

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
7/15/18 – 7/28/18**

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Brian Lasanen conducted a marine patrol at Twin Lakes in Houghton County. CO Lasanen contacted boaters and kayakers enjoying the nice sunny afternoon and checked for marine safety equipment. One boater and one kayaker failed to provide a personal floatation device (PFD.) Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethen Mapes was called to assist in the search and rescue of an overdue rock climber in Ontonagon County. The search lasted into the early morning hours when the rock climber was found alive and unharmed. The man had become trapped half way down a very high rock face while scouting for a group rock climbing event. The climber was unable to climb up or down and was trapped on a small rock ledge for over thirty hours with no food, water, shade, or means of communication. He was located with the assistance of the Michigan State Police K9. CO Mapes then climbed up the rock face through a small ravine and was able to lower the man's climbing gear down to him, allowing him to finish his descent.

COs Zach Painter and Ethen Mapes conducted a marine patrol of the Cisco Chain of Lakes in Gogebic County. Numerous boaters and anglers were contacted, and several citations were issued for fishing without a license. Numerous boats were checked for marine safety equipment and violations such as no fire extinguisher and failure to provide a type IV PFD were found.

CO Jared Ferguson received a call regarding nuisance skunks at an Iron County residence. The caller stated that his grandchildren were coming in for the weekend and he didn't want them getting sprayed by the skunks. CO Ferguson was able to assist in referring the subject to a local nuisance control operation.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling northern Dickinson County when he came across a group of side-by-sides parked on the side of the gravel road with the machines running. After making contact, CO Ferguson found open intoxicants in the vehicles and several other ORV violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson assisted Wisconsin Department of Justice Special Agents on an attempt to apprehend a felon who was reported in the area. CO Ferguson and the Agents checked areas along the Menominee River by patrol boat to search for the subject.

CO Jeremy Sergey is investigating a complaint in which an individual reportedly beat several ducks to death with a wooden club in Menominee County.

CO Jeremy Sergey continues to work complaints received in Menominee County regarding crop damage deer permits.

COs Brian Bacon and Jeremy Sergey conducted a patrol of Lake Superior waters utilizing the District's 27-foot SAFE boat. Checks were conducted along the shoreline from Marquette to Keweenaw Bay and into the Portage Lake areas. Numerous marine safety and angling contacts were made. One subject was contacted fishing without having purchased his fishing license.

CO Brian Bacon observed two subjects target shooting in a gravel pit on state land. When the subjects packed up and left without picking up their mess, CO Bacon made contact. Enforcement action was taken regarding the litter left on state land.

CO Brian Bacon contacted an ORV operator when it was noticed there was not a visible ORV sticker. The operator stated he had just bought the ORV a few days prior and had not had time to pick up his ORV stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Lasanen and Ethen Mapes attended an evidence collection and interrogation training sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The class was held at Isle Royale National Park in conjunction with the National Park Service and offered a tailored approach for officers working in remote areas.

COs Brian Lasanen, Ethen Mapes, and Dave Miller patrolled Lake Superior waters near Isle Royale National Park in a weekend joint patrol with a Keweenaw County Sheriff Deputy. Numerous vessels and fishermen were contacted, and compliance was good. A vessel on the island was inspected to ensure compliance as a licensed charter boat.

CO Brett DeLonge and Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman conducted a marine patrol to Stannard Rock in Lake Superior. The goal of the patrol was to conduct marine checks and fishing violations, including over-limit takes of lake trout. The COs contacted several anglers and conducted marine checks. The COs also patrolled the Huron Islands which are located outside the Keweenaw Bay.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling in the city of Negaunee when he observed a semi-truck and trailer traveling at a high rate of speed in a residential area. CO DeLonge paced the truck as it was traveling well over the posted 25 MPH speed limit. CO DeLonge conducted a traffic stop on the commercial motor vehicle and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge held a presentation for the Eastern Upper Peninsula Forest Resource Division (FRD) staff near Gwinn in Marquette County. The presentation included information on timber sale theft/trespass and productive ways LED and FRD use each Division's expertise working together on cases. The presentation was well attended and well received.

CO Brett DeLonge received a complaint regarding geese being shot on a lake near the Marquette/Alger County line. CO DeLonge arrived on scene and interviewed individuals at the residence where the geese were shot, as well as multiple neighbors who witnessed the incident. Upon contact, CO DeLonge observed a dead goose in the water and spoke with several individuals. CO DeLonge received a confession of two minors who shot at a family of geese with a BB gun to scare them. CO DeLonge retrieved the dead goose and performed a quick necropsy on the tailgate of his patrol truck which revealed that the goose appeared to be shot with a small caliber rifle. CO DeLonge followed up with the juveniles and their parents with his findings. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Boudreaux observed a personal watercraft (PWC) operating on the Hoist Basin at a high rate of speed extremely close to an anchored pontoon. Upon further examination, it was discovered that the operator of the PWC was not wearing a PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Boudreaux patrolled the Republic Fishing Derby over the weekend. There was a great turnout despite the brief rain Saturday. While fishing activity was slow, many people were out enjoying themselves during the derby and the festivities following. Many positive contacts were made, and anglers were happy to see the presence of the DNR during the tournament. One citation was issued for expired registration on a boat and various ORV warnings were issued.

CO Josh Boudreaux observed an ORV travelling against the flow of traffic on the shoulder of the highway that was kicking up a large amount of dust and obstructing the vision of drivers. Upon stopping the ORV, the operator admitted to knowing he shouldn't have been driving on the shoulder. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Boudreaux heard a report of a drug overdose at a camp a few miles down a two-track. CO Boudreaux responded to the scene, located the individual who was conscious, and guided their vehicle to the ambulance which was staged near the paved portion of the road. Michigan State Police assisted on-scene.

CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a report of shots fired near the Champion, in Marquette County. Upon his arrival near the area of the reported incident, CO Boudreaux discovered a group of individuals having a party. After conversing with the group, they admitted to shooting off fireworks minutes earlier, which explained the report. CO Boudreaux contacted the complainant at their residence and informed them of what had taken place. The complainant, who was elderly and concerned about the noise, was very thankful for the quick response.

CO Cody Smith was on a marine patrol in Keweenaw Bay when he saw a vessel pass the Baraga Marina on plane. CO Smith noticed there was an individual sitting on the bow of the vessel and quickly boarded his vessel to pursue them. The vessel was traveling at an approximated speed of 30 mph and navigated along the shoreline. By the time CO Smith caught up to the vessel, they were nearly at the L'Anse Marina. CO

Smith explained the dangers of having someone on the forward portion of the vessel while underway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Miller instructed at the ORV Instructor Academy at the RAM Center. Approximately 20 new instructors were certified to teach ORV safety to interested students.

COs Josh Boudreaux, Cody Smith, Jennifer Hanson, and Zach Painter attended a Hunter Safety Academy at the Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center on Higgins Lake. Over the course of the weekend, COs alongside the civilian instructors, worked on honing the skills necessary to run and/or assist others with their hunter education programs. Skills such as how to safely run a "range day" and how to effectively educate those with various disabilities were just a few of the many topics that were covered. The new instructors will put their skills to the test as many hunter safety classes are scheduled for this fall.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman was patrolling along a gravel road south of Ishpeming when he passed by a side-by-side ORV with two passengers not wearing seat belts. Acting Sgt. Leadman also observed an expired ORV license on the back of the ORV. Acting Sgt. Leadman began to turn around with his patrol truck when he observed the ORV make a sudden turn onto a small side trail. Because the trail was too narrow to give chase, Acting Sgt. Leadman followed the tracks back in the direction they originated from and arrived at a house just as the ORV returned to the same location. The operator quickly tried to explain that he thought his ORV was considered a tractor because it did not go very fast. The laws were explained, including the seat belt requirement and ORV license requirement. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Calvin Smith assisted the Michigan State Police, Luce County Sheriff Department and the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) with an escaped inmate. CO Smith helped secure the inmate and safely return him to the custody of MDOC.

