

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Josh Boudreaux assisted with a hunter education class at the Negaunee Rod and Gun Club in Marquette County. CO Boudreaux covered important information in the hunting guide and answered many questions. The class had very high attendance.

CO Josh Boudreaux took part in a celebration of Smokey Bear's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at Van Riper State Park in Marquette County. CO Boudreaux and members of local law enforcement and fire departments conducted a parade through the park and then mingled with campers who were enjoying the warm weekend at the park. Campers were happy to have the opportunity to interact with local law enforcement officers in a relaxed environment.

CO Josh Boudreaux received a complaint of an early bear bait in Marquette County. CO Boudreaux and acting Sgt. Mark Leadman investigated the area and located multiple bait sites which had been established and tended well before August 10<sup>th</sup>. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Josh Boudreaux was patrolling Marquette County when he witnessed a side-by-side off road vehicle (ORV) pass him on the road with neither the operator or passenger wearing their seatbelts. CO Boudreaux turned around and after catching up to the ORV activated his emergency lights to conduct a stop. The driver looked back at CO Boudreaux's patrol truck and then while continuing down the road, began conversing with the passenger and pointing down a side road. Suspecting they were preparing to flee, CO Boudreaux pulled up alongside the ORV and got them to stop. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was checking a boat access site at a state-owned campground in Marquette County when he received a complaint of a verbal altercation taking place between campers over noise violations. CO DeLonge responded to the suspect campsites along with local township police officers and contacted the multiple large parties involved. After several interviews with both parties the problem was resolved, and the suspect campers eventually decided to leave the campground.

CO Brett DeLonge observed several personal watercraft (PWC) operating on a Marquette County lake. CO DeLonge noticed one PWC pulling a tube without a spotter. CO DeLonge watched the PWC return to a residence on the lake and after driving around the lake located the residence. CO DeLonge contacted the operator and explained the safety violation without having a spotter along with his operation of the PWC with multiple tube riders amongst several other boaters on the lake. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received a complaint of numerous high-speed boaters on Little Shag Lake in the Gwinn area. CO DeLonge patrolled the lake in the evening and only observed several pontoon boats operating slowly around the lake.

CO Josh Boudreaux was patrolling southern Marquette County when he heard a report of a motor vehicle accident with injuries near his location. CO Boudreaux responded to the scene and assisted Forsyth Township PD, Fire and EMS, as well as the Marquette County Sheriff's Department.

CO Josh Boudreaux was contacted by DNR Wildlife Division employees about a collared wolf that was believed to be deceased due to a mortality signal being emitted from its collar. CO Boudreaux responded to the location along with DNR Wildlife personnel. Upon locating the wolf, it was determined that the wolf had likely been shot at a separate location and then dumped. A weeklong investigation ensued with assistance from DNR Wildlife Division, DNR Law Enforcement Special Investigations Unit, acting Sgt. Mark Leadman and Delta County CO Stephen Butzin. Using information gathered in the investigation, the COs were able to locate the suspect and obtain a confession. Charges are pending with the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash with injuries on M-95 in Marquette County. Upon arrival on scene, CO Boudreaux began assessing the occupants of the first vehicle, who had already exited their vehicle and were standing by with first responders while an MSP trooper assessed the second vehicle's occupant. It was discovered the operator of the second vehicle was under the influence of intoxicants. After UP Health EMS transported the occupants of the first vehicle, CO Boudreaux assisted the MSP trooper with assessing the intoxicated driver who was ultimately lodged for operating while intoxicated (OWI.)

CO Josh Boudreaux observed multiple ORVs operating on heavily travelled, unofficial trails that paralleled various state highways in Marquette County. CO Boudreaux contacted operators and educated them on regulations pertaining to operating along state and federal highways.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith noticed two ORVs pull into a boat launch. Neither of the operators were wearing eye protection and stated they were just riding over from their camp down the road and enjoying the wonderful weather. After conversing with them for a short period of time, CO Boudreaux educated them on the importance of eye protection when riding due to often dusty conditions and flying debris. The two thanked the COs and headed back to camp to retrieve eye protection.

CO Cody Smith was on patrol when he passed two ORVs operating on the shoulder of the roadway. The first ORV had two occupants, one of which was not wearing a helmet. As CO Smith turned around to stop the two he noticed that neither ORV had ORV permits displayed. After stopping the ORVs, CO Smith discussed the violations of no helmet or goggles, no ORV permits, and riding double. Citations were issued.

CO Cody Smith was at his residence getting ready for patrol when he heard sirens in the distance. He turned on his radio to hear of an accident involving a car in the ditch. He quickly finished getting his uniform on and drove to the scene to aid. On scene were MSP, Baraga County Sheriff's Department and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Law Enforcement units. The occupant of the car only received minor bruises after swerving to miss a deer and driving their vehicle off the shoulder of the road and down a 10-15 foot drop to a wetland below. The occupant was given a ride home by a Baraga County deputy and the scene was cleared after a tow truck retrieved the totaled vehicle.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman assisted Wildlife Biologist Brian Roell with an inspection at a local cervidae facility. The same facility had been inspected three years earlier with some improvements being needed at that time to the enclosure. Upon inspection, it was determined that the main gate had not been corrected to the legal requirements as noted three years earlier. Various other parts of the fence enclosure needs repairing to be in compliance with the law. Enforcement action has been initiated.

CO Ethen Mapes was on patrol near Greenland when he observed a young man operating a dirt bike with no eye protection. Upon contact the boy was found to be under the legal age to operate an ORV without adult supervision and no ORV registration. The boy was turned over to his grandfather with a warning.

CO Jennifer Hanson patrolled the Cisco Chain of Lakes in Gogebic County. Numerous fishing and marine safety violations were addressed such as fishing without a license, failing to provide an adequate number of personal floatation devices (PFD), failure to display registration decal, and violations of the slow no wake zone. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jennifer Hanson and Zach Painter responded to an ORV accident in Ironwood Township. The COs rendered medical aid to the subject and assisted the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department with the investigation.

While on patrol of the Sylvania Wilderness Area in Gogebic County, CO Jennifer Hanson assisted three subjects with an overturned canoe. The anglers were near shore when their canoe capsized due to the waves. CO Hanson helped the subjects return their canoe safely to shore and no injuries were reported.

COs Zach Painter and Jennifer Hanson were on patrol in Gogebic County and responded to an ORV accident north of Ironwood. The driver of the ORV lost control and struck a tree. The driver was experiencing severe back pain and the COs assisted the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department in keeping the driver stable until EMS arrived. The driver was transported to the local hospital for further medical attention.

CO Doug Hermanson received information about a subject driving around with and showing off a baby gray fox she had purchased. CO Hermanson located the caged fox at a residence and after speaking with the homeowner and viewing electronic

correspondence, determined that the fox was neither, nor appeared the same as, a native wild fox. It had been purchased from an exotic animal farm as a pet.

CO Ethen Mapes was patrolling Lake Gogebic after sunset when he stopped a pontoon boat for traveling without navigational lights. The vessel was also found to have an expired registration. CO Mapes was citing the operator for the equipment violation when another vessel, a fishing boat, was spotted also traveling without navigational lighting.

CO Mapes followed the vessel to a nearby resort where he observed the operator struggling to dock his boat and then contacted him at the dock. CO Mapes suspected the operator to be under the influence of alcohol and sobriety tests were performed. The operator was more than twice the legal BAC limit and was lodged at the Ontonagon County Jail.

CO Ethen Mapes assisted an Ontonagon County deputy with two domestic violence complaints on a busy night in Ontonagon County. One complaint included a baseball bat, malicious destruction of property, and a loaded shotgun. Alcohol was present in every individual involved.

CO Brian Lasanen received a complaint of vehicles driving on the beach and in the water on state land at Keystone Beach. CO Lasanen responded to the area and was advised by other campers that the vehicles had left before his arrival. One of the campers was able to give descriptions and license plate information of the vehicles. CO Lasanen was able to locate the vehicles in nearby Copper Harbor and waited until the owners of the vehicles returned. After a brief interview the drivers admitted to driving on the beach and in the water. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) Officer Steve Amsler conducted a joint marine patrol on the Portage Waterway and connecting lakes. Anglers and boaters were contacted, and compliance was found to be good.

