pomroy determined the subject was new to the area and was unaware of Michigan regulations for ORVs and hunting seasons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge made contact with several boats on the Dead River Basin in Marquette County. One of the subjects he contacted was fishing with no fishing license. Several others contacted did not have PFDs in the watercrafts they were operating. Enforcement action was taken with each violation.

CO Mark Leadman assisted with a Hunter Education class of 33 students. The class was held at the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club located in Negaunee Michigan.

DISTRICT 2

While on routine patrol on a local lake, CO Robert Freeborn checked a boat full of fishermen. After checking the first 2 fishermen, CO Freeborn asked the third fishermen for his license. The fisherman stated that he had left it back at his campsite and was adamant that he did purchase one and stated that the new ones were orange in color. After checking his fishing license status, it was determined that he had not purchased a current fishing license. A citation was issued.

CO Robert Freeborn along with Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and Forest Service Officer Dave Tembreull were working the surrounding area of a popular canoeing river along the highway to make sure no one was blocking the road while loading their canoe. As the COs watched the area, two lifted pick-up trucks proceeded to do a burn out on a bridge overlooking the river that was full of pedestrians. As a result of the burn out, one of the trucks slid sideways in the roadway putting several pedestrians in danger. The COs were able to stop one of the pick-up trucks. The operator was given a ticket for careless operation of a motor vehicle.

COs Robert Freeborn, Michael Evink, Mark Zitnik, Pat Hartsig, along with help from Commercial Fish Specialist Shannon VanPatten and USFS Officer Dave Tembreull worked the AuTrain River trying to address complaints stemming from the heavy use of the river. At the end of the day, the COs issued several tickets for use of Marijuana, Minors in possession of alcohol, littering, and failure to provide PFDs. Numerous warnings were also given out.

While working salmon fishermen out of Manistique, COs Robert Freeborn and Jon Busken contacted several boats. Overall compliance was good except for 2 boats that were fishing with too many lines. Citations were issued

CO Michael Evink received a complaint of a large junk pile on state land. The pile contained TVs, Toilets, tables and much more. CO Evink was able to identify some of the garbage. After talking to a few people, CO Evink Issued a ticket to the responsible party.

COs Pat Hartsig, Chris Lynch and Calvin Smith patrolled the waters of Little Bay De Noc looking to address fishing and marine violations. Many contacts were made and citations were issued for fishing without a license and warnings for minor marine safety violations.

While patrolling a busy inland lake over the Fourth of July holiday CO Calvin Smith observed a vessel towing a person on a tube without an observer present. A stop was made and it was also found that the vessel had not been registered in many years. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Zitnik and Calvin Smith patrolled from Munising Bay to Grand Marais on the Fourth of July. The COs contacted several boats and noted a high compliance on regulations. The COs then participated with the USCG and National park service and enforced a 600 foot no boating zone around the city's firework display. COs Kevin Postma and Calvin Smith checked several anglers trying their luck behind the Soo power house. On one of the contacts a fisherman told CO Smith that he just told his fishing partner that you never know when a CO will show up and low and behold here you are!

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling a local lake when he came across an angler who was operating an unregistered watercraft. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Zitnik and Christopher Lynch were on patrol when they came across an ORV operator who was not wearing a helmet. Upon contact with the operator, he failed to disclose he had a CPL and firearm until further into the conversation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed three anglers fishing. Upon making contact with the anglers, one of them didn't purchase a 2016 fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chris Lynch and Mark Zitnik were on patrol on the AuTrain River. The COs were watching one group of kayakers that were taking a brake on shore when the odor of marijuana became present. CO Lynch noticed a lone kayaker paddling up river to meet the group of kayakers on shore. The COs made contact with the lone kayaker and discover he was in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma investigated an 82 acre fire that was ignited due to an individual burning a debris pile during a high fire danger / no burn period. The individual responsible for the fire came forward and was extremely cooperative. The responsible party advised he thought the debris pile was extinguished before leaving the property; however, due to the extreme fire weather it must have re-kindled itself over night. Just an example of how easily a forest fire can start during dry times.

CO Jon Busken was on routine patrol near a campground when he observed an individual who he had arrested a month earlier for driving with a suspended license. At that time the man had resisted arrest and was charged with a felony. This time, the operator was found to have a restricted license. Contact was made as the operator sat down by a bonfire. The operator originally claimed he was there on business but later admitted to being there for a family gathering. Enforcement action was taken for violating license restrictions.

DISTRICT 3

CO Steve Speigl and PCO Travis Dragomer were checking boating access sites in Antrim County when they noticed a couple personal watercrafts operating at high speeds on Lake Bellaire. Closer inspection revealed that both operators were not wearing life jackets. A short time later the operators came to the public dock where COs were waiting; enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Tom Oberg were on Marine Patrol in East Bay on Lake Michigan when they noticed several people in boats fishing. The COs made contact to check for fishing licenses and marine safety equipment. Upon making contact, it was determined that the five anglers were short a PFD, did not have a type IV throwable PFD, and did not have a certificate of registration. After running the owner of the boat through central dispatch, it was found that he had a Misdemeanor warrant for failing to appear on an expired watercraft registration ticket. The COs took bond to ensure that

he will appear in court to resolve his prior offence. A citation was issued for failing to provide enough PFDs.

CO Albert and PCO Oberg were on Marine Patrol in East Bay on Lake Michigan. Officers made over 40 contacts with anglers and boaters. Several citations were issued throughout the day for violations such as fishing without a license, expired boat registration, fail to provide enough PFDs, and other marine safety violations. Various verbal warnings were also issued for marine safety equipment violations and fishing license violations.

While patrolling the Horton Bay area, CO Andrea Erratt observed two fly fishermen walking from Horton Creek. CO Erratt made contact with the two subjects. In talking with them it was learned that they had walked past no trespassing signs and the fence of the Horton Bay Club. The subjects were also found to have an undersized trout in their possession. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Michigan near Bay Harbor, CO Erratt encountered two PWCs with expired registrations. It was also learned that one of the operators did not have a boater safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Charlevoix for marine activity, CO Erratt located a sailboat without a valid registration. The operator claimed that sailboats did not need to be registered. CO Erratt explained the law to the individual and took enforcement action.

CO Chad Baldwin and CO Erratt were patrolling the south arm of Lake Charlevoix when they observed two kayaks with one subject in the water appearing to be in distress. They made contact with the subjects finding the one subject in the water with his kayak partially submerged. The kayaker in the water was trying to tread water and holding onto the kayak. The COs threw a life ring to the subject and brought him aboard their patrol boat. The subject advised the officers he was not sure how much longer he would have been able to hold on if they had not come to his aid. The COs were able to get the submerged kayak from the water and onto their boat. Neither kayaker had a PFD, but instead had half of a swim noodle. The subjects were taken back to shore and a ticket was issued for no PFDs.

CO Baldwin worked Aquapalooza on Lake Charlevoix, checking numerous vessels, giving several warnings and issuing one citation for an expired registration.

Working a complaint of illegal ORV activity on the bike path in Pellston CO Duane Budreau located two ORVs operating on the path right through town. Both ORVs were stopped and contact was made. Both were found to be without proper ORV stickers in addition to operating on the prohibited trail. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Paradise Lake, CO Duane Budreau stopped a boat that did not have any MC numbers, but only an expired registration decal. The operator did not have the registration on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki was on patrol on Burt Lake when he came across a lone fisherman trolling five lines. The fisherman stated he had just put down the extra lines. A ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines. Later, while on Mullett Lake, CO Rosochacki found a fisherman with six lines out, citing him for fishing with too many lines also.

