

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Ethen Mapes was working an evening patrol when he pulled into the Ontonagon Village Marina. When CO Mapes drove towards the fishing docks, he witnessed a man bend over and throw something off the dock. Upon contact, the angler and his son denied throwing back any fish. CO Brian Lasanen arrived on scene and began to question the son. Upon further questioning, the angler admitted to catching a sturgeon and keeping it in hopes of showing his wife when he got home. Law enforcement action was taken for possessing a sturgeon in closed season.

CO Ethen Mapes was called to assist the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Rangers with a rescue in Lake Superior. Seven kayakers had been blown away from shore and could not paddle back. Two of the kayakers had tipped over and were clinging onto the other kayaks. All kayakers returned to shore safely.

CO Brian Lasanen was checking for marine activity at the Ontonagon River Marina when he observed a boat coming into the dock. The boat displayed an expired watercraft registration. CO Lasanen made contact with the boat operator and after a short discussion it was determined the watercraft registration was never updated. Law enforcement action was taken

CO Brian Lasanen paced an ATV at 55 mph on an Ontonagon County road and made a traffic stop on the ATV. The operator advised he was speeding because he was looking for his fishing gear. The operator advised CO Lasanen when he left the lake he had his tackle box, fishing pole and minnow bucket, but when he returned home he was missing everything. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen assisted the Michigan State Police and Ontonagon County Sheriff's Office with serving an arrest warrant on a subject wanted out of the OCSO for domestic violence and controlled substance charges. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Ontonagon County Jail.

CO Matt Eberly worked Lake Fanny Hoe to assist the Copper Man Triathlon event by providing area security during the swim portion of the race.

CO Doug Hermanson contacted two anglers on a pier while patrolling Lake Superior. The two men had no fishing licenses on them and indicated they were in a nearby vehicle. When CO Hermanson asked them to retrieve their licenses they said they left them on another's boat. A check of the license sales system showed neither one had purchased a license in several years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz was patrolling forest service roads in Gogebic County when she came across three anglers loading their gear back into their vehicle. CO Kritz asked how their day of fishing had gone and they answered they each had caught a limit of smallmouth bass. A check of the catch found one bass to be under the 14" size limit. The short fish was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint regarding the loss of livestock in northern Dickinson County. CO Ferguson contacted the farmer and he stated that a black bear had ripped his pig fence down and killed two of his pigs. The farmer also stated he had numerous free ranging chickens that were killed. The farmer was happy with the quick response time and the helpful advice that was given.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling in southern Dickinson County for marine safety when he came upon an elderly subject at a Menominee River boat landing. The man had a flat tire when removing his pontoon boat from the jagged rocks in the water next to the boat landing. The citizen was unable to lift the trailer with his jack high enough to remove the tire. Utilizing equipment in his patrol truck, CO Ferguson was able to assist the man in fixing the tire and loading the boat onto the trailer. The subject was very appreciative of the help rendered by CO Ferguson.

CO Mark Leadman was patrolling through the Anderson Lake State Forest Campground when he noticed an occupied campsite that had not registered and paid the required fees. CO Leadman contacted a female sleeping inside one of the tents on the site and questioned her about the camp registration. The female returned from the tent with an empty registration envelope and said she was too sick to fill it out when she got to the campground the night before. While explaining the registration requirements to the camper, her husband pulled up in a vehicle with their children and was found to be driving on a suspended/revoked license. He did not have any explanation for not filling out the camp registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman assisted local officers with the Waterfront Festival in Menominee over the weekend. All officers were busy with distress calls and boating hazards in the lake near Menominee. One boat sent out a distress call that they were taking on water after hitting an object and were also running low on fuel. The vessel was located and escorted back toward Menominee before it ran out of fuel. The operator was observed stumbling around inside his vessel. CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey conducted field sobriety tests on the operator. He was lodged in the Menominee County Jail for boating OUI and his vessel was towed back to shore before it could sink. CO Leadman then assisted the U.S. Coast Guard with the removal of floating logs and cable that had broken loose from a pier. The debris created a boating hazard with approximately 15 logs up to 20 feet in length wrapped in large cable floating just below the surface. The debris was towed to shore and tied off inside the break wall for removal.