CO Brian Bacon attended training with MSP Iron Mountain for active violence response and traffic interdiction.

CO Brian Bacon was patrolling lakes in Dickinson County when he observed three anglers fishing on the back side of a remote lake. The subjects were bobber fishing and CO Bacon observed each fishing for a lengthy period before contacting the group. When contacted, one angler stated he was not fishing and his claim was supported by the group. After discussing that he was observed fishing for a period, the subject admitted to fishing without a license. Further investigation found the non-resident had purchased resident licenses for the four years prior. The residency investigation is ongoing with enforcement action taken for the fishing license violation.

CO Brian Bacon stopped an ORV operator for operating against the flow of traffic on a county roadway. Further investigation found the subject had failed to purchase an ORV permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon received a complaint in Iron County of subject fishing with milk jugs. One of the jugs had floated into a swimming area which led a landowner to pull the jug and call the RAP line. CO Bacon responded and was able to locate a group of kids responsible for the jugs.

CO Bacon and CO Jeff Dell patrolled Iron County lakes for marine and fishing activity. The COs discovered one group that had been up from out of state and had been fishing for the last three days. Two out of three subjects checked could not produce fishing licenses. One subject stated he purchased an online license but didn't save it and he did not currently have phone signal. When CO Bacon showed the subject that there was phone service where they were at, the stories changed. CO Bacon verified that both subjects had not purchased licenses, and enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Bacon and Jeff Dell approached two anglers who were observed fishing. As the COs approached, they observed one of the anglers throw a fish from the boat. When contacted, the angler stated they were just releasing a twelve-inch bass they had caught earlier. A check of the rest of the fish on board found more undersize bass. The subjects then asked if the size limit on bass was still at twelve inches. The COs answered that if they believed the limit was still at twelve inches, they would not have just released a twelve-inch bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson attended a law enforcement showcase event held at the Iron County fairgrounds. Local police, fire and EMS were on hand to display vehicles and equipment. Many questions were taken in various outdoor topic areas.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling in Iron County when a report of a domestic assault in progress came in. CO Ferguson responded and assisted the Iron River Police Department at the scene. The suspect had fled the scene but was later arrested at the city hall building after damaging the front door and other city property.

CO Jared Ferguson responded to a complaint of multiple camps exceeding the fifteen-day limit in the Groveland Mine State Area. Contact was made with multiple camps and camping violations were addressed.

COs Jeffrey Dell and Jared Ferguson conducted a marine safety patrol for Menominee's Waterfront Festival. Several marine safety violations were observed, and enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeffrey Dell, Jared Ferguson, and Jeremy Sergey instructed the law portion of hunter's safety to 61 students in Dickinson County.

CO Jeremy Sergey was checking a boat launch on the Menominee River when he came across a group of individuals getting ready to launch a boat. CO Sergey noticed the boat had a motor, but it did not have a registration. CO Sergey informed the owner that to operate a motorboat, he needs to have the boat registered. The owner stated he only has the motor on as an emergency and uses oars to propel the boat. CO Sergey informed the owner he still needs to have the boat registered if he has the motor mounted. The owner explained he had the boat registered but had to look for his state numbers and registration. After looking for a short while, the owner found his state numbering and registration, the owner promptly put his state numbering and registration on display.

CO Cody Smith was on his way to the Baraga Marina and spotted a motorist with a flat tire. CO Smith asked the motorist if he could use a hand and assisted in taking the tire off and getting a spare to put on the vehicle. The motorist asked what he owed CO Smith. CO Smith offered a handshake and advised the motorist to have safe travels.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Bobby Watson responded to a complaint of a resident shooting multiple deer that have been munching on the landowner's garden. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Bobby Watson was patrolling with Corporal (Cpl.) Mike Hammill when contact was made with an ORV travelling down a local side street. The ORV was not properly registered. The owner of the ORV stated he was letting his father borrow the ORV for yard work and claimed that the lights on his trailer were not working, so he chose to drive his ORV to his father's house rather than trailer it. The owner was informed that any time the ORV leaves private property it must be registered. A warning was given, and the owner was given 24 hours to purchase an ORV registration sticker.

CO Robert Freeborn investigated a complaint of a nuisance beaver that was damaging a subject's property. Upon further investigation, it was determined the beaver had fallen several trees onto the subject's residence as well as a wood shed and log splitter. A permit was issued for the landowner to trap the beaver.

While on routine patrol CO Robert Freeborn and law enforcement officer (LEO) Tembreull from the US Forest Service responded to assist with a complaint of a highly intoxicated subject who was parked in the middle of a road and standing outside of his vehicle. Upon arrival to the area, the officers located the suspect's vehicle parked along the road way with its four-way flashers on, but the vehicle was unoccupied. Shortly after, local deputies arrived on scene and began to look for the driver. After searching the surrounding woods, the officers located the driver hiding behind a shed in a neighboring residence yard. The suspect was extremely intoxicated and was arrested for felony OWI by the deputies and was lodged.

CO Stephen Butzin assisted MSP in contacting a suicidal subject that claimed he wanted to hurt himself. A "be on the look-out" (BOL) was put out for the subject's vehicle

and a short time later the vehicle and subject were located. CO Butzin and MSP contacted the individual and were able to get him the help that he required.

CO Stephen Butzin encountered a vehicle traveling down a roadway without a license plate. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. Further investigation found that the vehicle did not have a valid registration nor valid insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch were patrolling when they encountered two subjects who were known to have suspended driver's licenses. The COs observed the subjects get into a vehicle and leave a local hiking area. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver of the vehicle was arrested and lodged at the Delta County Jail for driving while license suspended 2<sup>nd</sup> offense.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch were patrolling Garden Township when they observed a vehicle traveling down a highway without any headlights. The COs also observed that the occupants were not wearing seat belts and had open containers of alcohol in their hands. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and the COs discovered that the vehicle did not have a Michigan registration. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Stephen Butzin and Chris Lynch were patrolling through Gladstone when they observed a vehicle swerving back and forth on a city street. The vehicle almost hit a parked car and was driving left of the center line multiple times. As the COs initiated a traffic stop, the vehicle came to a stop in the oncoming lane. Further investigation found that the operator was driving while under the influence of intoxicants. The driver was currently on bond for a previous operate while intoxicated charge and part of his bond conditions was not to consume alcohol. The driver was placed under arrest for another OWI charge and for violating his bond conditions from his previous OWI and was lodged at the Delta County Jail.

CO Mark Zitnik was on M-28 patrolling to Munising when he noticed an Alger County ambulance running with lights and sirens towards him. The CO noticed a car would not yield to the emergency vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted and enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Vinson and acting Sgt. Michael Evink patrolled several rivers to conduct fishing checks and to educate local fishermen on how to prevent the spread of an aquatic invasive species called the New Zealand Mud Snail. Most of the anglers contacted were not aware of the species' presence in the state. During the patrol several kayakers were found without PFDs. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Calvin Smith, Colton Gelinas, Thomas Oberg, Justin Vinson, and acting Sgt. Michael Evink conducted a group patrol to reduce ORV damage along the Lake Superior shoreline. All those contacted were compliant.

