

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Brian Lasanen, while working a remote portion of Ontonagon County, stopped to check on a vehicle along the roadway with its hazard lights activated. CO Lasanen contacted a female driver who had a flat tire on her vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was on the phone with her insurance company trying to find a wrecker to help with changing the tire. The driver advised CO Lasanen that the insurance company told her that she was “in the middle of nowhere” and they are having a hard time finding a wrecker service to come out to change her tire. CO Lasanen advised the driver he would change the tire for her. After 15 minutes the driver was on her way home and was very thankful for the assistance.

COs David Miller, Ethen Mapes and Sgt. Grant Emery worked a four day patrol on Isle Royale during the Isle Royale Boaters Association Conference and Fishing Contest. The weather conditions were absolutely fabulous for the weekend’s events. Numerous vessels were contacted with several violations being addressed for marine and fishing activities. Fishing for lake trout was also phenomenal, with the winning team entering three fish with a total weight of 84 pounds. Very positive feedback was received from the National Parks Service and our user groups with having COs working the event.

CO Ethen Mapes responded to a road kill bear complaint in Bergland Township where a motorist had struck a very large bear. The bear had died on the side of the road and was causing traffic to slow down, stop, and even pose for pictures with the bear. A Michigan State Trooper and DNR parks ranger assisted CO Mapes in relocating the deceased bear to avoid a traffic hazard on the highway.

CO Ethen Mapes was requested to respond to an overdue subject in the Misery Bay area. The subject was due home four days prior and no one had seen or talked to the man for over a week. The man was last known to be at his deer camp which was in an area with no cell reception and only accessible by ATV. CO Mapes drove two Michigan State Troopers and himself into the camp via side by side. A local community member volunteered to lead the officers to the camp. When they arrived, the man was found alive and well. He had been working on a new pole barn and wanted to take advantage of the dry weather while he could.

CO Shannon Kritz and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to an injured eagle complaint in Menominee County. A property owner discovered the eagle while working on his food plots. The eagle was unable to fly but had made its way into the woods by the time the officers arrived. The officers were able to secure the eagle and transport it to Sgt. Ryan Aho, who had made contact with the nearest rehabilitation facility and arranged to meet the staff after hours to transfer the eagle.

CO Shannon Kritz received a complaint regarding bags of garbage that were dumped along an active ORV trail. The complainant was able to find several receipts and a job application stuffed in the garbage bags. CO Kritz located the individual and obtained a confession for the litter after a short interview.

COs Brett DeLonge and Brian Lasanen presented at Camp Nesbit in Upper Michigan's Ottawa National Forest for a large group of tribal youth. The presentation included information regarding the role of a CO, recreational opportunities in the Upper Peninsula and the different types of wildlife found in the Upper Peninsula.

DISTRICT 2

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed a vehicle in front of him driving erratically. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver. The driver said his young hunting dog was jumping on him while he was driving. Further investigation revealed the vehicle was not currently registered. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink conducted a patrol on Lake Michigan during the Manistique Salmon & Trout Derby. The COs contacted the first couple of boats and issued a few tickets for fishing with more than three lines per person. After an especially friendly contact, the COs heard a concerned fisherman do his best to warn all other boats. He advised using his marine radio that "Gentleman, the DNR is on the water". Unfortunately, not everyone heard the warning and a few more citations were issued for fishing with more than three lines with one boat fishing four lines over the legal limit. All names were given to the derby officials that received citations.

COs Michael Evink and Cpl. Shannon Van Patten executed arrest warrants on two individuals who were involved in illegal gill netting on Indian Lake this spring. The individuals were arraigned in the 93rd District Court. The warrants were part of an investigation where COs received good information and were able to use that information to catch one individual in the act of pulling a gill net from Indian Lake. The gill net contained more than 200 lbs. of walleye.

CO Mark Zitnik was heading to the Newberry Field Office when he was passed by a very aggressive driver. As the vehicle was passing the marked patrol truck, oncoming traffic had to pull off the road in order to avoid a collision. A traffic stop was made for the careless driving and enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig trained the new CO recruits at the Michigan State Police training academy in first aid and field trauma. The program lasted two weeks and included instruction in CPR and AED skills, as well as trauma scenarios.

CO Pat Hartsig taught hunter safety to students at the Pocket Park in Escanaba. This day included a field day portion where the students were able to shoot guns and learn about tree stand safety.

Lt. Hagy, COs Brett Gustafson, Bobby Watson, and Calvin Smith patrolled the Les Cheneaux Islands targeting marine violations. Citations were issued for operating unregistered watercraft and for failing to provide PFDs. Warnings were given for other minor violations. The COs were thanked by many for being on the water.

COs from across the state attended a Hunter Safety Academy located at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. The classes provided information on how to enhance certain areas when instructing a hunter safety class and how to reach out to the young students and help engage them into practicing safety while hunting. The classes also gave instruction on how to set up tree stands, use survival skills in emergency situations, practice firearm safety when hunting in groups, as well as many other helpful tools.

CO Kevin Postma assisted with a kids fishing weekend put on by the Soo Area Sportsman Club. Fishing was somewhat slow but beautiful weather and a good turnout made the day a success.

CO Brett Gustafson received a Report All Poaching complaint concerning two individuals who had been fishing Atlantic salmon and whitefish at the Sault Ste. Marie power plant for the past 15 days. With the assistance of CO Bobby Watson, the two individuals were placed under surveillance and witnessed fishing behind the powerhouse throughout the night. A traffic stop was conducted after they left their motel. Both fishermen were very cooperative and honest about their fishing exploits for the previous two weeks. Consent was given to inspect the chest freezer. It was determined that the two individuals were 11 atlantic salmon over the possession limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett Gustafson was first on scene to a two vehicle personal injury accident on US-2. Four individuals were transported to the hospital with severe injuries. US-2 was closed for four hours while the accident was investigated. None of the injuries ended up being fatal and the victims are recovering. Michigan State Police handled the enforcement of the young driver found to be at fault.

While on patrol in the Les Cheneaux Islands, COs Gustafson, Calvin Smith, Bobby Watson and Lt Hagy observed an unregistered pontoon boat. The boat was being used by a local construction company to transport building materials to and from the job site. It was determined that the owner had not registered the vessel since 2013 and had failed to transfer the title. Enforcement was action taken.

