

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

Conservation Officers Denny Gast, Jared Ferguson, Doug Hermanson and Sgt. Grant Emery responded to the Twin Lakes area in Houghton County this last week after a band of severe weather quickly swept through the area causing extensive damage to trees and power lines. The worst hit area was the Emily Lake State Forest Campground, where several large old growth trees came down in the high winds striking two campers that were occupied at the time and totally demolishing the campers. Luckily no one reported any severe injuries.

Conservation Officer Matt Eberly responded to a RAP complaint of a snowmobile in the water at Little Rice Lake. CO Eberly was not able to locate the snowmobile but while checking on this complaint he made contact with an angler who was fishing with 4 lines and did not have a fishing license. Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Matt Eberly was working a marine safety patrol near the Rabbit Island Reserve. CO Eberly contacted a subject from Holland, who was staying on the island for 2 weeks. The subject, who is an artist, came to the US to paint and take photographs at the reserve. When CO Eberly contacted the artist, the watercraft the individual was using was not registered and did not have a personal flotation device (PFD) on board. After working through the language barrier CO Eberly learned that the watercraft was owned by the reserve. Contact was also made with the owner of the reserve, where CO Eberly learned that the artists that visit the reserve are given a marine safety class and PFDs are provided for them. An education was provided to the reserve owner and also the visiting artist from Holland.

Conservation Officers Brian Lasanen and Brett DeLonge attended a Natural Resources Career Day at Camp Nesbit in Houghton County for young campers. The COs answered questions and discussed what a day in the life of a Michigan conservation officer is like.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen was working an ORV patrol when he observed an ORV rider without a helmet and the ORV was not displaying a current ORV license. CO Lasanen made contact with the driver of the ORV. The operator was 15 years old and explained to CO Lasanen that he was just coming from his grandma's house and was heading home. CO Lasanen asked the juvenile where his house is located, he pointed in a different direction than what he was heading. CO Lasanen followed the juvenile to his house at which time CO Lasanen made contact with the father and explained the situation and all of the violations he and his son were not following. Law enforcement action was taken

CO Brian Lasanen was on an ORV patrol when he observed an ORV being operated down the middle of the highway. CO Lasanen was able to stop the ORV at which time it was also determined that the ORV was not licensed. The driver of the ORV told CO Lasanen, "I realized I was screwed when I saw your patrol truck at the intersection." Law enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen assisted the Porcupine Mountain State Park rangers and Michigan state troopers with a search for a missing hiker in the wilderness area of the park. CO Lasanen was designated a search area to be searched by the team, in the area of the last known location of the missing person. After 2 ½ hours of searching the area, the team heard someone yelling for help. The team stopped and listened and again heard a second call for help. The search team walked in the direction of the calls for help and located the missing hiker. CO Lasanen was able to contact the rescue crew at the staging area and give them their GPS coordinates. The rescue crew was able to walk in with a back board for the hiker. The injured hiker was carried out on a backboard and was turned over to the emergency medical personnel after the 2 hour adventure of carrying the hiker out of the wilderness. The hiker had no major injuries and was extremely happy to have been found and to be out of the woods.

CO Eberly received a complaint from the Keweenaw County Sheriff's Office. A caller had killed a pink snake with a pine snake skin pattern in Ahmeek. The local rumor going around town was that someone was breeding poisonous snakes and this was one that had escaped. CO Eberly recovered the snake and worked with local Fisheries Biologist George Madison and Tom Goniea, the DNR's reptile expert, to determine that the snake was a harmless corn snake which is very popular in the pet trade and are bred with various markings and colors.

Conservation Officers Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen attended the Ontonagon County Fair. Several very good contacts were made with a lot of question and answers provided to our user groups about hunting, fishing and recreational safety issues.

Conservation Officer Ethen Mapes assisted a Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park Officer with a public meeting for local firewood vendors. Those in attendance were educated on the selling and transporting of illegal firewood from ash trees and how this can spread the emerald ash borer –an invasive species. All of the vendors in attendance were willing to cooperate with Michigan's invasive species orders.

Conservation Officer Brian Lasanen was on an ORV patrol in Ontonagon County when he observed a side by side traveling down a state highway at a high rate of speed. CO Lasanen was able to make a traffic stop on the ORV. When CO Lasanen advised the driver that ORVs are not allowed to be operated on state highways, the driver stated he was just following a map and the map showed the trail going down the highway. After a brief discussion with the driver, the driver admitted that he knew he was not allowed to operate on the highway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson assisted DNR Parks Division during a recent severe storm that swept through parts of southern Houghton County. CO Ferguson checked rustic and state forest campgrounds to check on the safety of campers after high winds knocked down trees in the area. No injuries were reported and power was restored the following night.

CO Jared Ferguson, CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted patrols to check for early illegal bear baiting activity. Several illegal baits were found and suspects were identified. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson received a call regarding a coyote that was coming very close to the baseball park which children frequent daily. CO Ferguson met with the caller and let the local police department know of the situation.

CO Jared Ferguson attended Wildlife Depredation training at the RAM center in Roscommon.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint about several PWC's traveling within the safety zone of a marked swim area. CO Ferguson was able to locate a PWC matching the complainant's description already loaded on the trailer at the launch. CO Ferguson contacted the PWC owner and educated them on the proper safe operation of the PWC.

CO Shannon Kritz was on marine patrol on Fortune Lake when she observed a subject fishing near a bridge. CO Kritz made contact with the fisherman who stated he had two perch in his bucket. A quick check of the fish found two undersize smallmouth bass in the bucket. CO Kritz then asked the subject for his fishing license, which he could not produce. A check with station 20 found the subject to not have a fishing license, but he did have a local warrant for his arrest. CO Kritz lodged the subject on the warrant and cited the individual for the fishing violations.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey were on marine patrol when they observed two subjects fishing from a motorized canoe. A check of the anglers found one subject to not have a fishing license and the canoe was found to not be registered. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brett DeLonge, Brian Bacon, and Mark Leadman conducted a marine patrol on Lake Superior near Marquette making a number of contacts with high compliance. The officers contacted one individual who was unable to produce a paper registration for the watercraft and a quick check of the registration showed that the boat actually was registered to another individual. When questioned about the ownership of the boat the operator stated that he had purchased the boat about a year prior and never registered the boat in his name. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Brett DeLonge and Mark Leadman conducted a directed patrol for high speed boating after hours on a local lake with numerous complaints of the activity. The

officers were able to make several contacts and took enforcement action on multiple boats during the patrol.

CO Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Ryan Aho were traveling on US-41 near Marquette when a large group of bicycles were observed staging on the side of the highway. As the officers neared the group a single bicyclist decided to dart out in an attempt to cross the busy four lane highway. Due to heavy braking by the officer and other oncoming traffic, an imminent collision with the bicyclist was avoided. The COs then turned around and made contact with the individual. The bicyclist explained that she misjudged the distance and speed of traffic when she decided to casually ride across the busy highway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and CO Mark Leadman made contact with a large group of subjects that were homesteading on state land in Marquette County. The camp site was very unsightly. Several citations were issued.

CO Brett DeLonge made contact with a subject operating an ORV on a state highway. The subject was also not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge contacted several anglers fishing the Menominee River after 10:00 PM. One of the subjects was of the opinion that he didn't need a fishing license that late at night because he wouldn't be checked by a conservation officer. He was checked and enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

COs Michael Evink, Calvin Smith, Brett Gustafson and PCO Nick Sink worked the waters of Mackinac County for the Chicago to Mackinac Yacht races. Boats came in early and the party started, all in all the racers and support crews were well behaved. The group of COs did issue some tickets for unregistered vessels.

CO Robert Freeborn responded to an ORV property damage accident that was reported near a popular ORV trail. Upon arrival it was determined that a Polaris Ranger came up to a large mud hole and didn't want to cross it. When the driver attempted to back up, he fell off a large dike system and dropped approximately 4 feet and rolled the ranger on its side. Since the occupants were wearing their seat belts, no one sustained injuries. While on routine patrol CO Robert Freeborn happened to be near a domestic disturbance in progress that MSP and a Sault Tribe Officer were being dispatched too. CO Freeborn responded as well and along with the other officers were able to calm down the belligerent subject and determine that the argument was verbal and not physical. During their investigation it was determined the suspect had driven an ORV to the residence just as officers were arriving. After a sobriety test it was determined that the suspect was almost 4 times the legal limit. The suspect was arrested for OWI as well as Driving While License Suspended.