COs Colton Gelinas and Calvin Smith were on patrol in northern Chippewa County when they came across a pair of ORV riders. The first ORV operator flagged down the COs and asked where the closest place was to purchase fuel. The second ORV operator came to a stop approximately 30 feet from the COs. Thinking this was strange behavior, the COs walked up to the second ORV and he was found to be operating without an ORV license and had his driving privileges suspended. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith assisted the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department with a Canadian National Railroad train that derailed near Rexton. Fortunately, there were no injuries and the only cars that derailed were carrying iron ore pellets.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when he received information from central dispatch of a suicidal subject nearby. CO Oberg responded to the address and contacted the mother and father of the subject who did not know where their son was. After a couple hours of searching the nearby area and checking locations that the subject's cell phone was pinged, the subject returned home without injuries.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when he noticed a vehicle coming at him head on. The vehicle almost went into the ditch, swerving to avoid collision with the CO's truck. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle. The driver was a very new and inexperienced driver and informed CO Oberg that they were playing with the CD player and lost control. CO Oberg spoke with the subject about distracted driving and the seriousness of it. Enforcement action was taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Duane Budreau has been diligently attempting to contact an individual who had left his boat on the lake all winter. The boat was tied to the dock with about 20 ft. of line. It had gotten pushed out to the end of the line by the winter weather. Between the snow and ice damage, as well as spring rainfall, the boat had sunk to the bottom of the lake. The first time CO Budreau attempted to contact the boat owner, no one would come to the door. CO Budreau yelled through the closed door as the female resident sat on the couch less than 5 ft. away. She finally came to the door and angrily reported that the boat was her husband's problem and that it had nothing to do with her. After numerous attempts to contact the owner and have the boat removed, CO Budreau pulled into the driveway to see the suspect running through the house to once again hide from CO Budreau. CO Budreau obtained a warrant for the individual and arrested him at his place of employment. As CO Budreau was transporting the individual to the county jail, he complained of being inconvenienced at work.

CO Adam LeClerc worked the Elk Rapids Harbor Days Fireworks on Lake Michigan. Numerous boaters were contacted after dark for inoperable bow or stern lights. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Adam LeClerc and Chad Baldwin assisted CO Duane Budreau with serving a warrant in Emmet County. The subject was taken into custody without incident.

COs Chad Baldwin and Adam LeClerc were conducting a marine patrol on Lake Charlevoix when they noticed two passengers riding on the bow of a boat without proper seating and travelling at approximately 25-30 mph. When the COs turned their vessel around, the two passengers immediately stood up and tried to get below the cuddy of the suspect boat. The COs initiated a stop and questioned the occupants who all stated that they knew that they were not supposed to be riding on the bow. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Baldwin responded to a call of an injured golden eagle that land owners found on a two-track road on their property. CO Baldwin, fearing he did not have a crate big enough for a bird as large as a golden eagle, asked the land owner to find a box big enough to put it in. When CO Baldwin arrived at the residence, the land owner had placed a box on top of the bird so it could not run into the woods. CO Baldwin, armed with safety glasses and large leather gloves, was expecting a struggle with such a large bird. He had the land owner remove the box so he could grab and assess the eagle. CO Baldwin was completely surprised at what he saw when the box was removed. Instead of the large golden eagle he was expecting, he saw a small 12-inch broad winged hawk. The hawk was injured, so CO Baldwin prepared a smaller box for it and removed it from the property to take to a rehabilitator.

CO Andrea Erratt reports that the 2016 case against the sailor who abandoned his 32-foot sailboat on the shore of Lake Michigan south of Goodhart is finally closed. At 90<sup>th</sup> Emmet County District Court restitution hearing and sentencing, the boat owner was ordered to pay fines and costs of \$21,035 which includes restitution to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) who organized and funded the removal of the sailboat from the bottom of a steep bluff.

COs Andrea Albert and Steve Butzin reported that a subject was charged with using false information to obtain free military hunting and fishing licenses since 2013 pled guilty to the charges. The subject had been obtaining the free licenses under false pretenses that he was a full time active duty military member. The court ordered \$543 in reimbursement to the state for the illegally obtained licenses for the past five years.

CO Eric Bottorff attended the Top of Michigan Outboard Boat Races planning meeting and made recommendations for patrol boat placement and communications to ensure a safe race for both participants and spectators.

During the Top of Michigan Outboard Races on Burt Lake, a racer fell out of his boat while attempting to pass another race participant. CO Eric Bottorff responded across the race course and helped the racer out of the water and back into his boat while ensuring that oncoming racers did not injure him. The racer was able to re-start his boat and finish the race.

CO Nathan Sink attended a jury trial about an incident of discharging a firearm within 150 yards of a residence.

CO Nathan Sink assisted CO Tim Rosochacki with the Burt Lake boat races. During the race, one of the racing boats flipped over, and both operators were thrown from the boat. CO Sink and CO Rosochacki responded quickly, and the COs were able to assist the two racers back on their boat without issue.

CO Kyle Cherry was patrolling in Cheboygan County when he observed a quad operator go by him without a helmet. CO Cherry spun around and initiated a traffic stop. The quad was also found to be over capacity for passengers and had an ORV license expired for two years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry responded to a report of a boat crash that occurred on Lake Huron. Upon arrival at Otsego Memorial Hospital, it was discovered that the victim received only a minor injury while on a PWC.

CO Kyle Cherry worked a group patrol at Grand Haven State Park during Coast Guard Festival. CO Cherry dealt with several alcohol-related violations.

While on routine patrol, CO Tim Rosochacki was passed by a motorcycle doing 110 mph. CO Rosochacki attempted to stop the motorcycle. However, the operator failed to stop, and continued at an extremely dangerous speed in a 55-mph zone passing numerous other vehicles. CO Rosochacki radioed to other officers in the county the description and direction of travel. A Cheboygan County Sheriff's deputy was in the area and was able to stop the motorcycle without incident. CO Rosochacki arrived at the location where the deputy stopped the motorcycle and arrested the operator for fleeing and eluding a conservation officer, a felony. The operator admitted that he knew he passed the CO; however, he didn't think COs could make traffic stops.

CO Tim Rosochacki worked the inland waterway on a busy weekday. Several issues were encountered including operating at greater than a slow no wake speed and registration violations.

CO Matt Theunick contacted several anglers on the Cheboygan River. Upon contact, several anglers were fishing without a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster responded to a RAP complaint in Montmorency County. The complainant stated that he heard two gunshots and he believed a subject had possibly shot a turkey. CO Webster responded to the alleged shooters address and made contact at the front door. CO Webster asked the home owner if he had heard any gun shots this morning. The man said that he was the one who shot. CO Webster asked the man what he had shot. He stated he was shooting at squirrels, blue jays, and crows. The man admitted he killed a blue jay. CO Webster walked to the back yard with the man and noticed a blue jay dead under a bird feeder. The man said he was tired of the blue jays harassing the smaller birds. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster was patrolling the Lewiston area when an ORV sped past him going the opposite direction. It appeared once the operator saw the CO truck he accelerated. CO Webster proceeded to pace the ORV for over a mile at 55 mph. The ORV was stopped, and enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster patrolled the Avery Lake ORV Trail in Montmorency County. CO Webster made numerous contacts with ORV riders. Several warnings and tickets were given for various ORV violations.

CO Jon Sklba responded to a roadkill bear in Presque Isle County. The bear was taken to a local shop to be processed and donated to the Salvation Army.

CO Jon Sklba investigated a complaint of drones harassing wildlife in Presque Isle County. The area the complaint occurred near has had a large bull elk frequenting it. The caller felt the elk were being harassed by a subject flying the drone. CO Sklba spoke with several individuals who reside in the area and spend considerable time outside. None of the individuals has seen a drone in the area, and the incidence appears to be an isolated one. Conservation officers will continue to patrol the area.

CO Jon Sklba investigated a complaint of a charter captain in Presque Isle County who was reported to be dumping fish carcasses on private property. The charter captain was contacted, and a confession obtained. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling in Presque Isle County in traffic behind several vehicles in a curvy section of roadway when another vehicle passed the whole group of vehicles in a no passing zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver stated that she was just trying to go out to dinner with her family. CO Sklba advised the careless driver of the possibility of oncoming traffic coming around the corner and the safety concerns of everyone on the roadway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba noticed dark smoke from an area while patrolling near Grand Lake in Presque Isle County. CO Sklba knew that no burn permits were being issued and decided to track down the responsible party. CO Sklba located the source of smoke which turned out to be a small forest fire. CO Sklba advised local dispatch of the fire and the local fire department was notified. CO Sklba was able to track down the responsible party who had been burning paper earlier in the day. The subject figured the fire was out enough to go back inside; however, the fire spread from the burn barrel. The subject quickly went into action and assisted the responding firemen. The subject later advised that he should have known better as he is a retired fireman. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Sklba and CO Mathew Theunick assisted MSP with marine based training in Cheboygan County.