CO Ethen Mapes was patrolling south on US 45 in Ontonagon County when he observed four ORVs riding on the highway. When stopped, the leader of the group

admitted that he knew he was breaking the law but didn't think it was a big deal. Law enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on a highway. Several other violations were also addressed including improper license placement and riding double on an ORV designed for one person.

CO Ethen Mapes was patrolling the Bergland area when he observed four ORVs riding on the highway. CO Mapes followed the group back to a nearby rental cabin and conducted a stop. The leader of the group stated that the owner of the cabin told him that it was against the law to be on the highway but if they rode slow and on the shoulder nobody would bother them. Law enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on a highway and the group was educated on the legal age to operate an ORV off of private property.

CO Ethen Mapes responded to a male subject with a handgun who was reportedly making threats to hurt himself at the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. CO Mapes located the subject's vehicle tucked back in a wooded area. CO Mapes then observed the subject exit the vehicle and entered a heavily wooded area. The subject refused to listen to any commands and walked away from CO Mapes. Roughly 20 minutes later there was a single gunshot. A Michigan State Police K9 unit entered the woods but was unable to locate the individual. A perimeter was established and the search was called off until daylight when K9 officers entered the woods in search for the subject. The man was found uninjured and glad to be out of the woods after spending the entire night out in the elements.

CO Ethen Mapes attended a Woman's Kayaking Expo at the Baraga State Park. Over 40 women participated in the event where they could try kayaking in a safe and controlled environment. They kayaked for an hour on Lake Superior. For some of the people in attendance, it was their first time being in a kayak. Lessons and safety tips were given on shore before the trip and everyone stayed dry.

CO Brian Lasanen was on patrol checking boaters and anglers coming off the Ontonagon River just after dark at the Ontonagon River marina when he observed a boat coming down the river with no navigation lights on as it approached the marina. CO Lasanen made contact with the boater and noticed fishing gear in the boat and asked how the fishing was. The angler responded "all we caught was a little walleye." CO Lasanen asked if they kept the walleye and he replied yes it is in the live well. CO Lasanen took a quick look and the walleye appeared to be under the fifteen inch size limit. CO Lasanen measured the walleye which was less than thirteen inches. CO Lasanen advised the angler the legal limit on the river is fifteen inches for walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen conducted a patrol to check night fishermen along the shore of the Ontonagon River. CO Lasanen noticed flash lights in a popular spot to fish from shore. As CO Lasanen made his way to the fishermen, he noticed a five gallon bucket next to a truck parked in the parking area. Upon further inspection, there was one smallmouth bass at twelve inches and one largemouth bass at ten inches in the bucket. CO

Lasanen made contact with the anglers fishing and checked to see how the fishing was. All three anglers advised they have not caught any fish yet. CO Lasanen asked if they drove here or walked and they advised they drove the lifted Ford in the parking lot. CO Lasanen then asked if they did not catch any fish, then how did the bass end up in the bucket next to their truck. One angler said, "Oh those fish were caught at a different lake." CO Lasanen asked who caught the bass and the same angler who made the comment advised he caught the bass. Enforcement action was taken for the undersize fish.

CO Matt Eberly assisted a boater in getting his boat back to the Ranger Pier off of the Portage Canal. A subject had borrowed a friend's boat, launched it and traveled a short distance from the dock before running out of gas.

CO Doug Hermanson stopped a tractor trailer on a Baraga County highway after it suddenly began to swerve in the roadway. The driver, after a brief interview, produced a half-full bottle and indicated he had been urinating in it while driving. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling state land for activity in Dickinson County, CO Jared Ferguson came across a group training their hounds for the upcoming bear season. A check of the group found one subject to be a nonresident from Tennessee. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson and CO Shannon Kritz attended an Emergency Services Expo in Iron River. The COs made many positive contacts related to marine safety. Members of the public were able to see a patrol boat up close and ask many DNR-related questions of the COs.