COs Robert Freeborn and Pat Hartsig worked the annual trout and salmon derby in Manistique. The COs checked nearly 100 boats enjoying the nice weather. While the fishing had slowed down a bit since the previous weeks, there were still a few nice catches. Overall compliance was good except for 2 boats that were fishing with too many lines. Citations were issued, the names of the subjects and boats were turned over to the officials running the derby.

CO Calvin Smith was on patrol in the Cedarville area when he observed a vessel being operated with an expired registration. A stop was made and when asked about the vessels registration, the operator said, I'm sure it's registered, my dad always takes care of that stuff. A check with dispatch revealed that the vessel was indeed expired. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Brett Gustafson and Calvin Smith were checking on some local ship wreck dive sites when they were notified by dispatch of a capsized vessel with a person clinging to the side of the boat. The COs were first on scene and searched the area for the vessel. The COs were joined in the search by the USGC, Mackinac County Sheriff Department, and Mackinac Island Search and Rescue. An extensive search was conducted and no capsized vessel was located, the call came from a passing motorist that was crossing the Mackinac Bridge. It was determined that a buoy that marks one of the ship wrecks was the reported capsized vessel.

COs Brett Gustafson and Calvin Smith were on Marine patrol when they observed a trio of fishermen trying their luck on the St. Mary's river. A check was made and through questioning it was determined that the operator was guiding an unlicensed charter boat. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith was on marine patrol when he observed a PWC operating less than 200 feet from Great Lakes shore line at greater than slow no wake speed, operate within 100 foot of a dock and towing a tuber without an observer on board. A stop was made and it was also found that the PWC did not have a tether cord. Law enforcement action was taken for towing without an observer and warnings were given for the other violations.

CO Calvin Smith assisted MSP with a domestic in progress call. CO Smith secured the scene until other agencies arrived.

CO Mark Zitnik was on patrol when he observed an ORV traveling down a paved highway. CO Zitnik made a traffic stop and advised the operator of the violation along with failing to display an ORV decal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik attended a week long Hunter Education Academy held at the RAM Center.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he encountered a large group of ORV riders. Several violations were encountered with the group including riding double on machines

not designed for more than the operator; not wearing helmets, operating against the flow of traffic, and no eye protection. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was on marine patrol on Little Bay De Noc. Several contacts were made with enforcement action being taken on violations including no PFD's ,fishing to many lines, and fishing without a license.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed an ORV operating down the middle of the roadway at a high rate of speed. CO Lynch turned around and followed the ORV. CO Lynch observed the ORV continue to operate down the middle of the roadway at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted and contact with the operator was made. CO Lynch asked the operator how fast he was going and the operator stated 65 mph. CO Lynch advised the operator that he had to operate at the extreme right of the county road at 25 mph. The operator was ticketed for careless operation and lodged in the Delta County Jail on a warrant he had out for his arrest.

CO Chris Lynch successfully served an arrest warrant on a subject who shot a doe with a .22 caliber rifle during the closed season within the 150 yard safety zone, for eating his flowers. The suspect was lodged in the Delta County Jail on his warrant.

COs Pat Hartsig and Mark Zitnik attended a canine depredation training at the RAM Center. Depredation training details the investigative aspects of livestock depredation from predators such as Coyotes, Wolves, Cougars, and Bears.

CO Bobby Watson handled a wolf/bear dog complaint in the western Mackinac County area. Several hunters were participating in training season for black bear. When the hunters heard their hounds indicating that they had a bear treed they hurriedly attempted to see the bear. Upon arriving at the tree they noticed they were missing one dog. Using their GPS tracking units they found their dog a short time later almost completely eaten by wolves.

DISTRICT 3

Area COs worked the Venetian Festival on Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake. Working in conjunction with the United States Coast Guard and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department, CO's helped to secure the safety zone around the fireworks barge on two separate nights.

CO Chad Baldwin conducted a three day patrol on Beaver Island. Many contacts were made with numerous ORV warnings being given. CO Baldwin talked with many residents introducing himself as the new officer in the area and advising them he would be on the island frequently. CO Baldwin was able to locate several sites that will require further follow up this fall.

CO Duane Budreau followed up on a complaint of a subject dumping cut tree bows from his property on the state land next to the rail trail in Emmet County. The suspect was contacted and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling a problem ORV area behind the Pellston Airport, CO Budreau observed an ORV with the operator without a helmet. CO Budreau attempted to stop the ORV,

but the operator fled. He made pursuit and was able to locate the subject attempting to hide in the woods. The subject was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Emmet County Jail.

While patrolling the Pine River Channel, CO Andrea Erratt and Sgt. Mike Feagan observed a subject fishing from the break wall. Contact was made with the subject and asked how the fishing was going. The subject advised he had caught a couple of small bass, but had thrown them back. When asked for a fishing license, the subject advised that the fishing pole belonged to the subject next to him and he was just trying it out. The subject advised that he did have a fishing license, but did not have it with him. Further questioning revealed that the subject did not have a fishing license and the fishing pole was his. It was also learned that the subject was a college student majoring in fisheries and wildlife and was currently working and staying at the Charlevoix DNR fisheries station. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Erratt and Sgt. Feagan encountered another subject fishing on the break wall on the Pine River Channel. When asked for a fishing license the subject stated he did not have one. The subject stated the only time he fishes is every few years when he comes up to the area. A check revealed the subject has not purchased a license in numerous years. A ticket for fishing without a license was issued.

Following up on a complaint of a sail boat illegally mooring for an extended period of time on Round Lake, Charlevoix County, in front of a house, CO Erratt and Sgt. Feagan made contact with the vessel owner. In talking with the subject, it was discovered that he has kept the vessel in Michigan for the past 20 years. Though the boat is kept in Michigan the owner continued to register it in Illinois. A citation was issued for not registering the vessel in the state of primary use.

While at the DNR Indian River Field Office, CO Tim Rosochacki observed two ORV's go by with neither of the operators wearing helmets. CO Rosochacki made pursuit of the suspects and stopped them. It was a husband and wife who were staying in the area and decide to go for a ride to see the town. In addition to not having helmets the suspects were also operating on a Michigan Highway. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Burt Lake in Cheboygan County, CO Rosochacki observed an angler quickly reeling in his fourth line while being approached. A ticket was issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Nick Torsky attended the hunter education academy.

CO Brad Bellville, PCO Colton Gelinis, and CO Kelly Ross investigated a complaint of a subject killing a duck on West Twin Lake in Montmorency County. A witness stated he saw the suspect hitting a duck with a rock which killed it. The CO's interviewed the suspects and a report has been submitted to the prosecutor's office.

CO Bellville, while in Lewiston, observed an ORV drive past him on a county road at a high rate of speed. It took CO Bellville several miles to catchup to the rider who had pulled into a parking lot and proceeded to do doughnuts. CO Bellville activated his emergency lights and made contact with the driver who was found to have a suspended driver's license and was also in possession of marijuana. The rider was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for possessing marijuana.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling a popular ORV location in Presque Isle County where riders commonly trespass and damage a closed snowmobile trail. CO Fox observed a group of ORV's cross in front of him on the closed trail. In addition, they were tearing up a county road. The officer was able to stop the group and address the violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Fox assisted a local police agency with a civil property dispute involving a subject with a protective order, which prevented the subject from entering the residence or contacting the home owner. CO Fox arrived to assist the local officer in case the situation escalated; however, upon arriving on scene it was found the subject had a captive wild turtle and did not have a valid fishing license to harvest the turtle. The turtle was seized and released into a nearby pond.