CO Jon Sklba investigated a complaint in Presque Isle County of subjects camping on state land in one location longer than the 15-day limit. CO Sklba contacted the

suspected party who had just arrived the day before. It appeared that the site is just so popular every time the complainant attempted to camp in the area, someone else already was.

CO Paul Fox assisted local deputies to investigate and remove an illegal outdoor marijuana grow operation. The plants were being grown in an open grass field near a residence

CO Sidney Collins worked a group patrol at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival. With there being no alcohol allowed on state park property, several subjects were in violation, and enforcement action was taken. Several verbal warnings were given.

CO Sidney Collins acted upon a complaint of a subject cutting trees, grass, and making structures on state land backing up to their property in Montmorency County. After the investigation, it was proven that there were no trees taken down. However, the subject had placed his TV antenna on state land and was mowing state property. The subject was instructed to move his antenna and to only maintain his area of private property.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO William Haskin was patrolling the Manistee River for boating and kayaking patrol when he encountered a powered vessel without a current registration. Upon contact, it was also discovered that none of the passengers on the vessel had PFDs. The purpose of registering a vessel was explained and enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling areas that were closed to ORVs and all motor vehicles. While patrolling, he encountered five dirt bikes operating in one of those closed areas. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hubers responded to another early morning bear complaint at the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore Platte River Campground, where a woman and child reported they were trapped in their tent while a bear broke into their on-site food containers. The bear was scared away from the scene prior to CO Hubers arrival.

COs Rebecca Hubers and Amanda McCurdy responded to a complaint of a possible gunshot northern pike at Dubonnet Trail Dam in Grand Traverse County. The COs recovered the wounded 28-inch northern pike flailing near shore and several bullet casings from the scene. There are no immediate suspects.

COs Richard Stowe and Rebecca Hubers spoke to approximately 30 students and parents at the hunter safety class held at the Walton Junction Sportsman's Club.

While on marine patrol on Duck Lake in Grand Traverse County, CO Amanda McCurdy observed three individuals fishing from a pontoon boat. As CO McCurdy approached, the anglers began to pack up their equipment and depart. CO McCurdy stopped them

and requested their fishing licenses. Only one individual produced a valid fishing license and during a marine check, the subjects were only able to provide one PFD. Citations were issued for failing to have enough wearable PFDs on board as well as failing to produce a type IV PFD (throwable.) Verbal warnings were issued to the subjects for fishing without licenses.

Shortly after, CO McCurdy conducted another fishing and marine check of two anglers. One subject admitted he only had one PFD on board and an RSS check revealed that the second subject had not purchased a 2018 fishing license. A citation was issued for the PFD violation and a verbal warning was issued for fishing without a license.

Leelanau central dispatch received a parking complaint at the DNR access site in Leland. COs Patrick McManus and Amanda McCurdy responded to the area and observed three vehicles parked at the launch without trailers. Citations were issued to all three of the registered owners.

While on patrol in Benzie County, CO Patrick McManus was requested by local law enforcement agencies to assist with locating and arresting a suspect with multiple felony warrants out of multiple states and jurisdictions. The suspect was located and taken into custody near a small spot of state land in an area behind the suspect's neighborhood. After they were taken to jail, CO McManus noticed two camps set up on the state land that did not possess proper camping registration. Upon further investigation, CO McManus noticed a handgun and marijuana with associated drug paraphernalia inside one of the tents. Once the tent owners returned to the scene from fishing on a nearby river, CO McManus addressed the multiple violations including an unregistered handgun, the illegal drugs, and multiple state land use rules.

CO William Kinney was patrolling Silver Lake Sand Dunes on a busy Saturday afternoon. Multiple ORVs were stopped and several citations were issued for safety related violations.

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

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Commercial Fish Specialist Sean Kehoe conducted a patrol around the Fox and Manitou Islands working net enforcement.

CO Justin Vanderlinde assisted DEQ and Fisheries Division in checking the South Manitou Lighthouse restoration project and ensuring compliance from the construction company.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski stopped an ORV operator who was not wearing a seatbelt and who was operating on a public highway. Upon contact, CO Brosky noticed that the operator was exhibiting signs of intoxication. When questioned about his operation and alcoholic beverage consumption, the operator told CO Brosky that he had

consumed several whiskey and Cokes and he should not be operating the ORV in his condition. The COs conducted field sobriety tests that resulted in the arrest of the operator for operating an ORV while intoxicated.

CO Brian Brosky and Sgt. Grant Emery were working an area of Mason County for ORV activity when they saw two ORVs being operated on a public highway without helmets. Upon stopping the ORVs and informing them of the violations, a third ORV approached them and was stopped for operating an ORV with a passenger, no helmets or eye protection, and no ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky, Ryan Andrews, and Deputy Mark Willis were patrolling Lake Michigan for fishing and marine related activity. The officers checked several vessels and issued citations for PFD related violations and a vessel that was fishing with excess lines. The anglers fishing with excess lines said that they were simply changing lines when being contacted, but they were informed that they should have removed the two lines from the water before placing additional lines in the water.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews was patrolling a closed ORV hill climb area on state owned lands, Several ORVs had been contacted and enforcement action taken without incident. A short time later, CO Andrews heard several ORVs approach the bottom of the hill climb, after one ORV started up the hill CO Andrews activated the emergency lights on his truck and he exited it to make contact. The operator spun around and raced back down the hill. CO Andrews was ten feet from a second ORV climbing the hill when he yelled, "Stop police." The ORV operator then looked directly at the CO and took off back down the hill. CO Andrews went straight to the nearby ORV parking lot where he found the same individuals quickly trying to load up their ORVs. Both operators stated they saw the officer or his truck and then panicked. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill, while responding to a fishing complaint on the Little Manistee River, observed two dirt bikes drag racing down a public roadway in Manistee County. The two operators were observed traveling over twice the legal speed limit with the aid of CO MacNeill's radar unit. CO MacNeill was only able to catch up to the bikes after one was unable to safely navigate a corner and crashed his bike due to his high speed. The two bikes were riding in a closed part of Manistee County and multiple other violations were observed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Scott MacNeill and Steve Converse were patrolling Portage Lake, in Manistee County, when they observed two individuals fishing in a small boat. After observing the vessel, it was noted that it displayed an expired registration. When contact was made, it was determined that neither fisherman had a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Sam Koscinski and Steve Converse were on marine patrol on Lake Michigan when they observed a vessel operating after dark without displaying navigation lights. Contact was made, and it was very apparent that the captain was under the influence of alcohol.

Sobriety tests were conducted, and the captain of the boat was found to be over twice the legal limit. Enforcement action was taken for boating while intoxicated.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell well after dark when a vessel was observed being operated without navigation lights displayed. CO Killingbeck stopped the boat and the occupants said they were surprised to see a CO out on the lake so late. The subject did not have any working lights and attempted to use his phone as a mast light. The boat was not equipped with enough life jackets and one of the passengers had a warrant for their arrest for retail fraud. The warrant was confirmed and valid. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Wexford County Jail and the operator was cited for his safety violations.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on routine patrol, observed two ORVs operating on M-37 in Lake County and one of the operators was also not wearing a helmet. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORVs and the subject without the helmet said that he forgot his helmet downstate and was riding to get a new one. CO Killingbeck asked the subject why he could not drive his vehicle to buy a new helmet legally instead of operating the ORV illegally. The subject stated that he did not think it was a big deal. Through his investigation, CO Killingbeck learned that the subject was driving with an expired license and had several other equipment violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol in Oceana County, observed a boat that had just come off a trailer being towed behind a fifth wheel. The boat was partially in the roadway and CO Killingbeck, along with a Hart police officer, directed traffic while a local tow company removed the boat from the roadway. CO Killingbeck determined that the driver did not have proper endorsements to operate a vehicle towing two trailers. The boat trailer did not have working lights, nor safety chains. Numerous violations were addressed.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on ORV patrol, observed an ORV operating on public land where ORVs are prohibited. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and discovered the driver was also operating with open intoxicants on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josiah Killingbeck, Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski assisted in teaching regulations and sharing their experiences in bear hunting and baiting at the annual bear hunting clinic held at the Carl T Johnson Center in Cadillac. Many people attended the classes and the COs reported that most of the attendants were all successful in the drawing for a 2018 bear hunting license.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a Pine River access site when he was flagged down by a family that was canoeing the river. A juvenile in the group had stepped on broken glass left on the river bank and was bleeding from both feet. The cuts were bad enough that they required stitches. CO Killingbeck was able to provide first aid, along with a member of the group who was a trauma nurse. The group did not want EMS but asked CO Killingbeck if he could help them get to a vehicle in Wexford County so they