CO Shannon Kritz was on ORV patrol along the recreation trail in Iron County. A stop was made on two ORV operators who were not wearing helmets. A check of the ORVs found both to be unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman, CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey conducted a Lake Superior patrol out of Marquette with the Department's 27 foot Safeboat. Shipwrecks and anglers were contacted along the Lake Superior shoreline from Marquette to the Huron Island areas.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey attended a hunter safety class in Kingsford. Sixty students were enrolled in the class.

DISTRICT 2

While on routine patrol, CO Robert Freeborn observed two ORVs heading in his direction. As the ORVs approached closer, CO Freeborn observed that all subjects on the ORVs were not wearing helmets. CO Freeborn proceeded to stop the ORVs and

determined that the ORVs did not have a valid ORV permit as well. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn and Forest Service Officer Dave Tembreull received a tip of possible marijuana growing on public land. The officers eventually were able to locate several plants in a remote swamp.

CO Robert Freeborn received a call from dispatch regarding a car on fire on a remote forest service road. CO Freeborn was able to locate the vehicle and assist with the scene. The occupants in the vehicle were luckily able to escape without injury.

CO Robert Freeborn received a call from dispatch regarding a subject lying on the side of US2. Upon arrival, the subject was determined to be homeless and was hitch hiking to Manistique. After getting information of his family's whereabouts in Manistique, he was turned over to a deputy who transferred him back to town to a family member's residence.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink received a suspicious complaint of a large amount of personal belongings stashed on CFA land. Upon arrival the COs located a large collapsed hunting tent, a travel trailer and several power tools lying throughout a large cleared area of forest. As the COs were documenting the scene and looking for possible owners, a vehicle pulled into their location. After a brief conversation with the driver of the vehicle, it was determined that he had just purchased the land a few weeks ago and was still in the process of removing it from CFA. The owner thanked the COs for checking into the situation and was glad to see them out.

COs Pat Hartsig, Calvin Smith and Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon were patrolling the AuTrain River. One group of canoers stopped at a popular rope swing to smoke some marijuana. Contact was made and the subjects were ticketed for using marijuana. It was not their first time being cited.

COs Pat Hartsig, Calvin Smith and Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon worked the AuTrain River on a busy weekend. The COs watched a group of kayakers light bottle rockets and roman candles at each other. They also threw empty cans of beer on the bank of the river. When the group was contacted, one subject failed to stop as instructed. The unruly kayaker was removed from his vessel. The fireworks were confiscated from the group due to being illegal in the national forest. In addition, the group did not have the required life jackets in their boats. Enforcement was taken on the multitude of infractions by the party.

CO Calvin Smith was the closest law enforcement officer when a call from dispatch was broadcast of a suicidal subject. CO Smith responded and talked with the subject until EMS arrived. The subject was transported to a local hospital for further evaluation. Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Calvin Smith patrolled the AuTrain River looking to address marine safety, littering and underage drinking. The COs observed over 350

canoeists and kayakers enjoying the river. Several citations were issued for violations consisting of marijuana use and minors in possession of alcohol.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Nathan Sink were on patrol when they were contacted by CO Jon Busken to help assist him get an ORV unstuck on state land. After several hours trying to get the ORV unstuck, the individual contacted a towing company to pull him out. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Hammill, CO Kevin Postma and PCO Nathan Sink were on marine patrol on Lake George. After contacting three anglers, the COs asked for their fishing licenses. All three individuals stated they had their fishing licenses for 2016; however, one of the individuals did not have their fishing license in possession. After further investigation, it was determined the individual did not purchase a fishing license for 2016. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was on routine patrol on Brevort Lake when he made contact with an angler in a boat. When approaching, the CO noticed that one of the anglers was quickly reeling in two fishing poles. When contacted, the angler said that he did not need a fishing license because he was 16. The CO stated that he looked older than 16 at which point the father stated, "That is why my son is so good at sports. He is big for his age." The individual was slow to answer when asked what year he was born. Further investigation showed him to be 17 years old and required to have a fishing license.

