

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
7/19/15 – 8/1/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brian Lasanen patrolled Lake Gogebic over the weekend. CO Lasanen contacted numerous boaters and anglers. Several violations were encountered including fail to provide a personal flotation device (PFD), unregistered watercraft and fish with no license. Enforcement action was taken during each contact.

CO Brian Lasanen attended the Walleyes For Tomorrow kids fishing derby in Bergland. There were about 30 kids that showed up. CO Lasanen talked with the kids about fishing laws, regulations, and marine safety.

CO Brian Lasanen was checking a Type 4 trout stream when he contacted two anglers coming back from fishing on the stream. CO Lasanen determined that one of the anglers had taken an overlimit of brook trout and both anglers were in possession of several short fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was traveling on M-28 and observed a car passing multiple vehicles including his patrol vehicle which almost caused a head-on accident. CO Lasanen paced the above mentioned car at 85 MPH. CO Lasanen conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and the driver was very surprised that conservation officers have the authority to make traffic stops. CO Lasanen ticketed the driver for careless driving and expired registration.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling northern Menominee County when he observed an operator of an ORV not wearing a helmet on a local ORV trail. CO DeLonge was able to catch up with the ORV at a trail crossing and signaled the driver to stop. Upon contact CO DeLonge also found that the ORV did not have a trail sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling an area in Menominee County when he encountered two youth sized ORVs parked along a gravel road near a stream crossing. CO DeLonge observed helmets on both ORVs and that only one ORV had a valid registration. CO DeLonge walked along the stream and found two individuals attempting to net minnows out of the stream. Upon contact CO DeLonge found that both individuals were 12 years old and were approximately three miles from their house. CO DeLonge then escorted both individuals to their house and met with their parents to discuss ORV safety and regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Elton Luce and Mark Leadman responded to a west Marquette County wildfire to assist with the closing of a county road and evacuations if the fire progressed. No evacuations were necessary and the county road reopened the same day.

CO Mark Leadman responded to a complaint of anglers fishing with more than three lines. The subjects were fishing with more than three lines and were in possession of an undersized turtle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Mark Zitnik contacted two subjects fishing from a canoe. One subject was fishing without a license and both subjects were without PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Mark Zitnik encountered a subject illegally operating an ORV who did not have a valid operator's license. The subject also failed to license his ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson responded an incident that involved the Isle Royal Queen running aground. The Isle Royal Queen is a 100 foot passenger ferry. Approximately 80 passengers were evacuated from the vessel. The incident was turned over to the U.S. Coast Guard for further investigation.

COs Jared Ferguson, Jason Wicklund and PCO Isaac Tyson were exchanging information at a gas station when they observed an ORV traveling on State Highway M-95. The officers were able to catch up to the ORV before it left the roadway and address the illegal operation.

CO Jared Ferguson attended the youth weekend at the Sawyer Lake Campground. CO Ferguson spoke to the attendees on the duties of a conservation officer.

CO Brian Bacon and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the complaint of a dead goose found floating in a lake in front of a residence. The officers collected the goose and gathered information from the complainant as to a possible cause of death. The goose was sent to the lab to determine if it had been shot.

CO Dave Painter and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the call of three overdue teenagers who set off on a canoe float on the Net River near Crystal Falls. CO Painter was able to canoe the stretch of river as darkness fell, but was unable to locate the subjects. Nearly five hours after the intended pick-up time, Sgt. Pomroy checked a camp on the river and located the three subjects, wet but safe. The three teens had overshot their intended pick-up location, and were further downstream from the search area. All three were reunited with their family.

COs Jason Wicklund, Elton Luce, and PCO Isaac Tyson conducted a marine patrol on Lake Superior out of Marquette. The COs encountered one vessel occupied by seven individuals, but with only six life jackets onboard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund arrived at home after a late night patrol and heard loud music and yelling from the residence across the lake. CO Wicklund responded and found three juveniles drinking beer and drinking shots of alcohol while sitting around a campfire. The parents of the juveniles were contacted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Painter and PCO William Haskin participated in the "Cones with a Cop" program in Iron River. The event was put on by the Michigan State Police (MSP), and it gave the local population an opportunity to meet and speak with officers from various agencies.

CO Dave Painter and PCO William Haskin conducted a presentation at the Iron River Library on birds that reside in the area. Thirty people were in attendance.

DISTRICT 2

CO John Wenzel was called to assist with a missing boater in Big Bay De Noc. A subject and two teenage boys had attempted to drift down the shoreline without oars or a motor to another camp. The high winds took the vessel out into Big Bay De Noc. After about five hours, when the boat did not arrive, family notified dispatch of the missing vessel. CO Wenzel, along with sheriff's deputies and search and rescue personnel, responded to the scene. The vessel and occupants were located up on shore south of Garden. The boat had drifted all the way across Big Bay De Noc. The adult in the boat was wearing a tee shirt that stated, "I don't mind if you're STUPID, but quit making a habit of it." The subject stated he realized that drifting across the lake without a paddle was not a smart idea and had thought about throwing the shirt away before rescuers could see it.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink were on routine ORV patrol when they came across two separate groups traveling on a local county road. Both groups were observed to be operating ORVs without ORV licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn received a complaint of two possible poached deer. CO Freeborn was able to locate the deer in a field. After a brief investigation it was determined that the deer were shot under a crop damage permit by a local farmer. No criminal activity was found.

CO Michael Evink was patrolling an inland lake in Schoolcraft County when he checked a boat with two individuals. The two were from out of state and very excited to begin fishing. Unfortunately for them they forgot how important it is to have life jackets with you while on the water. They were given a reminder.