could get the juvenile to an Emergency Room. CO Killingbeck transported the juvenile and an adult to their vehicle and gave directions to a local ER.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was first on scene of an ORV crash where a subject was going around a curve and got caught in loose sand and struck a tree. The subject was bleeding and in severe pain. CO Killingbeck bandaged the subject's wounds and splinted the victim's arm. Upon EMS arrival, CO Killingbeck aided in getting the subject off the trail and to an ambulance. CO Killingbeck assisted the victim's riding partner in removing the ORV from the tree and to a nearby campsite as a tow truck was not able to get into the area.

CO Ben Shively assisted Oceana County Sheriff's Department with the traffic stop of a vehicle that was stalking a woman who was returning home from grocery shopping. The detective in the unmarked car advised the subject was left of center, off the roadway, and had varying speeds. Based on the detective's observations, CO Shively conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. CO Shively interviewed the subject pertaining to the stalking and administered field sobriety tests. The subject was found to have a BAC of .12 and was placed under arrest for OWI and possession of a CPL with a BAC greater than .10. The stalking complaint was turned over to Michigan State Police.

CO Ben Shively, along with the Oceana County Sheriff's Department and US Coast Guard, provided security for the Pentwater Homecoming Fireworks on Pentwater Lake and Lake Michigan. CO Shively issued one citation for an expired marine registration.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol at the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven State Park where he witnessed three individuals drinking alcohol in a parked car in the parking lot. CO Varriale contacted the individuals and had them pour out the drinks since alcohol is prohibited in the park. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Mike Hearn located an early bear bait in a Kalkaska County swamp that had been set three weeks prior to the start of the legal baiting period. The bait material consisted of items that had been used by a group of houndsmen known to CO Hearn. Early morning surveillance was conducted on the site. CO Hearn was able to observe a houndsman unload dogs from his truck and go directly to the bait. When contacted, the individual justified the activity by stating that everyone with dogs has bait out early. The houndsman was issued a citation and advised that if the group continues baiting early, they could be lodged in the county jail on future violations.

COs Mike Hearn, Charlie Jones, Matt Zultak, Ethan Gainforth, Ben McAteer, John Huspen and Sgt. Brian Olsen worked the Bud Bash event on Houghton Lake. The COs helped to keep the peace while enforcing marine, environmental, and general criminal laws.

While patrolling the Bud Bash event on Houghton Lake, COs John Huspen, Ben McAteer, and Mike Hearn contacted a PWC operator that was observed operating recklessly. Upon contact, the operator showed signs of impairment. Field sobriety examinations were conducted, and the operator was determined to be under the influence of alcohol. The operator was arrested and lodged in the Roscommon County Jail.

CO John Huspen handled a complaint at a state forest campground in Crawford County. The camping party had driven their vehicle around the boulders and gate to access the walk-in campsites. When contacted by CO Huspen, the subject stated they were just trying to pack up their gear before it rained. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charlie Jones was following up on a possible abandoned campsite on the Kalkaska/ Grand Traverse County line when a pick-up truck approached his location. Upon contact, it was determined that the driver had an invalid Michigan operator's license, expired registration, and no insurance. The passenger also had a warrant for his arrest out of Grand Traverse County. The couple admitted to camping at the site over their 15-day allotted time. The driver was cited for her violations and the passenger was lodged in the Grand Traverse County Jail.

CO Charlie Jones and Sgt. Brian Olsen were patrolling Reedsburg Dam in Missaukee County when the COs observed two individuals fishing at the dam. Upon contact, CO Jones asked the individuals for fishing licenses. One angler was able to provide his license and the other stated she did not have one. Sgt. Olsen also located a short largemouth bass on a stringer nearby. The anglers advised the bass was theirs, but it had been given to them by another angler. Education and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Brian Olsen observed two anglers carrying fish from the other side of Reedsburg Dam as CO Charlie Jones was finishing up a contact with two anglers. Sgt. Olsen asked the anglers for their fishing licenses. Both anglers stated they had purchased their licenses earlier in the year but were unable to locate them. The COs ran a license check and determined neither angler had a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charlie Jones was dispatched to a car/ bear accident on M-72 in Kalkaska County. A witness advised CO Jones that the bear took off into the swamp. CO Jones searched for the bear but could not locate it. The driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to Munson Medical Center for precautionary evaluation.

CO Ben McAteer was pulling his boat out of the water on Guthrie Lake in Crawford County when he heard a young child screaming for help. CO McAteer observed a PWC driving away from a child that had fallen off a tube it was pulling. CO McAteer responded to the area and assisted the child. The PWC operator returned after noticing he had lost his passenger and the child was assisted back aboard the PWC. Once the child was safely aboard the PWC, CO McAteer addressed the situation of towing

without an observer. While talking to the PWC operator, CO McAteer could smell the odor of intoxicants. The subject was put through sobriety tests and was found to be impaired. Enforcement action was taken for operating impaired and failing to have a qualified observer.

COs Chuck McPherson and Matt Zultak attended National Night Out in Roscommon County. The event was held at the Richfield Township Park. The COs answered numerous questions and handed out information guides to participants. This has become a great event for area residents and visitors to meet the law enforcement officers who serve in their communities.

CO Craig Neal was patrolling Sapphire Lake in Missaukee County when he noticed a boat with an expired registration sticker and no visible registration numbers. Upon contact, the operator stated he had registered his boat online and was waiting for the new stickers to come in the mail. CO Neal ran the HIN and determined the status of the boat, which was found to have an expired registration. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Warner, James Garrett, and Sgt. Bobbi Lively patrolled Oscoda County, Alcona County, and Iosco County for the 2018 Au Sable River Canoe Marathon. The event begins in Grayling and ends in Oscoda. The race is followed by hundreds of spectators and poses certain law enforcement challenges. This year the event had minimal issues, with only CO Warner assisting a racer in his seventies off the water of Foote Pond for exhaustion.

COs James Garrett, Kyle Bader, Jon Warner, and Sgt. Bobbi Lively conducted a group patrol on the Au Sable River in Oscoda County as part of Operation A.R.R.E.S.T. The patrol generated hundreds of contacts, six citations for no PFD, and four citations for use of marijuana.

While conducting a night patrol in Iosco County, CO Tyler Sabuda came around a blind curve and avoided a collision with an ORV in the wrong lane. CO Sabuda turned around and stopped the ORV as it attempted to leave the roadway. Contact was made with the operator who was not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Phil Hudson and Ethan Gainforth spoke to a class of hunter education students at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare. The students heard about practicing safety and ethics while enjoying their time in the field. The students asked numerous questions and were very attentive to what the conservation officers had to share.

CO Phil Hudson and Sgt. Jon Wood patrolled the Charity Islands in Saginaw Bay during what has become an annual "party weekend" in August. Numerous vessel checks were conducted, and many contacts were made with boaters. The gathering was noticeably smaller and quieter than in past years. Those in attendance were in good behavior and enjoying the nice weather.

## **DISTRICT 6**

CO Joe Myers was following up on a recreational trespass complaint and possible taking of a group of illegal deer. CO Myers contacted the suspect who was trespassing and shooting on another's property. After an interview the suspect confessed to trespassing and shooting deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Byars observed a vehicle with no license plate pass him. The CO conducted a traffic stop and the driver stated he was test driving the vehicle. CO Byars determined the vehicle was not registered through the Secretary of State nor did it have insurance. The driver's license was suspended, and the passenger did not have a license. CO Byars verified that the vehicle was not stolen and issued a citation to the driver for driving while license suspended. The CO issued warnings for operating without insurance and not having the vehicle registered.