CO Calvin Smith was contacted at 1:45 am by Central Dispatch regarding a lost hiker near Tahquamenon Falls. CO Smith used his ORV to navigate the local trail system to search for the missing hiker. The missing hiker was located within three hours and returned to his group in good health.

CO Calvin Smith assisted with a one car rollover near the town of Newberry. CO Smith secured the scene until an MSP trooper arrived.

Cpl. Mike Hammill and CO Calvin Smith patrolled Lake Superior checking for commercial and tribal fishing nets.

COs Colton Gelinas and Calvin Smith conducted a patrol of the Straits of Mackinac looking for marine violations. Several yachters were found to be operating without

registering their vessel with the Secretary of State, avoiding paying sales tax. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Tom Oberg, Justin Vinson, and Calvin Smith patrolled the Chicago to Mackinac Island yacht race in response to concerns about marine safety. The COs noted very high compliance with marine laws but did issue six citations for unregistered watercraft.

COs Colton Gelinas and Calvin Smith were notified by Central Dispatch of a vehicle that became stranded near the Crisp Point Lighthouse. A local towing company found the vehicle, but the operator had left on foot and was nowhere to be found. The COs used their knowledge of the area and located a very emotional and thankful woman nearly three miles from her car. The COs gave her water and called for EMS to have her checked for dehydration.

CO Tom Oberg received a complaint of an illegally shot Canada Goose near Sault Ste. Marie. CO Oberg contacted the suspect and conducted an interview. After a few minutes of the suspect denying he shot a goose, he finally confessed to seeing a goose in his yard and shooting it. CO Oberg seized the firearm that was used in the violation. A report is being compiled and will be sent to the Chippewa County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Tom Oberg helped instruct an ORV safety class at the DNR Ralph A. MacMullan Center. Throughout the weekend, CO Oberg instructed the motorcycle portion of the class and helped teach individuals how to safely operate through the course that was set up.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when he noticed a 4-wheeler exit a driveway and merge onto a local state highway not wearing a helmet. CO Oberg conducted a traffic stop on the 4-wheeler. CO Oberg advised the subject not only was in violation for operating an ORV on a state highway closed to ORV operation, he was also in violation of not wearing a helmet and not having valid ORV stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vinson and Cpl. Kevin Postma patrolled Mackinac Island and the straits area during the Port Huron to Mackinac yacht races. Most boats were delayed due to weather conditions; however, those arriving were in compliance and happy to have made the journey.

COs Colton Gelinas and Mike Evink patrolled Lake Huron and Mackinac Island during the Chicago to Mackinac Island Yacht Race. A lack of wind delayed many of the boats arrivals. Activity was somewhat subdued as a result.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed a pickup parked off the side of a two-track road. CO Lynch drove up to the truck to find that the driver of the pick-up truck was lost and trying to locate his buddy. His buddy was riding a dirt bike that had broken down. CO Lynch located the dirt bike and its operator. He additionally guided the pickup driver to the location. Both were very thankful for CO Lynch's help. The dirt bike

operator had been broken down in the woods for some time and the pick-up truck driver had been looking for him almost as long.

CO Chris Lynch and Cpl. Mike Hammill responded to a complaint of a set gill net in Lake Michigan near Ludington Park. Once the COs arrived on scene, they contacted and ticketed an individual for subsistence fishing outside of his approved treaty area.

CO Stephen Butzin was on patrol in the Masonville Township area when he responded to a reported explosion where black smoke was seen rising from a wooded lot near a residence. The CO observed an individual burning building material, metal, garbage, and shingles. The Masonville Township Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. The individual was issued a citation for illegal disposal of solid waste.

CO Mark Zitnik attended MSP's training center in Lansing for the 2018 Michigan Conservation Officer Academy Recruit School 9's first week assisting with instructing the new recruits.

CO Mark Zitnik was heading to check a local trout pond on M-94 when he observed an ORV operating down the state highway. A traffic stop was made, and the CO noticed several violations. The operator of the ORV had a suspended driver's license, no ORV license, and was operating on a public highway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Garden Township. He observed an ORV traveling down a county road without a helmet or ORV registration. Upon further investigation, the driver was also found to be in possession of a loaded firearm while operating a motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Garden Township. He observed a dirt bike operating down a county road without a helmet or ORV registration. Upon further investigation, CO Butzin found that the individual had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Stephen Butzin were beginning a day of marine patrol on Little Bay De Noc when they noticed a fishing boat off in the distance returning to the launch. The COs decided to continue on their original path rather than attempt to make contact with the boat. After some time, unexpectedly high winds changed the day's patrol plans. As a result, COs Watson and Butzin returned to the launch. The boat the two witnessed earlier was still in the parking lot, the owner had blown a brake line. At this time, it was discovered the owner had failed to register his boat. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Bobby Watson and Chris Lynch patrolled the Manistique Salmon Derby. Many contacts were made throughout the day with the fisherman who were taking part in the tournament. Few fish were being caught and compliance was high.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert observed a 45-foot sailboat on Lake Michigan that did not have a registration displayed. The boat's owner stated they were documented and therefore did not need a Michigan registration. Further investigation found the vessel was never registered in Michigan and it was being used commercially for cruises. Enforcement action was taken for operating an unregistered vessel.

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint of commercial boat rental businesses conducting business at the local DNR boating access sites. Contact was made with several of the outfitters that were using the access sites without a permit. Once notified, the rental business was quick to contact and apply for the correct land use permits to legally operate at the access sites.

COs Adam LeClerc and Chad Baldwin worked the popular Charlevoix Venetian Festival, which included two nights of fireworks. The COs worked closely with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Charlevoix County Sheriff Department to secure safe areas on Round Lake for the fireworks and boat parade. During the well-attended event, the COs found only one vessel without the appropriate number of PFDs for the passengers on board. Enforcement action was taken to address the safety violation.

CO Kyle Cherry conducted an ORV patrol in Otsego County with an emphasis on closed sections of a snowmobile trail. CO Cherry contacted multiple groups of ORVs operating illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry received a complaint of a large amount of litter deposited in a popular section of state land in Otsego County. An investigation is ongoing.

CO Eric Bottorff was on patrol in the Chandler Hills area when an oncoming ORV rider came around a sharp corner at a relatively high speed and almost hit the patrol truck. The rider stopped voluntarily, was educated on riding safety on mixed-traffic ORV trails on county roads, and given a warning for careless operation.

CO Eric Bottorff stopped two vessels within twenty minutes on Burt Lake for towing skiers and tubers with no observers while operating a PWC. Both operators were cited for the violations. In addition, the second operator was warned for failing to exhibit his safety certificate and a second subject who was riding on the large tube had been warned for towing without an observer several minutes earlier on the same PWC.

COs Nathan Sink, Kyle Cherry, and Tim Rosochacki assisted the Michigan State Police with looking for a suspect who crashed his vehicle and fled into the woods. After searching for the individual, the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were checking on an illegal burn that came in through central dispatch. After running the individual's information through central dispatch, the individual came back with a warrant out of Chippewa County. The COs

placed the individual in custody and he was turned over to a Chippewa County deputy to be lodged.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in Alpena County when he observed a large black plume of smoke rising in the distance. Fearing a structure fire, CO Fox investigated the area and discovered an individual burning large amounts of household and industrial material. In addition, the subject was burning during a burn ban and was leaving the area with no supervision over the large fire. CO Fox addressed several violations with the fire and issued a citation for unlawful disposal of solid waste.