CO Michael Evink conducted a personal watercraft (PWC) patrol of Lake Michigan from Fayette State Park working north to Garden Bay. Officer Evink had several good checks for a Monday. The CO checked tribal subsistence nets and located one that was 250 feet longer than it was supposed to be. CO Evink, with assistance from Cpl. Shannon VanPatten, pulled the net, which was turned over to tribal law enforcement. The investigation continues.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon worked a complaint of PWC violations on Gemini Lake. The activity was quiet but the Officer was able to make contact with the suspect PWC and an education on responsible operation was given.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon worked a patrol along the banks of the AuTrain River on a Saturday addressing complaints of public drunkenness, minors in possession, disorderly conduct, and marine safety violations. Compliance was good as a whole.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon, while working surveillance of high speed boating on Deer Lake, observed a PWC operating too close to the swimming area and jumping the wake of other vessels. Contact was made at the public beach and an education in responsible boat operation was given.

CO Bobby Watson was giving a young college student interested in becoming a Conservation Officer a ride-along recently. CO Watson was showing the possible CO candidate some local lakes and how a routine contact is handled with the public. Fishing activity increased as the evening wore on and many contacts were made. The walleye bite was picking up and three different anglers who were in possession of undersized walleye were encountered. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Hammill was first on scene to a call of an individual who collapsed in his garage due to a possible heart attack. Sgt. Hammill conducted Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) while Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived on scene. The CPR continued for nearly 15 minutes until the individual could be transported to the hospital where unfortunately he did not survive.

After finishing a patrol working the Port Huron to Mackinac Yacht Race, COs Brett Gustafson and Jon Busken assisted local law enforcement officers looking for a suicidal subject in possession of a rifle. CO Busken observed a vehicle matching the description, and within two minutes, both COs observed the suspect vehicle pull into a lot near the Community Mental Health Facility. The subject exited the vehicle and shot himself. The COs assisted St. Ignace Police Officers with securing the area and administering first aid until EMS arrived. The subject was pronounced dead at the scene.

After shuttling COs Rob Freeborn and Bobby Watson to Mackinac Island for their night patrol, CO Brett Gustafson received a distress call from a large sailboat. The distressed vessel was without power and was adrift in the Straits of Mackinac heading toward Graham Shoal. The vessel was assisted to the St. Ignace Marina by CO Gustafson, with a very appreciative crew.

CO Jeff Panich and PCO Jake Griffin assisted several law enforcement agencies in locating a murder suspect who was on the run from stabbing his roommate. Upon arrival at one of the possible locations of the suspect, the COs assisted in clearing a residence. Both officers, along with numerous law agencies worked throughout the night in locating the murder suspect, who was believed to be armed and dangerous. The suspect was later apprehended without incident.

CO Jeff Panich and PCO Jake Griffin were patrolling Drummond Island for illegal ORV activity when they encountered two vehicles with trailers parked in a closed area along

the shoreline at Pilots Cove. Boulders clearly marking the closed area were moved to the side allowing the vehicles to enter off the designated trail. Both trucks were parked approximately 10 yards behind the signs that clearly marked the area closed to motorized wheeled vehicles. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma and PCO Justin Muehlhauser received a tip from an angler at the powerhouse in Sault Ste. Marie of a possible overlimit Atlantic Salmon. The complainant advised that two anglers in the boat were offered up some extra Atlantic salmon to other anglers. The COs responded to the scene and proceeded to check numerous anglers tied up at the powerhouse. Eventually the COs made it to the suspect vessel and inquired about their success. The anglers advised they were doing well and advised they had six Atlantics, which was their limit. CO Postma began to sort through the fish and found they actually had seven. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken observed two ORVs parked near a river in Mackinac County. After observing the area for a while, two individuals walked up to the river and began fishing. Contact was made with the anglers. When asked for their fishing licenses, one angler responded, "I don't buy them because I do not want to give the state any more money, so you should probably give me a ticket." Neither angler had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and Brett Gustafson were patrolling Mackinac Island Harbor during the Port Huron to Mackinac Race, when they observed an unregistered vessel. Contact was made with the operator, who indicated they had just completed the race and provided a dealer registration. When reminded that the dealer registration could only be used for test drives, transporting a sold vessel, etc., the operator said that there was someone who was really interested in the boat but just wanted to see how it did in the race before he made a decision. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken and Mike Evink contacted two anglers while patrolling the Manistique River, neither angler had a valid fishing license. One angler tried to argue that they were not fishing. During the contact an eight inch bass was caught on their line. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

COs Andrea Erratt, Steve Speigl, PCO Josh Wright, and Sgt. Mike Feagan all assisted in maintaining a safety perimeter zone around the fireworks barges on Lake Charlevoix and on Round Lake during the annual Charlevoix Venetian Festival.

After an in-depth investigation, CO Steve Speigl has obtained a warrant for several subjects who had been trespassing on private property on ORV's.

While patrolling Clam and Torch Lakes, CO Steve Speigl and PCO Josh Wright observed a boat with several subjects fishing. Upon making contact, one of the anglers

stated he had a license, but did not have it with him. A quick check of the subject revealed that he had not purchased a fishing license since 2013. A ticket was issued.

CO Steve Speigl finalized the condemnation of a firearm that was seized in conjunction with a wildlife violation from earlier in the year.

CO Steve Speigl and PCO Josh Wright received a complaint of a dead juvenile Bald Eagle found in the Ellsworth area. The Eagle had a curious looking wound at the base of the neck with other visible signs of trauma. The bird was x-rayed and a necropsy is to follow to determine the cause of death.

CO Duane Budreau and PCO Brandon Hartleben have been working to locate early bear bait sites throughout Emmet County with much success.

CO Duane Budreau has been working diligently in conducting a pre-employment background investigation on a perspective new hire to law enforcement division.

While kayaking the Jordan River with an intern, CO Andrea Erratt encountered a group of kayakers. Upon making contact it was discovered that one of the subjects was drinking alcohol while being under the age of 21 and there were not enough life jackets for the group. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a complaint at Huffman Lake, CO Andrea Erratt observed a quad and a dirt bike operating in the traveled lane of the roadway. The officer paced the ORVs at 50 mph. A stop was initiated and it was discovered that the quad did not have an ORV sticker and the dirt bike also had sticker issues. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the Venetian Festival on Lake Charlevoix and Round Lake, CO Andrea Erratt observed a documented vessel that she had written a ticket to back on June 29th for not being registered. Upon approaching the vessel, it was discovered that it still had not been registered. Another ticket was issued.