DISTRICT 3

During the two day Venetian Festival patrols, COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert checked several anglers in boats and on the Pine River Channel Pier issuing four tickets for fishing without a license. CO Erratt ticketed a boater towing four tubers without an observer. The operator said one of the kids he was towing had said something about needing a spotter before they started tubing. The COs stopped a

kayaker paddling after dark in Round Lake just before the Venetian Festival Boat Parade. The kayaker who was in 46 feet of water was ticketed for no life preserver.

COs Andrea Albert and Andrea Erratt were patrolling Lake Charlevoix during the Venetian Festival when officers observed a boat traveling without displaying a stern light after dark. Contact was made and the operator said he knew the stern light was not working and he held up a flashlight and said that he had a flashlight instead. It was immediately apparent that the operator had been drinking and sobriety tests were administered by CO Albert. The operator was arrested for operating while impaired by alcohol and the boat and its passengers were safely returned to shore. After the arrest, one of the passengers stated they probably should have stayed at the dock after figuring out their stern light did not work.

After dropping off CO Albert to transport an impaired boater to jail, CO Andrea Erratt checked boats after the fireworks show. CO Erratt stopped a pontoon boat on Lake Charlevoix with no stern white light and a second pontoon coming out of Round Lake using their docking lights. The second boat operator said they were driving with their docking lights on because one of their front navigation lights was out. Both boat operators were ticketed for improper navigation lights well after sunset.

CO Steve Speigl and Sgt. Mike Feagan provided additional security and patrol on Round Lake for the Saturday night fireworks display and lighted boat parade for the Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

CO Chad Baldwin responded to a call about an injured peregrine falcon hiding under a spruce tree. CO Baldwin, along with the help of the homeowner and her sister, were able to flush the bird out from under the tree into an open grass field. CO Baldwin recovered the bird and patrolled to a safer area in order to check for injuries on the falcon and to call a licensed rehabilitator. CO Baldwin noticed that the falcon was a juvenile and did not appear to be seriously injured. CO Baldwin released the bird to see if it could fly; the falcon took a few hops away from the CO and then flew away into the safety of the trees.

CO Chad Baldwin received a complaint from a source on Beaver Island earlier this spring about multiple hunters with loaded shotguns in a vehicle and road hunting wild turkeys. CO Baldwin contacted the local Sheriff's deputy on the island to see if he could find a vehicle matching the description. The deputy was unable to locate the vehicle so CO Baldwin continued his investigation until it led him back to a group of individuals who lived in Ohio. CO Baldwin enlisted the help of an Ohio State wildlife officer who covers the county where several of the individuals resided. With the assistance of the wildlife officer in Ohio, CO Baldwin was able to secure evidence, statements, and a confession of an illegal turkey being possessed by one of the individuals while on Beaver Island. Law Enforcement action has been taken.

CO Budreau and CO Rosochacki, along with members of the Emmet County Sheriff's Department, responded to a complaint of people in the water in Sturgeon Bay south of

Waugoshance Point. One subject had gone under before officers arrived on scene. Officers searched the area for several hours continuing after midnight. The body of the 28 year old man was recovered the following morning in about ten feet of water.

CO Budreau took a complaint of a mute swan with an arrow through its wing. After further investigation it was determined to be a fiberglass driveway marker with a string attached that had gotten wrapped around the wing of the bird. The bird was freed from the entanglement without injury.

CO Matt Theunick came across a pile of trash on state land in which he found a letter from the State of Michigan Probation Department. Upon contacting the probation office, CO Theunick was informed that the suspect would be in for his bi-weekly check the next day. CO Theunick made contact with the suspect at the probation office where the suspect admitted to dumping the trash. A citation was issued.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted an angler on Mullett Lake who was fishing with four lines, contrary to law. Upon contact, the angler stated his son was located in the cubby of the boat sleeping and was therefore not in violation. Upon checking the boat, there was no second person. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew was dispatched to an ORV complaint in Dover Township, Otsego County. The complainant advised several ORVs were "tearing up state land." Sgt. DePew arrived and located the subject and confirmed the damage along with locating the suspects. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox assisted Presque Isle County sheriff's deputies with a suicidal subject. The subject was cooperative and agreed to seek treatment. CO Fox cleared the scene when it was determined that the situation was under control.

CO Jon Sklba and CO Paul Fox received a late night call from Presque Isle County dispatch advising that there was a disabled sailboat in Lake Huron off of the Rogers City Marina. Both Co Sklba and CO Fox responded to the area and were able to locate the vessel. The sailboat had suffered damage to its mast from the high winds. The sailboat was secured at a dock for further assessment. No injuries were reported.

CO Jon Sklba was contacted by the Harbor Master in Rogers City who received a call about a sailboat that possibly ran aground. The harbor master advised that no other vessels were able to get close to the vessel in distress as they too would have run aground. CO Sklba and CO Adam Leclerc made the roughly 25 mile trip to locate the sailboat. There were no injuries and the vessel was still water tight. A local tow company was contacted. CO Sklba relayed the information to dispatch and the US Coast Guard.

CO Adam LeClerc was on marine patrol on Long Lake in Alpena County when he contacted a group of anglers. CO LeClerc asked how the fishing was and if they had kept anything. One man responded that he had released everything because they were

too small. CO LeClerc inspected the live well and found four walleye, two of which were not of legal size. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc and CO Brad Bellville assisted at the kids fishing pond during the Alpena Brown Trout Festival. Parents, kids and volunteers were excited to see the COs at the event.

CO Adam LeClerc and Forest Resources Division Fire Officer Mark Hansen put on a presentation for the local Salvation Army kids summer program in Alpena County. The kids learned the job functions of each employee and got to handle the equipment used on a daily basis.

CO William Webster was patrolling Long Lake after dark in Alpena County when he noticed a vessel travelling without any front navigation lights. CO Webster stopped the vessel and made contact with four people on board including two young kids. CO Webster could smell the odor of intoxicants from the operator. While CO Webster was conducting field sobriety tests aboard the patrol boat the subject dove over the side of the boat and into the water. After several minutes in the water, CO Webster was able to get the subject back into the patrol boat and continue the tests. The subject was arrested and transported to the Alpena County Jail where he was lodged for boating under the influence, resist and obstruct, and child endangerment.

DISTRICT 4

CO Sean Kehoe assisted Silver Lake State Park staff and on scene medical personnel at a personal injury accident in the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. A jeep and a motorcycle collided sending the motorcycle rider to the hospital with what appeared to be a broken leg.