While on patrol on state land in Otsego County, CO Nick Torsky located a dune buggy on a closed forest trail operating in excess of 65 MPH. After getting the ORV stopped, he found it also was unlicensed. The driver was ticketed for careless operation and operating an ORV in a closed area.

CO Matt Theunick patrolled the Cheboygan River per complaints of boats operating at greater than a slow no-wake speed. A ticket was issued for violation of the slow no-wake law and several warnings were given for minor infractions.

CO Theunick responded to a gas/oil spill on Mullett Lake that came from a boat whose gas tank was leaking. CO Theunick investigated the incident and assisted in arranging the clean-up.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ryan Andrews patrolled Black Lake in Cheboygan County, issuing three tickets for fishing without licenses and one for no PFDs. CO Matt Theunick also patrolled Black Lake on another day, issuing two tickets for fishing without licenses.

COs Bottorff and Rosochacki and PCO Andrews responded to a lost fisherman complaint in the Wilderness Road. Area in Cheboygan County. An elderly fisherman and his son had been fishing on the West Branch of the Sturgeon River and decided to walk out cross country. The COs located the fishermen and assisted them in getting out of the woods safely.

CO Mark DePew and PCO Kyle Cherry assisted in finding lost hikers in the Pigeon River Country state forest, where one had fell and injured himself. The hikers were located and assisted to safety.

CO Tim Rosochacki policed an ORV accident in southern Cheboygan County where a 4-wheeler drove through water on the trail at high speed, losing control and rolling the ORV. The operator was hospitalized for his injuries.

While on patrol, CO DePew and PCO Andrews checked a fisherman on Crapo Lake in Otsego County. A cooler was noticed hidden behind a large rock, which contained two undersize bass. A ticket was issued.

Close to I-75, CO DePew and PCO Cherry located a suspect's vehicle whose driver was reported as possibly driving while intoxicated and driving erratically. After stopping the vehicle, the driver was found to be a lady in her eighties, who was not intoxicated, but whose driver's license had been suspended due to medical reasons. The lady was turned over to her family and is being charged with driving while suspended.

While patrolling Mullett Lake in high winds, COs Bottorff and PCO Andrews surprised a fisherman who stated he had only caught four perch. When asked to check his live well, he stated "There might be a walleye in there too". There was, and it was undersize. Another angler was found fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken in both cases.

CO DePew and PCO Cherry did a taxidermist inspection, where they found a buck and associated deer tag purchased on November 15, 2015 at 10:08 am. A follow up interview with the hunter resulted in a confession that the deer was shot while the hunter was unlicensed, with the deer tag being bought after the deer was shot. Charges are being sought through the Otsego County Prosecutor.

CO Nick Torsky assisted CO Steve Speigl in an investigation involving a Facebook video of a truck driving through the Manistee River multiple times. Officers determined the location and a suspect have been developed. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor.

CO Kelly Ross had a trial from an arrest he made on an individual who was boating under the influence. The jury's verdict came back finding the suspect guilty.

CO Adam LeClerc and CO Bill Webster stopped a vessel operating at a high rate of speed with two passengers riding on the bow of the boat on Long Lake in Alpena County. The vessel was stopped and the CO's explained the safety of riders needing to be in their proper seats. CO LeClerc questioned the occupants about the PFD's on board and discovered they did not have a throwable device on their vessel. CO LeClerc issued a citation for no throwable device and gave a warning for bow riding.

COs LeClerc and Webster had made several attempts to make contact with campers at a site that had been set up on state land in Alpena County for over a month; CO LeClerc was finally able to contact the campers finding out they were moving to Michigan from another state for work. CO LeClerc explained the laws of camping in Michigan and supplied them with Camp Registration cards for the next place they set up camp.

CO Brad Bellville observed two jet skis operating on Ess Lake in Montmorency County with expired registrations. CO Bellville was able to make contact with the operators and they both admitted to knowing the registrations were expired. A citation was issued for expired registration.

COs Ross and Bellville, and an MSP Trooper were called to Clear Lake State Park by the Park Rangers for assistance with campers violating park rules. When the CO's arrived they assisted with the eviction of the campers due to complaints from other campers saying they were disturbing the peace and violating park rules. The Trooper during the eviction arrested one of the female campers for disorderly person. The rest of the campers were escorted out of the park by the COs.

CO Brad Bellville responded to a call of side by sides riding through the Thunder Bay River. CO Bellville was able to borrow a kayak from the complainant and paddle down to the area the ORV's were tearing up the river and bank which had caused a lot of damage to the river bank. CO Bellville contacted the suspects who were more than happy to talk about the fun time they were having mudding in the river. CO Bellville explained the rules of riding ORVs in Michigan and issued citations for operating ORVs in a river.

CO LeClerc and an MSP Trooper were called about a complaint on Long Lake of a person operating a jet ski close to people and kids swimming. Bystanders were able to chase down and hold the person until officers could arrive. After failing numerous field sobriety tests, she was taken into custody for operating a watercraft while under the influence.

CO Fox and Sgt. Greg Drogowski did a law presentation for the Grand Rack Hunt Club which had approximately 30 attendees.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling a lake in Presque Isle County and contacted a couple of anglers fishing. When CO Sklba asked to see their life jackets they were unable to provide enough life jackets for everyone on board. He also made note of their registration on the vessel being expired. CO Sklba issued citations for both violations.

CO Sklba was patrolling the boneyards in Presque Isle County when he contacted a side-by-side operating in the closed area. During the conversation with the driver he advised CO Sklba that he had been issued a citation four days prior for the same offence from CO Fox. CO Sklba also issued a citation for operating ORV in a closed area.

CO Webster was contacted by Alpena Central Dispatch about a residence in Alpena County where someone had been burning tires the night before and the neighbors could still smell them burning the next morning. The Alpena County Sheriff Office responded to the fire and took photographs but was unable to make contact with anyone at the residence. The Sheriff turned the investigation over to CO Webster for follow up. CO Webster and CO LeClerc made contact later in the morning and located one underage male sleeping in a vehicle in the driveway. COs were able to get another underage male in the residence to come out and admit to starting the fire and burning the tires. Both young men were charged with minor in possession and warned for burning tires.

DISTRICT 4

CO McManus and PCO Bauer assisted in the search for a missing drowning victim on Big Glen Lake in Leelanau County. Along with the Michigan State Police, Leelanau County Sheriff's Department and National Park Service, COs assisted the many resources on-scene. Side-scan sonar equipment and a cadaver dog eventually located the body after five days, and brought closure to not only the incident, but also the family.

CO McManus and PCO Bauer received a complaint from Leelanau County Central Dispatch regarding a suspicious vehicle parked off road on state forest property. COs responded to the scene and located the vehicle parked several hundred yards off the main road, behind several trees and among tall grass. CO McManus and PCO Bauer tracked the occupants from the vehicle approximately one mile through the forest. Once located, they were escorted back to their vehicle and enforcement action was taken for off road violations.