CO Jon Busken was the only law enforcement officer in West Mackinac County when a burglar alarm sounded at a business in Naubinway. The CO was enroute when the alarm was cancelled by an employee on scene.

CO Bobby Watson assisted a local Luce County Sheriff's Deputy in arresting a highly intoxicated individual causing trouble at the Luce County Park. The individual was shouting profanities and verbally threatening a church-affiliated swimming club at the public beach. CO Watson responded and was able to back up a local deputy in arresting the individual before any further issues arose.

CO Bobby Watson was patrolling a local lake and observing a large gathering of boats fishing. CO Watson approached a pontoon boat with three anglers aboard. CO Watson greeted the fishermen and asked if they had caught any walleye. The oldest of the three fishermen responded very nervously that he had caught one. When CO Watson asked how big the walleye was, the fisherman responded "14 inches...I mean 15 inches." After measuring the walleye, it was discovered the walleye was actually less than 14 inches. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Hammill received a late night call of an individual who had too much to drink while kayaking on the Tahquamenon River. Sgt. Hammill responded to the remote section of river with his vessel and several spotlights. A Good Samaritan assisted Sgt. Hammill while the two traversed the tight section of stream. Several miles up-river the two could hear yelling off in the distance. The intoxicated kayaker was taken into the

patrol vessel for safety. Once back on shore his party showed their discontent by refusing to speak with him other than a few choice words.

DISTRICT 3

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a call from Alpena County Dispatch of a possible abandoned bear cub. The complainant could hear the cries of the cub somewhere on his property. Once on scene, CO LeClerc and the complainant found the source of the sound that was a young blue jay recently kicked out of the nest.

CO LeClerc was on his way to start marine patrol on Long Lake in Alpena County when he observed a boat travelling at a high rate of speed on Lake Besser, which is a no-wake lake. After launching on Lake Besser, CO LeClerc was able to make contact with the boat in violation. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling state land in Alpena County, CO LeClerc could hear an ORV in the distance. CO LeClerc was able to find and stop the ORV for illegally riding on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling Lake May when he observed a subject fishing from shore. Upon checking the subject, it was discovered that a fishing license was never purchased. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Fox assisted local sheriff's deputies with a large party being held in a retired gravel pit in Presque Isle County. None of the subjects had permission to be there. In addition, there was underage drinking, indecent exposure, and disorderly conduct. Upon contacting the group, some of the party attendees decided to flee the scene. One subject fled into a pond, thinking she could elude the officers standing on shore. Two subjects were arrested for outstanding warrants. In addition, multiple people were charged for possession of marijuana, probation violations, and minors in possession of alcohol.

CO Fox responded to a complaint of a subject who got his truck stuck in a wetland. The subject tried to remove the stuck vehicle with a tractor, which he also got stuck. Enforcement action was taken for operating in a wetland.

CO Fox responded to a car vs. elk crash south of Onaway. The elk was turned over to a local charity that will put the meat to good use.

CO Sklba responded to a possible stolen truck in a retired gravel pit. The truck looked as though it spent the night mudding, and possibly broke down as it was stripped of the rims and tires. Deputies contacted the registered owner who had the truck towed back to their residence. The investigation was turned over to the county.

CO Sklba contacted two subjects cutting firewood in the Onaway area. The subjects were from out of state and were without a permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sklba responded to a forest fire in the Millersburg area. Local fire crews were on scene and had done a great job containing the fire in a fairly remote area. The fire was determined to have started from a lightning strike a week before.

CO Kelly Ross and Probationary CO Colton Gelinias were on general patrol in Montmorency County when an ORV operator was observed to have no helmet on. A stop was made on the ORV. Numerous violations were present at the time of the stop. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on patrol in Presque Isle County when two vehicles were observed parked in the middle of the roadway. Contact was made with both drivers. One driver was in possession of marijuana; law enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on ORV patrol in Montmorency County. COs have been getting reports of ORVs operating in a prohibited area on state land. COs made contact with an ORV rider who stated he and his family have been going through the area that is prohibited for years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on patrol in Oscoda County near the Au Sable River. COs observed a vehicle leaving a launch site to the river with young kids riding in the bed of a truck. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the driver to have a felony warrant out of Kalamazoo County, along with several passengers having open intoxicants in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ross and PCO Gelinias were on patrol in Montmorency County when a vehicle was observed to be operating in a careless manner. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle. Further investigation revealed the driver to be operating under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, and possession of a Schedule 2 controlled substance. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Budreau and Baldwin helped provide river closure on the Crooked River for the Top O' Michigan Outboard Marathon Nationals Powerboat Race.