COs Paul Fox and Jon Sklba responded to a capsized vessel complaint on Lake Huron near Rogers City. The vessel was a small sailboat that had drifted away from where it had been moored and eventually capsized. No one was on board the vessel. A salvage service was contacted to remove the vessel and turned it back over to the owner.

CO Paul Fox responded to several complaints in Presque Isle County near Posen regarding dead deer lying in a property owner's driveway. Two of the deer appeared to be struck by a vehicle and two appeared to be shot in the head. The complaint is under investigation.

CO William Webster checked on a complaint of someone feeding birds and causing deer to be attracted to the area. Contact was made with the homeowner and they were educated about the feeding and baiting ban.

CO Jon Sklba observed two ORVs sitting at an intersection to a state highway in Presque Isle County. CO Sklba went a short distance and pulled off on a side road to see if the pair would drive down the highway. It didn't take long before the two ORVs came speeding past kicking up a cloud of dust as they went. CO Sklba was able to catch up to and stop both ORVs where the operators were educated on the laws.

CO Jon Sklba received a complaint in Presque Isle County of a subject dumping fish carcasses on the complainant's property. The responsible party was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba contacted a subject who was operating a side-by-side without wearing a seatbelt. The owner of the ORV was educated on the laws for ORVs and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba responded to a truck vs. elk accident in Cheboygan County. The vehicle was totaled, and the elk died because of the accident. No other injuries were reported. The elk was able to be salvaged and it was turned over to a local organization.

COs Sidney Collins and Matt Theunick patrolled Lake Huron/Lake Michigan for protection of local shipwrecks. The COs also patrolled Bois Blanc Island for ORVs and angler activity. Several subjects were contacted enjoying the outdoors.

CO Sidney Collins went to a complaint of ORV trespass and traps set on private property in Montmorency County. CO Collins suggested putting up "No Trespassing" signs and/or fence the areas where ORVs are passing through as the subject may not realize they are on private property. The investigation is ongoing due to several violations with the traps.

CO Sidney Collins received a complaint of tree stumps dumped and blocking access to a public lake. There is road construction in Montmorency Township where trees were removed from the side of the road. The company contracted was contacted about dumping the stumps. They are working with the DNR to make the access foot traffic only, to prevent ORVs from riding the shore of the water and damaging wetlands. The area will be cleaned up to look presentable.

CO Sidney Collins assisted Clear Lake State Park rangers with a camper that was taken out of the park and placed at another local campground due to a civil altercation between owners of the camper. The owner of the camper was instructed to pick up the abandoned camper and remove all items due to the past due stay.

CO Sidney Collins encountered several ORVs while on patrol in Montmorency County. Several verbal warnings were given for not placing ORV stickers in the correct place on the ORV. Three juveniles were contacted about not having any ORV stickers on their dirt bikes. They were taken home to their parents and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin was patrolling the Manistee River after hours when he noticed a vessel operating well past sunset with no navigation lights on. Contact was made, and the individual was using a headlight and thought that would suffice. It was explained to the boater that there is not an exception to use a spotlight and that navigation lights are still needed to show direction of travel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling on Hudenpyl Dam backwaters and noticed a vessel operating without current registration. A stop was conducted, and it was confirmed that the registration was expired. A small snapping turtle was also located in a bucket. The turtle was taken and released. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hubers transported members of the Grand Traverse Dive Team, National Park LEO, and a Benzie County Medical Examiner representative to East Platte Bay of Lake Michigan to assist Bruce's Legacy with the recovery of a body from 180 feet of water. The body was later confirmed to be Tyler Spink of Kalkaska who had been missing from the area since September 2016.

COs Rebecca Hubers and Patrick McManus conducted a Lake Michigan patrol to the Manitou Islands patrolling shipwreck areas and documenting commercial fishing nets along with marine and fish enforcement.

CO Rebecca Hubers met with Frankfort City officials regarding proper uniform waterway markings for better “no wake” compliance and enforcement on Betsie Lake.

CO Rebecca Hubers installed a 100-foot marker with the assistance of PRD below the Homestead Dam on the Betsie River to better assist with closure compliance and enforcement.

CO Amanda McCurdy received a complaint of illegal parking at the DNR boat launch in Leland, Michigan. CO McCurdy responded to the area and observed two vehicles parked at the launch without trailers. Immediately upon arrival, one family returned to their vehicle and CO McCurdy issued a verbal warning for illegally parking their vehicle at the launch. CO McCurdy waited a short period to see if the other owners of the vehicle would return but they did not, so a citation was issued for illegally parking in a designated area.

COs Will Kinney and Amanda McCurdy participated in a saturation patrol of the Platte River with the National Park Rangers. CO Kinney conducted a foot patrol at the Platte River Fish Weir, while CO McCurdy was on board a vessel in the river. Together with the National Park Rangers, numerous citations were issued for violations of marine law, controlled substance law and other miscellaneous violations. Hundreds of contacts were made throughout the day, and the patrol allowed for a valuable interagency effort to enforce both state and federal law.

CO Patrick McManus was invited to teach at this year’s Hunter Safety Academy in Roscommon. CO McManus taught a first aid/field trauma class to multiple future hunter safety instructors from all over Michigan, Minnesota, Georgia and even Great Britain. Hunter safety instructors are volunteers from multiple communities that take the time to teach, demonstrate and mentor future hunters.

CO William Kinney was on marine patrol on Lake Mitchell in Cadillac. CO Kinney stopped a boat for failing to display any marine registration decals. It was discovered the boat had not been registered since 2014 and the operator was short on PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney was working a river patrol on the Platte River with the National Park Service in Benzie County. Multiple kayakers were contacted during the patrol, and several citations were issued for marine violations.

CO Rich Stowe responded to a bear shooting call at the same location where a bear had attacked four pigs approximately a month ago. The nuisance bear showed no fear of humans and was euthanized for safety reasons.

CO Justin Vanderlinde assisted the Benzie County Sheriff Department with the search and rescue of a lost stand-up paddle boarder. The paddle boarder was located without incident.

COs Brain Brosky and Kyle Publiski were working an area of Mason County for ORV activity when they could hear ORVs being operated in a closed area of federal land. The COs were able to locate and stop two minors who were operating ORVs unsupervised. The minors were followed back to their residence and the parent was contacted. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ryan Andrews and Josiah Killingbeck assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department with a domestic violence incident. The emergency dispatchers call stated that the female involved in the altercation had fired a weapon towards the male and then both parties fled the scene. CO Andrews located the suspect vehicle and made a traffic stop while being backed up by a Lake County Deputy. Returning to the scene, a search was conducted for the firearm used in the original complaints. During the investigation, it was learned that one of the individuals involved was a felon and could not be in possession of a firearm. Several firearms were located in and around the residence. Enforcement action was taken for domestic violence and additional charges are being requested with the prosecutor's office.