Patrolling the south arm of Lake Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt observed a documented vessel that did not show a registration decal. Upon making contact with the vessel it was discovered the vessel had never been registered as required by law. A ticket was issued.

CO Andrea Erratt was patrolling Round Lake when she encountered a vessel without any registration decals. Upon making contact it was learned that the vessel had never been registered. A ticket was issued.

CO Andrea Albert, along with Lt Jim Gorno, attended a Torch Lake meeting held by State Representative Triston Cole to address issues stemming from the July Fourth "Torch Fest" on Torch Lake.

The prolonged dry conditions resulting in extreme fire danger had COs responding to burning and escaped fire complaints, with tickets and warnings issued.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Chris Maher investigated a littering complaint and found a partial ATM card in the debris. They went to the issuing bank and received the name of the card holder. An interview was conducted with the suspect, an admission received, and a littering ticket issued.

CO Mark DePew handled two ORV personal injury accidents at the hospital. One will likely result in a careless operation ticket.

CO Mark DePew responded to a 911 call while other agencies were unavailable. The caller stated that an older man (83 years old) was taking photographs of a young girl (20 years old) and had requested a motel room, which he was refused, then drove up the road and parked. When CO DePew made contact with the older man at his vehicle, he found him to be intoxicated and with open intoxicants in the vehicle. Sobriety tests were administered and the subject arrested and lodged for operating while intoxicated. The girl's mother picked her up at the scene.

COs Brad Bellville and Kelly Ross were patrolling on Tomahawk Flooding when they contacted the occupants of a boat whose registration had expired in 2011. It was also discovered that one of the anglers did not have a license and the operator of the vessel had an open warrant for his arrest. The COs issued a ticket for fishing without a license, operating a boat without registration, and collected bond for the warrant.

CO Brad Bellville gave a presentation to the Canada Creek Ranch Hunter Safety Class.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling state land when he came across a subject operating a golf cart in a closed area; the subject also did not have the ORV licensed. CO Fox explained the ORV rules to the subject and enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was called to assist Rogers City Police Department on a house search. The house was broken into and the suspect was possibly still inside. CO Fox assisted in searching and securing the house. The suspect had left prior to the Officer's arrival.

CO Paul Fox assisted local Officers in locating and securing a subject who made threats to kill his ex-girlfriend and child. The subject was lodged by local deputies and turned over to MSP troopers for investigation.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he observed a large fire near the road. Since it was late at night and during a time when open burning was prohibited due to the fire danger; CO Fox contacted the subjects, and found that they were just having a campfire. All the individuals were under 21 and one subject was in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Joe Molnar responded to a complaint of an escaped fire; upon arriving on scene he discovered that the fire originated from a burnt pile of illegal materials. The landowner initially denied igniting the fire, but ultimately admitted to starting the fire. It then escaped due to the dry conditions and high winds. He was ticketed for his violation and is being charged for the suppression costs to contain the fire.

COs Tim Rosochacki and Bill Webster were patrolling Long Lake when they contacted three anglers from Indiana. When the COs checked their catch they located an 11 inch walleye. The anglers stated there was no size limit in Indiana so they did not think there would be one in Michigan. The angler who caught the fish was issued a ticket for retaining a short walleye.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted the operator of a pontoon boat with an expired registration who explained they had rented it from a local marina. CO Rosochacki contacted the marina and issued the owner a ticket for the unregistered vessel.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a complaint of a goose with an arrow in it. CO Rosochacki located the goose and started interviewing neighbors. During one of the interviews he received a confession that the geese were in the individual's back yard and he intended to fire a warning shot at them but the arrow ricocheted off the ground and hit the goose. The suspect was issued a ticket for taking waterfowl during the closed season.

COs Kelly Ross and Mark DePew investigated a jet ski accident where the operator was jumping a wave and fell off the vessel. The vessel then landed on his leg and broke his femur. He was transported to the hospital for treatment.

COs Kelly Ross and Probationary CO Robert Slick assisted local deputies with a complaint of domestic violence where one of the parties was transported by EMS for evaluation due to a suicide attempt.

COs Kelly Ross and PCO Robert Slick attended the Montmorency County Fair during a law enforcement day and answered questions to those in attendance.

COs Kelly Ross and PCO Robert Slick were patrolling on a county road and began following a dirt bike which was operating down the center of the road. The COs stopped the rider when he made a U-turn in the road without signaling. Upon contacting the driver it was determined that the operator had a suspended driver's license. The driver was lodged in the Presque Isle County Jail.

COs Kelly Ross and PCO Robert Slick were following up on a complaint of loud campers in a state forest campground (SFC) and contacted two individuals in the parking area after visiting hours had ended. The COs detected the odor of intoxicants coming from the underage subjects and after a PBT registered they had been drinking alcohol, they were issued tickets and turned over to their parents.

DISTRICT 4

COs Rebecca Hopkins, Patrick McManus, Justin Vanderlinde, Calvin Smith and Sgt. Robert Torres assisted various law enforcement agencies along with local fire department and EMS personnel in Leelanau and Benzie Counties with safety, medical, and traffic related duties after severe wind and rainstorms struck Glen Arbor, Empire and surrounding areas. Hundreds of trees and power lines were knocked down across Leelanau County with many roads impassable and widespread power outages. Officers are continuing to assist with searches, traffic control and road clearing three days after the storm that impacted from the Lake Michigan shoreline to the Cadillac and the Houghton Lake area.

COs Rebecca Hopkins, Holly Pennoni, and Sgt. Carla Soper assisted with a female only hunter safety class held at the Carl T Johnson Center.

Officers Holly Pennoni, Angela Greenway, and Sgt. Carla Soper assisted teaching an all-female Hunter Education class in Wexford County. This was the second year for the class as the interest for this educational setting continues to grow.