CO Budreau responded to a complaint of a problem camp at Wycamp Lake in Emmet County. CO Budreau located the site which was covered in litter and with several live trees having been cut. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick was busy during the dry conditions in Cheboygan County, responding to numerous fires. One of the fires was a result of an individual who was pulling a trailer on I-75 when one of the trailer tires came off, resulting in the trailer being pulled on the axle hub on one side. The driver continued for a substantial distance causing the hub to heat up and sparked a fire alongside the express way.

DISTRICT 4

CO Mike Wells from Newaygo County along with PCO Tom Oberg were on a marine patrol when they observed a subject operating a kayak. Upon contact it was discovered that the subject did not have aboard the kayak the required PFD. The subject insisted that he was a strong swimmer stating that he has in the past swam across the lake with no issues. The COs explained to him that if another vessel collides with his kayak at no fault of his own, the presence of a PFD would increase his chances of surviving the incident. Subject was cited for failing to provide a PFD on a kayak.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were on a marine patrol on a Newaygo County Lake that had numerous trespass complaints on a particular island in the lake. COs observed a PWC beached on the shore next to a large "no trespassing" sign. It was also observed that the PWC was not displaying a registration number. CO Mike Wells entered onto the island and located two subjects whom had walked pass the sign onto the island. The subjects were escorted backed to the PWC and the sign. The subjects stated that they did not see the large sign several feet away from where they beached the PWC. A second PWC arrived at the location which was also in violation due to the lack of registration numbers on the vessel and it was discovered that the occupants of this second PWC were friends of the subjects trespassing on the island. Violations were issued regarding the failure to display registration numbers and all subjects were warned not to return to the island.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were on patrol in Newaygo County in an area known for illegal ORV operation. The officers observed two quads operating in violation due to the lack of eye protection on both operators. Both ORVs were stopped and it was discovered that the operators were a father and his juvenile son. Upon inspection of the ORVs COs learned that the machine the juvenile was operating was not displaying an ORV license. The father admitted that he had failed to obtain the license for his son's ORV. Further investigation revealed that the juvenile had not taken an ORV safety course. Citation was issued to the father for his failure to wear eye protection with warnings issued to him for the other violations present.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg where involved in the stop of ORVs when the COs observed a side by side ORV approaching their location. When the operator of the side by side observed the COs he turned the machine around and began to drive away. CO Wells jumped into the patrol truck and caught up with the ORV. CO Wells was unable to observe any type of ORV license on the machine. The side by side was contacted and escorted back to the location of the other ORVs the COs were currently dealing with. The operator of the side by side admitted that he observed the officers and turned around because he did not know what was going on. He explained that he recently purchased the ORV from a neighbor and failed to obtain an ORV license. Citation was issued for the licensing violation.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were on patrol on a Newaygo County lake when PCO Oberg made contact with a vessel that had beached at the DNR access site. During this contact PCO Oberg inquired as to PFDs and learned that the four occupants of the vessel were missing one wearable PFD. It was also discovered that

there was no fire extinguisher aboard and that the operator/owner did not have his required registration paper aboard the vessel. PCO Oberg explained the importance of the PFD and the extinguisher to the owner. Citation was issued for the failure to provide the PFD with warnings issued for the other violations present.

PCO Tom Oberg and CO Mike Wells had just completed a busy day of patrol at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. While heading back to Newaygo County the COs observed a vehicle swerving from side to side crossing the centerline and the fog line several times. Traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle and it was determined that the subject was under the influence of alcohol. The subject was arrested for the violation and upon processing at the local jail it was discovered that the subject was over the legal limit of .08 to operate a motor vehicle.