CO Ryan Andrews encountered two dirt bikes in Lake County which were having trouble in the soft sand along the road. CO Andrews stopped to inquire if they needed help. When contacting the riders, they removed their helmets and CO Andrews learned the ORV operators were both juveniles. The younger rider was only ten years old and had not taken the required ORV safety course and had no parental supervision. Their parents were contacted to come to the location and pick up the bikes and the kids. The arriving parent was educated, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was patrolling an illegal ORV hill climb area on state owned lands in Lake County. Contact was made with a pair of ORVs operating in the closed area. CO Andrews checked the VIN numbers from the ORVs through Station 20 where it was learned that one of the ORVs had been reported stolen from southern Michigan. The ORV was confiscated, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on ORV patrol with a Lake County deputy when he observed two ORVs operating in a careless manner while crossing a paved county road. Contact was made with the operators who admitted to the careless driving. One of the subjects told CO Killingbeck that he had just received a citation three weeks ago from CO Killingbeck on his ORV. Both subjects were advised of ORV regulations pertaining to careless operation and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on ORV patrol, observed four ORVs fail to completely stop at a stop sign on an ORV trail crossing a roadway. Contact was made and the operators admitted they had disregarded the stop sign. During the stop, CO Killingbeck found that none of the ORVs had ORV licenses displayed. They explained to CO Killingbeck that they had recently purchased ORV licenses but the person at the retailer told them it was fine to keep the ORV licenses in their pockets. CO Killingbeck had one subject read the directions off the bottom of the ORV license which explained where ORV licenses were

supposed to be placed. Numerous violations were address and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was dispatched to an ORV crash where it was unknown exactly where the victim was located. CO Killingbeck located a friend of the victim who had ridden out to find help. The friend, however, had become lost himself and did not know how to find the injured party again. After speaking with the friend, CO Killingbeck, using his knowledge of the area, was able to take the friend to the area where CO Killingbeck thought the victim may be. The friend recognized the area and was able to locate the victim. CO Killingbeck directed EMS personal to the scene and provided first aid to the victim who was in serious condition. CO Killingbeck assisted EMS personnel in getting the victim out of the woods and to a helicopter, where the victim was transported to a trauma center.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and Ryan Andrews were asked to speak about recreational trespass at the Pere Marquette Watershed Council Meeting in Lake County. The COs spoke about legal requirements to enforce recreational trespass and answered numerous questions about a variety of topics.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, was driving down a dirt road when he came up to a curve and was forced off the roadway by a truck that came around the corner sideways. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and the subject apologized to CO Killingbeck but said that he was showing his son how he used to be back in his younger days. The subject admitted it was not a safe on his part, but he was in Lake County vacationing and donating money to the economy and did not believe he should get a ticket even though he was inches from hitting CO Killingbeck's patrol truck. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and William Kinney were on Lake Mitchell patrolling for marine violations. Contact was made with two kayaks in the middle of Lake Mitchell that did not have PFDs on either kayak. One of the subjects admitted that she knew they should have PFDs as busy as the lake was. The subjects were educated on marine regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse responded to a call of a subject drowning in the Manistee River. CO Converse arrived on scene to find CPR already in progress. CO Converse assisted with CPR and carrying the subject up out of the river bottoms. The female victim had been involved in rescuing kids who had become endangered in the river currents. While the young swimmers were brought to safety, she did not survive.

CO Steve Converse and Sgt. Grant Emery were patrolling the Manistee River when they contacted a group of three subjects on a boat. There were six fishing poles all rigged up with live bait but only one of the subjects had a license. The other two subjects claimed that they had not been fishing, but only swimming. On the next check, CO Converse found out that the two boats were fishing together. CO Converse asked the occupants of the second boat if all three subjects on the other boat had been fishing

and they stated yes. The COs returned to the original boat and quickly obtained confessions from both subjects that had earlier stated they had not been fishing, that they had indeed been fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski had a young driver pass his patrol truck traveling at a speed of 55 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. A traffic stop was made for the observed violations. Upon further investigation, CO Koscinski determined that the driver did not have insurance on the vehicle and an expired license plate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and Probationary CO (PCO) Nick Ingersoll were contacted by Ludington State Park staff about a site that was using marijuana. CO Publiski and PCO Ingersoll arrived at the site and interviewed the subjects at the site. The subjects denied smoking and having marijuana. PCO Ingersoll continued to interview the subjects at the site and eventually got a confession from the subjects. PCO Ingersoll searched their tents and located several vials of marijuana hash oil. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Hamlin Lake, CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Nick Ingersoll located and watched subjects fishing on a pontoon boat. As the COs approached, they were flagged down from shore by a subject who had several questions he wanted to ask. When the COs were done answering questions, they continued to the pontoon boat to check the fisherman. As the COs arrived at the pontoon, the subjects weren't fishing any longer and denied fishing at all. PCO Ingersoll explained to the subjects that he had watched them fish for a while and was going to need a fishing license from the subjects on the boat. The subjects ultimately admitted to fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking an area in Mason County known for ORV trespass, COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky hid the patrol truck and waited for a few minutes. As the COs were waiting, a side-by-side drove past several no trespassing signs and began hill climbing on the private property. The COs contacted the subjects on the side-by-side who wanted to dispute the trespass, stating they had no idea it was private property. CO Publiski pointed out several of the "No Trespassing Private Property" signs. A ticket was issued for ORV Trespass.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol on Sunrise Lake in Osceola County where he witnessed two individuals engaged in fishing. CO Varriale contacted the individuals. After a short conversation, CO Varriale discovered that neither of the anglers had fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale has received several complaints on Sunrise Lake in Osceola County about unsafe operation of watercrafts. CO Varriale was on patrol and witnessed a woman operating a boat while towing three tubers. The operator of the boat was the sole person on the boat and did not have an observer for the individuals being towed. CO Varriale contacted the operator and she admitted that she knew she was required to have a spotter. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol on Sunrise Lake in Osceola County. CO Varriale witnessed two fishing boats on the lake approximately an hour after sunset. Neither boat turned their navigation lights on, which is a requirement if they are on the water after sunset. CO Varriale contacted the boaters and educated them about safety requirements on operating a vessel after dark. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Wells and Jeff Ginn responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle on federal land that had been involved in an accident. The COs responded and located the vehicle being loaded onto a flatbed trailer. The vehicle had extensive damage and was not drivable. Upon interviewing the operator of the vehicle, he stated he was traveling too fast down the two-track at approximately 4am when he struck a tree. When the COs asked him if he had contacted 911 or anyone at all to report the crash since it was nearly 10 hours after the fact, he stated he had not reported the crash. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn assisted the Newaygo Fire Department in the search for a missing kayaker who was overdue on the Muskegon River. CO Ginn launched his patrol boat at approximately 10:30pm and began searching with Newaygo Fire personnel on board. The suspect was located over ten miles downriver from where he was to end his float. He was safely returned to his friends and family.

CO Jeff Ginn responded to investigate a report of a suspicious campsite along the Muskegon River. Upon arrival, CO Ginn observed various articles of camping gear spread along the trail and a partially set up tent. CO Ginn located a grocery receipt to a local store near the tent. He noted the time of sale was only two hours prior to his arrival so he checked the video surveillance footage at the store and attempted to identify the subject. Upon reviewing the footage, CO Ginn observed a male subject who looked familiar and his vehicle. The following day, CO Ginn returned to check on the site and made a traffic stop as the vehicle left the area. The subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant and asked to have a friend come to take custody of the subject's vehicle. When the friend arrived, CO Ginn recognized her as a subject he had written a couple years prior for hunting without a license. She was also found to have an outstanding warrant. Both subjects were transported and lodged in the Newaygo County jail for their warrants.

CO Troy Mueller checked a fisherman at Sunrise Lake in Osceola County who was illegally possessing an undersized 8-inch largemouth bass. The fisherman stated he did not know the legal-size limit was 14 inches. A ticket was issued. An hour later, CO Mueller was patrolling through state land when he encountered a truck trying to drive up an illegal hill climb causing erosive conditions. CO Mueller contacted the driver of the truck. The driver was the same fisherman that he had issued a ticket to at Sunrise Lake. The driver stated that he did not know it was illegal. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn conducted a joint patrol with the Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department on the Manistee River to combat complaints of alcohol use and disorderly conduct. While monitoring vehicles making their way to the access site, CO Hearn stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. It was determined the driver was using a license plate from another car and was operating without insurance. The driver was arrested and the car was towed from the scene.