CO Josiah Killingbeck assisted with two accidents on the Lake County ORV trail system. One accident was a head-on crash involving two dirt bikes. After the collision, one of the bikes continued on and drove over the helmet of the other rider. The crash resulted in one operator being airlifted with serious injuries. After an investigation was completed, CO Killingbeck found that the operator who was at fault had been operating with a suspended driver's license. The second crash involved a 12 year old operating a dirt bike and a second person operating an ATV. The off road vehicles impacted as they met rounding a curve in the trail system. The 12-year-old dirt bike operator suffered multiple injuries but when the responding CO arrived to investigate the crash, nobody would admit to driving the ATV. The suspected driver of the ATV had a suspended driver's license and warrants are being sought for violations.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working a routine marine patrol in Lake County where high-speed boating laws have been established. When the CO was loading up his boat over two hours after the closed operation hours, he heard a few boats firing up and running around the lake at high speeds. CO Killingbeck re-launched his boat and addressed the violations. Upon making contact with the operators, one particular boat had no PFDs and one passenger onboard was wanted on a felony warrant for aggravated assault. Enforcement action was taken and the subject with the warrant was lodged at the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped a subject on an ORV who had been operating illegally on federal land with no eye protection. After speaking to the operator it became evident that he had been stopped two weeks prior by CO Kyle Publiski for the same offenses and was given a warning. CO Killingbeck opted to take enforcement action this time.

CO Steve Converse and PCO Patrick Hartsig were on routine patrol when they spotted the operator of a motorcycle with a child on the back not wearing a helmet. The motorcycle was coming at them in the opposing traffic lane and the COs quickly turned around and stopped the operator at a convenience store. After speaking to the driver about the infraction, they were advised that he didn't know the child, but was merely asked by a woman in the store to "Take her kid for a ride." He said that he obliged and didn't have a helmet for the youth as he doesn't even require his own two year old to wear one. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky, Mason County, were checking vessels trolling on Lake Michigan when they observed anglers in a boat fishing with too many lines. The COs approached the vessel and the subject onboard began frantically reeling up lines. When they inquired how many lines were out, the angler said that he was only fishing with the three he was allowed. The COs peered over the gunwale and saw two rods thrown on the floor with line hanging over the transom, baited with meat rigs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski responded to a complaint of anglers keeping short trout on the Big Manistee River near Hodenpyl Dam. The anglers were allegedly camping along the river and retaining short fish. CO Koscinski located the camp and ultimately issued four tickets for possession of undersized trout and littering. CO Koscinski returned the following day and encountered two different anglers keeping undersized trout. Enforcement action was again taken.

CO Mike Wells was on foot patrol and checking camp sites on a popular stretch of state land along the Muskegon River. He located two subjects at a camp site that did not have a camping permit displayed. Upon approach to the camp site, he observed a plastic tub containing water and a 10 inch brown trout. Upon contact with the two subjects it was discovered that they did not know they needed a camping permit in that area. When asked who had caught the trout one of the subjects admitted that he had caught the trout and that he had not purchased a current fishing license. When asked why he had not obtained a license, he stated that he lost he driver's license several years ago and that he could not locate his birth certificate to obtain a state identification card. The subject was issued a ticket for possession of fish without a license and a warning was issued for the lack of a camping permit.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol at Silver Lake Sand Dunes and was monitoring the beach area. An ATV operator was observed popping a wheelie in an area prohibited for exhibition driving. CO Wells made a traffic stop of the machine and contacted the operator. The operator was asked if he understood why the officer had stopped him and he immediately responded that it was probably due to the wheelie he had done. A check of the VIN on the ORV revealed that several of the numbers had been stamped over with a few extra characters added. The operator admitted that he had purchased the machine from Craig's List and that he never received a title for the machine. A ticket was issued to the operator for the violation of fail to obtain title and a warning was

issued for the exhibition driving violation. The ATV was impounded due to the altered VIN and an investigation into a possible stolen ATV is underway.

CO Mike Wells and PCO William Kinney assisted several other officers in patrol of Grand Haven State Park during the annual Coast Guard Festival. A large quantity of alcohol was dumped with several tickets and multiple warnings issued for violation of the alcohol ban.

CO Mike Wells and PCO William Kinney were on marine patrol as part of the Muskegon River Task Force when two subjects motored passed them in a watercraft. PCO Kinney asked the subjects about their fishing success and also asked the subjects to hold up their life jackets. The operator of the vessel advised that he had forgotten to put the life jackets in the watercraft. The suspect vessel was escorted to shore and after speaking with both subjects it was determined that there were no life jackets aboard the vessel. The vessel operator was issued a ticket for failure to provide a PFD and issued a warning for no registration aboard the vessel.

CO Angela Greenway of Mecosta County was working an area of the Haymarsh State Game Area (SGA) for illegal ORV activity. After a short time she observed three ORVs operating in a closed area and contacted the operators. She determined two of the three operators were not wearing helmets and two of the ORVs did not have valid ORV stickers. She also determined one of the subjects had a valid warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken for the violations and the subject was lodged for the outstanding warrant.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County was working with a local deputy on the Muskegon River Task Force. While traveling upstream, they detected a strong smell of burnt marijuana coming from a small group of subjects who were tubing. Upon making contact with the suspects three of the seven subjects were found in possession of marijuana and two subjects had outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken for the marijuana violations and the two females were transported and lodged at the Newaygo County jail.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling near the Silver Lake State Park ORV area when he observed a Polaris Razor with a dealer plate fail to use his turn signal twice on the roadway. A traffic stop was conducted and the CO determined the Polaris was not eligible to be plated. The subject was ticketed for operating an ORV on a public roadway and issued a verbal warning for improper use of a dealer plate.