While returning to Grand Traverse County from Silver Lake Sand Dunes, CO Sean Kehoe was flagged down by a man in a bathing suit requesting a ride to his car which was about 10 miles away. It turned out that the man and his friends miscalculated a four hour tubing ride down the Manistee River. They were already into their seventh hour when they decided to exit the river before reaching their destination due to darkness. CO Kehoe returned the man to their starting point while the others waited for the man to pick them up.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a complaint of a Personal Water Craft (PWC) operating recklessly on a small lake near Irons in Lake County. CO Killingbeck responded to the area and observed the operator of a PWC operate without a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) or life jacket. CO Killingbeck made contact with the operator at his dock and asked the subject if he was familiar with regulations pertaining to operating a PWC. The operator told CO Killingbeck that he knew he was supposed to have a PFD, but was just "trying out" his PWC. CO Killingbeck realized this was the PWC he had been called about, and after speaking with the operator, obtained a confession to reckless operation and operating within 100 feet of a dock. The operator did not have a boater safety

certificate (Those at least 16 years of age and born after December 31, 1978 may operate a PWC legally **only** if they have obtained a boating safety certificate) and failed to provide a certificate of registration for the PWC. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on ORV patrol with Lake County deputies, was checking ORVs at an intersection when he observed a side-by-side with open intoxicants in plain view sitting in a cup holder next to the driver. CO Killingbeck made contact with the driver who said he had just left dinner and did not want to waste his beer. CO Killingbeck explained the rules of operation on an ORV pertaining to drinking and driving. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews witnessed three men fishing from a pontoon boat that had an expired registration decal. As the CO was watching the men fish, they moved the boat to several locations on the lake using an electric motor and a gas engine. A LEIN check revealed the boat registration had expired in 2012. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel and CO Troy Mueller observed an angler frantically trying to untie a stringer tied off to his ankle while fishing in the Muskegon River. The angler refused to listen to the approaching COs and continued to attempt to release the fish. Eventually the angler was ordered to shore where the COs discovered two undersized trout and an undersized bass. Further investigation revealed the subjects nearby boat had marijuana in it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel and CO Troy Mueller observed a canoe with one adult, a child and a dog. The dog and child were wearing personal flotation devices, but the adult had no flotation device for himself. There were two other kayaks in the group that did not have flotation devices as well. One subject told the COs that he had witnessed a drowning on the river two weeks prior when the COs explained the priority of having flotation devices. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lebel responded to an ORV trespass complaint in Mecosta County. Upon his arrival, he was able to locate and stop five juvenile operators from Ohio, ages 8-15. When CO Lebel contacted the juvenile's parents, one parent became agitated when CO Lebel advised he would be charging the parents for allowing the juveniles to operate without supervision. Apparently that same subject had visited Silver Lake State Park ORV area and received a ticket the previous weekend for the same violation of allowing a juvenile to operate without supervision.

CO Ben Shively and CO Jeff Ginn were patrolling the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they were approached by two subjects had been tubing and had lost a member of their party three hours prior. The COs were advised that the missing person was highly intoxicated and had somehow separated from their group while tubing. The COs had searched for the subject for over an hour before they were advised that the intoxicated man was located passed out at a residence.

CO Brian Lebel, CO Troy Mueller and CO Jeff Ginn worked the Muskegon River Task Force and assisted the Newaygo County Sheriff's Department on a domestic assault case where one male suspect was attempting to drown his wife after a verbal dispute. The male had to be physically assaulted by his friends to prevent the domestic violence from continuing. The suspect was subsequently arrested on scene.

CO Jeff Ginn executed a traffic stop on a vehicle performing "donuts" in the boating access parking lot surrounded by bystanders. CO Ginn caught up to the driver who was illegally passing vehicles on M-82 and found him to be intoxicated. The driver was subsequently arrested for the violations.

CO Angela Greenway was working an ORV patrol when she had an ORV pull out in front of her and the operator was not wearing a helmet. There was also a passenger onboard although the machine was not designed for two riders. CO Greenway conducted a stop and discovered the operator was driving on a suspended license and had just been released from jail that morning. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn observed a vehicle quickly approach and start "tailgating" his patrol vehicle while traveling on a county road in Kalkaska County. The driver was observed using both hands to bang golf shoes together outside the driver's window. As if that wasn't enough, the driver then decided to discard a fountain drink container from his vehicle. A traffic stop was made and the driver was cited for numerous violations.

While checking a campsite along the Boardman River in Grand Traverse County, CO Mike Hearn made contact with a subject to address a minor camping violation. A file check of the subject revealed he had two warrants out for his arrest, one of which was for operating a drug house in Grand Traverse County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged in the Grand Traverse County jail.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz made contact with a complainant who witnessed a subject shoot a bottle rocket at a family of Canada Geese in the Cut River near Houghton Lake. The complainant stated that after launching the bottle rocket the subject picked up a large rock and threw it at the geese. The rock struck one of the adult geese, knocking it unconscious. The goose was able to recover after lying in the river for several minutes. The suspect was contacted, interviewed, and cited for the violation.

While hooking up a trailer at the Roscommon District Office, Sgt. Brian Olsen observed an unknown vehicle drive into the back parking lot and start doing doughnuts. Sgt. Olsen caught up to the vehicle as it was leaving the parking lot and conducted a traffic stop. When asked what was going on, the driver stated, he was "killing time" while waiting for other vehicles on I-75 before heading to a bachelor party. Sgt. Olsen advised the driver that a state owned parking lot was not the best place to do doughnuts and issued a careless driving citation to the man.

Sgt. Brian Olsen investigated multiple cedar trees that had been cut on state land and dragged onto private property in Roscommon County. Sgt. Olsen interviewed the property owner where the trees had been drug and obtained a full confession regarding the illegal cutting. The suspect had cut the trees to hold up tarps for a wedding event in August. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben McAteer observed an individual operating an ORV without a helmet on state land in Crawford County. As CO McAteer made contact with the individual, he observed sand and gravel covering the individual's back. After talking with the operator, it was apparent that he had been drinking and had fallen off his ORV numerous times. CO McAteer conducted field sobriety tests and determined that the operator was intoxicated. He was arrested for operating an ORV while intoxicated and lodged in the Crawford County jail. Further investigation determined he had quite an expensive history of operating while intoxicated. After serving his time in Michigan, he will be extradited to Texas to face felony operating while intoxicated charges.