CO Sam Koscinski and PCO Carter Woodwyk conducted a directed patrol in the Silver Lake State Park sand dunes in Oceana County. During their patrol, they conducted many stops and issued citations for various safety violations.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk were patrolling Crystal Lake in Benzie County for anglers and boating activity. Throughout their patrol they issued multiple citations for failure to provide a personal flotation device and one citation for fishing without a license.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and PCO Carter Woodwyk were patrolling Duck Lake in Grand Traverse County when they observed a pontoon boat with multiple anglers. After observing five of the six people on the boat fishing, they made an approach and determined that four of the five anglers did not have valid fishing licenses. After informing the COs that they talked about getting licenses prior to coming out, the anglers were escorted back to their cottage to receive identification and enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe investigated a complaint of a camper on state land in Grand Traverse County who was extending his stay well beyond the 15 days allowed by law. As CO Kehoe continually checked the camp for someone, he noticed the card was constantly changing with a new date. Rather than securing the bottom half of the card, CO Kehoe took pictures of every new card. After several attempts and almost 45 days after the initial report, CO Kehoe finally contacted the camper who reported he had only been there for two weeks. CO Kehoe informed the camper of his untruthfulness and the camper confessed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe received a complaint of a litter pile left in the woods in Grand Traverse County. The complainant advised CO Kehoe that when he first noticed it, there was a car parked near it. The complainant provided CO Kehoe with a license plate. CO Kehoe dug through the litter and located an ATM receipt. CO Kehoe went to the local bank on the receipt and verified the name on the account matched the registered owner on the plate provided by the complainant. During the investigation at the bank, the security staff expressed his distaste for litter bugs and also verified that he reviewed video footage of the ATM transaction and provided a vehicle description to CO Kehoe which also matched. Upon returning to the area the following day, CO Kehoe and CO Stowe noticed the suspect car was back at the same location. CO Kehoe and CO Stowe searched the woods and located a camp with the suspect and one other subject. The

camp, which was not visible from the road, was also trashed. Both subjects admitted to the mess, were issued citations for litter, and ordered to clean it up.

CO William Kinney was assisting a US Forest Service officer in a follow-up investigation of ORVs operating illegally on USFS land in Wexford County. The officers found the location of the illegal activity and were able to follow ORV tracks back to a residence. The homeowner did admit her children do ride their ORVs down the county road and off into the woods. The homeowner was advised by the officers where her family can and can't ride, and a written warning was issued by the US Forest Service officer. The two officers left the residence and were at the end of the road looking at the damage done by the ORVs. As the officers stood at the end of the road, two ORVs emerged from the woods on USFS land. Upon contact, it was determined both of the operators were minors. Both operators were unsupervised and neither one had completed an ORV safety course. The parents were contacted and requested to come to the scene and be advised of the situation. Enforcement action was taken for allowing the children to operate the ORVs unsupervised.

CO William Kinney was patrolling state land north of the Manistee River when he noticed an ORV operating off the county road into the state land. The ORV was stopped by the CO. The individual told CO Kinney he just bought a new ORV and wanted to try it out. CO Kinney had prior contact with the individual weeks prior and advised him where he was allowed to operate his ORV. Enforcement action was taken for operating in a closed area of state land.

While on marine patrol on Silver Lake in Grand Traverse County, CO Rich Stowe and Sgt. Bob Torres observed a pontoon boat. COs observed that three young kids were sitting in the front of the pontoon outside of the safety railing with their feet dangling into the water as the vessel operated at high speed across the lake. The vessel was stopped and enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Colton Gelinis worked Frankfort Fireworks on the 4th of July. All vessels on the water operated in a safe manner. After exiting the marina, the CO received a call about a fight in progress on Elberta Beach. Being the closest unit, the COs and Frankfort Police Department responded. Upon arrival, the fight was dispersed and cooperation for those on the scene was limited.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Colton Gelinis received a complaint from Benzie County Central Dispatch regarding two pit bulls chasing deer in the town of Elberta. The COs made contact with the owner and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and PCO Troy Ludwig were patrolling Silver Lake State Park dunes and noticed two motorcycles disobeying the directional traffic signs. The ORVs were jumping the dunes against the flow of traffic. The COs stopped the operators who advised they were driving in that manner so that their girlfriends could get photos and videos of them. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were conducting a Lake Michigan marine patrol when they encountered a vessel trolling with excess lines. When the COs asked the anglers why they had eight lines for two fishermen and indicated to them that they were over-lines, they all looked shocked and said they must have miscounted. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and a Mason County Sheriff Marine Deputy were patrolling offshore during the Offshore Classic Tournament. On their return to port, they encountered a group of four kayaks on Lake Michigan in 20 feet of water with no life jackets visible. When they asked the paddlers to display their flotation devices, the adult in the group yelled back that he didn't need "nanny-government" telling him what to do and became defiant, paddling away from the officers. The man then yelled "we can swim and don't need life jackets." The COs approached the group and confirmed that the father and his children had no flotation devices at all. CO Brosky and the deputy had a lengthy discussion with the man about the recent drownings including kayakers and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski assisted with a disabled boat on Lake Michigan near Ludington. The boat had taken a wave over the transom of the boat that caused their motor to stop running. Although the boaters had tried to set an anchor, the swells were so large they continued drifting to shore. The COs assisted them safely to port.

CO Kyle Publiski stopped three ORVs that were operating in a prohibited area without helmets or ORV stickers. While he was issuing them citations, two more ORVs operating without registration and riding double were stopped as they approached him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski and CO Steve Converse responded to a fire on Tippy Backwaters where a campfire left unattended jumped the fire ring and burned over an acre of federal land. All responding units had to use boats to gain access to the area. The COs and fire personnel had to dig a fire line by hand to stop the fire from advancing into a wooded area. The investigation continues.

CO Sam Koscinski and CO Steve Converse worked marine patrol at the annual Bear Lake Days fireworks display. While there, the COs checked an angler in a boat and asked for his fishing license. The angler began searching through a tackle box and eventually produced a 2016 license with a date of birth that didn't match the one he had given the COs. After further investigation, the COs discovered that the angler was trying to use his father's license as his own. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski and PCO Woodwyk worked a shift at Silver Lake State Park in the dunes that resulted in numerous citations. The COs issued four ORV operators citations for failing to follow directional signs, five operators for not using safety belts, one for operating without eye protection, and one for disorderly behavior.

CO Sam Koscinski was checking anglers on the Big Manistee River when a fishing guide began yelling to him that two individuals were struggling to stay afloat downstream from him. CO Koscinski located an adult female and a nine year old child who had become separated from their canoe. The child was clinging to the female's neck as they were floating in the river and being pushed into a log jam from the strong current. CO Koscinski was able to safely rescue both individuals from the water and take them to shore. Neither individual was wearing a lifejacket.

CO Sam Koscinski and CO Will Kinney were working a stretch of the Big Manistee River when they came across three individuals who had become separated from their kayaks. The kayakers had just cleared a stretch of river where the current sweeps through a series of turns, ultimately pushing watercraft into a log jam. All three individuals had flipped out of their kayaks and were unable to right themselves and pull their kayaks out of the swift current that had lodged their kayaks under log jams. The COs were able to rescue all three kayakers and take them to safety onshore, none of which were wearing life jackets.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling on foot along the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin in an area where there is frequent complaints of littering, trespass, indecent exposure and disorderly behavior. CO Killingbeck observed a group of subjects that had stopped at the bank of the river who were very intoxicated and loud. As CO Killingbeck watched the group, one subject finished a bottle of beer and discarded the bottle by throwing it in the woods as the others cheered him on. The subject then took a second bottle from his raft and threw it in the woods. CO Killingbeck approached the group and they immediately became quiet. When CO Killingbeck asked the subjects how their trip was, they all acted as if they could not speak English. CO Killingbeck had already heard them talking and knew everyone spoke English. The CO then became a bit more insistent on the truth and advised he had observed all of their behavior and conversation. The subject decidedly began to speak perfect English and admitted to throwing the bottles. A citation was issued for littering.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin when he observed two subjects stop their canoe directly in front of a "No Trespassing" sign. One individual got out and walked past numerous signs onto the private parcel. CO Killingbeck contacted the man who said that he did not see any of the signs and that "mother nature was calling him." CO Killingbeck explained the recreational trespass laws to the subject and enforcement action was taken. Later on, CO Killingbeck observed another canoe in the same area as it stopped and two subjects got out in the water. One subject completely exposed himself while standing on the bank facing the river and began urinating. CO Killingbeck contacted both subjects and could immediately smell marijuana. CO Killingbeck confronted the subjects and they turned the marijuana over to him, expressing how very embarrassed they were about the entire situation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River when he observed a male subject expose himself and urinate in the river while children were playing in the