CO Fox and CO Ross attended a youth event in Alpena where they put on a wildlife presentation for approximately 20 kids. The CO's brought a large fur collection, which the kids found quite fascinating.

CO Adam LeClerc stopped an ORV on US 23 south of Alpena and issued the operator a citation for operating on a state highway.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias received information regarding illegal dumping on state land in Montmorency County. The CO's found the dumpsite with various household garbage scattered about on state land. The CO's attempted contact with the suspect however was unsuccessful. This complaint is still under investigation.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on patrol in Montmorency County when an ORV was observed having multiple violations. A traffic stop was made on the ORV and the driver arrested for Operating While Intoxicated due to a Controlled Substance.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on patrol on West Twin Lake in Montmorency County. The CO's issued multiple tickets on the lake for expired registration on a watercraft and personal watercraft operating after sunset.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Montmorency County. During the stop a passenger in the vehicle was found to have an open container of alcohol. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on the Montmorency/Oscoda County line when a vehicle was observed to be in violation of state law. A traffic stop was made on the

driver who was under the influence of a controlled substance. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and CO Gelinias were on night patrol in Montmorency County when an ORV was observed to have an equipment violation. A traffic stop was made on the ORV and the driver was under the influence of a controlled substance. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster and PCO Jeffery Dell were patrolling Long Lake near Alpena when they observed a boat operating on plane at a high rate of speed with a passenger standing on the gunwales of the boat with his arms stretched out to his side. The boat was stopped and a citation was issued for occupying an area not designed to carry passengers.

CO Webster and CO Dell were patrolling Lake Huron checking walleye fishermen at night when they stopped a boat which did not have a stern light. The operator of the boat said there were too many bugs so he was not using his light. The officers explained the safety concerns of not using a stern light and issued him a citation for the violation.

CO Webster and CO Dell stopped a UTV operating along M65 in Alpena County. When the officers contacted the driver they discovered he was not wearing a helmet or a seat belt. The driver was issued a citation for not wearing his seat belt and was given a warning for operating the UTV along the state highway.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Kinney and CO Bill Haskin were on marine patrol on Green Lake in Grand Traverse County. While on marine patrol, they came across a boat that was not displaying a registration decal on the side. Contact was made with the operator and it was determined the vessel was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney and CO Jeff Ginn were patrolling the Muskegon River in Newaygo County. The COs made contact with hundreds of individuals tubing, canoeing, and kayaking the Muskegon River. Several citations were issued throughout the course of the day to individuals who failed to provide PFDs while kayaking the river.

CO William Haskin was patrolling in Wexford County when he noticed an ORV operating with no ORV sticker. The individual driving had two different machines and was trying to use one ORV sticker for both. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling in Manistee County at Tippy Dam where he observed an angler fishing in an area which is closed due to it being too close to the dam. When contacted, the angler said he knew it was wrong but thought he might catch more fish closer to the dam. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and CO Patrick McManus attended a Public Safety Open House in Glen Arbor along with many other agencies.

CO Brian Brosky worked a marine patrol on the Pere Marquette River near Scottville which resulted in numerous contacts and multiple citations for failing to have personal floatation devices onboard their vessels.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a call at 1 a.m. informing that a bear was possibly trapped under some concrete blocks in Newaygo County. The bear also reportedly had cubs with it and was near a residence. CO Killingbeck responded to the residence and located the concrete block pile the complainant had made reference to, but no bear were discovered. When CO Killingbeck went to the residence to speak with the complainant about where the bear was, the man stated, "I'm not sure there ever was a bear". The man then began hallucinating and CO Killingbeck determined the man was having a psychotic episode. With the assistance of the Michigan State Police, the subject was taken to a local hospital for a psychiatric evaluation and it was determined that there was never a bear at the residence.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Big Star Lake in Lake County when he observed a boat with several anglers who were actively fishing. CO Killingbeck decidedly contacted the boat to ask about their fishing success and check licenses. One angler who admitted to catching a few bass the day prior, told CO Killingbeck "I have to be honest, I didn't get one this year". When asked why he hadn't purchased one, the angler said that he was only here for three days of the year and decided to take the risk of fishing without one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Big Star Lake in Lake County when he observed two anglers fishing in a boat. CO Killingbeck contacted them to check their licenses and any fish onboard. When CO Killingbeck asked the anglers for fishing licenses, it was determined that neither subject had purchased one for 2016. When asked why both anglers hadn't made purchases, both replied they were "too busy." Both also admitted that they did not expect to see a CO on the lake in the middle of the week. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was in his patrol boat on Big Star Lake when he observed one angler fishing in a boat. As CO Killingbeck approached the boat, the angler quickly turned his boat and went directly to shore. CO Killingbeck contacted the man as he was getting off his boat and he told the CO that he would be right back because he forgot a life jacket. CO Killingbeck stopped the subject and determined that the subject definitely did not have any type of PFD onboard the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Idlewild Lake, CO Josiah Killingbeck observed two subjects kayaking without any personal flotation devices apparent. CO Killingbeck checked the subjects only to find that one paddler did not have his PFD onboard. The man told CO Killingbeck that the lake was not that deep and advised he is a life guard, so he figured he was fine. When CO Killingbeck explained the PFD requirements to the paddler, he

soon admitted that he was aware of the rules and knew he was supposed to have one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck pulled into the public access of Paradise Lake in Idlewild and observed a woman on the dock quickly shoving something into her purse. As CO Killingbeck approached her, he could smell the strong odor of marijuana. CO Killingbeck questioned the woman about the smell and she admitted that she was in possession of marijuana. She said that she had a medical marijuana card, but did not have it with her. CO Killingbeck explained the regulations for use of marijuana in public and she responded that since she was the only person at the dock she thought it would be fine. The marijuana was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was sitting near an illegal hill climb near Chase in Lake County where he watched an ORV leave the roadway and began operating on the illegal hill climb. The illegal operation is on a utility right of way that has significant erosion damage, caused by ORVs. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and the operator said they had just bought the ORV and had no idea what the regulations were for ORV operation. CO Killingbeck gave them a brief overview of the laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and CO William Haskin attended the Bear Hunting Clinic in Cadillac where about 50 students learned the ins and outs of bear hunting including stand placement, baiting, rules and regulations, carcass care and hide care. There are two more classes scheduled in August.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County responded to a personal injury accident in the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area where a dune buggy had been involved in a crash on the back side of a hill. Central dispatch reported the driver had suffered a back injury and had lost feeling in his lower extremities with a possible broken ankle. CO Shively assisted in extricating the injured subject with EMS from the vehicle so he could be transported out of the dunes to an awaiting Aero-Med helicopter, where he was airlifted to Grand Rapids for treatment.

CO Kyle Publiski of Mason County and Sgt. Michael Bomay were first to respond to a missing person on the Muskegon River during the Muskegon River Task Force patrol. The COs were able to respond within minutes of the initial call and were able to recover the unconscious victim in deep water along the shoreline with the assistance of a Good Samaritan. The victim was transported along the shoreline to EMS personnel. After a lengthy attempt to perform CPR, the victim was pronounced dead at the scene from drowning.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Thomas Oberg checked an angler along the shoreline of Hess Lake that was in possession of a bucket full of bass. In addition to an over limit of six smallmouth bass, two fish were undersized as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn was working the Muskegon River Task Force checking anglers when he noticed a camp along the shoreline. CO Ginn observed in plain view that the occupants of the camp were in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway was on marine patrol and checked an angler on Hardy Pond with an undersized walleye. The angler was upset and blamed the sticker style tape he was using for shrinking since it was from 1997. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

While patrolling the Gladwin Field Trial Area, CO Mark Papineau stopped a vehicle being operated without a recreational passport. After identifying the four passengers, CO Papineau learned that the registered owner of the vehicle had six outstanding warrants for his arrest in regards to tax fraud. Additionally, the driver of the vehicle was operating on a revoked driver's license with 14 prior convictions for operating on a suspended license. The other two passengers were in violation of a court ordered conditional bond release as a result of a previous domestic assault. All subjects were placed in custody and transported to the Gladwin County Jail and lodged on the violations.