CO Ben McAteer observed a driver traveling at a high rate of speed on I-75 in Crawford County. The driver was having difficulty staying in the lane of travel and a traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. While talking with the operator, CO McAteer could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. After conducting field sobriety tests, it was determined that the man was intoxicated. He was arrested for operating while intoxicated and lodged in the Crawford County jail.

CO Sam Schluckbier conducted a traffic stop on an individual speeding on M-72 in Kalkaska County. The operator advised that he was ticketed the week prior for the same infraction. When CO Schluckbier asked if he had learned his lesson about going too fast, the driver stated, "Obviously not!" Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Bader and Sgt. Bobbi Lively worked at the Ogemaw Hills chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation Kids Day in Ogemaw County. The event introduced youths to many outdoor and shooting sports activities including trap and sporting clays, BB gun shooting, archery, orienteering, turkey calling, and many others. The COs introduced the kids to hunting using the DNR hunter safety laser shot trailer. They also conducted a trapping demonstration with a display of many Michigan fur bearers and the equipment used to trap them. 125 kids signed in at the event.

District 5 COs worked the annual Canoe Marathon event on the Au Sable River. The COs assisted with crowd control and the overall safety of the 82 teams entered in the race. The race began at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday and ended at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Racers paddle from Grayling to Oscoda traveling through Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco Counties.

While conducting a late night patrol on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County, CO Kyle Bader observed a vessel with its navigation lights reversed. The 360 degree white light was on the bow of the boat, and the red/green lights were on the stern. CO Bader made contact with the operator, explained the purpose of the lights, and issued a verbal warning for the improper display. Then he asked the angler how the fishing was going.

The man admitted to catching one walleye, but left his “stuff to measure it” back on shore. He assured CO Bader he was planning on measuring it, but then asked what the size limit was for walleye. CO Bader determined the walleye was undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry made contact with a suspect in a litter investigation who was incarcerated at the Iosco County jail. CO Cherry was able to close out the case by issuing a citation for littering to the suspect for dumping an old disassembled camping trailer out on federal land prior to his incarceration.

CO Jeff Panich worked an investigation involving bear bait in Oscoda County. The bait was placed on public land prior to the baiting season. CO Panich was able to catch the suspect tending the bait in the early morning hours. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson responded along with local law enforcement to a complaint of a person causing a disturbance and fishing in a swim area at a local campground. When CO Hudson asked the subject for his fishing license he stated that it was back at his campsite. CO Hudson advised that he would follow the angler to his campsite to look at the fishing license. The subject immediately began accusing CO Hudson of ruining his family’s vacation by making him go back to his campsite and provide his fishing license. CO Hudson was able to verify over the radio that the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2015. CO Hudson issued the subject a citation for fishing without a license. While attempting to leave the campground, both CO Hudson and the sheriff’s deputy were flagged down by the campground host. The host stated there was a person at the campground who failed to pay for two nights of camping. It turned out to be the same subject CO Hudson had just issued a citation to for the fishing violation. CO Hudson and the deputy went back and evicted the subject from the campground.

CO Mark Papineau investigated complaints of an abandoned camp on state land in Roscommon County. The camp was completely trashed with garbage strewn around the entire area and two tents were full of clothes, bags, and camping equipment. It was apparent that the camp had been abandoned for quite a length of time. CO Papineau was able to locate several names of suspects from the many papers lying around the campsite. Several interviews were conducted and CO Papineau was able to obtain a confession for the violations. According to the subjects, they had moved to Michigan from Pennsylvania and had been living on the state land with friends. They also confessed to having no place to store their property, so it was left in the tents at the campsite. The responsible parties were educated in regards to dispersed camp regulations and enforcement action was taken. Cleanup of the state land was also required.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Josh Wright assisted Clare City Police Department with their annual youth police academy. The COs were instrumental in leading physical training activities as well as educating the youth about the career of Michigan COs. The academy is two weeks long and gives youth an opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement.

CO Nick Atkin was checking anglers when he witnessed a vessel coming in on full plane through a slow-no wake area of the Pine River in Arenac County. CO Atkin contacted the operator and asked him if he knew the area was slow-no wake. The operator of the vessel advised he knew about the regulation and simply chose to ignore it. CO Atkin issued a citation to the operator for the violation.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Steve Lockwood were on patrol in Clare County when they encountered two subjects parked on state land. The subjects stated that they were walking their dog. When CO Lockwood asked the subjects if they had any water in the vehicle for the dog the driver responded "no." Suspecting something else was going on, CO Lockwood asked if he could look inside the vehicle. The driver gave consent and as soon as CO Lockwood opened the door, a strong odor of burnt marijuana came from the vehicle. After questioning the subjects further, the driver admitted to smoking marijuana with the passenger earlier. The COs located additional marijuana and an open pint of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

While on marine patrol in Gratiot County, CO John Byars made several contacts on Rainbow Lake and issued several verbal warnings for improper registration. The numbers were not contrasting and very hard to read. Some of the boats complained and thought their fancy, non-block and non-contrasting registration numbers were just fine. There are very important reasons why boat registrations need to be read easily, just like vehicle plates. CO Byars advised the next time he is on Rainbow Lake, all non-compliance will be issued tickets.

CO John Byars stopped an ORV for operating without an ORV license. After contact with the operator, CO Byars recalled that he issued the operator a number of tickets for hunting violations this past fall. Another ticket was issued.

CO Joe Myers was on patrol when he received a call about immature bald eagles that had fallen from their nest and injured themselves. The CO arrived on the scene and noticed that the birds were actually baby vultures, not eagles. The fledglings were turned over to a birds of prey rehabilitator to heal from their injuries.

CO Joe Myers responded to a pursuit called out by Alma Police Department. Alma Police Department called out a stop for an ORV that was driving carelessly in the early morning hours. The operator of the ORV saw the police and made a run for it. Alma Police Department pursued the ORV up to a nearby corn field and had to stop due to no 4-wheel drive. The CO was close by and responded to the scene along with a Michigan State Police K-9 unit. CO Myers and the Michigan State Police K-9 unit worked together and tracked the ORV to where the operator had crashed and then took off on foot. The suspect was tracked to a group of houses but was unable to be located. The CO went back to the ORV and obtained the suspect's information from the registration. The officers checked the suspect's residence but no one was home. The incident was turned

back over to the Alma Police Department for making contact with the suspect at a later time.

COs Will Brickel and Quincy Gowenlock were on a marine patrol on the Saginaw River when a call came out of a suicidal subject at the Nayanquing Point Wildlife Area. The subject had taken several different pills and was hiding in the wildlife area. The COs along with several Michigan State Police troopers responded and located the subject in one of the boat channels. The subject was pulled from the water and restrained until MMR could respond and take the subject to the local hospital for treatment.