COs Ben McAteer, Matt Zultak, Craig Neal, John Huspen and Sgt. Brian Olsen patrolled the Au Sable River Canoe Marathon that kicked off in Grayling. The COs assisted the Crawford County Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police and Grayling City Department of Public Safety with crowd control and safety measures. The COs answered numerous questions and directed people and vehicles through the crowds. The COs also patrolled the state forest campgrounds along the river keeping race followers and participants safe.

While working the 2018 Au Sable River Canoe Marathon in Crawford County, CO Matt Zultak and Sgt. Brian Olsen contacted a car that failed to stop at a barricade. The driver of the vehicle was run through sobrieties and determined to be operating a motor vehicle at three times the legal limit. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Crawford County Jail. Arrangements were made for the passenger and the driver's one-year-old child who was in the back seat.

COs Ben McAteer and Matt Zultak contacted a group of anglers fishing in a canal on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County. The fishermen indicated they had been fishing for a few hours and had caught one largemouth bass and two rock bass. One of the anglers admitted he had not purchased a 2018 fishing license. While checking the fish, the largemouth bass was determined to be under the legal size as well. A couple hours later, the two COs encountered a similar situation when they located another undersized bass in a live well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Craig Neal was patrolling Missaukee County when he noticed two ORV operators not wearing helmets. CO Neal stopped the two individuals and noticed they did not have ORV licenses either. The operators stated they knew they needed helmets but did not realize they needed the ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader took the hunter education laser shot trailer to the Ogemaw Hills Sportsman's Club for a free event for kids. Well over 100 contacts were made with 75 kids registered at the gate. Other activities at the event included archery and firearm ranges, orienteering, and learning to call turkeys.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a late-night RAP complaint about subjects possibly shooting at deer from a motor vehicle. The complaint contained enough information for CO Lockwood to locate a "drinking gathering" in the area as a starting point for his investigation. From there, CO Lockwood interviewed several subjects about the possible poaching activity. CO Lockwood was able to obtain a confession from two of the subjects that they had "decided to poach a deer." The subjects admitted to

trespassing and shooting at a deer with their muzzleloader. The subjects did not believe they hit the deer when they shot because the black powder firearm they were using “hang-fired” and was not accurate. CO Lockwood checked the field in question that evening and went back the next day during daylight. He was not able to locate a deer or signs of an injured deer. A warrant request will be forwarded to the Gladwin County Prosecutor’s Office for trespassing, loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, and attempting to take a deer during the closed season.

COs Ethan Gainforth, Mark Papineau and Sgt. Jon Wood spent time occupying a booth at the Clare County Fair. The COs were well received. They fielded numerous questions about marine, ORV, hunting and trapping regulations. It was an excellent opportunity for outdoor enthusiasts to interact directly with the local COs.

Upon request, CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Jon Wood assisted the Clare County Sheriff’s Department with security at the Charlie Daniels Band concert at the Clare County Fair. In addition to providing security, numerous contacts were made, and many outdoor recreational questions were answered. The cooperative security detail was a success and went off without any negative incidents.

DISTRICT 6

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Will Brickel were conducting an ORV patrol near the Turtle Ponds in Midland County. While in an area closed to ORV activity, the COs heard what sounded like riding lawnmowers coming down the trail. A few minutes later, six lawnmowers and one quad came around the bend in the trail. The COs stopped the operators to see what exactly was going on. The lead rider indicated that they were riding the trails and asked what the problem was. The COs informed the riders that the area was closed to any ORV activity at which time the lead rider said, “well these are lawnmowers.” CO Gowenlock asked if they were cutting grass and the reply was no. The riders were educated on the definition of an ORV by CO Brickel and all seven riders were ticketed for not having ORV permits. Throughout the rest of the patrol several other warnings were given for various violations.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two anglers trolling on Lake Huron and upon asking to check their fishing licenses neither angler was able to produce a license. A license check revealed that neither person had a license. Multiple tickets were issued.

CO Mark Siemen assisted the Sanilac County Sheriff’s Department with a traffic crash where the driver fled the scene after the crash. CO Siemen was familiar with the suspect from prior contacts and arrests from last summer. After a brief investigation the suspect was located at a farm and was taken into custody for warrants from prior DNR violations and other criminal charges out of Tuscola County.

CO Mark Siemen had contact with ORV operators during an ORV patrol. Multiple warnings were issued, and multiple citations were issued for not having an ORV license and for operating on a state road.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling in Tuscola County when he heard a call go out of a breaking and entering in progress. CO Wright was only a couple of blocks from the call and started looking for the suspects that were described by the witness. Within a few minutes, CO Wright located the suspects and took them into custody. It was determined that they were trying to steal a bike from a residence and were alarmed and fled. Their bolt cutters were located and they are being charged for attempted larceny.

Area 6-2 participated in the Grindstone Port Hope Sportsman's Club Youth Day. This year Conservation officers from the area and the district offered a Hunter Safety Online Completion course. The class was attended by 17 students, all who passed and received their Hunter Safety Certificate. This event was attended by at least 130 youth. The Lasershot trailer was also on site for the kids to utilize.

CO Jill Miller was traveling through a construction zone on a busy highway while on her way to help with a Youth Academy Presentation in Isabella County. The speed limit was decreased in the area due to congested traffic, multiple lane closures, and construction workers present. An operator of a vehicle behind CO Miller decided to pass her in a no passing zone. CO Miller initiated a traffic stop and addressed the violations. The operator of the car improperly utilized the middle turn lane to pass the CO and was traveling well over the posted speed limit. The driver was educated on proper driving practices and a traffic citation was issued.

COs Jill Miller, Jay Person, Will Brickel, John Byars and Lt. Jeremy Payne assisted the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division Great Lakes Enforcement Unit with a search warrant in Bay County to address fishing violations.

COs Mike Haas and Jill Miller were conducting a patrol in northern Montcalm County when they witnessed a side-by-side operating down the middle of a busy roadway. The COs caught up to the side-by-side and noticed two young children sitting in the rear cargo area of the machine without proper restraints or helmets. A traffic stop was conducted and the COs spoke with the operator and passengers. Neither adult in the passenger compartment had on their required safety belts, both children were riding in an area not approved for transporting passengers, and the driver admitted to traveling over the 25 MPH speed limit. It was also discovered that the operator had two confirmed warrants out of Isabella County. The driver of the machine was educated on Michigan's ORV laws and was arrested for his warrants and transported to the Isabella County Jail.

COs Dan Robinson, Mike Haas, and Jill Miller conducted a marine safety course for the cadets at the Mt. Pleasant Police Youth Academy. The COs spent multiple days teaching important boating and water safety rules and each cadet obtained their marine safety certificate by the end of the class. The COs also spent a morning on Coldwater Lake with the cadets and taught them the basic functions of their patrol vessels and had a station where the cadets practiced lifesaving skills and rescued a simulated drowning victim from the water.

During an ORV patrol through Midland County state forest, COs Josh Russell and Mike Haas witnessed an ORV traveling at a high rate of speed. The COs attempted to catch up to the operator, but they lost sight of the machine after it turned onto a trail closed to ORV use. The COs knew where the illegal trail connected back to the main road, so they proceeded to the end of the trail and waited for the ORV. After a few minutes, the COs observed the ORV speeding towards them down the trail and hitting numerous hills causing the ORV to go airborne multiple times. A traffic stop was carried out and the violations of careless operation, operating where prohibited, causing erosive conditions, and the destruction of vegetation were addressed with an issued citation.