CO Mark Papineau completed an investigation regarding a convicted felon that had been illegally hunting with firearms for several years. The felon, a registered sex offender, was discovered to have numerous social media accounts in which it depicted him posing with firearms and taking various game animals without licenses. During the course of the investigation, one of the firearms and ammunition was seized from a Gladwin County residence. It was also learned that most of the game animals were shot without licenses and from a residence clearly within several safety zones. Warrants are being sought for felon in possession of firearms, felony firearms, violations of safety zones, taking game without a license, and a third offense habitual felon.

CO Mark Papineau completed a yearlong investigation regarding the theft of timber from state land. During the course of the investigation, CO Papineau learned that the suspect had been illegally cutting wood from state lands and selling it to a local Gladwin County party store. In total, CO Papineau determined that subject had stolen over \$3,000 of timber during 2015 and just over \$2,000 in 2016. During the interview, CO Papineau was able to obtain a confession. Warrants are being sought for several felony charges for timber theft.

CO Ethan Gainforth and CO Joshua Wright checked the access site at Cranberry Lake. A husband and wife were fishing from the bank. Both Anglers admitted to not having a fishing license and after checking their RSS history it was found that neither of the Anglers had ever purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethan Gainforth was on patrol when he checked a small fishing access site in Clare County. Upon exiting his patrol vehicle, CO Gainforth could smell a strong odor of burnt

marijuana. After some investigation, CO Gainforth located a 19 year old subject using the access who was on probation for a prior alcohol violation. The subject had alcohol and marijuana in his possession. The subject was arrested for probation violation, minor in possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana.

CO Steve Lockwood conducted an investigation in reference to a subject shooting a rabbit. Interviews were conducted and a confession obtained. The subject killed the rabbit due to the rabbit eating some of the plants in his garden. Enforcement action taken.

COs Nick Atkin and Steve Lockwood investigated a complaint of a possible deer taken during the closed season. The complainant stated, while at a barbecue the night before, several subjects showed up and were excited to tell everyone "they got a deer". The deer was lying in the back of the truck and possibly still alive. After meeting with the complainant, the COs followed the caller and the property owner to where they believed the deer had been killed. As the COs were collecting evidence, the property owner noticed the suspect vehicle near the entrance to the field. The COs were able to catch up to the suspect vehicle and a traffic stop was initiated. The COs noticed dried blood in the back of the truck but none of the passengers had any knowledge of the blood. A short time later, the mother of the 42 year old driver arrived on scene and very quickly the subjects began remembering the events from the night before. The driver of the vehicle eventually confessed to intentionally running over the deer. The deer was located in the river across from the residence. The driver was arrested and lodged in Arenac County for OUIL and driving on a suspended license. Warrants are being sought for trespass, damage to the crops, illegal killing of a deer, open intoxicants, possession of marijuana, expired registration, and no insurance.

Conservation Officer Bobbi Lively obtained charges for possession of a protected species. CO Lively executed a search warrant to recover a Great Horned Owl from a residence in Mio, Michigan. MSP Troopers noticed a taxidermy mount of the owl while conducting a search warrant on unrelated charges. CO Lively followed up by interviewing multiple subjects to determine when and how the owl was obtained. Conservation Officers Kyle Bader, Brian Olsen, and Probationary Conservation Officer Travis Dragomer worked a National Wild Turkey Federation Kids Day in Ogemaw County. CO Bader took a variety of traps and hides in various states of preservation and talked to the kids about trapping laws and techniques. CO Olsen and PCO Dragomer instructed kids on safe hunting techniques using the Hunter Education Laser Shot trailer. Over 100 kids signed in at registration, and their parents were all interested to learn as well.

Conservation Officer Warren Macneill responded to an emergency call regarding an overturned kayak on Lake Huron. The kayaker was approximately 1 mile offshore near Greenbush. While CO Macneill was responding to the area, a PWC attempted to help with the rescue but sucked a line into the jet drive which created a double rescue attempt. CO Macneill arrived on scene and eventually all parties were safely returned to shore.

Conservation Officer Jeff Panich received a RAP complaint of turtle traps that had been set illegally. CO Panich contacted the complainant and was advised of the issues and locations for the traps. CO Panich located the traps after travelling the shallow river system. In all, he discovered traps with no names on them, traps set under the water, dead turtles and too many traps being set by one person. As CO Panich was leaving, he met the trapper coming to check the sets. The trapper explained that he was setting the traps for a church wild game dinner and uses the traps to show kids how to trap turtles. CO Panich explained that he still had to follow state laws and explained that he had no children with him to teach. The man said it couldn't hurt to try using some excuses. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officer Jeff Panich worked the Au Sable River over the weekend with an LED Intern Levi Morse. During their patrols on the river, several people were stopped and determined to be in possession of marihuana on the river. One suspect stated, "It's almost legal anyway and everyone on the river does it." CO Panich advised them that currently, marihuana is illegal and that if caught with the substance enforcement action would be taken. Several others were witnessed throwing litter in the river and not having adequate life jackets in their boats. Numerous warnings were given as well as several citations for the littering and safety issues.

COs Josh Wright and Ethan Gainforth observed an orv being operated on a county road with two subjects, neither of them were wearing helmets. Upon contact, they noticed a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. CO Wright administered sobriety tests and arrested the driver for operating while intoxicated. His blood alcohol content was .14%. He also had a suspended driver's license due to prior OWI convictions. Subject was lodged in the county jail.

COs Steve Lockwood and Josh Wright checked two fishermen on Wixom Lake who had two undersized bass in their creel. The subjects stated they were keeping the short bass so they didn't catch the same fish again after releasing them. They then stated they were going to measure them at the end of the day before they left. Citations were issued.

Conservation Officer John Huspen was involved with the search of a drowning subject on Staley Lake in Crawford County. The victim was swimming in Staley Lake when he began to struggle and his friends were unable to get him to safety before he went under. CO Huspen was the first on scene and utilized this kayak in an attempt to locate the victim. The Crawford County Sheriff's Department and a private individual with diving experience and equipment also began to search. The victim was eventually located and taken to shore where EMS attempted to revive. The attempt was unsuccessful.

Conservation Officer Ben McAteer observed an individual operating an ORV in a closed area in Crawford County. After making contact with the individual, CO McAteer learned that there was a second subject from the same party stuck with his ORV in a nearby marsh. CO McAteer met with the second individual and loaned his shovel to retrieve his

ORV. CO McAteer cited the first individual for operating in a closed area and the second individual for operating in a wet land.

Conservation Officer Ben McAteer observed a vehicle operating at an extremely slow rate of speed on a county road in Crawford County. After making contact with the individual, alcohol use was suspected. The individual was given field sobriety tests and determined to be well above the legal limits. The subject was arrested and lodged for operating while intoxicated at the Crawford County Jail.

Conservation Officers Ben McAteer and Warren MacNeill encountered a group of campers at Burtons Landing State Forest Campground in Crawford County who were being loud and disorderly. After multiple warnings, enforcement action was taken and two individuals were arrested for being disorderly persons and lodged at the Crawford County Jail.

Several recreation passport violation citations have been issued by Conservation Officers in Kalkaska and Antrim Counties at the access sites on Torch Lake during the recent hot weather. The weather has increased the number of people using the access sites, many of whom are failing to obtain the recreational passport needed to enter/use the site. Those with valid recreation passports are being forced to park outside the access site because of those occupying the parking spots illegally. This issue will continue to be monitored and enforced as appropriate.

While conducting marine patrol on Torch River, Conservation Officer Sam Schluckbier contacted a boater with expired registration and improperly displayed MC numbers. The operator advised that it was his father's boat and was warned that he may get stopped by law enforcement. CO Schluckbier contacted the owner and found that he purchased the boat three years ago and has yet to register it in his name. CO Schluckbier cited the boat owner for failing to register his vessel within 15 days of purchase.