COs Ken Lowell, Joe Myers, and Will Brickel patrolled the Flat River Game Area in Montcalm County for ORV activity. During the patrol, several subjects were located smoking marijuana in the game area. Multiple bong and pipes were confiscated. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Gowenlock received a call from the local wildlife biologist regarding a deer that had jumped through the plate glass window of Godwin's Furniture Store. CO Gowenlock responded and met the biologist and local police departments already on scene. The local officer informed the CO that the deer was trapped in a back room. The biologist and CO went to the back room and found the deer alert and very badly wounded. The deer was tranquilized and transported to the Shiawassee River State Game Area where it was evaluated by the biologist. It was determined that the wounds to the 1-1/2 year old doe were too severe and it was euthanized.

While on patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed a kayak on Lake Huron. The adult kayaker had a small child with him as they paddled through the waves. CO Bucholtz observed the operator come ashore and dump a small amount of water from the kayak. At this time, CO Bucholtz was able to see into the kayak. A personal floatation device (PFD) for the adult was not observed. CO Bucholtz made contact with the subject and learned the subject was without a PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz stopped two four-wheelers operating with expired ORV registrations. Upon investigation, CO Bucholtz learned one of the operators was without a valid driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Seth Rhodea and Robert Hobkirk contacted a walleye fisherman as he was pulling in his last line. When asked how he did, the fisherman informed the COs that he had his limit and a couple more that he needed to throw back. The angler was found to be in possession of three walleye over his limit but claimed he was going to let them go. The angler was keeping his fish in a cooler with only about two inches of water and all the walleye were dead. The angler was cited for the over limit.

CO Mark Siemen received a complaint from Sanilac central dispatch about a possible illegal burn at a residence in Sanilac County. CO Siemen responded to the residence and found that the home owner was burning multiple large chest freezers and refrigerators, along with other items. The home owner stated to CO Siemen that the

freezers contained rotted meat, so they dumped gas on them and burned them. CO Siemen advised them of the laws related to the disposal of waste and advised them to get a dumpster for the rest of the waste at the residence. Enforcement action was taken.

While working ORV patrol in Tuscola County, CO Josh Wright discovered a youth operating recklessly in a state game area parking lot. Enforcement action was taken. Not long after that contact, a car was located with three young men smoking marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

In Huron County, Sgt. Scott Brown conducted a boat patrol from Caseville to Turnip Rock and back to Caseville. Numerous boaters and fishermen were checked for regulation compliance. No violations were discovered. Special attention was placed on kayakers on the water for PFD compliance.

Sgt. Scott Brown worked an ORV patrol in the Rush Lake State Game Area to see how ORV operators have impacted it this summer. A lot of damage to Sand Road and Rush Lake parking lot was noted. It was also apparent that illegal ORV operation on the trails had not subsided. Information was passed on to the local COs for follow up.

CO Chad Foerster gave a presentation on marine safety & fishing rules and regulations to a youth fishing clinic hosted by the Saginaw Bay Walleye Club. Approximately 25 youths and five adults were in attendance.

During a marine patrol on Lake Isabella, CO Mike Haas witnessed two men fishing from a dock in a secluded cove of the lake. As CO Haas made contact with the anglers he noticed numerous perch floating dead around the anglers and they were attempting to remove another perch from their fishing line. When CO Haas asked to check their fishing licenses, one angler stated he had a lifetime fishing license in Indiana and the other man stated he wasn't aware he needed a fishing license. It was discovered that both anglers were from Indiana and neither had a Michigan fishing license. Bond was collected and citations were issued for fishing without fishing licenses.

While patrolling through Isabella County, CO Mike Haas observed an ORV operating down M-20 west of Mt. Pleasant. The operator of the 4-wheeler then turned onto a county road where CO Haas was able to catch up to him and initiate a traffic stop. The operator was educated on the numerous violations that had occurred. ORVs cannot be operated on Michigan highways, they must be driven on the right side of the road, and a helmet, eye protection, and an ORV license are required for operating on public roadways; a citation was issued.

During a late night patrol in Isabella County, CO Mike Haas watched a boat of bow fishermen on Coldwater Lake. CO Haas made contact with the boat and it was discovered that the operator did not have enough life jackets on his boat. The operator admitted that he wasn't expecting to see a CO out on the lake so late at night. A citation was issued for failing to provide a PFD for everyone on board.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, COs Dan Robinson and Josh Russell observed a PWC towing two tubers. At closer look, CO Robinson could see that the operator did not have a spotter with him on the PWC. The COs left the area and returned with a patrol boat, launched and made contact with the individual on the PWC. The operator admitted that he knew he needed a spotter for the tubers, but didn't think the lake was busy enough to need one. A citation was issued for towing without an observer.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas assisted the Mt. Pleasant Police Department with their youth academy. The COs taught the cadets boating safety and brought them to Coldwater Lake in Isabella County for a marine safety field day. The COs also spent some time with the cadets teaching them about the importance of conservation law and some of the techniques and investigative tools COs use on a regular basis. The cadets also learned about fur bearers and trapping, something that many of them had not been exposed to before. Besides graduating from the youth academy, the cadets also received a boating safety certificate.

CO Jay Person was called to a section of state land in Midland County for a report of campers that have been occupying the location for almost a month. CO Person made contact with a male and female at the campsite. The area was full of litter and trash and appeared they had been there quite a while. CO Person explained the time limit of camping in one location and advised them they would have to move. The campers understood and stated they would have the area cleaned up and gone by 4:00 p.m. that day. CO Person checked the area the next day and found the mess/campers still there. They advised the CO that they could not find a new camp permit, so they stayed the night again (they were advised the day prior that a new permit could be obtained at the Sanford Field Office just up the road). CO Person gave them a camp permit and advised they were to be picked up and gone from the area by 2:00 p.m. or tickets would be written. Upon rechecking at 2:30 p.m., the campers were gone, but a mess remained. The incident is still open pending trash clean up.

DISTRICT 7

COs Zach Bauer and Matt Page attended the Hunter Safety Instructor Academy in Roscommon.

COs Zach Bauer and Tyler Cole were on marine patrol on the St. Joseph River when they noticed an angler attempting to snag steelhead in the river. Further investigation revealed that he was fishing with two treble hooks with sinkers permanently attached to his hooks. The illegal fishing equipment was seized as well as a citation issued for using illegal gear.