CO John Byars was called to assist a Sheriff's deputy on an ORV accident when he observed an ORV pass in front of him with the operator not wearing a helmet. CO Byars conducted a stop and determined the driver of the ORV did not have a valid driver's license. CO Byars also noticed the ORV did not have an ORV license. A citation was issued for operating an ORV while license suspended and for operating an ORV without a helmet. A warning was given for the missing ORV license.

COs Will Brickel and Quincy Gowenlock took part in Saginaw Township Police Department's National Night Out. The COs talked to children and adults about recreational safety and displayed a patrol boat and Polaris RZR UTV, which was a hit with the kids. Approximately 150 kids came through their station, all wanting to sit in the equipment. Moreover, several adults came by interested in a career as a Michigan conservation officer.

CO Chad Foerster was close to an armed robbery call involving a handgun that had just occurred at a local motel and the suspect was last seen at a nearby gas station. Prior to CO Foerster's arrival, a two-man deputy car pulled on scene and advised over the air that they had him at gun point and that he was not cooperating. CO Foerster arrived on scene and approached the suspect who was now cooperating, lying on his belly with his arms out to the front of him facing away from the officers. The suspect was holding a cell phone trying to record the incident. A black BB gun was located in the front waistband of the suspect and secured by the Bay County Sheriff's Department. CO Foerster assisted the deputy in taking the suspect into custody without further incident.

CO Dan Robinson was working Isabella County when a call was dispatched nearby for a suicidal subject who had cut herself. CO Robinson responded, secured the scene for EMS and provided care until their arrival. The subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

CO Dan Robinson attended several hunter safety classes throughout the area. Two classes were in Montcalm County at the Flat River Conservation Club and the Central Michigan Sportsman's Club. CO Robinson walked the students through the hunting digest and talked about some of the common violations seen in the field. CO Robinson

and CO Mike Haas also attended a Hunter Safety class in Linwood, in addition to the normal presentation CO Robinson talked to the students about tourniquet use and reviewed simple CPR procedures at the request of the volunteer instructors. The students and parents had many good questions throughout the presentations.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were patrolling Midland County, in the area commonly known as the "turtle ponds", when the COs noticed several cars that had traveled over the berms and around the closed gates to park near the ponds. The area is closed for vehicle traffic and marked as such. The individuals claimed that they did not know the area was closed but admitted to driving over the berms and around the gates to get there. Citations were issued.

## **DISTRICT 7**

While patrolling Gun Lake, CO James Zellinger stopped a subject on a PWC towing multiple persons on a tube without an observer on board. During the stop it was also discovered that the PWC was unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling an inland lake in Cass County, CO Micah Hintze checked a single fisherman possessing only a few panfish at the time but was seemingly using more than three poles. CO Hintze continued to the other side of the lake and observed the angler for over two hours, monitoring his catch and number of poles used. When the angler began to return to the boat ramp CO Hintze contacted the individual. The fish were counted, showing the angler was in possession of more panfish than his legal daily limit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeremy Cantrell and Kyle McQueer were patrolling Three Rivers Township on a Saturday at approximately 11:44pm. Before crossing the Sweitzer Road Bridge, the COs noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road. After observing the anglers, the COs contacted three individuals. It was discovered that two out of the three fishing did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle McQueer was patrolling Constantine Township in St. Joseph County when he observed an ORV operating on the roadway without a helmet, ORV permit or trail sticker. St. Joseph County is also closed to ORV use on roadways. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten assisted PJ Hoffmaster State Park staff and Norton Shores Police with a search for a missing woman. The woman left her campsite in the early morning to take a walk with her dog and failed to return to meet her husband for breakfast at 10:00am. The woman turned up on her own at another location in the park.

Thirty conservation officers from every district in the Lower Peninsula assisted Parks and Recreation Division staff at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven. Thirteen citations were written for possessing alcohol in the state park, along with two citations for minor in possession of alcohol.

COs BJ Goulette, Justin Ulberg, Cary Foster and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers assisted Grand Haven State Park staff and local law enforcement with securing the park and city beach on 8/5/2018 during severe rip currents. Seven water rescues were conducted. Unfortunately, two subjects perished due to the severe conditions.

While patrolling the Grand River in Ottawa County, COs Richard Cardenas and Justin Ulberg stopped a vessel for pulling subjects on tubes without an observer. Enforcement action was taken.

While travelling to Grand Haven to assist during the recent Coast Guard Festival, CO Justin Ulberg was passed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. CO Ulberg was able to catch up to the vehicle, which was traveling at 100 miles per hour, and conducted a traffic stop. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 8**

COs Brandon Hartleben, Troy Ludwig, Johnathan Kamps, Jeremy Cantrell and Kyle McQueer responded to a report from a passerby of a fight along the Grand Haven Pier while working the Coast Guard Festival detail. The COs arrived on scene and contacted the involved parties. Interviews were conducted and sworn statements were taken. CO Hartleben is working the report and is awaiting further documentation of previous threats of violence from the victim. Charges will be sought through the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling along the Huron River by ORV when he observed an unregistered vessel with a trolling motor on it. CO Hartleben entered the river and contacted the vessel. The occupants on board the vessel admitted the vessel was not registered and had never been registered. They also commented they had been using it on the river for almost ten years and had never been stopped. CO Hartleben educated them on the requirements for vessel registration in Michigan. Enforcement action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Whitmore Lake when he observed a PWC with two occupants doing donuts near anchored vessels. CO Hartleben then observed the PWC doing wheelies before the operator lost control and it rolled over. CO Hartleben made contact with the subjects while they were still in the water trying to get the PWC turned back over. CO Hartleben educated the individuals on the various marine safety laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Daniel Prince attended the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) annual Jake's Event put on by the NWTF Flint River Chapter. CO Prince talked to 37 people about fall turkey hunting safety, regulations, calling and tactics. There were 144 kids in attendance.

CO Andrew Monnich was on patrol when he spotted an ORV on a main state highway. CO Monnich stopped the ORV and contacted the driver who was on his way to dump a large amount of deer bait. It was also discovered the operator had a suspended license and no registration on his ORV. CO Monnich educated the individual on the rules of deer baiting and enforcement action was taken for the ORV violations.

COs Josh Jackson and Nick Wellman attended the Branch County Fair and talked with several fair-goers. The officers stood stationary at the law enforcement building as well as walked the fair grounds. Many contacts were made, and several questions were answered.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Grand River when he contacted two anglers fishing in Lansing. When the CO requested to see their fishing licenses, the anglers stated they had just moved back from Florida and had valid Florida fishing licenses. CO Ludwig explained that a Florida fishing license was not a valid license to fish in the state of Michigan. The CO further inquired as to where they had purchased their minnows and the anglers informed him at a local bait shop. When asked why they had not purchased a license there, the anglers stated they didn't know they sold them. A check with dispatch showed that both anglers had purchased Michigan fishing licenses in previous years. Enforcement action taken.

CO Troy Ludwig worked at Grand Haven State Park during the Coast Guard Festival. During the course of the patrol, he responded to a grill on fire in the bed of a truck, warned multiple individuals for attempting to bring alcohol into the park, issued a citation and warning to an individual who failed to provide PFDs to individuals he was transporting on his PWC, and responded to a fight between two minors.

CO Troy Ludwig received a condemnation order of a hunter's rifle, compound bow and spot lights stemming from a case in which the hunter had taken a deer illegally and also attempted to take a trophy buck from a motor vehicle with the assistance of a minor at night. The hunter was convicted of possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle, reckless use of a firearm, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, two counts of taking deer illegally, and possessing a deer without a valid kill tag attached. The hunter was sentenced to probation and required to pay reimbursement for the deer and additional fines.

Toward the end of the marine patrol on the South Chain, COs Nick Wellman and Chris Reynolds observed a speed boat operating toward them. As the boat got closer, the COs noticed two young kids being towed behind the boat with no observer on the vessel to watch them. The mother admitted to knowing the observer law but said she thought it was slow enough that it didn't matter. Enforcement action taken.