water nearby. CO Killingbeck contacted the subject who was intoxicated and was having a hard time understanding why it was illegal to expose himself while in public. The subject's passenger began asking CO Killingbeck why he was on the river in the first place. CO Killingbeck explained to the subjects that there were complaints about nudity, drugs and disorderly behavior. The subjects then began arguing that they did not see anything wrong with "fun" on the river. CO Killingbeck advised them of the rules for the river and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol, CO Josiah Killingbeck observed ORVs operating on closed federal lands. The operators were not wearing helmets or eye protection. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORVs and discovered both subjects were in possession of open intoxicants. Both subjects admitted they knew it was illegal to operate without helmets and to have open intoxicants on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO Kyle Publiski were patrolling for ORVs in the south west corner of Lake County when a 911 call came out advising that two subjects were being chased out of a house with a knife approximately one mile from the COs location. CO Killingbeck and CO Publiski were able to locate the victims and learned that one victim had been kicked down a flight of stairs and then the suspect chased both victims out of the residence while holding a fillet knife. EMS was called to the scene to address injuries and the COs were able to locate the subject inside a neighboring residence. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged in the Lake County Jail on charges of domestic violence and felonious assault.

CO Josiah Killingbeck worked a patrol at the Silver Lake State Park dunes. Numerous violations were observed, including no eye protection, no seatbelts, allowing juveniles to operate unsupervised, driving while suspended and exhibition driving. The patrol resulted in 16 citations and 20 warnings.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working marine patrol on July 4th in Lake County when he observed a boat displaying an expired registration. CO Killingbeck made contact with the pontoon operator to discuss why an expired registration was being displayed. The CO discovered that there were no life jackets on board and also found one subject who was fishing did not have his license in his possession. The pontoon hadn't been registered with SOS since 2009. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking vessels on North Lake in Lake County when he observed a boat displaying a 2011 registration. CO Killingbeck made contact with the vessel and the operator who said that he must have forgot to renew the registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was pulling into the access site of North Lake in Baldwin when he observed an ORV that was being operated by a juvenile. When the youth saw CO Killingbeck pulling in, he attempted to flee. When the juvenile took off, he lost control and drove the ORV over a bank and directly into the lake. After determining that the juvenile was not injured, CO Killingbeck made contact with the juvenile's father.

Numerous violations were addressed including no ORV stickers, no helmet, no ORV safety certificate, and allowing a minor to operate unsupervised. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a tip that someone was attempting to raise baby raccoons. CO Killingbeck was able to contact the suspect and found that she was in possession of two live raccoons that she had been raising for about one month. The suspect told CO Killingbeck that she felt bad for the animals after finding out the mother was killed. The law regarding captive wildlife was explained to her and the raccoons were taken. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig were working at the Silver Lake State Park sand dunes and were investigating the complaint of someone cutting in the very busy line and then physically damaging the complainant's vehicle. PCO Ludwig stopped another vehicle for cutting and discovered that he had a suspended driver's license with eight prior convictions for driving on a suspended license. They also found a two-liter bottle of Coca Cola mixed with whiskey and other cans of beer in his vehicle. The driver had an outstanding warrant for his arrest as well. The driver was lodged at the Oceana County jail.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig were on marine patrol on Lake Michigan when they came upon a charter boat fishing with too many rods. The captain said that he had 14 lines. When the COs asked how many fishermen were on board, the captain responded that he had five anglers aboard. When he was unable to produce the fifth person, he was issued a citation for fishing with too many lines.

CO Troy Van Gelderen and PCO Troy Ludwig were patrolling the Pentwater Plains when they saw a car pull off an illegal two-track. When they stopped to talk to the occupants, they smelled burnt marijuana. The passenger produced a marijuana pipe, additional marijuana and an open bottle of Raspberry Rum. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was working the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area, and was parked on top of a hill, when a dirt bike jumped blindly five feet from the back of CO Shively's patrol truck and almost struck a passing Jeep. The operator of the dirt bike got up from the sand and began swearing at the Jeep operator who he felt was at fault. CO Shively quickly made his way to the dirt bike operator and informed him he was in fact at fault as he was not in control of his dirt bike as he was airborne. The subject was cited for careless operation of an ORV.

CO Ben Shively was driving up the entry ramp into the ORV Area at Silver Lake State Park when he observed a dirt bike in his rear view mirror passing vehicles in the no passing zone. CO Shively conducted a traffic stop on the subject and discovered it was his second contact with officers that day and received his second citation for failure to comply the posted signage.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County were patrolling through a campsite near the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they observed a minor in possession of alcohol. Upon further investigation, it was found that the subject also had marijuana and a marijuana grinder in his possession. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County made contact with two anglers along the Muskegon River in Newaygo County. When asked to see their fishing licenses, one did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County responded to a bear complaint in Newaygo County. The complainant said the bear was seen eating from his bird feeders and peach trees. After review of the video and pictures provided by the complainant, it was noted that the bear in question was missing one of its front paws. Wildlife Division was called and the COs assisted in setting up a bear trap at the complainant's residence.

PCO Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County were participating in the Muskegon River Task Force when they observed a subject get off of his canoe and enter on to private property on the bank of the river. CO Ginn questioned the individual still on the canoe and it was explained that the suspect that went on to the bank was relieving himself. The suspect came back to the canoe and CO Ginn educated him on the trespassing laws and the impropriety of relieving himself on a person's private property which continues to be the source of many complaints from riparian property owners. The suspect was educated by officers and released.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Casey Varriale conducted a fishing license check on two individuals in a canoe. An undersized rainbow trout was in their possession upon inspecting the catch. One angler admitted to knowing it was undersized, but said he had hooked it in the gills, and the fish was dead anyways. CO Ginn educated the individual about the importance of releasing undersized fish even if it was bleeding from the gills. The individual was educated and received a warning for the possession on undersized rainbow trout.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn responded to a drowning on the Muskegon River in Newaygo County. The COs assisted the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department in the search for the angler who had drowned after slipping off the bank into a deep hole while fishing. The victim was unable to swim and had no PFD available.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County responded to a complaint regarding brush being dumped on state land in Newaygo County. The COs were able to find where the trees had come from and interviewed the homeowner. She gave information on who had removed her trees, and the COs contacted the tree removal business. The interview of the tree service owner led the COs to believe that he was not responsible for dumping the brush. The tree service owner did however volunteer to clean up the brush to keep the "good name" attached to his tree removal business.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Casey Varriale witnessed an individual driving without his seatbelt on. During the traffic stop, CO Ginn and PCO Varriale noted a smell of alcohol coming from the car. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County were on patrol near the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they observed four minors at a campsite. It was determined that three of the four minors were using alcohol and marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel and CO Angela Greenway were working the Muskegon River Task Force in Newaygo County and responded to an injured person in the water. Upon arrival, it was determined that the intoxicated tuber had attempted to use a rope swing and fell, severely fractured his leg. CO Greenway applied a SAM splint from the first aid kit aboard the patrol vessel while CO Lebel loaded the injured individual into the patrol boat and transported him by water to a nearby DNR boat access site to an awaiting EMS unit.