Conservation Officer Sam Schluckbier was checking fishermen in Kalkaska County when he observed an individual fishing with several lines. When contact was made, the fisherman stated that he was on vacation and decided to take the boat out for a ride and try catching some fish. When asked for his license, the individual stated that he purchased a fishing license in Florida several years ago. He stated that he believed the Florida license allowed him fishing privileges throughout the United States. CO Schluckbier educated the individual and a citation was issued for fishing without a license.

Conservation Officer Matt Liestenfeltz investigated a complaint of an illegal bear bait on state land. CO Liestenfeltz located the bait in an area land locked by private land and was able to locate ORV tracks. CO Liestenfeltz followed the ORV tracks back to the suspect's residence. Charges for the illegal bear bait and ORV use on state land are pending.

Conservation Officer Matt Liestenfeltz assisted the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department with an arrest of a subject for domestic violence at Reedsburg Dam State Forest Campground in Roscommon County. A male subject was arrested for assaulting a family member at their campsite.

Conservation Officer Craig Neal was patrolling the oil fields in Missaukee County after dark when he noticed a small fire in the woods. Upon further investigation, CO Neal was able to determine that it was a leak in a pipeline that was burning. None of the surrounding brush had yet caught fire. CO Neal had central dispatch notify the fire department and the pipeline company to come take care of the leak. The flame was extinguished and the leak was fixed without any spread of the fire.

Conservation Officers Sam Schluckbier, Ben McAteer, Matt Liestenfeltz, Jon Warner, Casey Pullum, Jeff Panich, Kyle Bader, Brian Olsen, and Sgt. Jeremy Payne conducted a group patrol during the Au Sable River Canoe Marathon in Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, and Iosco Counties. The race was followed closely by law enforcement personnel and spectators as it progressed downstream, eventually finishing near Lake Huron in Iosco County. Officers maintained crowd control and ensured everyone was operating in a safe manner.

DISTRICT 6

CO Joshua Wright stopped to talk to a hitchhiker on the backroads of Tuscola County at 12:30 am. While checking the person through LIEN it was discovered they had several warrants for their arrest. The hitchhiker was taken into custody and was turned over to another agency.

COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright assisted Michigan State Police in response to a noise complaint in Tuscola County. During the response COs Varriale and Wright assisted in searching vehicles and the surrounding areas. MSP found illegal substances in the house and enforcement action was taken.

COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright were patrolling private land in Tuscola County when they observed seven family members playing in a pond and having a picnic. The family was educated on trespassing laws and given a verbal warning. While conducting fishing checks in Tuscola County, COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright found a man fishing on a bridge. The man claimed to have caught a pike and some pan fish. Upon further investigation, the fish was actually a smallmouth bass. The bass did not reach the minimum size limit and the suspect was cited for an undersized smallmouth bass.

While on patrol in Tuscola County, COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright found a turtle trap in a ditch along the roadside. While checking if the trap met the requirements, it was found that the trap did not have a visible tag. When the trap was removed, the officers found a tag that seemed neglected. The COs called in the name and address but there was no fishing license assigned to that name. The COs then went to the

address on the tag where a man said he gave his traps away two years ago to a friend of his. COs Varriale and Wright eventually found the suspect where the original trap was located. The man said he had the trap labeled and he admitted to having two additional traps. The man brought the COs to his other traps which were labeled. The man was educated on the importance of having all of his traps labeled and was giving a verbal warning for the one trap that was not labeled.

COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright witnessed a man fishing in a ditch in Tuscola County. When asked if he had a fishing license, the man said that he didn't. The man was from Texas and was educated on fishing laws in Michigan. In lieu of writing the man a ticket, he said he would go to the store and buy his fishing license. He was given a verbal warning.

CO Seth Rhodea was patrolling in Sanilac County when he stopped near an intersection to watch for ORV activity. Within 10 minutes an ORV came by with the operator not wearing a helmet and he was also found to not have a valid ORV license on his machine. A citation was issued.

While on patrol CO Seth Rhodea was passed by a vehicle in a no passing zone. CO Rhodea made a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon contacting the operator, CO Rhodea discovered that the vehicle was uninsured and had an improper plate. In addition, there were open intoxicants in the vehicle along with other violations. Enforcement action was taken and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

CO Jill Berry attended the Public Safety Day at the Munger Potato Festival. CO Berry spoke with multiple individuals and families explaining the roles and duties of a conservation officer and answered the public's questions.

CO Jay Person was called to the emergency room concerning an individual that was injured in an ORV accident that occurred on state land. Upon arrival and an interview with the injured party, CO Person found the accident occurred at approximately 2 am that morning. The victim by admission was traveling too fast down the trail and hit a stump, rolling the machine. The victim suffered sore ribs and lacerations that were treated at the ER. The victim was not wearing a helmet, operating in a closed area, and had a suspended driver's license.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson observed a 4-wheeler traveling at a high rate of speed down a country road. When the ORV got closer, CO Robinson could see that two subjects were riding the ORV and neither subject was wearing a helmet. CO Robinson was able to stop the vehicle on its return trip and found that the operator was still not wearing a helmet, had a suspended license and a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Haas, Dan Robinson, Will Brickel and Quincy Gowenlock participated in the Mount Pleasant Youth Academy. The academy had 19 cadets who were learning about all aspects of public safety. The conservation officers taught the cadet's boater safety in

the classroom and on the last day emphasized water safety and boat operation at Coldwater Lake. The Youth Academy is held each year by the Mount Pleasant Youth Services Unit and provides leadership and discipline for area students.

While on patrol, CO Dan Robinson received a complaint that an individual was in possession of a fawn and was attempting to rehabilitate the animal. CO Robinson and CO Mike Haas made contact at the subject's house where she initially denied any knowledge of a fawn. After further questioning, she admitted to picking up the fawn a few months ago and feeding it "for a few days" but stated she was not recently in possession of any fawns. After an investigation involving several households and witnesses, the COs returned to the subject's house and presented their new found information. The subject confessed to taking the fawn, keeping it in her house for months and then releasing it a few days before the interview.

CO Mike Haas recently caught up with a flee and elude suspect in Isabella County. Back in April 2016, CO Haas was patrolling down a country road when he observed an ORV operating at a high rate of speed down the public roadway. As the ORV approached, CO Haas was able to determine that the operator was not wearing a helmet and did not have an ORV license. After conducting an initial stop and receiving the operator's information, the operator cut through farm fields and fled on the ORV. Local deputies were in the area and attempted to cut off the operator on nearby roads but were unable to locate him. It was then determined that the operator provided a false name and birthdate to CO Haas. The operator used the name of a juvenile family member and CO Haas was eventually able to locate and ID the operator through social media applications. With the operator's identity known, CO Haas was able to locate the ORV at the operator's girlfriend's residence. CO Haas also received information through interviews that supported his case and was told that the ORV operator was on probation during the time of the initial stop and was not to have any negative contact with law enforcement officers. A warrant was issued by the Isabella Prosecutor's Office and the subject is facing charges for felony flee and elude, ORV trespassing, operating an unlicensed ORV and no helmet on an ORV.

Recently, during a 97 degree day, Sgt. Ron Kimmerly came across an old Chevy pickup with the windows rolled up and the engine running. At first it appeared that the vehicle was unoccupied, but when Sgt. Kimmerly checked he found an unresponsive male victim slumped over at the waist with his head on the steering wheel. Along with all the sweat pouring off the victim, he also noticed a colored liquid coming from his nose and mouth that created a large puddle. Sgt. Kimmerly attempted to arouse the victim without success and proceeded to call for an emergency medical response unit (MMR). As Sgt. Kimmerly started to drag the victim out of the vehicle, the victim began to wake up and tried to strike him. Sgt. Kimmerly was able to convince the victim that he was just there to help. After he cooled down and was given fluids, he explained that he was a recovering heroin addict and was just released from the hospital. The victim advised that he was taking different withdrawal medications along with medications for depression. MMR arrived and checked the victim. The victim was later released to his father. Before leaving the scene, the victim was asked about all the damage on the

passenger side of his vehicle. He advised a week earlier he hit a deer and then on his way home ran into a bridge. When asked if he reported the accident to the police he said no, only to his insurance company. Information was turned over to the Saginaw Township Police Department.