CO Van Gelderen policed a PWC accident where a juvenile ran over a kayaker and knocked him out. CO Van Gelderen discovered that the youth was not allowed to operate the PWC because it was rented by an older friend. The rental agreement states that operator shall be trained and at least 18 years old. The youth also had never taken boaters safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Van Gelderen was checking fishermen on the shoreline of Hart Lake. It was discovered that one subject did not have a fishing license. A file check revealed that the fisherman also had an outstanding warrant for his arrest out of Oceana County. When the suspect was advised that he was being arrested, his mother began to have a panic attack, and it was discovered that she had high blood pressure and was epileptic, so CO Van Gelderen called for EMS to check her status before the suspect went to jail.

COs Angela Greenway and Brian Lebel partnered up and responded to complaint of illegal buoys on Lake Mecosta. The COs were unable to make contact with the home owners after several attempts. The COs pulled the illegally placed buoys and received phone calls from the home owners with other illegal buoys locations on the lake. The COs have contacted the lake association for removal of the illegal private buoys that the land owners have established.

COs Angela Greenway and Brian Lebel were leaving a marine patrol and observed a suspicious vehicle weaving from shoulder to shoulder along the roadway. The COs observed the vehicle leaving the roadway multiple times and was attempting to pass other vehicles in a no passing zone. The COs conducted a traffic stop and observed an open beer spilling on the floor of the passenger side of the vehicle. CO Greenway conducted sobriety tests that resulted in an arrest for DWI.

CO Greenway was conducting stationary surveillance of a heavily buoyed slow no-wake zone that continues to have operators in violation along the Muskegon River. CO Greenway conducted a stop on a vessel that had motored through the buoyed slow no wake zone at a high rate of speed. Once the operator observed CO Greenway approaching he brought his speed down and began verbally arguing with the officer. CO Greenway remained calm despite the operators continued verbal disrespectful

behavior and attempted to explain the violation multiple times to the operator who continued to be belligerent. CO Greenway was able to establish ownership and positive identification of the operator and issued a citation for the violation.

Sgt. Carla Soper was checking marine activity at an access site on the Big Manistee River when she was flagged down by a boat of anglers advising that they had a medical emergency. The anglers in the boat were fishing when they witnessed a female fall from a rope swing along the riverbank. The female lost grip of the rope and fell onto land as opposed to the water surface and suffered from significant leg injuries. The anglers loaded the injured female onboard and brought her to the access site where Sgt. Soper and local EMS provided First Aid and stabilized the victim until she could be transported.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski of Mason County assisted with two bear hunting clinics in Wexford County at the Carl T. Johnson Center. Over 120 people attended the clinics and were taught the basics of bear hunting skills which covered habitat, gear, stand placement, baiting laws and other bear hunting regulations, as well as carcass and hide care.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski of Mason County contacted several dozen vessels fishing on Lake Michigan and several anglers were warned for not having fishing licenses on board the vessels and available for the COs to check. In addition to the warnings, 2 citations were issued for fishing with too many lines and 2 citations were issued for fishing without a fishing license. One of the anglers who were cited for fishing without a license was on a charter boat trip. The angler told the COs that he left his license in his truck. Records revealed that the angler did not have a current license for the 2016 fishing season. After issuing the subject his citation, the COs seized the two king salmon that the angler caught and they advised him that it was his responsibility to obtain a fishing license and no fault of the charter boat captain.

COs Josiah Killingbeck, Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky were working a joint patrol for illegal ORV activity in Lake County. Numerous violations were addressed for operating in closed areas, ORV trespass, failing to wearing safety equipment and failing to obtain/transfer titles. Six citations were issued and 15 warnings provided during the group patrol.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling an area where multiple complainants of dog hound hunters training their dogs on bears have been trespassing on private property. CO Killingbeck watched two subjects on M-37 near the Wexford/Lake County take their vehicles and attempting to block traffic because their dogs were close to the road. CO Killingbeck made contact with both subjects and explained that it was illegal to interfere with the flow of traffic. Both subjects knew better but said their dogs are more important. Both subjects were cited for impeding traffic.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling in Lake County near Irons for ORV violations when he observed an ORV operating on the roadway with no ORV licenses. CO Killingbeck

stopped the ORV and made contact with the operator who said that he did not know he needed ORV licenses. The subject told CO Killingbeck that he has been driving on the roads for 18 years without any and has never been stopped. The subject asked CO Killingbeck if this was a new law. CO Killingbeck explained that it was a regulation that has been in place for many years. After explaining ORV regulations to the subject, CO Killingbeck issued the subject a citation for failing to license his ORV.