CO Zach Bauer assisted local agencies with a drowning on the St. Joseph River in Three Rivers. Multiple agencies were involved in the search. CO Bauer assisted with the search and the body was recovered within a few hours after the search began.

CO Jeff Robinette was on marine patrol on Corey Lake in Cass/St. Joseph counties. CO Robinette observed a vessel operating at a high speed approximately 60 feet from the end of a pier. CO Robinette stopped the vessel and spoke with the vessel operator and passenger regarding the operation, as it pertained to the 100' rule. The vessel operator stated a ski boat had just passed through the same general area moments earlier. CO Robinette explained that he was not in a position to accurately observe the ski boat at that time and police officers, in general, could not possibly observe/address every violation that occurred. The vessel operator was cited for operating within 100' of a pier.

CO Richard Cardenas submitted for charges on an illegal deer case he has been working since February. CO Cardenas received a littering complaint in February 2017 that consisted of boxes, straps, trash bags, and a deer carcass, which lead to a suspect. The subject confessed to shooting a 9 point and did not have a hunting license. The subject also admitted to trespassing onto private property, where he illegally harvested the antlered deer with his muzzleloader. An arrest warrant request was submitted to the Barry County Prosecutor's Office for review, an arrest warrant was authorized, and the subject was ordered to pay fines, costs, and lost his hunting privileges for three years. Later, further information developed and it was found that multiple subjects were involved in the illegal harvest and processing of the 9-point deer. CO Cardenas was able to make contact with the parties involved. In an attempt to make contact with one of the witnesses, CO Cardenas observed multiple deer antlers hanging in the rafters of an unattached out building in plain view. The home owner had their hunting privileges revoked from a previous offense. CO Cardenas could see what appeared to be 2015 kill tags attached to the antlers. A search warrant was obtained and multiple deer antlers were seized from the out building. The antlers had multiple parties tags attached to them. Contact was made with everyone involved and multiple subjects stated they did not harvest any deer in 2015. Multiple subjects admitted to giving their deer hunting licenses to one person, who harvested multiple deer illegally. CO Cardenas's findings were submitted to the Allegan County Prosecutor's Office for review and an arrest warrant was granted for the offenses committed.

CO Chris Holmes was contacted by a Kalamazoo County Deputy and shown a photo of a subject wanted out of Lansing on a homicide warrant. Several days later, CO Holmes saw the photo of the same subject, who was now wanted by Michigan State Police detectives and Otsego Police Department, in reference to an armed robbery and carjacking that occurred in Allegan County. CO Holmes contacted MSP and advised them that he may have identified the suspect that they were looking for. After further investigation, it was determined that all crimes were committed by the same subject and without the information CO Holmes had given, the armed robbery and carjacking may have gone unsolved. The subject, who was from Ohio, went on a crime spree where he fatally wounded a subject at a hotel in Lansing and committed several felonies in Southwest Michigan. The subject was then arrested by Indiana authorities on unrelated charges. The subject is now in custody.

While patrolling Magician Lake, CO Tyler Cole watched an individual on a wave runner do a lap around the lake without wearing the required PFD. Upon making contact with

the subject, she stated that she had just left the dock and was turning around to get her life jacket. After advising the subject that he had watched her drive around the entire lake, she admitted that she had not just left the dock. A citation for operating a PWC with no life jacket was issued.

CO Tyler Cole received a Report All Poaching complaint of a subject cleaning a goose in a local campground in Cass County. CO Cole responded to the location and made contact with the individual. The subject claimed that the goose had been road killed; he picked it up from the road and proceeded to clean it at his camp site. CO Cole educated the subject on what types of wildlife could be possessed with and without a salvage permit and a citation for possessing a wild animal contrary to state law was issued.

While checking anglers along the Grand River, in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg discovered two individuals fishing without a valid fishing license. One of the anglers also had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violations and the subject was lodged at the county jail on the outstanding warrant.

CO Justin Ulberg checked an angler while out on marine patrol on the Grand River in Ottawa County. The boat being used by the angler had not been registered since 2012 and the angler did not have any life jackets in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg checked anglers fishing gravel pits off the Grand River in Ottawa County. Ulberg discovered one of the anglers was in possession of an undersized largemouth bass and did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Rodgers responded to a call at the fish ladder in Grand Rapids. A complaint came in that two individuals were fishing inside the ladder. CO Rodgers set up on a hill side and was able to observe the men attempting to catch fish that were inside the ladder. One subject had a large fish on, but it broke off. CO Rodgers approached the subjects and asked if they could read, as he pointed to the sign that said "No Fishing", which was directly above where they were casting. They said they could, but some police officer had told them that it was ok. CO Rodgers issued citations.

While on marine patrol on Cranberry Lake, CO David Rodgers came across a boat with a basket hanging over the side. When he pulled up the basket there were two short bass inside. CO Rodgers asked the fisherman if he had measured the bass. The subject replied that he did not, but that he always measures them at the boat launch and releases any short fish. He then produced a tape measure and said he could measure them now because he would never keep a short fish. CO Rodgers explained the error in his ways and issued a citation for undersized bass. CO Rodgers then let him measure the bass and release the small fish unharmed saving the angler restitution.

While patrolling the Flat River system, CO David Rodgers came upon several subjects shore fishing near Lowell. Checking the first angler, a conversation started and the

angler proudly explained how he found this great spot and was able to talk his friend into driving up and fishing with him. He further explained how his friend lives on a lake in Allegan County and is always having to go to his friend's house to fish with him down there. Now that he found this spot he won't have to travel as far to fish. While talking with the subject, CO Rodgers noticed the friend continue to wade out deeper and walk down stream, attempting to not make eye contact. CO Rodgers called him by name asking for him to come to shore to check his license. He came to shore and looked for it, but stated he must have left it in his tackle box. A retail sale system check showed the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2015. CO Rodgers issued a citation for the infraction.

CO Cary Foster received a call from the Ionia County Animal Control, in reference to a subject being bitten by a pet raccoon in the Village of Lyons. CO Foster was able to make contact with the resident of the house and determine the raccoon was picked up as a baby and brought to the residence. The resident stated he was unaware it was illegal to bring a wild animal into the house. The raccoon mysteriously escaped after it had bitten the subject. The resident was cited for possessing a live wild animal.