DISTRIST 5

Conservation Officers Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood were on a late night patrol on Wixom Lake when they observed a small vessel operating without navigation lights. When they go closer to the vessel, they noticed it was a PWC attempting to pull a skier. The PWC was being operated after mid-night and also towing a person on ski's without an observer. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Kyle Bader was assigned a report all poaching complaint indicating that some young men had speared some trout. The only information in the complaint was a picture of a man holding a stringer of trout with a caption that said "spearing in Ogemaw County," and a partial name. With the help of Station 20 dispatchers, CO Bader was able to develop a suspect. During an interview with the suspect, he confessed to spearing two of the trout, and supplied the name of the man who speared the other three. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Kyle Bader assisted MSP and Ogemaw County Sheriff's Office with a domestic dispute. The suspect involved has been the subject of many officer safety bulletins as he has made multiple threats to shoot any law enforcement officer who came to his house. The MSP Troopers and CO Bader covered the suspect's house while the Ogemaw County Deputies spoke to the victim next door. Eventually, the officers were able to talk the suspect out of his residence and take him into custody. He was arrested and transported to the Ogemaw County Jail.

Conservation Officer Kyle Bader and Sgt. Brandon Kieft took the Hunter Education Laser Shot trailer to the West Branch Fabulous Friday event on 07/15/16. Well over 100 people stepped into the trailer to learn about firearm safety and try their luck at hunting virtual big game.

Conservation Officer Casey Pullum patrolled the Au Sable River during a busy day. CO Pullum watched as a group of about 30 people were launching water balloons at other groups floating down the river with a 3-man water balloon launcher. A large majority of the balloons were hitting the water and not breaking. A number of those floated downstream past CO Pullum. When the group moved down river, CO Pullum identified one of the individuals shooting the balloons and obtained the person's information. After checking the person's name in LEIN, it was found that the individual had a warrant out of Newaygo County. He was taken into custody and lodged at the Oscoda County Jail.

Sgt. Brandon Kieft assisted an Ogemaw County Sheriff Deputy on a personal injury ORV crash. Sgt. Kieft and the deputy had to launch an ORV and follow another rider over a mile into state land to investigate the crash scene. The rider had hit a small stump off the edge of the trail and launched the ORV into trees just off the ORV trail. The machine, which was only a few weeks old, was badly damaged from the crash and the operator's helmet was severely cracked from the impact. The operator was treated for injuries at the local hospital. Thanks to the safety equipment, he survived the crash.

Conservation Officer John Huspen received a complaint of excessive noise and partying in Keystone Landing State Park Camp Ground in Crawford County. The complaint came in from the night before and stated that it was starting again. CO Huspen stopped before entering the camp ground and he could hear the music and yelling out at the county road. CO Huspen contacted the camps in question, the subjects were playing corn hole in the middle of the camp ground road with one of the vehicles parked blocking traffic. There were beer cans and trash thrown all over the road at two camp sites. CO Huspen talked with the subjects and determined a couple of the subjects were able to drive. Enforcement action was taken and subjects were evicted from the camp ground.

Conservation Officers Warren MacNeill, Bobbi Lively, Mark Papineau, Ben McAteer, Brian Olsen, Sgt. Jeremy Payne, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft presented to a group of teachers at the Academy of Natural Resources. The teachers were taught lessons on Interview and Interrogation, Patrol Tactics, Field Observations and Evidence Collection. The teachers were then able to complete scenarios that Conservation Officers commonly encounter. After the scenarios, the class completed an argumentative writing curriculum and presented their case during a mock trial.

DISTRICT 7

Conservation Officers Bob Hobkirk, Joe Myers and Kyle Bucholtz responded to a vessel in distress. Upon locating the vessel, the COs were informed the distress call was a hoax. An occupant of the boat was attempting to radio another boat over to their location by calling "Mayday!" The conservation officers educated all occupants on their poor judgement and allowed them to continue their ride.

Recently, CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted the tall ship “Draken Harald Harfagre”, the world’s largest modern Viking ship. CO Bucholtz and two local mariners transported hydraulic fluid to the vessel after one of the ship’s engines failed. With assistance from the local mariners and CO Bucholtz, the occupants of the “Draken Harald Harfagre” were able to make the necessary repairs and continue on to the Saginaw River in Bay City for the Tall Ship Celebration.

PCO Joseph Myers and CO Josh Wright escorted a fleet of the tall ships into the Saginaw River for the Tall Ships Festival in Bay City. Additional time was spent working security around the ships while moored.

While on patrol CO Seth Rhodea observed an ORV being operated at a high rate of speed and the driver not wearing a helmet. A stop was made and the ORV was found to be unregistered. While issuing a citation to the driver, a second ORV came by CO Rhodea with the operator not wearing a helmet. In addition, the second ORV was also not registered. Both operators were cited.

While patrolling, CO Seth Rhodea was approaching an intersection when he observed a driver disregard a stop sign and continue through the intersection at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was made and the driver admitted that he should have stopped at the stop sign. A citation was issued for the safety violation.

CO Mark Siemen assisted the Michigan State Police with a flee and elude involving an ORV. Around 3 p.m., a state trooper in Argyle Township advised that a four wheeler was not stopping and the trooper was asking for assistance. CO Siemen responded to the location and multiple attempts were made to stop the four wheeler. After following the ORV for multiple miles with lights and sirens activated on the patrol vehicles, the operator of the ORV attempted to turn into a driveway that was gated. The operator lost control of the ORV and was blocked by the patrol vehicles and was taken into custody without any injury or damage to the vehicles. Charges are being sought by the Michigan State Police.

COs Josh Russell and Ken Lowell were on marine patrol on Lake Montcalm when they witnessed a pontoon displaying an expired registration. After making contact with the pontoon, it was confirmed to be expired from 2015. The operator/owner advised he had no idea. The COs explained that it was his responsibility to have an idea and issued a ticket for the expired registration.

COs Josh Russell and Ken Lowell were on marine patrol on Horseshoe Lake when they saw an angler fishing from a pontoon boat. As the COs made contact, they saw the angler reel in a fish and he appeared to be quite excited about his catch. The angler advised that it was the first fish he had caught in the last three years. When asked for his fishing license, he was not able to produce one. After a history check, the COs found that he had not purchased a fishing license in the past three years. A ticket was issued.

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Will Brickel were working an ORV patrol in the Shiawassee River State Game Area when Central Dispatch broadcasted a personal injury rollover accident. The COs were the closest law enforcement unit and responded to the scene, which was about four miles away. Upon arrival, the COs secured the scene and assisted the driver who had fallen asleep while driving. After falling asleep, the operator had veered off the roadway colliding with a drain covert and then rolled over several times. Medical personnel arrived on scene and transported the driver to a local hospital while the COs remained and assisted the local deputies with traffic control.

While on marine patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell stopped and checked a fisherman on a pontoon boat. The CO asked to see life jackets for the eight people on the boat. Only three life jackets were on board the vessel. In addition, the CO then checked fishing licenses. In the end, tickets were issued for the life jacket violation and for fishing without licenses.