CO Ken Lowell was contacted on his phone regarding a landowner who located a truck load of house shingles on his property. CO Lowell went to the dump site and looked around for anything that might lead him to who may have dumped the shingles. Without any luck, CO Lowell went to the local lumber company and local hardware store and was able to locate a contractor that had rented equipment and also bought shingles that week. CO Lowell, with the help of the lumber company, was able to track down the owner of the house that was getting a new roof. CO Lowell made contact with the home owner and they identified the shingles that were dumped as the ones that used to be on their house. The CO was then able to contact the contractor and obtained a confession from one of the men on the construction crew. A citation was issued for litter and the shingles were cleaned up.

During a patrol of the Sterling Truck Trails, CO Will Brickel came upon two men camping in the area. During the conversation with the two men a smell of marijuana was noticed. A metal box containing the marijuana was located at the camp site. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell, Ken Lowell, Dan Robinson, and Mike Haas assisted Central Michigan Enforcement Team in Operation HEMP. The COs helped search and secure property that was found to have marijuana growing on them. Between the property's searched nearly 100 marijuana plants were found.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, CO Josh Russell heard central dispatch send a Michigan State Police unit to a complaint regarding a male with a long rifle threatening his girlfriend. CO Russell responded to the scene and assisted MSP with separating the subjects and gathering information.

DISTRICT 7

COs Steve Mooney, Andy Bauer, and PCO Ryan Andrews conducted a marine patrol in Lake Michigan close to the Indiana state line. During the patrol, the officers checked a charter boat and discovered one fisherman with a partially filled out daily fishing license, that didn't include his name or the date on the license. In addition, the charter boat had an expired registration. Citations were issued for both violations.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Ryan Andrews were patrolling the Allegan State Game Area, when they observed two occupants in a vehicle parked in an unusual place. As the COs pulled behind the vehicle, they observed the passenger quickly moving around and reaching under the front seat. Upon contact, CO Mooney and PCO Andrews smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. A discussion led to the passenger producing a baggie of marijuana that the driver claimed was his, and not the passengers. A citation was issued for use of marijuana.

CO Matt Page assisted Michigan State Police with a domestic dispute. The original complaint was an assault in progress; however officers were able to determine that it was just a verbal argument. Parties were separated without further incident.

CO Richard Cardenas worked with Ionia County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, DEA, and the National Guard with a marijuana growth flight. Both Michigan State Police's and the National Guard's helicopters were utilized to locate marijuana growing locations. Multiple grows were located and investigated.

CO Mike Mshar received a complaint from Plainwell District Wildlife personnel regarding a subject who had shot a whitetail buck with an antlerless only deer crop damage permit. CO Mshar located the deer at a local processor and confiscated it. The deer was a 9 point buck in velvet. Contact was made with the shooter, who stated he had watched two deer for over an hour at 75 yards with the aid of a light and 14 power scope before taking a shot. He further stated that he did not realize it was a buck until he walked up and saw the antlers. The subject was issued a citation for the illegal deer.

CO Mike Mshar was patrolling the Allegan State Game Area when he noticed a pickup truck that was coming off of a closed powerline at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made with the driver who was acting very nervous. After a short interview, the subject admitted that he had just dumped a couch and a table down the powerline on state land. A citation was issued for the dumping and CO Mshar escorted the subject back to pick up and remove the furniture. The subject was advised to take the furniture to a licensed landfill and provide a receipt to CO Mshar as proof of disposal.

CO Mike Mshar was on patrol on the Kalamazoo River, when he discovered a subject passed out and lying partially submerged in the water on the river's edge. CO Mshar pulled the subject onto dry ground and checked vital signs. The subject slowly awoke and was found to be highly intoxicated. Lying near the subject was an empty gallon container of whiskey. The subject stated that he was trying to kill himself. It was also discovered the subject had multiple warrants for probation violations. CO Mshar made contact with dispatch and had an ambulance and officers standby at the nearest launch located about 1 mile up river. CO Mshar safely secured the subject in his patrol boat. During this trip, the subject became combative and attempted several times to jump from the vessel into the river, while screaming that he wanted to die. CO Mshar was able to re-secure the subject and transport him to the launch where he continued to be combative with medical personnel. CO Mshar later made contact with the subject's father, who stated that his son had an alcohol problem and was going through some tough times. CO Mshar returned the subject's personal belongings to the father and advised him of his son's condition and location.

CO BJ Goulette responded to a call regarding a boy missing in Crockery Lake. The 7 year old boy was part of a large group at Grose County Park that strayed away from the group along with an 8 year old girl and an 11 year old boy. The children were swimming in the swim area near a drop off when the 11 year old started to struggle and the 7 year old went to help. In the end, the 11 year old managed to make it out, but the 7 year old

disappeared into the water. After searching the area, the boy was recovered by a county dive team member. The boy was found in about 12 feet of water approximately 55 feet from shore just over an hour after the initial 911 call. Attempts to revive the boy were unsuccessful.

PCO Kyle Cherry and CO David Rodgers came across two individuals camping in the Rogue River State Game Area. They drove down a closed trail and both had suspended driver's licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Kyle Cherry and CO David Rodgers were driving on a closed trail in the Rogue River State Game Area discussing state land violations. The topic of people possessing firearms came up and the rare occurrence of finding individuals out in the summer with guns, other than target shooters. As they rounded a corner, they came across two subjects carrying firearms. Contact was made and the individuals stated they were hunting rabbits and squirrels. Only one subject had a hunting license and it was explained that the season was not open. One of the subjects stated he thought he read it somewhere that the season was always open. He also explained that he took the test to become a conservation officer twice and failed the tests. He inquired when Law Enforcement Division was going to hire again. Enforcement action was taken for possessing a firearm without a license.

While working an evening patrol in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg observed a spot light shining out of a vehicle being driven in front of him. CO Ulberg followed the vehicle from a distance and noted the spot light go on several different times. It was clear that the subjects in the vehicle were trying to spot deer after legal shining hours. CO Ulberg conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver of the vehicle indicated that his girlfriend had never been shining before and he wanted to show her what it entailed. No weapons were located in the vehicle and CO Ulberg educated the young occupants of the vehicle on the legal hours of shining for deer.

CO Justin Ulberg was checking the Thornapple River when he noticed a subject fishing from the shore, while two other subjects were sitting in chairs nearby. CO Ulberg was able to watch the subjects with binoculars and noticed a large puff of smoke come from one of the individuals. The subject then stood up with a glass marijuana pipe. CO Ulberg observed the subject take the pipe and tried to hide it under a sweatshirt next to a tackle box. CO Ulberg eventually checked the subjects for fishing licenses. Prior to leaving, CO Ulberg questioned the subjects about the marijuana pipe. The subject observed with the pipe admitted that it belonged to him. A small amount of hash oil was also located on the subject. The illegal paraphernalia was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg observed a subject fishing from a distance on the Grand River. CO Ulberg watched the subject cast and was the only one standing around the pole. CO Ulberg contacted the subject to check for a fishing license. The subject stated that he did not have a license and that he was just helping his son fish. CO Ulberg questioned the subject where his son was and discovered that the son had been sitting in a vehicle

in a nearby parking lot. CO Ulberg informed the subject that he had observed him casting the pole and had never seen his son out by the fishing pole. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers along the Grand River in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg checked an angler coming back to his vehicle with a small bucket of fish. CO Ulberg checked the fish and discovered an undersized bass and an undersized catfish. Enforcement action was taken for the violation.

CO Justin Ulberg was checking the Rouge River State Game Area, when he encountered a dirt bike being operated in the game area. CO Ulberg contacted the operator who was not wearing a helmet and did not have an ORV sticker on the bike. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

Conservation Officers Daniel Prince, Andrew Monnich, Brandon Hartleben, and Robert Slick held a hunter safety field day at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. The class was held on Saturday, July, 23, 2016. There were 22 students who took the class. Conservation officers reviewed basic shooting skills, safe hunting, elevated stand safety, wildlife conservation, firearms and equipment, and survival skills.