While on marine patrol in the Grand River near the Ionia Fairgrounds, CO Cary Foster came upon a Ford pick-up stuck in the mud and sand along the river's edge. The vehicle was stuck in an area that is normally underwater, but was not due to the water level being low. The operator of the truck admitted to "messing around" prior to getting stuck. A local tow service was contacted to assist in getting the vehicle unstuck and enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster received a court disposition back from the court stemming from a case where a local "YouTube star" was convicted of illegally taking two wild turkeys, which the subject posted video of on his page. The subject had not purchased any licenses for turkey hunting. He was fined \$2000 in reimbursement and his hunting privileges were revoked for the remainder of 2017 plus an additional three years.

CO Greg Patten responded to a request for assistance from Muskegon State Park personnel because of an unpermitted car show happening on the beach. CO Patten handled two motorist assists; one was stuck in sand and the other assist was that the keys were locked out. A citation was written for a parking violation and a warning was issued for a speeding violation.

DISTRICT 8

COs Brandon Hartleben and Mike Drexler were patrolling Augusta Township and observed two ORVs operating on a closed roadway. The operators were not wearing helmets. They stopped the ORVs and discovered one of the operators had a revoked license and a felony warrant out of St. Clair County for OWI 3rd Offense. Enforcement action was taken and the operator with the warrant was lodged in the Washtenaw County Jail.

CO Carter Woodwyk was parking his patrol truck and vessel in his driveway in Hillsdale County when he observed an ORV being operated by a subject not wearing a helmet. CO Woodwyk stopped the ORV operator and discovered the ORV belonged to the operator's father who was warned two months prior for multiple violations on the same ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling through the Lost Nations State Game Area in Hillsdale County when he observed two tents set up in a parking lot. The CO made contact with three occupants. The subjects were from out of state. The CO advised the subjects that the state game area is closed to dispersed camping from May 15 through September 10. The subjects were advised to pack up their equipment and find a different place to stay.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a call of a deer trapped in a fenced-in enclosure on Consumers Energy property. CO Neterer attempted to release the deer but it ultimately had to be put down. The deer was submitted for CWD testing.

CO Rich Nickols attended the Youth Outdoor Education Day at Sleepy Hollow State Park on Saturday. During the one day event kids learned about target shooting with air rifles, fishing, paddle boarding, archery, and a variety of wildlife issues. CO Nickols answered many questions about a wide range of topics. Several hundred people attended the event.

CO Matthew Neterer, while working marine patrol on Lake Lansing, observed a vessel with three occupants fishing. Upon making contact with the vessel, one of the anglers pulled up a largemouth bass on a stringer. The bass appeared to be a bit short so CO Neterer asked if the angler knew the legal size limit for bass. The subject acknowledged that he knew the limit was 14" but that he didn't have a tape measure. He went on to explain that he measured the bass using his size 14 flip-flop. CO Neterer measured the bass which was just under 13". The fish could not be released alive because he had placed a rope stringer through its gills. Enforcement action was taken.

While driving home from Belle Isle, a car passed CO Thorn on the right side shoulder of M14 going well over the posted speed limit. CO Thorn conducted a traffic stop and found twin 17 year-old male occupants. CO Thorn found that the driver did not have his operator's license with him and there was beer in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Neterer was patrolling from Belle Isle to Ingham County when he encountered a state trooper parked on the side of the highway near the Howell exit with what appeared to be a motorist assist. A few moments later the trooper called for backup stating that a pickup truck had lost control and struck the vehicle that he was assisting. CO Neterer responded. A subsequent investigation revealed that the driver was operating under the influence of alcohol and prescription meds. While conducting an inventory search of the truck officers located three loaded handguns. The subject was lodged in the Livingston County jail.

DISTRICT 9

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, COs Joseph Deppen, Kris Kiel, and Brad Silorey entered a group of vessels trolling for walleye. The COs noticed one vessel in particular trolling with six fishing lines, but there was only one person aboard. As the COs approached the vessel, the angler feverishly began reeling in his fishing lines. The angler still had five lines out by the time the COs stopped the vessel. The angler admitted to fishing with more than three lines. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking vessels at a local launch, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vessel traveling to the docks with a cell phone light as their only means of navigation. CO Joseph Deppen used his spot light on his patrol truck to guide the vessel into the boat launch. The driver was told to come to the launch over the loud speaker. He failed to comply with the commands claiming he could not see and to turn off all lights. CO Deppen radioed a nearby patrol vessel about the vessel failing to comply and having no navigation lights. The driver was notified he would face prosecution if he failed to come straight to the docks. The driver eventually came to the docks and claimed he drove up from the Detroit River at night without any navigation lights. CO Deppen told the driver he should have pulled into the nearest marina or dock and called for a tow instead of remaining on the water once he noticed his navigation lights were not working. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking for marine activity at a local marina in Macomb County when he noticed a vessel slaloming between no wake buoys and racing up and down the shoreline without navigation lights. CO Deppen waited for the vessel to come into the marina. CO Deppen stopped the vessel and asked why they were operating without navigation lights. The driver claimed he did not know they were burned out. Enforcement action was taken.

After finishing up an evening marine patrol, CO Joseph Deppen was driving home. On his way home a pick-up truck passed him at a high rate of speed. CO Deppen activated his emergency lights and reached speeds of 100mph to catch up to the pick-up truck. A traffic stop was conducted and CO Deppen could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle. The driver did not have a driver's license on him and he admitted his identification was in the boat he was towing. There was one small issue as there was no vessel in tow. The field sobriety tests were administered and a preliminary breath test displayed a BAC of .218. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Clinton Township Police Department. Charges are pending for operating while intoxicated.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, COs Matt Zultak, Ben Lasher, and Joseph Deppen came upon multiple marine and fishing violations. Enforcement action was taken with anglers possessing short walleye, fishing without licenses, no boater's safety certificates, operating wave runners in a careless manner, and multiple issues with boaters not having enough life jackets onboard. COs also assisted a distressed boater having engine trouble and assisted local marine division with an intoxicated swimmer who was incoherent and lost in Muscamoot Bay.