CO Ken Lowell was working a marine patrol on Townline Lake in Montcalm County when he witnessed a man operating a PWC without a life jacket. When contact was made with the subject he stated that he gave his life jacket to someone else to wear. A ticket was issued.

While working Horseshoe Lake, COs Josh Russell and Ken Lowell checked a couple anglers fishing from a boat. Upon contact with the anglers, CO Russell noticed one angler reach back and set something behind him. The underage angler was trying to hide a beer that he had been drinking. When asked if the anglers had any luck they admitted to having a bass in the boat. It only measured twelve inches. Enforcement action was taken at the scene.

COs Josh Wright, Will Brickel, Corporal Larry Deslover and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly, along with Bay County Sheriff's Deputies, Michigan State Police, and the USCG escorted the tall ships into the Saginaw River from the Saginaw Bay. The Bay was extremely rough with winds close to 40 MPH and six foot seas. Two of the tall ships did not want to take a chance going through the mouth of the river with the high winds and waited for the seas to calm.

While on patrol on the Saginaw River, COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson observed two anglers at a Bay County boat landing. As the COs passed by in their boat, the subjects began acting suspicious and dropped their fishing gear. The COs made contact with the subjects, who first said they were not fishing and then said they thought it was the free fishing weekend and then claimed they thought they did not need a license on the river. Both subjects were found to be fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken. While working marine patrol in Isabella County, COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson made contact with a fishing boat where the COs had watched both subjects fishing. When the COs asked for fishing licenses, one of the individuals claimed that she was not fishing. Further questioning revealed that they were both fishing. The COs also noted that the boat did not have a current registration or sufficient lifejackets on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While working marine patrol on Sanford Lake, CO Joel Lundberg contacted a vessel operator about a simple marine violation. After further contact with the operator, it was determined the operator was operating under the influence of alcohol. The operator was arrested and lodged for O.W.I marine.

COs Joel Lundberg and Steve Lockwood patrolled the Tittabawassee River in Midland for the annual River Days Festival. While on the boat, the COs contacted a vessel with two individuals fishing. The female tried telling the COs she was not fishing. After advising the female the COs had observed her in the act of fishing, she stated she was just casting the rod for the other individual. After asking for her identification, the female gave the COs a false name. Unfortunately for her, the COs knew the actual female that the name belonged to and immediately called her bluff. After further checking, Midland Central Dispatch was able to find the female angler's true identity, and advised that she had a valid domestic violence warrant. The female was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

While patrolling a lake in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson observed a vessel that appeared to be operating over its weight or occupancy maximums. CO Robinson stopped the vessel and found that the boat had inadequate PFDs for each person on-board. During the marine safety inspection it became apparent that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. CO Robinson conducted field sobrieties and determined that the individual was over the legal limit to operate a vessel. The operator of the vessel was arrested and lodged in the county jail. The boat was turned over to the only sober passenger on board.

While patrolling a section of state land, CO Dan Robinson discovered a large pile of household trash, burned debris, and other items. CO Robinson was able to pull evidence from the pile of trash that led him to an individual who lived outside the county. CO Robinson and CO Mike Haas made contact with the subject, who denied putting the trash there and blamed someone else, but he admitted that it was his stuff. A week later, after further investigation, CO Robinson, in collaboration with the Isabella County Sheriff's Department arrested the subject on a felony warrant and subsequently got a confession from the subject over the litter dump. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Robinson received a call from central dispatch, advising that a subject's vehicle had rolled backwards into an Isabella County lake during the course of launching his boat. CO Robinson arrived and located the van and boat trailer approximately twenty feet under water and well past the end of the boat ramp. The Isabella County dive team assisted in getting the vehicle attached to the wrecker cable and the van was removed. The subject was not cited because he immediately contacted the proper resources to get his vehicle removed before damage occurred to the ecosystem.

DISTRICT 7

CO Matt Page, while travelling on a county road, was passed by a vehicle at a high rate of speed in a no passing zone. CO Page initiated a traffic stop and contacted the driver,

who did not have any paperwork for the vehicle and had not transferred his address or registration information since moving from Ohio. The subject stated that he was not aware "COs" could make traffic stops and continued to drive erratically. Enforcement action was taken for the moving violation.

CO Andy Bauer was checking boats at the Benton Harbor boat launch when he heard the radio call of shots fired at the Berrien County Courthouse. CO Bauer responded to the scene and assisted with clearing the courthouse and securing the employees. A deputy was injured in the arm and two courthouse bailiffs were found to be deceased. The suspect was also killed in the incident.

CO Steve Mooney and CO Andy Bauer conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan at the port of South Haven and contacted two separate boats where the occupants were fishing with too many lines. Both subjects were cited for the violation. CO Steve Mooney was on marine patrol in VanBuren County when he encountered an unregistered boat. Upon contact, the two occupants were found to be fishing without licenses and there were no PFDs in the boat. Further investigation found one of the subjects was a minor in possession of alcohol. CO Mooney issued both occupants citations for fishing without licenses and the boat owner for the PFD violation. Warnings were issued for the other violations.

While on patrol at Grand Haven State Park, CO Greg Patten stopped a subject with an open beer walking in the parking lot. As CO Patten was checking his record with Station 20 the subject ran away to the beach area where CO Patten was unable to locate him. The next day CO Patten conducted a name search and located the subject's information. The subject gave CO Patten a correct name, but a false date of birth. CO Chris Holmes assisted CO Patten by finding the suspect and interviewing him, and he confessed to the violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten checked a boat ramp on the Muskegon River in the Muskegon State Game Area and found two subjects camping during the prohibited period. CO Patten found that one of the subjects had a warrant for her arrest out of Muskegon. She was lodged in the Muskegon County Jail on a FTA traffic warrant and enforcement action was taken for the illegal camping on state land.

In Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers patrolled the Portland State Game Area for ORV activity. During his patrol, CO Beavers made contact with two subjects operating ORVs. One of the subjects was operating a four wheeler and was not wearing a helmet. During his contact with the subject, it was also discovered that the operator did not have his ORV registered. Enforcement action was taken.

During a check of the Grand River State Game Area, CO Jeremy Beavers watched anglers fish in a pond that is near the entrance of the game area. CO Beavers was able to identify every subject who was actively fishing before he made contact. During one check, CO Beavers spoke with two subjects and asked for their licenses. One subject quickly provided his fishing license and identification. The second subject stated that he

was not fishing. CO Beavers then explained to the subject that he clearly saw him before contact was made. At that time he said he was in fact fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking marine activity at Sessions Lake, CO Beavers checked several vessels and subjects. During one check, it was discovered that a subject was operating a vessel with an expired registration. CO Beavers explained that the registration expired on March 31. He further explained that all registrations expire on March 31 of the year on the sticker. The subject was issued a ticket for operating a vessel with expired registration. Later during his patrol, CO Beavers was flagged down by a subject who stated that a vessel was violating the slow- no wake ordinance on the lake. CO Beavers quickly spotted the vessel and saw that it was indeed violating the posted slow- no wake. CO Beavers made contact with the subject and the subject stated that he saw the sign, but thought that it only applied to the area near the launch. CO Beavers then pointed out the sign above the slow- no wake sign stating that the entire lake is slow- no wake. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Grand River in Ottawa County, CO Justin Ulberg observed a pontoon operate on plane through a slow-no wake zone. The operator of the boat suddenly veered to the left directly at a large flock of geese causing them to take off from the water. CO Ulberg stopped the boat to address the violations and then discovered the boat was missing some of the required safety equipment. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg observed a subject fishing on the Flat River in Kent County. After several minutes, CO Ulberg contacted the subject to see if he was having any luck and to check for a fishing license. The subject stated that he had not caught any fish and left his fishing license at home. CO Ulberg discovered that the subject's last license purchase was in the summer of 2015. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO John Byars checked a boat leaving a Kalamazoo County lake at 11:30 pm. The anglers were in possession of four undersized bass and one of the subjects was in possession of an over limit of bass. Citations were issued. CO Michael Mshar was patrolling Allegan County when he noticed three persons operating ORVs on a public highway. CO Mshar managed to get one operator stopped, but the other two continued on leaving the seventeen year old female companion behind. She advised the other machines were driven by her boyfriend and his friend. Approximately ten minutes later her companions returned. Citations were issued for operating on a public highway and ORV guides were provided.