On July 25th, 2016 CO Daniel Prince talked to 57 students taking hunter safety at the Livingston County Wildlife Conservation Club in Hamburg Twp., Livingston County. CO Prince talked about the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer, hunting laws, and ethical hunting.

CO Pete Purdy received a complaint of a pontoon with an expired registration on a small Livingston County lake. CO Purdy was able to locate the pontoon and owner. The pontoon had been expired since 2012. The owner advised he was working on getting it registered. It was also discovered that the title and registration were never transferred to the new owner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a PWC operating at high speeds in a no wake area. A stop was conducted and it was found that the operator of the PWC was too young to be operating a PWC without supervision, along with several other violations. The CO escorted the PWC to his dock and made contact with the parents who had given the youth permission to operate the PWC. The CO explained all of the violations observed along with the age requirements for operating a PWC. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Isaac Tyson located a boat with three fishermen. All three fishermen produced their fishing licenses but seemed to be nervous about something. A check of the live well produced three short bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Isaac Tyson was working a marine patrol and received a call of a subject that was unresponsive in the water. He located the subject sitting in a boat at a large party on the sand bar. He was intoxicated but was otherwise talking and responsive and refused medical treatment. Two hours later he was called into the same party and this time the same subject was unresponsive and not breathing. CO Tyson pulled the subject into his boat and performed CPR while a marine deputy drove them towards the launch. The subject started and stopped breathing twice while being transported. Using CPR, CO Tyson was able to get the subject breathing and established a pulse prior to turning him over to EMS at the launch. The subject's condition is stable and he is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Rich Nickols responded to assist the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and Delta Fire Department at the site of an illegal burn. The suspect is well known by all agencies as he has conducted multiple illegal burns in the past. Again, the suspect was found to be burning illegal materials, this time in a burning barrel. The suspect had recently received a letter on compliance from the DEQ for other solid waste disposal issues and had received two citations earlier in the week for burning violations. The suspect was issued his third citation for the week, this time for illegal disposal of solid waste. A meeting with the prosecutor is going to be held this week to determine the best course of action for the suspect who refuses to comply.

CO Shane Webster attended the Kiwanis Law Enforcement Career Academy put on by the Michigan State Police. CO Webster spoke with approximately 50 young people interested in law enforcement about career opportunities and the role of conservation officers in law enforcement.

CO Todd Thorn was working marine patrol on Lake Lansing in Ingham County and came across two kayakers in 30 feet of water in the middle of a nearly 300 acre lake. Neither of the kayakers had PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn was patrolling along the Grand River in Lansing when a suspicious person was found standing in a wooded, secluded area by the river. Further investigation revealed that the man had three warrants and was in possession of a small amount of what is suspected to be heroin. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Lakeland State Trail in the southeast corner of Ingham County, CO Todd Thorn observed a vehicle parked just off the trail in a field. CO Thorn waited in the area for a while and observed the car being driven from the trail, which is closed to motorized vehicles, onto a county road. CO Thorn made a traffic stop and found that the driver's license was suspended and the passenger, who was the wife of the driver, had a warrant for retail fraud out of Jackson County. The driver was lodged in the Ingham County Jail for his offenses. The wife was lodged in the Jackson County Jail on the warrant. Narcotics were also seized from the vehicle and will be sent to the lab for testing.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Joseph Myers were patrolling the Grand River in Lansing and contacted 3 men who were fishing at "The Point," a popular fishing location within the City. The COs checked for fishing licenses and found that none had them, and two of them had valid warrants. Enforcement action was taken, including one of the men being lodged in the city jail on his warrants.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Joseph Myers patrolled a large section of the Grand River in Ingham and Eaton Counties, and made a total of 40 contacts, issued 4 warnings, and contacted two individuals with warrants. Enforcement action was taken against those with warrants.

While on marine patrol on Round Lake, CO Matt Neterer noticed an angler pull his fishing line in and motor towards the boat ramp. CO Neterer contacted the angler and asked how the fishing was and noticed a large amount of water in the bottom of the angler's boat. The angler stated that he had caught a huge pike and that he wasn't done fishing but he had to come to shore to drain the water out of his boat before he went back out. CO Neterer congratulated the angler and asked to see his fish. The subject held up a rope stringer with two pike, one of legal size and one that was significantly shy of the legal size limit. CO Neterer continued with a marine safety inspection and when asked to produce a PFD, the subject pointed to a cushioned bench seat. CO Neterer advised that the seat would not count as a PFD. The subject then stood up and handed CO Neterer a cushioned stadium style seat that he was sitting on. CO Neterer again advised that it was not an approved PFD. On the third attempt, the subject found a small child's PFD and attempted to put it around his neck. CO Neterer educated the angler on how dangerous it was for him to be fishing by himself in a boat without a proper PFD and especially a boat that was taking on water. Enforcement action was taken for not having the proper PFD and for the short pike.

CO Matt Neterer was conducting a night time patrol at Hewes Lake in the Dansville State Game Area due to reports of illegal camping in the area. CO Neterer observed a man in a pickup truck drive towards the lake with two kayaks in the cargo bed. CO Neterer contacted the subject that stated that he was just taking his dog for a swim. While talking to the man, CO Neterer noticed that he was having trouble standing up, slurring his speech and was emitting a strong odor of intoxicants. The subject could not produce a valid driver's license and gave CO Neterer a false name and birthdate. Upon further investigation the subject was found to have two outstanding arrest warrants and was operating on a revoked driver's license. The subject became highly agitated and refused to cooperate with CO Neterer's investigation. CO Neterer arrested the man for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Additional charges are being sought through the Ingham County Prosecutor's office for providing false information to a police officer, obstructing a police officer and refusing to submit to a chemical test. CO Neterer was able to obtain a court order for a blood sample and the results are pending from the Michigan State Police Forensic Laboratory. The subject was lodged in the Ingham County Jail.

CO Jason King received a complaint from Station 20 regarding a subject with a captive raccoon within the city of Owosso. COs King and Robert Slick made contact with the suspect at her residence and discovered the captive raccoon. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO David Schaumburger located an ORV operating on the roadway with a very loud exhaust. The CO activated his emergency lights and siren and followed the ORV for approximately a mile before stopping. The driver stated he did not hear the siren and had just fixed his bike and was taking a test drive. The operator also was not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was pumping gas in his patrol vehicle when an ORV exited the roadway and pulled up next to the CO to say, "Hi." The operator was riding double with his son, had no helmet on, and was operating on the roadway. When the CO asked him to explain what he was doing, the operator produced a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle and stated that the permit allowed him to use the ORV in the manner of which he was using it. The CO explained he was wrong, at which point the operator stated to his son, "Watch, this officer is about to violate my constitutional rights." The CO inquired about which rights he was talking about, and the operator stated, "My rights to drive this ORV." Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was out patrolling for ORVs when he came upon a man operating an ORV on the roadway, without a helmet, at approximately 45 MPH. The operator thought it would be ok since he was on a dirt road. The CO told him that although it was a dirt road, there are no roads in the county that are allowed to be driven on by an ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger, James Zellinger, Acting Lt. Todd Szyska, Sergeants Jason J. Smith, Damon K. Owens and acting Sgt. Kris Kiel represented DNR-LED attending the funeral of fallen Dallas Police Officer Michael Krol in Redford, MI. The funeral was attended by over 1,000 uniformed police officers and there were over 600 patrol units in the funeral procession. Officer Krol had previously served with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department before taking on his current career with Dallas Police Department.

CO Jacob Griffin received a complaint that a lakefront homeowner placed swim buoys on the water illegally. When CO Griffin arrived to the location he noticed that the buoys were a major navigation hazard and the riparian owners did not have a permit to place buoys in the water. CO Griffin educated the owners of the property on the laws regarding buoys and the process to obtain a permit for placing them in Michigan waters. CO Griffin asked for the buoys to be removed and enforcement action was taken.