COs Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and Ben Shively of Oceana County assisted officers from District 7 at the US Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven with additional patrols along the State Park beach. During their patrol they encountered several subjects in possession of alcohol and also glass containers. They had the suspects dump out the alcohol and issued tickets. COs Shively and Ginn also took a report of a missing seven year old girl who went missing along the Lake Michigan shoreline. CO Chris Holmes and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth located the young girl playing in the sand a couple hundred

yards down the shore. CO Holmes advised she had been out swimming unsupervised and then began playing in the sand prior to her discovery. She was quickly returned to her anxiously awaiting father.

DISTRICT 5

While patrolling Crawford County in the early morning hours, CO Mark Papineau pulled into the McMasters Bridge Boating Access Site and made contact with an individual operating an ORV. CO Papineau stopped the ORV, which was being driven unlawfully in the access site. As CO Papineau approached, he observed the driver attempt to hide something near his feet of the Polaris Side-by-Side. Further investigation revealed a half empty can of beer and several additional empty cans. The subject was ticketed for possessing open intoxicants.

While patrolling Secord Lake, CO Mark Papineau observed an individual operating a watercraft bearing an expired registration. CO Papineau stopped the boater who stated, "You got me." During further discussion, the boater advised CO Papineau that he never expected to see an officer and was gambling on not being caught. The boater was ticketed for operating an unregistered boat.

CO Steve Lockwood was conducting a patrol on state land and located two subjects operating ORVs in a closed area. When CO Lockwood contacted the subjects they were stuck in the mud in a river bed. Enforcement action was taken for operating ORVs in a wetland.

CO Phil Hudson assisted multiple agencies in the search for a missing boater. The boater was hot and decided to throw anchor and go for a swim to cool off. The anchor did not set and the vessel started to drift away from the subject. The search continued late into the night with no luck locating the individual. The victim was recovered the next day in 30 feet of water by the Arenac County Dive Team.

While on marine patrol CO Brian Olsen witnessed a PWC occupied by three subjects operating at a high rate of speed, jump a boat wake within 100 feet from the vessel. The individuals on the PWC were all thrown from the machine while it continued going for another couple hundred feet. With heavy wind, the occupants were unable to catch the PWC. Officer Olsen checked the individuals for injury and assisted in retrieving the PWC. Officer Olsen determined the operator of the machine did not have a boater safety certificate and was operating in a careless manner. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Gladwin County, CO Kyle Bader witnessed an ORV driving on the side of M-18, which is closed to ORV operation. CO Bader stopped the subject and learned that he did not have a valid operator's license, did not have a current ORV license for the vehicle and was riding without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Bader and Brian Olsen worked the Hunter's Safety "Laser Shot" trailer at a local National Wild Turkey Jakes Day event. There were multiple different stations to introduce the kids to outdoor activities. There were approximately 120 kids at the event.

PCO Brad Silorey and CO Kyle Bader checked two anglers on Lake St. Helen. When PCO Silorey observed a basket under the boat, he asked one of the anglers about any fish he had in his possession. The angler said he had a "questionable bass" and thought it "might" be long enough. The largemouth bass measured 11 ¾ inches. The fish was seized and enforcement action was taken.

PCO Brad Silorey and CO Kyle Bader stopped a vessel on Lake St. Helen for displaying an expired registration. While talking to the captain of the vessel about the registration violation, the COs observed marijuana in an open glove compartment. The marijuana and other evidence were seized, the captain was ticketed for operating an unregistered watercraft, and a warrant will be sought through the Roscommon County Prosecutor for possession of a controlled substance.

CO Jonathan Warner was patrolling north on US 23 in Alcona County when he witnessed a small vehicle travelling southbound cross the centerline headed directly toward a semi-truck that was travelling northbound in front of CO Warner. The semi-truck driver locked up the brakes and was able to turn slightly to avoid a head-on collision with the female driver of the car. Luckily, there were no life-threatening injuries. CO Warner secured the scene until EMS and a local sheriff deputy arrived.

CO Jonathan Warner assisted Oscoda Township Police with a vehicle accident/arrest involving a brand new 2015 mustang. Witnesses claimed that the highly intoxicated male operator had driven straight into Cedar Lake while travelling at speeds around 90-100 mph. The vehicle was actually recovered from the lake roughly 150 feet from shore. The vehicle had been borrowed from a friend whose father was a Ford Motor Company executive and the subject was "testing" the vehicle.

While patrolling Bud Bash, COs Mike Hearn, Matt Liestenfeltz and PCO Matt Zultak stopped a vessel because of a registration violation. During the stop officers suspected the operator was under the influence of alcohol. After running the subject through field sobriety tests and administering a PBT, the subject was arrested for operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol.

While patrolling Bud Bash, COs Mike Hearn, Matt Liestenfeltz and PCO Matt Zultak stopped a vessel for a marine violation. Once stopped, the COs determined that two of the females drinking alcohol in the boat were less than 21 years old. Both of the subjects were arrested, taken to the MSP post in Houghton Lake and picked up by their parents.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Casey Pullum stopped two PWCs that took off at a high rate of speed through the crowded area of Bud Bash. After a short pursuit, the two PWCs noticed the blue light and stopped. Both PWCs were being operated by males

with female passengers. They said the reason for the high rate of speed was because both females had an "emergency". Their emergency was not deemed appropriate for their careless operation. Enforcement action was taken.

During the 2015 Academy of Natural Resources, COs Warren MacNeill, Bobbi Lively, Mark Papineau, Brian Olsen, Sgt. Brandon Kieft and Sgt. Jeremy Payne exposed the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer to 20 teachers from around the state. This week long academy was located at the Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center on the north shore of Higgins Lake. The teachers were presented material on interview techniques, evidence collection, field observations, fingerprinting and skills were tested during two scenarios. At the conclusion of the class the teachers utilized a curriculum and swore to a fictitious warrant with information gained from their scenarios.

COs Chris Bowen, Mike Hearn, Mark Papineau, Bobbi Lively, Warren MacNeill, Jon Warner, and Sgt. Jeremy Payne patrolled the AuSable River during the 2015 Canoe Marathon. The marathon begins in downtown Grayling and the athletes race through the night into the next day finishing at the mouth dumping into Lake Huron. During this patrol, the COs made numerous contacts with the spectators of this event ensuring a safe atmosphere for all in attendance.