CO Michael Mshar was dispatched to a Report All Poaching complaint where a subject had posted pictures on Facebook with a baby raccoon. After several interviews, the raccoons were located. It was determined that the suspect, who now possessed the raccoons, had found the five babies near the dead mother raccoon and had taken possession of them. The raccoons were now several months old. The subject had attempted to release them near his residence however, the raccoons kept returning to

his porch. The family also had the raccoons treated for roundworms and ticks. CO Mshar took possession of the raccoons and returned them to the area that they had been removed from. CO Mshar spent time educating the family on the importance of not touching wildlife and leaving nature alone. CO Mshar also advised the family about the numerous disease issues that can be associated with raccoons.

COs Chuck Towns, BJ Goulette and PCO Eric Smither were working a marine patrol on Lake Macatawa when they observed a subject towing two children on a tube at a high rate of speed and in an area of heavy boat traffic. The boat did not appear to have an observer and had stopped. It was determined that the operator was the only one on the boat and the persons on the tube were thirteen years old. The adult was cited for towing without an observer.

CO Paul Higashi checked an angler fishing near Vicksburg in Kalamazoo County. As CO Higashi approached, the angler said he did not have a license. It was also determined that the subject also had a child support warrant. The subject was issued a citation and lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 8

While patrolling Lobdell Lake, CO Pete Purdy made contact with two vessels that appeared to be fishing together. One had a seventeen year old and a sixteen year old on board. The second vessel had a fifteen year old on board. They explained they were friends and had just left their docks in order to fish together. CO Purdy asked the seventeen year old if he had a fishing license. He explained he just turned seventeen that week and neglected to purchase one. CO Purdy requested to see their life jackets and the young operator was unable to provide the needed PFDs. The second vessel with the fifteen year old didn't have a current registration sticker on it and there was no PFD on board as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was pulling his patrol vessel out of a lake in Lenawee County when he witnessed a speed boat pulling a skier come dangerously close to multiple anchored fishing vessels. CO Monnich launched his patrol vessel again and went back out on the water and made contact with the speed boat. Upon contact, CO Monnich noticed the three individuals were rather agitated that they were being stopped. CO Monnich asked if they knew the proper distance they had to be from an anchored vessel going greater than no wake speed. The individuals in the boat said the lake was not big enough to have fisherman and skiers on the water at the same time and continued to say the fisherman should not be on the water after 11 am because that's the time they ski. CO Monnich explained to the skiers that the fisherman had the same right to be on public water as they did. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds were patrolling Wamplers Lake when they noticed a rather young individual operating a jet ski in a careless manor. The COs observed the individual switch riders on shore while they were attempting to make contact. Once the COs made contact with the new rider they noticed the PWC had no

registration numbers. CO Monnich asked the operator if he had taken boater's safety class and was informed that neither he nor the previous operator had taken the class and had just bought the machine last month. The COs explained the importance of taking the class and learning the rules of the water. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich received a RAP complaint about a picture that was posted online of an individual that was out spearing on a local lake. The individual was pictured holding a very big largemouth bass with a spear sticking out of it. CO Monnich was able to find the identity and address of the suspect and make contact. CO Monnich located the individual at the residence and interviewed the subject about the picture. The individual stated that some friends and family were spearing from shore and it was the first time they had participated. The individual went on to say that they did indeed spear the largemouth bass but didn't know it was illegal. The individual also did not have a fishing license for the current year. Enforcement action taken.

CO Isaac Tyson stopped two PWCs operating against the flow of traffic. It was discovered that neither operator had completed a boater's safety course. One of the PWCs was not equipped with a fire extinguisher. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO Isaac Tyson located a subject fishing off a dock and asked to see a fishing license. The subject stated that he had purchased a 72 hour license and that it was in his house. CO Tyson waited while the subject searched for his license. After a few minutes the subject came out and produced a 72 hour fishing license. CO Tyson asked the subject for his birthdate. The date given did not match the one on the license. The subject then stated that he accidentally grabbed his friend's license and he would go look for his. After sometime the subject returned and stated that he was unable to find the license but that he had bought it the same time his friend had. A check of the man's retail sales history showed that he had never purchased a license. Finally the man admitted that he did not have a license and that he and his friend had agreed to share the one license. CO Tyson issued him a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Rich Nickols had just left the district office when he came across a two car property damage accident that just occurred. CO Nickols ensured there were no injuries and called for a tow truck. CO Nickols directed traffic until the accident was cleared.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink attended a volunteer boat wash day at the access site within Hayes State Park. The topic of helping prevent the spread of invasive plant life and species from lake to lake was discussed with the public as they arrived to launch and load their boats. The COs, along with Jackson County Deputies, had their patrol boats washed as part of the effort to help spread awareness.

Conservation Officer Shane Webster and PCO Nathan Sink attended the annual Cub Scout Day at Camp Teetonkah in Jackson County on July 16th. They spoke with several groups of boys from around the state about the role conservation officers play in protecting our national resources and the public. Approximately 60 kids were in attendance.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a RAP complaint of people operating ORVs on a roadway in Ingham County, and not wearing helmets. Just after dark, while sitting in his marked patrol truck, listening and watching for the ORVs, CO Thorn observed three vehicles enter the roadway from a driveway directly in front of him. The third vehicle took off in the opposite direction of CO Thorn at a high rate of speed, and crossed the center line. CO Thorn followed the vehicle, and matched his speed at nearly 70 mph in a 55. CO Thorn observed the vehicle cross the center line three times, including driving completely in the oncoming lane for no apparent reason while maintaining the high speed. CO Thorn conducted a traffic stop and found the operator to be intoxicated, and had open intoxicants in the vehicle. The operator was arrested for OWI, careless driving, and transporting open intoxicants.

CO Todd Thorn gave a career day presentation at the Ingham County Sheriff's office in Mason on Friday, July 15th. Approximately 12 teenagers were in attendance for the presentation.

CO Matthew Neterer was patrolling the Dansville State Game Area when central dispatch called out that a woman at a nearby residence was found unresponsive. CO Neterer was the first on scene and assisted two nurses that were on scene with CPR. Medics and deputies arrived a short time later and applied an AED. Lifesaving efforts were continued while the woman was transported by medics to a nearby hospital.