CO Nick Wellman assisted MSP by taking a call from central dispatch of a larceny of a trail camera on private property. Upon making contact with the complainant, he walked the property with her and listened to the issues she's been having with the neighbors.

Shortly after contact was made, CO Nick Wellman located the lost trail camera, in the tree next to where she thought she had placed the camera.

CO Nick Wellman was on patrol in Branch County when he noticed a vehicle in front of him make a sharp turn and cross the center line. Upon getting closer to the vehicle, it was found that the plate that was on the vehicle was expired and was not registered to the vehicle it was on. CO Nick Wellman conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the female. It was found that the vehicle didn't have insurance and didn't have a valid registration. Enforcement action taken.

COs Nick Wellman and Josh Jackson visited the Branch County Fair and made contact with several Branch County residents who had a lot of questions about various topics. Several questions were answered reference fishing regulations, marine regulations, and the new upcoming baiting and CWD regulations.

CO Jason McCullough stopped a couple of ORVs riding along a roadway after they passed him. After identifying the drivers, it was discovered one driver had a felony warrant and a couple of misdemeanor warrants. One of the misdemeanor warrants was a re-entered warrant that CO McCullough had taken bond for several weeks ago, stemming from a previous ORV violation up north. The driver never called the court as instructed and the warrant was reissued. In the weeks since CO McCullough took bond the driver had two additional warrants issued for his arrest on unrelated charges. The driver stated he wasn't good at remembering things. Enforcement action was taken on the ORV violations and the subject was lodged in the local county jail on the recently issued arrest warrants.

CO Jason McCullough completed an investigation into an illegal turkey from early 2018. The subject purchased a license for one of the early turkey hunting seasons and shot his bird during the last 10 days of the May hunt. After a brief interview the subject confessed to shooting the turkey during the wrong season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough observed a subject fishing along a local riverbank near his vehicle. As CO McCullough approached the fisherman, the fisherman turned around and tossed a beer can into the bushes. Upon contact, CO McCullough asked the fisherman why he threw his beer can in the bushes. The fisherman stated he thought it was illegal to drink beer and fish. After checking the fisherman's identification, it was discovered he had four outstanding warrants for his arrest and no driver's license. CO McCullough advised the fisherman this is America and we're free to fish and drink beer. CO McCullough made the angler pick up his litter and then lodged him in the local county jail on the warrants.

CO Jeff Goss was checking anglers at Stuart's Landing when he observed a man fishing in a restricted area. The man saw the CO and quickly gathered his things and started leaving the area. CO Goss terminated his contact with some other anglers sensing the man may have something to hide. Unfortunately, there was no quick or

easy way to get to the man's location. Upon reaching the location, the man was gone. CO Goss looked around for a while and then decided to wait the man out, figuring he was parked in the nearby parking area. Within a few minutes CO Goss observed a man climbing over a barrier and walking in his direction. The man CO Goss originally saw was wearing a red shirt, this man was shirtless. CO Goss realized it was the suspect just as the man looked up and made eye contact with him. The man instantly started jogging and attempted to run past the CO as if he was just out for a jog. The man reluctantly stopped and talked to the CO after two verbal commands were given. The man lied to CO Goss multiple times and his story just wasn't adding up. After a while the man admitted to being on probation for possession of marijuana and was afraid to get a ticket for fishing without a license. CO Goss also pointed out that he was trespassing and hindering an investigation as well. After a short while the man led CO Goss back to the location where he stashed his shirt and fishing gear. Along the way the man claimed he had not smoked marijuana since his arrest for possession. Upon searching the man's tackle box CO Goss located marijuana, he insisted that he borrowed the tackle box from his brother and didn't know it was in there. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk followed up on information gathered during a taxidermy inspection where the CO suspected a deer was shot without a license. The CO interviewed the suspect and was able to locate images which showed the deer was shot the night before the suspect purchased their deer hunting license. Charges are being sought through the Hillsdale County Prosecutor's Office for taking a deer without a license.

CO Rich Nickols was on vacation fishing with his family on Little Bay De Noc when he observed a boat nearby with one person on board and several lines in the water. CO Nickols maneuvered his boat near the other boat and confirmed there was only one person on board and he was trolling with six lines. CO Nickols obtained the registration number from the boat and contacted a RAP dispatcher to turn the information over to a local CO.

CO Todd Thorn was patrolling Moores Park in Lansing when he contacted a fisherman. The man provided his operator's license and stated that he didn't have a fishing license. CO Thorn then learned that the man had a warrant for his arrest as he was a parole absconder. When the man was informed that he was under arrest he failed to immediately comply with orders and began to walk away. When the man was warned that measures would be taken to cause him to come into compliance with the officers orders he changed his mind and did as CO Thorn requested. Enforcement action taken.

CO Todd Thorn assisted Ingham County deputies with a 911 call where the caller stated that two bodies had just been dumped on his property. CO Thorn was out on patrol when the call was received at approximately 3:00 a.m. CO Thorn was the first on scene and located a man pacing in his driveway. CO Thorn secured the man and waited for deputies to arrive. A search of the property showed that there were no bodies on the property. Further investigation revealed that the caller had a warrant for his arrest, and that he had recently taken about a dozen Adderall and hadn't slept for 4 days. The man was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

CO Larn R. Strawn investigated a RAP complaint of persons target shooting at the boat access site on Muskrat Lake in Clinton County. The anonymous complaint indicated rounds were coming out over the water. CO Strawn responded to the complaint location and initiated an investigation. Although the complaint was anonymous and included no suspect information, CO Strawn was able to conduct interviews and develop a few leads. CO Strawn will continue the investigation and check the area in the future.

While on marine patrol, CO Sam Schluckbier pulled into a public boat launch in Calhoun County. One vehicle was parked across the lot near the tree line, as if it was trying to remain hidden from view. As CO Schluckbier approached the vehicle on foot, he observed the male and female occupant acting nervous and attempt to drive away. CO Schluckbier made contact with the subjects and observed a small amount of crystal methamphetamine inside the cup holder. When attempting to place the female under arrest she took off toward the roadway. A short foot chase concluded after CO Schluckbier wrestled her to the ground. After placing the female in handcuffs, she began experiencing a medical emergency related to a drug overdose. Emergency Medical Care was contacted and responded to assist. CO Schluckbier continued to monitor the subject, keeping her conscious by performing multiple sternal rubs. The female was transported by EMS to the hospital before eventually being lodged in the Eaton County Jail. Felony charges have been authorized by the Calhoun County Prosecutor for possession of a controlled substance and resisting/obstructing a police officer.

CO Sam Schluckbier was first on scene to a single car accident involving one adult and two children. The vehicle had lost control on a rural back road, eventually colliding into a large tree. Once on scene, CO Schluckbier found one child conscious and outside the vehicle while the other child was unresponsive and pinned in the backseat. The adult driver was also pinned, but conscious and alert with severe back pain. CO Schluckbier directed his attention to the unresponsive child wedged in the backseat. As additional medical personnel arrived on scene, CO Schluckbier was able to free the child from the wreckage. Once outside the vehicle the child regained consciousness and was turned over to EMS to treat his severe foot injuries. The adult driver was freed as well with the help of local fire departments. Initial investigation shows neither child was wearing a safety restraint.

COs Chris Maher and Rich Nichols worked marine patrol during the annual Clark Lake Raft-o-Rama Parade in Jackson County. During the patrol, the COs had numerous contacts and spoke to the public about marine safety, conducted multiple marine safety inspections and gave several warnings on minor marine violations.

CO Robert Slick conducted a marine patrol of the Lobdell chain of lakes. While on patrol CO Slick was heading into a no wake channel connecting Bennett Lake and Hoisington Lake when he observed a jet ski on plane heading toward him. CO Slick stopped the vessel and asked why they were traveling so fast. They stated it was very hot and wanted to get some airflow. Enforcement action was taken. Multiple other

contacts were made throughout the patrol along with other citations issued for other safety violations.