CO Dan Robinson received a call at home from Isabella County Central Dispatch. A female was having a medical emergency while out in the state land. CO Robinson responded and accessed areas where other emergency vehicles could not make it due to trail conditions. CO Robinson arrived at the spot where the original call came from and did not find the individual. County units were also in the area checking accessible roads and located her. She stated that they got their truck stuck in a mud hole and tried to walk out on their own but did not know where they were. The individual received medical attention once she was returned to the main road.

CO Dan Robinson closed a month-long investigation. The original complaint came in that an individual was shooting song birds, geese, and ducks with a variety of weapons including a .22 and a pellet gun on his lakefront property. It was also reported that the subject was chasing down geese with an ORV. CO Robinson watched the area from a variety of concealed locations in an attempt to witness the individual attempting to kill animals out of season, or otherwise attempting to harass or injure them. After several observations, CO Robinson had enough to interview the suspect who admitted to shooting geese with a pellet gun and .22 shotshells on several occasions. Also, at the residence CO Robinson located the .22 rifle sticking out of the rear garage window facing the lake. Charges are pending approval through the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chris Holmes patrolled Woods Lake and watched a subject fishing from a kayak for several minutes. CO Holmes made contact with the subject in the parking lot when he came to shore. The male subject was visibly upset because he had lost his car keys in the lake. The subject then became argumentative and refused to display a fishing license or identify himself and would not allow CO Holmes to inspect his bucket of fish. After several minutes of discussion and multiple requests for the documents, CO Holmes informed the subject he was under arrest and attempted to place the subject into custody. The subject resisted arrest but was eventually detained without injury and lodged in the Kalamazoo County Jail for resisting arrest and failing to display a fishing license. At the jail, the subject admitted he didn't like the police since he had been in prison for 29 years for armed robbery.

COs Tyler Cole and James Zellinger were patrolling the Middleville State Game Area when they encountered two pickup trucks followed by a Polaris side-by-side. COs Cole

and Zellinger could not see an ORV license displayed on the ORV as it passed them. CO Zellinger stopped the ORV and made contact with the driver. There was not an ORV license on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger observed an ORV pull up to a stop sign at an intersection on M-37. The ORV was obviously designed for one occupant but had three persons riding on it. None of the riders on the ORV were wearing helmets or eye protection and the ORV was unlicensed. CO Zellinger stopped the ORV and made contact with the operator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was travelling back to Barry County on I-96 from training in Cadillac when he observed a vehicle approaching him quickly. The vehicle passed CO Cardenas at a high rate of speed. CO Cardenas paced the vehicle at 98 MPH before conducting a traffic stop. During the stop, it was found that the operator was driving on a suspended and revoked driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol when he noticed an angler fishing near the Berrien Springs dam. Contact was made with the angler and the angler stated that he was about to buy his fishing license online. The angler said he does that often. CO Bauer conducted a search of his fishing license history and the angler had not purchased a fishing license in Michigan since 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer were on patrol checking anglers in Berrien Springs. CO Bauer was watching two anglers fishing and, when he went to make contact, he watched the male angler hand his pole to a female angler. When CO Bauer asked to check their licenses, the male angler said he was not fishing. Further investigation revealed that the male angler was fishing and that he did not have a valid Michigan fishing license. The angler also had three warrants for his arrest. The COs placed the angler in custody and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department assisted in lodging the angler at the Berrien County Jail.

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol watching some anglers fishing near the Berrien Springs dam. CO Bauer contacted the anglers. Further investigation revealed that one of the anglers was fishing with a lure with treble hooks in an area where multi pointed hooks are illegal for preservation of trout and salmon. Enforcement action was taken on the violation.

CO Matt Page received a complaint of a subject possibly shooting Great Blue Herons on a marsh preserve. Upon further information, it was found that one Great Blue Heron had been submitted to Wildlife Division by the complainant and a necropsy report identified cause of death from a projectile. CO Page checked the area and located an additional Great Blue Heron carcass that was directly behind a home near the marsh preserve. CO Page interviewed the homeowner who admitted that he had shot "at least two birds" because they were eating the fish out of his pond. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page assisted with a multi-car personal injury accident. CO Page diverted traffic while other emergency personnel rendered aid and investigated the accident scene.

While patrolling near Dowagiac in Cass County, CO Tyler Cole checked a popular shore fishing area. While checking a fisherman for licenses and any fish caught, it was found that the subject was fishing without a license. Upon further investigation, it was also found that the subject had three outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Cass County Jail.

DISTRICT 8

CO Daniel Prince and a Hamburg Township Police Department officer responded to a complaint of two subjects riding a PWC on Rush Lake in Pinckney who were chasing Canada Geese. The officers were able to make contact with the jet ski operators. The operators were advised about the laws of harassing wildlife. The operator was found to be operating the PWC without a safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Daniel Prince attended a hunter's safety class at the Livingston Wildlife Conservation Club in Pinckney. CO Prince talked with 32 students and parents about the job duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer. CO Prince also talked about hunting regulations and ethical hunting.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Augusta Township when he observed two ORVs operating on the roadway. CO Hartleben conducted a traffic stop on the ORVs and noted that neither vehicle was registered and that neither operator was wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling along the Huron River when he observed two subjects fishing from a small vessel with a trolling motor on it. CO Hartleben noted that the vessel was not registered and contacted the fishermen along the riverbank. CO Hartleben addressed the registration issue with the operator of the vessel who had a valid fishing license. CO Hartleben was then informed by the other subject that he was tribal and did not/had never purchased a fishing license. The subject then provided a fake tribal card indicating aboriginal status as Canadian Metis. CO Hartleben then explained to the subject that we were way outside of the ceded territories and that his tribal status, legitimate or illegitimate, was a non-factor with regard to him needing to have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was working marine patrol on Little Portage Lake when he observed two jet-skis weaving in and around anchored vessels as they ripped around the lake. CO Hartleben stopped his patrol boat and observed the jet-skis for a while longer. During this period of observation, CO Hartleben noted that they violated the 100 foot rule on at least six different occasions near three different vessels. Contact was made with the operators who admitted that they might have gotten a little carried away. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Silver Lake Day Use Area at Pinckney State Recreation Area with Park Ranger Jordon Labert on a busy Sunday afternoon/evening when they made contact with a subject wading and fishing just outside of the beach and swim area. When asked for his license, the subject stated that it was with his wife over at the beach. As the subject looked through his wallet to find his identification, he was surprisingly able to locate his fishing license. Unfortunately, the license was for 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Eric Smither and Andrew Monnich worked a booth at the Lenawee County Fair. The two COs spoke to over a hundred individuals throughout the day answering questions regarding hunting, fishing, ORVs, and the job of a conservation officer.

COs Troy Ludwig and Sam Schluckbier were patrolling near Michigan Center Lake when they observed two subjects using a cast net and dip net to take fish. When the COs contacted the subjects, they had just thrown the cast net and pulled in a number of sunfish. When the COs asked to see the subject's fishing licenses, they stated that they were not fishing. The COs checked the bucket they had with them and located five small catfish. A check with dispatch showed that both subjects had valid fishing licenses. Further investigation showed that neither subject was aware of netting laws on inland waters. The COs educated the subjects on the legal and illegal use of a dip net and the illegal use of a cast net. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Ludwig was checking anglers near the Grand Ledge Dam when he encountered an angler who had not purchased a 2018 fishing license. During the course of their conversation, the angler divulged that he might have a warrant out for his arrest. A check with dispatch showed that the angler had an active warrant out of Ingham County. The angler was taken into custody and turned over to Ingham County.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Tamarack Lake State Game Area when he observed three kayak anglers fishing on Saubee Lake. The CO contacted the anglers when they returned to the boat launch. The anglers reported that the fishing had been slow and all had valid 2018 fishing licenses. All three anglers lacked Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) aboard their kayaks. A check with dispatch showed that one of the anglers had three active warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed two anglers on a lake while on marine patrol in Hillsdale County. As the anglers noticed the CO, the one angler quickly packed up his gear and ran to his car leaving the area. The CO quickly drove his PWC to the only exit on the lake stopping the vehicle. The angler stated he had an appointment to get to. During the stop, it was found that the angler did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss received a RAP complaint from an absentee landowner. During a recent visit to his property, he located five dead baby raccoons underneath a mulberry tree on the property. Upon responding to the complaint, an initial suspect was quickly identified. The only house in sight of the dead raccoons was directly across the road from the