While on ORV patrol at Gier Park in the city of Lansing, CO Matthew Neterer encountered two subjects on dirt bikes that operated from the public roadway into the city park. After activating his emergency lights and sirens it appeared as though the subjects were not going to stop. The two decided to stop but not after operating near the elementary school basketball court, baseball diamonds, volleyball court and jungle gym at a high rate of speed. One subject was found to be operating on an expired driver's license and had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

During marine patrol on Farewell Lake in Jackson County, Conservation Officers Chris Maher and Chris Reynolds witnessed a pair of kayakers who, after seeing the COs, maneuvered their vessels in such a manner as to avoid them. After making contact, the COs determined the two individuals did not have a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) on board. When asked what they were doing the kayakers jokingly said, "Trying to avoid you." The COs stressed the importance of safety and why a PFD is required while kayaking. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason King observed anglers fishing along the riverbank at the Shiatown Dam in Shiawassee County. One of the anglers stated that he did not have a valid fishing license for 2016. After running a file check on the subject CO King discovered that the subject had a valid felony warrant out of Genesee County. The subject was placed into custody and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason King received a complaint from Shiawassee Central Dispatch of an injured owl laying in a subject's front yard. CO King located the owl that was in poor condition.

A local rehabilitator was contacted and CO King transported the owl to the Wildside Rehabilitation Center in Dewitt.

DISTRICT 9

COs James Zellinger, Raymond Gardner and Sgt. Damon Owens conducted marine patrols of the lower Detroit River. Several contacts were made and multiple subjects failed to carry a type IV PFD on their vessels. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers in a state game area CO James Zellinger observed an ORV operating on the roadway. Contact was made with the operator and multiple violations were observed, including: operating on a public roadway, operating an ORV without a helmet or eyewear, operating an ORV off private property with an expired ORV license. CO Zellinger instructed the operator to put the helmet on, which was strapped to the rear rack of the ORV. CO Zellinger followed the ORV operator back to her residence where enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner responded to a complaint about a deer in the Detroit area. The complainant stated the deer was in the backyard of a vacant home and its antlers were stuck in the chain link fence. The complainant stated the deer had been that way for at least two days. When CO Gardner responded to the area, he patrolled the neighborhood looking for a vacant house and asked residents if anyone heard about a deer stuck in a fence. Unfortunately, none of the residents had seen or heard of said deer. The last resident CO Gardner spoke with, told him where the nearest vacant home was and CO Gardner went to the house. Upon arrival, CO Gardner went into the backyard and did find a "Deer". The "Deer" CO Gardner found was actually an old foam deer archery target.

COs David Schaumburger and James Zellinger conducted a marine safety and fishing patrol at a local boating access site. Hundreds of contacts were made throughout the day. Multiple violations were discovered; including, possessing an over limit of yellow perch, possessing under-sized walleye, operating unregistered watercraft, operating a personal watercraft without a boater safety certificate, and allowing a child under the age of 6 to not wear a personal floatation device while underway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak assisted the Dryden Police Department with a reckless discharge of firearms complaint. Through interviews and the investigation, it was determined that three shooters caused damage to a residence approximately a half mile away. Rounds were pulled from the complainant's home that matched the type of round being used by the shooters. CO Zultak will be submitting a supplemental report in assistance to the Dryden Police Department.

CO Matthew Zultak conducted marine patrols on the Holloway Reservoir. Multiple violations were addressed including operating a vessel with an expired registration and failure to provide a personal floatation device. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was checking anglers at Lake St. Clair Metropark in Macomb County. As CO Silorey was checking three anglers on a pier, he noticed that they had a fish that was wrapped up in a white plastic bag. When the subjects were questioned about the fish, they said it was a largemouth bass. CO Silorey un-wrapped the fish and measured it at only 10 inches long. Enforcement action was then taken.

CO Ben Lasher received a report all poaching complaint about a subject fishing with too many lines, from shore, on the St. Clair River. CO Lasher responded, located the subject fitting the description, and watched from a distance. Once CO Lasher confirmed the information to be true, he contacted the subject. The angler was also found to be in possession of nine, live gobies in his bait bucket. The angler was targeting bass and was using live gobies for bait. Enforcement action was taken.

Due to trash and other land use violations, CO Ben Lasher patrolled the Port Huron Game Area over the weekend. Enforcement action was taken for camping in the game area between May and September. CO Lasher has found numerous "camp sites" where tents and other trash have been left behind by in the area.

CO Ben Lasher patrolled the Black River for the annual boat night activities in Port Huron to kick off the Port Huron to Mackinaw Boat Race. Numerous contacts were made for minor marine violations. CO Lasher contacted two subjects who jumped into the river toward the end of the night's activities and due to the amount of drinking involved, advised them to stay out of the water. Both subjects were visibly impaired and should not have been in the water.

BELLE ISLE

CO Daniel Prince and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly responded and assisted EMS, MSP, and DNR Park Rangers with a subject that had a medical situation on McArthur Bridge while working Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

CO Todd Thorn worked a Belle Isle shift and made an arrest of a person who had a warrant for indecent exposure and was on the island after it had closed for the night.

CO Mark Ennett and Sgt. Zach Doss worked a shift on Belle Isle. All units responded to the beach and a call of a "drowning baby". It seems an unattended 1-year old was noticed by other adults, floating face down in the water as other children were splashing water on her. By the time Michigan State Police and the Department of Natural Resources arrived, the child had been removed from the water. Simply by handling the child, she began to breathe and cough on her own. EMS personnel examined her, and decided that she still had water in her lungs and transported her to the hospital.

CO Mark Ennett and Sgt. Zach Doss while working on Belle Isle responded to a report of a woman floating face down in the Detroit River. The location was at the North Fishing Pier, 40 yards offshore. COs arrived on scene and located the body from shore. Detroit Police Department Harbormaster was on scene shortly, and ground units guided

the boat to the body. The victim was taken back to the Harbormaster Station where emergency aid was undertaken. Due to circumstances, both the DNR and MSP returned to the beach and searched for witnesses, vehicles, or anything of importance. MSP located a vehicle which turned out to be from a reported missing woman from Redford Township. She had also made suicidal statements earlier. A confirmed match was made with the victim and this person, all based on the LEIN information gathered. A/Lt. Todd Szyska, Sgt. Damon Owens, A/Sgt. Kris Kiel, COs David Schaumburger, Raymond Gardner, James Zellinger, and Jacob Griffin worked the Metro Youth Day on Belle Isle. Over 35,000 were in attendance. The COs spent most of the day directing traffic in the 93 degree heat.

CO Al Schwiderson worked a Belle Isle shift where he and CO Matt Neterer investigated a complaint of someone flashing a twelve year old girl. CO Neterer located the subject in question and observed him for at least 30 minutes. No suspicious activity was noted during that time. The COs contacted the subject and interviewed several witnesses in the area. The complaint was unfounded.

Sgt. Jason J. Smith was patrolling Belle Isle when he was contacted by a citizen advising him that he observed a boat pull up to the rocks near shelter 9 and watched a subject get off the boat and climb a shore. The citizen also stated that the subject had taken his shirt off and thrown it in the trash and put another shirt on as he was quickly walking to the entrance of the park. Sgt. Smith patrolled the area and made contact with the subject matching the description the citizen gave. The subject handed Sgt. Smith a Mexico passport and a voter registration card and stated to Sgt. Smith that he "no Ingles." Acting/Lt. Todd Szyska pulled up to assist Sgt. Smith and began asking him in Spanish where he was from and where he was going to. Acting /Lt. Szyska learned that the subject was just walking around the island and that he had been dropped off by a friend. The subject did give Acting/Lt. Szyska a driver's license from Mexico. Sgt. Smith contacted Border Patrol who arrived on scene. Border Patrol Agents did a thorough search of the subject that yielded over \$800 hidden in a gum container. The subject kept telling the Border Patrol Agents that he thought he was still in Canada. Paperwork was turned over to D9 later from Border Patrol that explained that the subject had a previous criminal record and had been deported in the past. Complaint was turned over to Border Patrol.