While working the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, Sgt. Jeremy Payne observed a subject walking on the roadway while intoxicated. The subject was a danger to himself and others with his disregard for vehicular traffic and other pedestrians. When the subject walked within three feet of Sgt. Payne's fully marked patrol truck he finished his beer and threw the can into the ditch. When Sgt. Payne contacted the subject he stated, "I knew I should not have come out tonight." The subject was lodged in the Crawford County Jail for disorderly conduct.

While working in Burtons Landing SFC during the 2015 Canoe Marathon, Sgt. Jeremy Payne was in a wooded area next to the river observing the spectators. While the race was going by this location one of the spectators standing on the bank of the river turned away from the river and began urinating with other spectators being in the immediate area. Sgt. Payne contacted the subject and wrote him a ticket for disorderly conduct.

COs Warren MacNeill, Matt Liestenfeltz, Chuck McPherson, Mike Hearn, Brian Olsen, PCOs Sam Schluckbier, Casey Pullman, Mike Zultak and Sgt. Jeremy Payne patrolled Houghton Lake during the 2015 Bud Bash. During this patrol officers arrested three individuals for operating a vessel while intoxicated. Other violations included disorderly conduct, minors in possession of alcohol and littering.

While patrolling the 2015 Bud Bash, CO Brian Olsen and Sgt. Jeremy Payne observed a female pulling a small air raft toward shore. Further observation determined there was a man on the raft and unable to walk due to his intoxication. The officers approached the female when she reached shore. The officers summoned EMS to check the male subject. It was determined the male was indeed intoxicated. A taxi was summoned and both individuals were transported to their hotel.

DISTRICT 6

CO William Brickel and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly were on patrol of the Saginaw County River systems. During the patrol numerous contacts were made, including one contact where it was noted that the individual did not have any MC numbers or a current registration for his vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Brickel was on patrol of the Maple River SGA and observed a car driving slowly and stopping frequently. Contact was made with the driver and they were looking for deer in the game area and surrounding properties. However, during the contact alcohol was observed and a strong smell of marijuana was coming from the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was working Bay County when he observed a motorcycle operating on the side of the road. When the operator saw the CO at the intersection he immediately turned around and took off. CO Foerster followed the motorcyclist as he pulled into a driveway and then into a garage. At this time the CO made contact with him and he stated that he did not see him. He told the CO that he got scared and wanted to get back home. Numerous violations took place during the incident and enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea assisted at the Bay City Recreation Area Waterfowl Festival. CO Rhodea tested hunters and visitors on duck wing identification and was a judge in the Michigan Waterfowl Stamp competition.

While checking shore anglers, CO Kyle Bucholtz spoke with a subject who did not have his fishing license on his person. The subject stated he had just moved back from out of state and forgot the license at home. Upon checking with dispatch, CO Bucholtz learned the subject did have a fishing license. However, the out-of-state resident had been purchasing both fish and deer licenses as a resident, even though he admitted he resided in another state for those years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz received a complaint of illegal baiting. While checking the area CO Bucholtz located the illegal baiting site. CO Bucholtz seized evidence and attempted to identify the suspect. Days later after being identified, the suspect met with CO Bucholtz at the site. Enforcement action was taken.

While on routine patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz stopped an ORV with two riders. Neither subject had a helmet or seat belt on. The ORV was also unregistered and being driven by a young teen who had failed to obtain his ORV certificate. Enforcement action was taken against the young driver's parent/passenger.

CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted Sanilac County Sheriff's deputies in a search for a missing elderly subject. CO Bucholtz searched the area on his ORV and patrol truck. The missing subject was later found by an assisting airplane. The subject was alive and well, but reportedly suffered from dehydration.

DISTRICT 7

CO Mike Mshar received a late night RAP complaint in Barry County in reference to a subject who had killed a goose with a baseball bat. CO Mshar responded to the location and contacted a witness and the female suspect. CO Mshar was familiar with the suspect as she was involved in a previous complaint involving harassing geese. The suspect told CO Mshar that she would kill the geese or poison them if they kept coming onto her yard. On this night the suspect chased a goose and after catching it she proceeded to bludgeon it with a baseball bat. The suspect was highly intoxicated and uncooperative with CO Mshar. Charges are pending.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO James McAteer were on a stop with an ORV on the roadway when they observed a fight between two females at a residence close to their location. Quickly clearing the stop, the COs contacted the fighting females. It was determined to be a domestic situation and was subsequently turned over to local deputies.

CO Andy Bauer spoke at a hunter safety class at the Berrien County Sportsman Club with 20 students and parents in attendance.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO James McAteer were checking three subjects they had observed fishing and discovered that one of the subjects did not have a fishing license. The woman initially denied fishing until it was explained that the COs had watched her fishing for about five minutes before making contact, which led to the woman admitting to fishing. During the contact, PCO McAteer discovered a 12 inch bass in a fish basket. It was determined that an elderly gentleman had kept the short bass. A ticket was issued for the fishing license violation and a warning was given regarding the short bass, which was released alive.

CO Andy Bauer was called out on a report of a dangerous snake at a residence. CO Bauer responded and discovered a garter snake that had eaten a large toad. The snake was moved to a location away from the residence.

CO Jeff Robinette assisted CO Todd Thorn with a traffic stop where the driver of the vehicle was suspended and subsequently discovered to have 20 warrants for his arrest. Inside the vehicle were two women and six children. Neither of the women had valid driver licenses and had a total of 10 warrants between them. Due to the children being present, the mother of the children was advised and released on her six warrants and the other woman was lodged for her warrants. The driver was also lodged for his warrants and for driving with a suspended license. A licensed driver was called to drive the mother and her children home.