mulberry tree. Upon interviewing the man at the house, it was discovered that he shot the raccoons as they were climbing in the tree. He said he would have cleaned them up, but he didn't want to trespass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of a fawn being stuck in a fence in Battle Creek. CO Goss was able to catch the fawn, but the cage he brought to transport it was too small. One of the neighbors let him use a larger dog carrier to transport the fawn. The fawn was successfully relocated. While CO Goss was returning the cage to its' owner, he received a call from dispatch about another fawn inside of a fence only two blocks away. Originally the dispatcher suspected it was a call about the same fawn. Upon arrival at the other address, CO Goss was greeted by a man in the front yard. When asked about a fawn inside his fenced in yard, he said, "Yes, I have one, is there a problem?" CO Goss asked him if it could get out of the backyard and the man said no. The man went on to say that he found it when he was mowing grass and he just brought it home to raise it up. The man admitted to having the fawn for four weeks and said that he was just getting ready to build it a little house in the backyard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss was first on scene to a missing child report where an eight and a nine-year-old girl were missing and had not been seen in more than three hours. Upon arrival, CO Goss conducted a thorough search of the house, outbuildings and vehicles. The children were not located. CO Goss was coordinating with dispatch to get the necessary resources started to search for the missing girls. A short while later MSP and the Sheriff's Department showed up on scene. The trooper overheard Battle Creek City radio traffic indicating that they were responding to a domestic violence situation in Battle Creek that might be related to the incident with the missing children. After approximately a half hour, a vehicle showed up at the house driven by the brother of the missing girls. The girls were inside and safe, however their mother who called in the initial report was not with them. The mother was apparently transported to the hospital due to an injury sustained during the incident. MSP is still investigating to determine exactly what happened in this case.

CO Jeff Goss received a RAP complaint of some anglers on Beadle Lake catching and keeping undersized bass. CO Goss waited for the three subjects to get back to the launch and made contact. Upon walking up to the boat, the CO observed a short pike lying on the floor of the boat. He also saw what appeared to be several short bass in a bucket. When the driver saw CO Goss approaching, he tried to hide the bucket of small bass behind the driver's console. After sorting through all the fish, the anglers were found to be in possession of seven undersized bass and an undersized pike. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier stopped an ORV driving down the roadway in Eaton County. The driver of the 4-wheeler turned quickly into a nearby driveway in an attempt to avoid detection. CO Schluckbier observed the maneuver and followed him into the residential driveway. The driver failed to license his ORV, was not wearing a safety helmet, and was operating where ORVs are not allowed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier received an anonymous complaint that a horse rehabilitator in Eaton County was keeping a fawn deer in one of the barns. CO Schluckbier responded to the residence and located a three-legged fawn that was being housed in a small shed. The suspect admitted she was given the injured fawn in late May and that it had remained in captivity for almost two months. A similar incident had occurred last summer involving the suspect keeping deer at her farm. CO Schluckbier contacted a local rehabilitator to ensure the fawn receives proper care. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols investigated a deer that was found dead in Haslett. A homeowner found the deer dead in the middle of a garden and took the deer to the MSU disease lab for CWD testing. Law Enforcement Division was contacted after a .22 caliber bullet was found during the necropsy. CO Nickols was able to backtrack the deer a short distance and found where it had entered the homeowner's property, but it was not possible to find the location where the deer had been shot. The deer had been gut shot and may have traveled a considerable distance before bleeding out internally and dying.

CO Chris Maher was on patrol in Jackson County when a call came over the radio of a physical domestic in progress. CO Maher and a local Sheriff's Deputy quickly responded to the location. Upon arrival, the parties were no longer arguing. After investigation, the suspect was found to be a juvenile and was transported to Henry Ford Allegiance Hospital for a mental health evaluation.

CO Katie Stawara attended an apartment complex block party in East Lansing where she spoke to children about the job role of a conservation officer and how it relates to natural resources. Children were educated on Michigan species ID and what to do when encountering wildlife at home. The event was a huge hit with the kids and CO Stawara was asked to attend upcoming events.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on marine patrol in Hillsdale County, observed a vessel travelling against the flow of traffic. As the CO patrolled towards the vessel, he observed the vessel was towing a skier without an observer. The CO stopped the vessel and an additional violation was observed. The CO advised the boaters of the importance of operating counter clockwise and having an observer while towing a skier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while patrolling Hillsdale County with CO Andy Monnich, observed in a field what looked like a large pile of corn. The COs drove down a different road to get a better look at the bait pile confirming it was corn. The COs located the owners of the farm a short time later, who admitted to baiting, and stated they have never paid attention to baiting laws and regulations. The COs advised the landowner of the dates that you are allowed to bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on marine patrol in Hillsdale County with CO Andy Monnich, observed a PWC with the operator not wearing a PFD. The COs stopped the PWC with

the operator stating he was just getting the PWC running. The COs advised the operator that PFDs are always required on PWCs. Enforcement action taken.

DISTRICT 9

While on marine patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed two jet skis being operated in a careless manner. CO Deppen contacted both riders and warned them about their operation. During a check of their vessels and equipment, one rider said he did not have a safety certificate on him but claimed he had taken the class. The rider also said he may have a warrant out for his arrest. When CO Deppen inquired about the reason for the warrant, the rider admitted he had been stopped for riding a PWC last year, and he did not take a boater's safety course and he failed to make his court date. During a verification, it was revealed that the rider had multiple warrants for his arrest, including the warrant for failure to take a boater's safety course from the previous year. A verification of the jet ski's registration revealed the owner failed to register them in his name after purchasing them last year. When confronted with the multiple issues at hand, the rider said, "I am incredibly successful and own four jet skis and two boats." CO Deppen congratulated the man on his success and issued a citation for operating a PWC without a boater safety certificate and further enforcement action was taken on the warrant issues.

CO Raymond Gardner was on patrol and checked an angler at the tubes on Stanley Road on the Lapeer/Genesee County line. When CO Gardner asked the angler if he had a fishing license, the angler told him that he did not have one. CO Gardner asked him why he didn't have one and the angler told him the fishing licenses were too expensive. CO Gardner then asked the angler if he had caught any fish yet and the angler told him he did. The angler then took his stringer out of the water and it had five channel catfish and one crappie. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Raymond Gardner, Jessie Curtis, Johnathan Kamps, and Sgt. Todd Szyska conducted a group marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir in Lapeer and Genesee County. During the patrol enforcement action was taken for multiple violations including anglers fishing without a fishing license, undersize walleye, unattended fishing lines, unserviceable fire extinguishers, and failure to provide personal floatation devices.