COs Katie Stawara and Danielle Zubek were working marine patrol on Wolverine Lake when they observed a pontoon with 12 occupants, sitting dangerously low in the water. Contact with the vessel resulted in the operator being an 11-year-old boy without a boater's safety certificate. The owner of the vessel was also unable to provide the proper number of PFDs and did not know the maximum occupancy of the vessel. Enforcement action taken.

CO Katie Stawara was on patrol when she was called to assist Owosso PD with a traffic stop. The female occupant admitted to having drug paraphernalia in the vehicle but couldn't remember if she had it on her person or not. CO Stawara conducted a custodial search which resulted in a needle being found in the bra of the subject. The needle was said to contain heroine residue. The MSP drug team was called and enforcement action taken.

CO Katie Stawara was patrolling Lobdell Lake when she observed two anglers fishing from a pontoon. Upon contact, one of the two anglers did not have a fishing license. The subject explained he lived on the lake and had bought a license online but did not receive a confirmation. An RSS history showed the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2008. A quick marine safety check revealed the subject did not have the proper number of PFDs on board as well. Enforcement action taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a subject pulling a skier behind a vessel without an observer in the boat. When CO Griffin asked the operator why he was towing a young child without an observer, the subject stated he couldn't find one. CO Griffin explained the safety issues present, educated the subject on marine laws regarding pulling others behind a vessel, and addressed the vessel's broken mirror. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO John Kamps came to stand still traffic on the freeway. While stopped, a large cloud of smoke came from the neighboring car and the CO got the distinct smell of marijuana. CO Kamps pulled up next to the vehicle and signaled for him to pull over. Upon interview and investigation, it was determined that the individual was in possession of marijuana and was traveling down the freeway while smoking marijuana. Additionally, the suspect's 11-year-old daughter was traveling in the back seat. The suspect was taken into the COs custody and lodged in the county jail. The child was released to a guardian.

While on marine patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen observed a boat towing two people on a tube, but the driver was not seen at the helm. CO Deppen passed the boat and noticed the driver near the stern taking a selfie with the two persons being towed. There was no one else on the vessel. CO Deppen conducted a stop on the

vessel and asked the driver why he was conducting a photoshoot while towing persons behind the boat. The vessel owner said, "it's my first boat, and I am learning boating rules". CO Deppen educated the driver on the need to have a spotter to watch the people behind the vessel and the driver is responsible for operating the vessel safely. The photoshoot ended and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen was heading back to the dock when he noticed a small white light out in the center of the lake. CO Deppen drove his patrol boat to the location and met with a small fishing vessel with a Coleman lantern hanging from a fishing net. The vessel captain said his navigation lights went out a few hours ago and he wanted to keep fishing. CO Deppen noticed multiple alcoholic beverages in the vessel and the captain had no GPS or navigational lights. CO Deppen escorted the vessel to calmer waters and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen was checking multiple anglers into the evening. CO Deppen noticed a vessel trolling twenty minutes after sunset without any navigation lights on. Contact was made with the vessel owner. More checks revealed that the vessel owner did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner contacted two subjects about a trespassing complaint in Lapeer County. The subjects informed CO Gardner about what they were told the property line was during a land survey that was completed 20 years ago. They also informed CO Gardner that if the complainant wanted to have them charged with trespassing, they would like to charge the complainant with trespassing as well. Reports will be sent to the Lapeer County Prosecutor's Office for review.

CO Raymond Gardner responded to a complaint about a fawn that was killed by a dog in Macomb County. CO Gardner contacted the dog's owner who denied it was one of her dogs. She told CO Gardner that her dogs were inside with her the whole time the incident would have taken place. CO Gardner contacted the witness and the Animal Control Officer who responded on the night of the incident. The witness told CO Gardner that she and her husband both witnessed the dog attacking the fawn. The witness told CO Gardner that when they went outside and scared the dog away from the fawn it ran back to the home where CO Gardner had just finished his interview. A report will be submitted to the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office.

Sgt. Todd Szyska handled a complaint in St. Clair over the weekend revolving around an unknown citizen throwing out poison on his St. Clair riverfront property to kill the mink. Sgt. Szyska talked with the neighbors and looked for the poison. No poison was located and no one on the block knew what was occurring. The citizens stated they would call back if they saw it occurring. It was noted that one of the subjects had a new sea wall constructed and was repaired by the County Road Commission due to under banking. Sgt. Szyska educated the neighborhood about minks and proper ways to trap the animals with a legal wildlife nuisance permit.

## **BELLE ISLE**

COs Brad Silorey, Josh Wright, Andy Monnich and Sgt. Todd Szyska located a large party of minors at the end of Hipster Beach on Belle Isle during 2<sup>ND</sup> shift. COs Silorey and Monnich made initial contact and brought them out to the trail. The juveniles were all having libations out of one central cooler. CO Silorey and Monnich were able to get to the bottom of the issue and found the subject that was supplying beer to all the minors. The subject with the cooler also was slinging a backpack which had over \$500 cash in it. The subject was cashing in on the pay to drink cash and carry program he was providing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn worked a third shift on Belle Isle and contacted about 15 people. One of the contacts involved a traffic stop for a headlight out which resulted in three warrants and a driver with no license and no insurance on the vehicle. There was also marijuana found inside the vehicle in a passenger's backpack. The passenger provided a fake name, but after some discussion with him he revealed his real name and the fact that he had a warrant and was on probation for a marijuana offense. Enforcement action was taken.

As CO Josh Wright and Sgt. Todd Szyska were patrolling Hipster Beach Trail by side-by-side on Sunday during the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift they encountered two male subjects walking ahead in swaying/staggering motions. The staggering was due to the alcohol the two had been partaking in. One of the subjects had a satchel slung across his body which contained Budweiser, a nearly empty bottle of rum, multiple empty beer cans, a baggie of marijuana, and marijuana paraphernalia. The subject with the satchel was also holding a squirt gun full of rum. COs Monnich and Silorey had contacted them previously in the large group and one of the subjects had a marijuana grinder at his feet and when asked about it stated it was not his. The duo then slipped away to the trail and were contacted by COs Wright and Sgt. Szyska. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey, Josh Wright, Andy Monnich and Sgt. Todd Szyska worked a 2nd shift on Belle Isle. Due to the extreme heat and booked shelter rentals, the island was hopping. COs had to shut down the bath house parking lot for approximately 30 minutes as people were illegally parking and blocking road access. COs Monnich and Silorey also were dealing with a subject in one of these blocked cars who had possession of marijuana and multiple 10-9 warrants. The subject was verbally assaultive to the officers and his warrants were confirmed through Station 20. All agencies advised to advise and release. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a Belle Isle shift, COs Katie Stawara and Zachary Bauer assisted MSP with an intoxicated subject found sleeping in his vehicle on Central Avenue. The subject was in possession of an empty half gallon bottle of vodka. The subject repeatedly stated he didn't want to live anymore and was trying to jump off the bridge due to a bad breakup. A preliminary breath test conducted by MSP resulted in a BAC of .29. The subject was turned over to Detroit EMS for evaluation and enforcement action taken by MSP

CO Rich Nickols worked a Belle Isle shift on a busy Saturday afternoon. Numerous contacts were made and several illegal parking issues were addressed. During the shift, CO Nickols assisted CO Justin Muehlhauser with the arrest of a subject for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated who was involved in a traffic crash. CO Nickols transported the subject to the hospital to have a blood draw conducted after the subject refused a chemical breath test.

CO Justin Muehlhauser was monitoring traffic on Belle Isle at Lakeside Dr. and Central Ave. At approximately 6:20 pm, CO Muehlhauser observed a vehicle traveling on Lakeside crash into an unoccupied vehicle parked on the shoulder. The CO watched as the passenger exited the vehicle and the operator hopped into the passenger seat. The passenger then took over control of the vehicle. CO Muehlhauser stopped the vehicle just as it was getting ready to flee the scene. It quickly became apparent that both occupants were intoxicated. The CO instructed the original operator to step out of the vehicle and performed standardized field sobriety tests. Based on the subject's performance, he was taken into custody. A search warrant was issued for a blood test. The subject was lodged at the Detroit Detention Center.