In response to escalated problems with drug and alcohol use, as well as gang related activity at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival in the city of Grand Haven, 22 conservation officers and seven park rangers stepped up enforcement efforts. Over 4,000 contacts were made with park goers, 69 arrests were made for alcohol related illegal activity, and 207 warnings were given for attempting to bring

alcohol into the park. Numerous lost children were located and first aid was given to many individuals.

While attempting to break up a fight over a broken iPhone at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival, CO Chris Holmes was assaulted by a juvenile as he tried to de-escalate the situation and remove the juvenile. With the assistance of CO Chris Simpson and many other COs and rangers, the subject was taken into custody and turned over to the Juvenile Detention Center in Ottawa County. A petition was requested to the Juvenile Court for resist and obstruct a peace officer and for disorderly person.

CO Gerard Goulette and PCO Ethan Gainforth responded to several complaints of an intoxicated subject tripping around the beach area and being loud at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival. The subject was located and a file check revealed the subject had just been arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol for the third time. He was also currently out on bond for driving while intoxicated and has an open case for third degree criminal sexual conduct in Ingham County. A preliminary breath test revealed that he was over three times the legal limit and enforcement action was taken.

CO Gerard Goulette and PCO Ethan Gainforth assisted the MSP drug team with a hemp flight used to monitor illegal drug activity in the area. Numerous contacts were made with subjects having minor security issues with their legal growing operations that were addressed. One residence had several plants growing around their property with no enclosure, which is required by law. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking local anglers at a local gravel pit in Ottawa County CO Gerard Goulette and PCO Ethan Gainforth contacted a subject who could not produce a fishing license. A records check indicated he had an outstanding warrant. The subject was ticketed for the fishing license and lodged in the county jail for the outstanding warrant.

DISTRICT 8

CO Chris Reynolds, while on patrol on a local lake, observed a subject in a kayak with no visible PFD. When the subject was checked, he was stuffing something in his waistband. During the contact the subject fell out of his kayak. CO Reynolds assisted the subject back into his kayak and found a baggie of suspected marijuana floating on the water next to him. Charges will be sought for the substance and the subject was charged for the PFD violation.

CO Chris Reynolds, while on patrol on a local lake, observed a boat with an expired registration. The owners were adamant that they had sent in the registration. A check revealed it was still expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a subject kayaking with his child. The CO approached and noticed there was no PFD for the subject or the child. The subject admitted he had

forgotten to grab the PFDs. A quick education was given on the importance of PFDs and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds observed a subject kayaking through the middle of a busy lake. There was no visible PFD. When contact was made, the subject had no idea he needed to have a PFD in a kayak. The CO advised the subject of the importance of PFDs and enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page assisted Bronson City Police Officers with a complaint of an assault in progress. Upon arrival, all parties were separated and questioned about the incident. After interviewing the individuals involved and one independent witness, officers received very conflicting stories and will be requesting charges through the prosecutor's office.

CO Matt Page responded to a complaint of a headless deer carcass in a cut wheat field in Branch County. It was determined that the buck was shot late in the night. Evidence was gathered and future patrols will be conducted in the area.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Mark Siemen worked marine patrols in Lansing and contacted approximately 80 individuals, giving out a number of verbal warnings for minor marine violations.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jason King patrolled the annual Raft-O-Rama on Clark Lake in Jackson County. A few minor marine verbal warnings were issued. It is clear that past patrols have resulted in compliance and very few violations.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jason King attended the Camp Teetonkah Boy Scouts Camp on August 1st in Jackson. Approximately 80 contacts were made explaining the role of conservation officers, safety, and wildlife information to young boys.

CO Jeff Goss investigated a complaint of a woman holding raccoons in captivity. Upon contact with the subject, it was discovered that she was a licensed rehabilitator through the DNR. The rehabilitator had recently moved and her address had not been updated causing the confusion. No violations were observed.

DISTRICT 9

COs Kris Kiel, Ben Lasher, Al Schwiderson, PCO Daniel Robinson, and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked the Aquapalooza concert on the water in Anchor Bay off of Belle Maer Marina, in Lake St. Clair, hosted by Sea Ray Boats. This was a two day concert series and was attended by thousands. The COs assisted with intoxicated swimmers, lost boaters, gave many verbal warnings, and enforced marine safety violations including failure to provide PFDs.

Chief Gary Hagler, Lt. Arthur Green III, Cpl. Peggy Ruby, Sgts. Damon Owens, Dan Bigger, Todd Szyska, COs Jeremy Beavers, Jason Becker, and Mike Drexler took part

in instruction to teens enrolled in the first ever Youth Conservation Academy. The program is aimed at introducing and getting the participants more engaged in the out of doors through education and experience.

CO David Schaumburger received a complaint of a pet raccoon being held inside a residence. CO Schaumburger arrived at the home and asked for consent to search the house, but the homeowner said she would rather go to jail than having the raccoon leave the residence. CO Schaumburger interviewed another occupant of the residence who stated the raccoon was in the spare bedroom. CO Schaumburger removed the raccoon from the bedroom, but before leaving asked both the residents for identification. CO Schaumburger checked both residents via LEIN and found that one resident had a felony warrant for his arrest and the other had a misdemeanor warrant for her arrest. CO Schaumburger asked for assistance from local police and both residents were taken to jail and CO Schaumburger left with the raccoon.

CO Jason Becker was checking anglers in Kensington Metropark and observed a couple quickly packing their belongings when they saw him. CO Becker met them at their car and asked to check fishing licenses. They stated that they did not have them, but didn't keep any fish and thought that was ok. CO Becker explained that they did need licenses. CO Becker ran a LEIN check on both subjects. One subject had five outstanding warrants from various agencies. The subject was arrested on the warrants.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers investigated a waterfowl complaint on Lobdell Lake. While he was outside in the area of the complaint, CO Beavers heard an ORV that sounded like it was being operated on the roadway near the high school. CO Beavers had recently received information that unidentified individuals were riding ORVs on school property. CO Beavers went to the school and parked along a wooded area to watch for ORVs. After sitting for approximately five minutes CO Beavers spotted a subject riding a dirt bike without a helmet. CO Beavers stopped the dirt bike on school property and discovered four violations. The subject was operating the dirt bike on private property, on the roadway, without a helmet and it was unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

CO Chris Reynolds, while working a shift on Belle Isle with CO Larn Strawn, had a very busy patrol with the Rally Car races wrapping up. Numerous vehicles were given verbal warnings for being in the park after hours.