CO Kris Kiel responded to a RAP complaint of a subject shooting three geese. When CO Kiel arrived on scene, the complainant explained how he observed a subject drive up to a pond and shoot a rifle to kill two geese and injure a third. The subject grabbed the two dead geese and left the area. The complainant did not know the subject but gave a very good description of him and his pick-up truck. CO Kiel was able to retrieve the third goose before driving around the section after speaking with multiple farmers about the incident. A possible suspect was identified. CO Kiel contacted the suspect at his residence. He was sitting in the described pick-up truck eating his lunch. The subject admitted to the incident and drove CO Kiel on his tractor to the back of the property to retrieve the two geese that he had dumped in a swamp. The subject then produced the .22 that he had shot the geese with. He claimed the geese were eating his bean

plants. Violations include taking geese during the closed season, taking waterfowl with a single projectile firearm, and hunting without any of the required licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher stopped a 30-foot boat being driven in the Middle Channel with two young children standing up on the bow holding onto the railing. The boat also had expired registration and the new owner failed to transfer title. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher stopped a side-by-side being driven in the roadway without an ORV sticker in St. Clair County. The driver had thrown litter into a corn field just prior to being stopped. While CO Lasher was stopping the ORV, he observed the driver tucking something into her clothing. Upon further questioning, a suspected marijuana cigarette was turned over from the female driver. The two occupants were not wearing helmets, nor using seat belts. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake Oakland, COs Danielle Zubek and Katie Stawara observed a boat operating recklessly in shallow water within close proximity to docks, other boaters, and a narrow passage way to a connecting lake. The COs conducted a stop on the watercraft and began speaking with the boat owner/operator. While asking simple questions, it was determined by the COs that the boat operator had been drinking. The operator was lodged at the Oakland County Jail and enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser followed-up on a complaint of captive ducks at a residence in Flint. The caller stated that there were two mallards kept captive at the residence. He also stated that he was a hunter and was positive that they were wild mallards. Upon speaking with the property owner, it was determined that the ducks were domestic Rouen ducks and purchased at a local store.

Sgt. Todd Szyska and CO Johnathan Kamps contacted a fisherman at the Holloway Dam. Upon interviewing the suspect, it was determined that the individual was hiding three undersized walleyes. The walleyes were hidden in a trash bag within the individual's backpack. The undersized walleyes were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam Beuthin gave a presentation at the Tindal Activity Center in Detroit for a group called Healthy Kids. The CO talked about the path he took in becoming a conservation officer and about the training he and other COs go through, both during the academy and after. He also answered questions from the kids who were in attendance.

COs Keven Luther and Nick Ingersoll patrolled the southern border of Wayne County and followed-up on two complaints in Monroe County. Two citations were issued for fishing without a license. One of the two anglers cited for fishing without a license was lodged at the Flat Rock Police Department jail for a warrant out of Detroit. The two COs

then contacted an individual suspected of shooting fireworks at wildlife. CO Ingersoll explained the legal ramifications to the suspect and issued a verbal warning. The two COs then met up with a federal wildlife officer to assist with a littering complaint on Erie Road in Luna Pier. The three officers investigated the complaint and interviewed two suspects. The litter was removed, and a verbal warning was issued for their actions.

CO Nick Ingersoll was patrolling Sterling State Park when he observed two anglers fishing next to the boat launch. After CO Ingersoll contacted the anglers, he determined that neither of them had purchased a 2018 fishing license. CO Ingersoll asked the anglers why they had not purchased their fishing licenses and one of the anglers advised the CO that he was Native American and did not need his fishing license. CO Ingersoll advised the angler that he in fact did need his fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Ingersoll was patrolling federal land when a call of a suicidal subject was dispatched over the radio. CO Ingersoll was only a few miles away from the residence and was able to respond. CO Ingersoll was first on scene and was met by a Monroe County Deputy. Both officers contacted the suicidal subject at his residence. After the officers contacted the individual, it was determined that he was intoxicated and wanted to speak with his family. The suicidal subject denied medical help and was turned over to the family members who were at the residence.

CO David Schaumburger encountered two anglers fishing with seven poles. The CO asked both anglers to point out the poles they were each using. They each pointed out three poles, until the CO asked what the seventh pole was for. One of the anglers stated that pole did not count because it was his "goby pole." The CO pointed out that his partner was using a "goby pole" as a third line and that was not fair to him. The angler understood. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was approached by a lieutenant of the police department of the city in which the CO lives. The lieutenant had arranged for an 11-year-old boy with autism to meet CO Schaumburger at the police station because the young boy loves the DNR. The CO met the young boy and they spent an hour together in the CO's truck talking about his job and all the neat equipment in his truck.

COs David Schaumburger and Keven Luther received an anonymous complaint of a subject trapping animals and leaving them to die in the traps. The COs contacted the subject at his residence. While walking to the rear of his property to meet him, the COs viewed a raccoon in a live trap and a dead woodchuck in a live trap. The suspect said the animals are doing damage to his property and he admitted to letting the animals die in the traps. The CO informed him the animals needed to be released or killed immediately and his actions were inhumane. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger waited outside a local known illegal ORV pit as it would be easier to stop them on the roadway. After 10 minutes, a dirt bike and a 4-wheeler exited the property onto the roadway and CO Schaumburger stopped them. Enforcement

action was taken, and the pair of operators were educated on ORV trespass and operating on the roadway.

BELLE ISLE

CO Jessie Curtis was on patrol on Belle Isle when she noticed a male subject laying on the grass. Upon further investigation, the male subject was unresponsive with no pulse. COs Larn Strawn and Jessie Curtis rendered first aid until Detroit Fire and EMS arrived and took over first aid. The subject was transported to Detroit Receiving.

COs Pete Purdy and Sgt. Todd Szyska responded to a medical on Belle Isle near the Aquarium. A male subject was showing symptoms of heart attack and was displaying slurred speech. MSP Troopers were first on scene, and an ambulance was dispatched. The subject was able to walk unaided into the ambulance rig.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Richard Cardenas was notified by CO Carter Woodwyk of a possible emergency on a boat near the beach. As CO Cardenas was preparing to board the DNR patrol vessel stationed at the island, dispatch reported a call of a missing person in the water near the beach. CO Cardenas was able to respond to the scene and begin his search within several minutes. Other agencies arrived and assisted throughout the evening. It was learned that the 26-year-old female had jumped from a boat into the water with friends. She began to struggle and was pulled away from the boat by the river current. Unfortunately, her friends and nearby boaters were unable to bring her back to safety. Her body was recovered several days later by the Detroit Police Dive Unit.

While on Belle Isle, CO Kyle Bucholtz stopped a careless driver. It was discovered the vehicle was without insurance, the driver had open intoxicants, did not have a valid license and had multiple warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling on Belle Isle, CO Mike Haas observed a gentleman chasing a seagull that could not fly. The man eventually got close enough to jump onto the bird, pick it up, and take it back to his vehicle. CO Haas contacted the man and collected the seagull. Due to a language barrier, the CO was unable to determine what the man intended to do with the bird. CO Haas released the seagull which appeared to be a healthy, juvenile bird; it ran from him, hopped into a pond, and swam away.

Acting Sgt. Mike Drexler was working a morning Belle Isle shift with CO Chris Knights when they were dispatched to check on a subject that was walking around talking to himself and yelling at patrons. After making contact with the subject, it was determined he was not a threat to himself or others. The COs ran his information through dispatch, learning he had several outstanding warrants for his arrest. The subject was arrested and lodged with another agency for one of the warrants.

CO Pete Purdy, while working on Belle Isle, made contact with an ORV operator who claimed to be a state park employee. Further investigation by CO Purdy and Sgt. Todd

Szyska revealed the subject was contracted to work at the athletic fields and was never given permission to leave the athletic field with the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy contacted Sgt. Todd Szyska for backup at Woodside Drive and the Strand on Belle Isle. CO Purdy had encountered a side-by-side ORV operating on the shoreline and the subject was uncooperative with CO Purdy. The subject turned out to have rented out the ball diamonds at the Athletic Field for the weekend and was told by the groundskeeper that it was okay to ride wherever he wanted to. The ORV was unlicensed, had been operated on the roadway, and was being operated in a closed state park area. Enforcement action was taken.