COs Kris Kiel and Brad Silorey contacted a charter boat in Lake St. Clair that said they had just finished with a five-man limit of walleye. Upon inspection of the fish, the COs found six of the walleye were under the 13 inch minimum size limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey and Kris Kiel followed up on a complaint received from Consumers Energy security. The complainant stated they recently discovered someone had done damage to one of their gas line properties by removing soil to create a very large ORV track. Consumers Energy stated that the suspect came within several feet of an underground gas line, which had the potential of exploding and destroying everything in a ¼ mile radius. In addition to the extreme danger of the gas line, the suspects also eroded the banks of a nearby creek, and were traveling through the creek bed each time they trespassed. Consumers Energy provided photographic evidence from a trail camera they placed on the property, along with several possible suspects. After patrolling the property for several weeks, COs Silorey and Kiel made contact with several subjects in the area. After multiple interviews, the suspect who damaged the property was identified. The suspect admitted to digging the track, and trespassing on the property. The suspect and his father were identified from the trail camera photos. Consumers Energy stated that they will be seeking restitution on costs to fix the damage and labor. A report will be generated and submitted to Macomb County Prosecutors office for formal charges. Charges include: ORV trespass, operating an ORV through a creek bed, and unlicensed ORV.

COs Brad Silorey, Joe Deppen, and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked on a complaint that involved an individual leaving his vessel at a state boat launch for several months. The complainant stated the suspect would leave his vehicle and vessel at the launch, and would occasionally stay overnight on the vessel. After locating the vacant vessel at the launch the COs were able to run the registration number to find out who the owner was. The owner's name and address came back to a man who lived nearby. Sgt. Szyska and CO Silorey then made contact with the suspect at his residence. The suspect stated that he was unaware that he could not leave his boat at the launch. Enforcement action was taken, and the suspect was given 24 hours to have it removed.

CO Matt Zultak conducted patrols of the Lapeer shooting pit. Enforcement action was taken on observed violations.

CO Matt Zultak observed two subjects fishing on the waters of the Holloway reservoir. CO Zultak observed one of the subjects smoke what appeared to be marijuana. CO Zultak contacted the subjects. The subjects admitted to marijuana use and possession, and one subject did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Damon Owens and CO Raymond Gardner and Danny Walzak conducted a group marine patrol on the Detroit River. One of the vessels checked during the patrol did not have proof of registration on the boat, had an improper registration sticker and was missing a type IV throw-able personal floatation device. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner responded to a complaint of possible snagging at Dingell Park in Ecorse. CO Gardner made contact with the suspect who had a make shift grappling hook which he was using to pull snagged lures off the river bottom. CO Gardner did not find any fishing violations but the suspect had multiple warrants for his arrest. While CO Gardner was being informed of the warrants, the suspect approached a group sitting at a park bench. CO Gardner noticed the suspect shake hands with one of the individuals, then approximately 10 seconds later the suspect stood up quickly and started to back away from another individual. The other man then started to try and punch the original suspect multiple times. CO Gardner ran over and subdued the assailant as well as the original suspect due to his warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joseph Deppen, David Schaumburger and Brad Silorey were on marine patrol when they observed an individual handle a stringer with approximately 10 smallmouth bass. The angler stated that he had two stringers and they had 13 fish between three anglers. The angler stated that none of the fish were undersized. The COs measured the shorter fish and found that three of the smallmouth bass were undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was checking an area in Oakland County frequented by off road activity at night. CO Becker noticed a flashlight in the distance and continued to watch through his binoculars as the subject moved logs placed by the land owner to keep trespassers out. After a short while, the subject was able to drive his jeep over a berm to enter the private property. CO Becker stopped the subject and asked why he moved all the debris to enter the property. The subject stated he was just checking the area out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser checked anglers at the Holloway dam. Upon making contact with two subjects, it was discovered that they were fishing without valid fishing licenses. The men were in possession of three catfish and two walleye. All of the fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

While working a marine patrol on the Holloway reservoir CO Justin Muehlhauser noticed an operator of a vessel with a small child on his lap. The child was not wearing a PFD. As the CO stopped the vessel the operator passed the child off to another passenger who began placing a PFD on the child. The CO addressed the violation and enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

During a Belle Isle shift, COs Richard Cardenas and Ben Lasher took a subject into custody who was visibly intoxicated and yelling racial slurs at other park goers. Upon further investigation, it was found the suspect had two misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest. The suspect was turned over to the Shelby Township Police Department for one of the warrants and enforcement action taken for his actions on Belle Isle.

CO Jason Becker and Sgt. Zach Doss were patrolling Belle Isle and observed a subject roll through a stop sign, nearly hitting another vehicle. The COs stopped the vehicle and made contact with two subjects. When the driver rolled down the window, a strong odor of marijuana came out of the vehicle. The COs asked where the smell was coming from. The driver stated that he had a joint in the vehicle. While talking to the subjects, CO Becker noticed a cup of wine and an open bottle inside the vehicle. A LEIN check revealed that neither subject in the vehicle had a valid driver's license and the driver had a warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn stopped a car on Belle Isle that failed to stop at a stop sign and, when he contacted the driver, smelled marijuana. The passenger in the vehicle was found to have marijuana in his pocket. Further investigation revealed that the passenger also had nine warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was patrolling Belle Isle when he observed a vehicle disregard a stop sign. He also noted a passenger in the car had a small child on his lap unrestrained. CO Monnich stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver who stated that he wasn't paying attention and didn't see the sign. The driver couldn't produce a license and, after sorting through a few false names, CO Monnich was able to obtain the driver's correct name. A check revealed the subject had a felony warrant for a drug charge out of Macomb County. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to Macomb County and lodged on the warrant.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Belle Isle and was dispatched to a harassment complaint occurring near the light house. A suspect was described as a white male, wearing dark shorts, a hat, and appeared to be intoxicated. CO Cardenas responded to the complaint and located the suspect sitting in the water. CO Cardenas observed the suspect for a period of time. The suspect yelled vulgar, disrespectful, and racial slurs to a group of young people swimming near the light house. Immediately after CO Cardenas heard the suspect use racial slurs, he made contact with the suspect. The suspect was found to be intoxicated and was disorderly. The suspect was arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct and was lodged for on outstanding warrants.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Dan Walzak and CO Charles Towns assisted Michigan State Police motor units by backing them up on a traffic stop. Troopers stopped a vehicle coming onto the island for a speed infraction and found that the driver of the vehicle had outstanding warrants out of Warren, open alcohol in the vehicle and was in possession of a handgun. COs transported the subject for Michigan State Police to the Detroit detachment for printing.

While working on Belle Isle, CO David Rodgers and Sgt. Todd Szyska assisted the Michigan State Police with subjects who were caught in the act of distribution/sale of narcotics at the Marble Lighthouse Area. CO Rodgers was first to be called for assistance when troopers located subjects using/trying to distribute narcotics out of a duffle bag.