CO Griffin received a complaint that an individual was having cattails pulled from the lake. It was reported that just fewer than 75 bags of cattails have been removed. CO Griffin was able to speak with the individual having the cattails removed. The subject

admitted to removing a few cattails, but that an invasive species plant is what was targeted and is also what was in the bags. CO Griffin informed the subject that they had a valid permit for the removal of the invasive species, but there is not a permit for the removal of the cattails. CO Griffin pointed out several cattails that were removed and laying on shore. CO Griffin explained that the removal of the cattails from a wetland is illegal and a major violation of state law. The subject was ordered to stop all cattail removal and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a small boat being launched with several children preparing to board the vessel. As CO Griffin came closer to the vessel he noticed that three of the children appeared to be under six years of age. CO Griffin made contact with the two adults accompanying the children to discuss the size of the boat and the number of people preparing to board it. As CO Griffin spoke with the two adults he discovered that the boat would have been over capacity, there were not enough personal flotation devices on board and there was not any personal flotation devices the proper size for the three children under the age of six. CO Griffin explained the importance of having the proper safety equipment on board and knowing how to use it. The adults stated they were glad CO Griffin caught them before they launched.

While on ORV patrol in Oakland County CO Jacob Griffin responded to a call that a woman was shot multiple times with a shotgun. As CO Griffin arrived local authorities were on scene, the woman was just being transported to the hospital, and MSP arrived on scene. CO Griffin assisted MSP with their investigation while helping to obtain a possible lead on a suspect.

While on patrol in Oakland County CO Christopher Knights observed a dirt bike riding on a county road. CO Knights was able to turn around quick enough and catch up with the bike. CO Knights pulled over the bike in a subdivision where he finally stopped. CO Knights advised him he will not be driving the dirt bike home and he will need someone to pick him and bike up or it will be towed. The individual had his father pick him up. After speaking with the father, it was mentioned he had been pulled over earlier in the day by a local police officer and was warned. Enforcement action was taken.

When coming back from a complaint, CO Christopher Knights was driving south on M15 in Genesee County when he saw an ORV cross over the main road and continue east. CO Knights caught up to him, but needed his lights and sirens to get the attention of the rider. The individual pulled over and CO Knights made contact. After talking with him, CO Knights immediately noticed he had no helmet. After further inspection, CO Knights noticed he didn't have an ORV license or an ORV trail permit. The individual stated he had one from last year, but knew he was in the wrong. CO Knights advised him of the law when operating on a highway as well as the other violations. Enforcement action was taken.

Genesee County Central Dispatch put out a call for ORVs operating recklessly on Frances Road in Genesee County. CO Justin Muehlhauser wasn't far from the location

so he responded to the call. As the CO turned onto Frances Rd. he immediately noticed 3 ORVs operating west bound. There were 2 four-wheelers and a dirt bike. As the ORVs approached CO Muehlhauser, he noticed that the operators of the four-wheelers were not wearing helmets. CO Muehlhauser attempted to stop the group to address the complaint and the other violations. As the CO turned around the two four-wheelers accelerated in an attempt to elude the officer. The four-wheelers slowed to cross Irish Rd. but continued west bound without stopping at the intersection. The operators completely ignored the COs presence and made no indication of stopping. Speeds were steady at 30-40 mph. The pursuit approached Vassar Rd. and again the operators ignored the stop sign and continued south bound on Vassar. CO Muehlhauser notified central dispatch that he was in pursuit of the ORVs. The ORVs approached the intersection of Vassar and Mt. Morris and again ignored the stop sign. They continued south bound on Vassar to the dead end at Genesee County Parks Property where they took a narrow trail into the field. The CO pursued them on the trail approximately 200 yards until the terrain quickly became impassable for the patrol truck. The pursuit was terminated but the CO was able to follow up with witnesses and track down the subjects. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser was checking anglers after a fishing tournament on Lobdell Lake when the CO noticed a vessel that was attempting to load onto a trailer. CO Muehlhauser watched as the operator preceded to power load the vessel in the officer's presence. The vessel stopped on the bunk boards and the operator engaged the motor while signaling to the driver of the vehicle to back up. The operator of the vessel increased the throttle until the CO stopped him. When the CO confronted the operator he said that he was at idle. CO Muehlhauser advised the man that he had just watched the chain of events. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol of Lake Ponemah CO Muehlhauser noticed a vessel that did not have a registration decal. The CO stopped the vessel to determine if it was registered. Upon initiating the stop the operator threw up his hands and belligerently asked the officer "what's the problem! Why are you stopping me?" CO Muehlhauser informed the man that he was stopped for not having a registration decal on his boat. The man angrily pointed to his MC numbers and said they were right there. The CO informed the man that he needs to display a valid registration decal bearing the year of expiration. The man searched through his documents and found the registration in a compartment on board. CO Muehlhauser explained that they need to be displayed at all times rather than tucked away in a compartment. CO Muehlhauser also explained the proper way to address a law enforcement officer when stopped. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol checking fishing activity when he contacted an angler who had some success catching multiple species of fish. CO Silorey noticed a black plastic bag near the angler that had movement in it. The CO questioned the angler and then looked inside the bag. The black bag was filled with nearly 20 live gobies in which the angler was using as live bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher received information of over-limits of walleye being taken along the St. Clair River. CO Lasher set up surveillance and was able to watch an angler catch an over-limit of walleye. The angler denied giving fish away, which was observed by CO Lasher. The subject was advised that the fish he had given away counted toward his daily limit and enforcement action was taken.

After assisting the USCG with the St. Clair Power Boat Races, CO Ben Lasher responded to a report of an overturned sailboat in Lake Huron. All four occupants of the boat were able to make it to shore. The small sail boat was over taken by the large waves on the lake. The St. Clair County Sheriff's Marine Unit was first on scene and dealt with the vessel.

While working a night patrol in St. Clair County, CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zach Bauer were requested to assist on a domestic violence call. Once in route, the COs were advised the altercation had become physical. Just before checking on-scene, the COs were updated again by dispatch, and now one subject had stabbed the other. The COs checked on- scene seconds later, assisted in separating the two subjects, and in recovering the weapon used in the assault. The investigation is on-going.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zach Bauer worked a late night patrol in the Port Huron State Game Area. Several subjects were located camping illegally throughout the game area. One group had a camp set up and when confronted by the COs, said they had never been in any trouble with law enforcement in their pasts. After running the subjects in LEIN, it was revealed one subject had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach was requested by St. Clair County Dispatch to assist on a PI accident involving three semi-trucks. Once on scene, CO Kovach was able to assist with interviews and traffic control. Unfortunately, one driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

CO Matthew Zultak worked a multi-jurisdictional HEMP flight over Lapeer County. Marijuana plants were successfully located and seized.

BELLE ISLE

CO Matthew Neterer, while crossing the McArthur Bridge to Belle Isle for a midnight patrol, noticed a young man on the sidewalk with his bicycle flipped over on its seat and he appeared to be trying to repair it in the dark. CO Neterer stopped his patrol truck and offered his tools, flashlight and assistance in repairing the bicycle. The two discovered that the metal shaft that goes through the rear hub had sheared and would need to be replaced. CO Neterer offered to load his bicycle into his patrol truck and give him a ride home to which he gladly accepted. During the ride, CO Neterer learned that he was studying engineering at Wayne State and that he works on the island. CO Neterer escorted him home safely and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

COs Casey Varriale and Joshua Wright were patrolling Belle Isle when a complaint of a disorderly man was received from a civilian. They proceeded to the location where they found an intoxicated man in the road talking with two troopers from MSP. After talking with the man, the officers had reason to believe the man was not a threat to anyone but the safety of the man was a concern. COs Varriale and Wright drove the man off Belle Isle and reunited him with his wife.

Toward the end of a Belle Isle shift, CO Ben Lasher conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle going the wrong way on a one way road. The passenger was found to have two outstanding warrants, one from Detroit traffic and one for domestic violence out of Port Huron. CO Lasher was advised by Port Huron Police they wanted the subject taken into custody. Being that the County Jail was on CO Lasher's way home, he took the subject into custody for the domestic violence warrant and lodged him at the St Clair County Jail. The driver was given verbal warnings for her three traffic violations.