COs Chris Reynolds and Larn Strawn, while working on Belle Isle, encountered numerous subjects with warrants in a closed parking area. One subject was wanted on his warrant and picked up by the MSP. The other subjects were advised and released.

CO Matt Page was traveling home from working on Belle Isle when he was passed by a vehicle traveling well over 70 miles per hour. CO Page was able to pace the vehicle at 93 miles per hour and, after initiating a traffic stop, the subject stated that she was

heading to the hospital to visit her friend. The subject, when asked if there was someone that could verify this story, stated, "No, you can write me a ticket." Enforcement action was taken.

While on routine patrol on Belle Isle, CO Todd Thorn conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle near the beach area. CO Thorn contacted the driver and found that his license was suspended. CO Thorn obtained identification cards from all three of the adults in the vehicle and found that all three had warrants. Further investigation revealed that there were a total of 30 warrants between the three men, with the operator having 20 of those. Two of the individuals were transported to local jails. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn was contacted by a concerned citizen on Belle Isle who stated that he had lost his car keys. CO Thorn took down the man's contact info and they parted ways. Later during the shift, CO Thorn was in the vicinity where the man thought he had lost his keys and was approached by a woman holding keys matching the man's description, stating that she had found them. The man was contacted and later returned to the island to gratefully retrieve them.

While working on Belle Isle, Sgt. Dan Bigger assisted PRD staff in ensuring that the "No Parking" zones near the beach area were being adhered to. After several passes along the area near the beach utilizing the PA to advise patrons that vehicles in these no parking zones would be ticketed or towed, Sgt. Bigger began to run vehicle plates to issue tickets for the infraction. Upon running a plate of one vehicle, it was discovered that the plate was fraudulent. Sgt. Bigger confiscated the plate and had the vehicle towed. The owner of the vehicle was located several hours later and was not willing to provide information as to why the plate was fraudulent.

While enroute to Belle Isle CO Gowenlock was driving behind a truck pulling a fifth wheel trailer. The truck and trailer hit a huge bump in the road and two bikes which were on the bike rack fell off and were dragging behind. CO Gowenlock conducted a traffic stop and informed the driver of the bikes. He assisted the driver with re-attaching his bikes and used a strap to help keep the bikes from falling off. The driver was very thankful for his help.

While working Belle Isle, CO Chad Foerster detected a strong odor of marijuana in the air. He was able to track the smell back to a vehicle where he found two subjects inside actively smoking. The male subject had a felony warrant for his arrest along with six misdemeanor warrants. Enforcement action was taken and he was lodged at the Wayne County Division One facility.

CO Chad Foerster worked two consecutive days on Belle Isle where he responded to two separate medical complaints. One turned out to be a heroin overdose and the other was a grand mal seizure.

While patrolling Belle Isle, COs Dan Walzak and Mike Drexler responded to a report of a medical emergency where a subject was bleeding profusely. A pump that automatically administers medication intravenously became disconnected causing the bleeding. Detroit Fire Department dispatched an ambulance to the scene and the subject was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital.

CO Mike Drexler worked the Red Bull Auto Races on Belle Isle. Throughout the weekend, CO Drexler, along with other COs and MSP troopers responded to and handled alarm calls at the Dossin Museum, an assault and battery complaint in which the investigation continues and a heroin overdose medical call.

CO Mike Drexler worked a busy afternoon shift on Belle Isle. There was a very large turnout for an electronic music festival on the island. Conservation officers and MSP troopers closed the island early due to unsafe traffic backups across the island. It took all police units combined approximately an hour and a half to clear the traffic backups.

CO Richard Cardenas was working Belle Isle when he conducted a traffic stop for a traffic violation. CO Cardenas learned that the driver had two warrants for his arrest. CO Cardenas was able to collect \$300 bond from the driver and advised him of his court date. A verbal warning was given for the traffic offense.

While patrolling Belle Isle for the Belle Isle Light Show Concert, COs Richard Cardenas and Jeremy Beavers received a complaint about a fire near the playground. The COs located a trash can that was on fire and extinguished it with a fire extinguisher. Those who started the fire were not located.

While on Belle Isle, COs Richard Cardenas and Jeremy Beavers responded to a "Be on the Lookout" complaint for a subject who was falling down and appeared to have a medical issue. With the help of the MSP, COs Cardenas and Beavers were able to locate the subject. Emergency Medical Services was requested to respond to scene, however, due to traffic and the number of people on Belle Isle, EMS was unable to locate the scene. While utilizing the DNR Law Enforcement Polaris Ranger emergency unit, COs Cardenas and Beavers were able to guide the Detroit EMS unit through the traffic and crowds to provide emergency aid to the subject.

Sgt. Jason J. Smith was patrolling Belle Isle when he observed a vehicle parked in a tow-away zone. Sgt. Smith attempted to find the owner but was unsuccessful. Due to the fact that the vehicle was parked illegally and in an unsafe manner where other motorists had to swerve to get out of the way as they came around curve, Sgt. Smith had the vehicle towed.

CO Mark Ennett worked with other officers on Belle Isle over the weekend for the Red Bull GRC Races using a combination of ORVs and patrol vehicles. Despite very large regular crowds, along with the race fans, the weekend was relatively problem-free. Two incidents were investigated by COs on Sunday. One involved a verbal argument with a bicyclist accusing a vehicle owner of partially blocking the bike path. That escalated to

an assault on the cyclist by the owner of the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle left the scene. Based on information from the victim and a witness, COs Mike Drexler and Chris Knights attempted to locate the suspect at his residence. The subject was not able to be located and the investigation continues.