CO Josiah Killingbeck while on patrol in Lake County observed a vehicle with an expired registration tab operating on the roadway. After running the plate, CO Killingbeck discovered the registration had been expired for over a month. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and contacted the driver who said she had just recently started driving the vehicle and never checked to see if the vehicle was legal to drive. CO Killingbeck discovered the vehicle had no insurance on it either. CO Killingbeck explained the importance of having the vehicle legal to the driver. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling in Lake County for illegal ORV activity when he observed two ORVs in front of him operating carelessly. After following the ORVs for a short distance CO Killingbeck was preparing to stop the ORVs when they suddenly pulled off the road and began driving through the brush to an illegal trail on a Utility Right of Way. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORVs and asked the operators if they were familiar with regulations for operating ORVs. Both subjects said they were new to the area and had no idea what the regulations were. They also admitted they never attempted to look up any rules for ORV operation. Both subjects were advised of ORV regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney was parked at Lake Meauwataka in Wexford County after having just checked some anglers at the lake. As CO Kinney prepared to leave, he was passed by an ORV with two occupants on board and neither of the occupants was wearing a helmet. CO Kinney stopped the ORV and the operator stated he knew they need helmets, but were just out for an evening ride down to the lake. Enforcement action was taken.

Lieutenant John Jurcich and CO William Kinney were asked by the State Police to assist in the search for a missing suicidal individual. The missing individual had been reported gone for approximately a week when the COs were asked to kayak a stretch of the Pine River in Wexford County. The COs spent the day kayaking the Pine River assisting the State Police in the search process. Unfortunately the COs were unable to find any new leads for the State Police. The investigation continues.

COs William Kinney, Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski attended a bear hunting clinic at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center in Cadillac. The COs were asked to assist with the class and help teach bear hunting regulation to the public. Approximately 65 people were able to attend the hunting clinic.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Joseph Deppen conducted a marine patrol and were marking preserved wreck sites with GPS around South Manitou Island when they were flagged down by a distressed boater. Upon motoring to their location, COs learned that their boat had a dead battery and needed a jump. CO Hopkins and PCO Deppen were able to get their boat started and the distressed boaters started their journey back to Ludington.

CO Rebecca Hopkins and PCO Joseph Deppen received a call of a deceased person in Lake Michigan. They launched their 28 foot Great Lakes Patrol Vessel out of Frankfort and assisted Benzie County Sheriff's Department with canvassing the immediate area to look for any signs of other persons and equipment related to the incident. The deceased person was found on the shoreline and the offshore search was suspended.

COs Sean Kehoe and Richard Stowe testified at a trial in Grand Traverse County where the defendant was issued a citation for littering on state land. Throughout the course of the hearing the defendant felt he was not responsible for the copious amounts of litter that was strewn across his campsite. The defendant indicated that raccoons had vandalized his camp site days earlier and they were the guilty party. The defendant was found guilty of littering on state land and was ordered to pay a fine.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen responded to a complaint of campers overstaying their allotted 15 day permit on state land. Upon reaching the campsite it was found that they were confused on the exact date of departure. After educating the campers on the exact rules and regulations they were given a verbal warning regarding their stay and the campers vacated state land that afternoon.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen observed a male cutting/stripping bark off a birch tree. Upon speaking with the subject and inquiring to the damage he was doing to the tree he indicated that he has done this multiple times. Enforcement action was taken.

While returning to the DNR customer service center on M-37, CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen saw a four door sedan pass multiple vehicles on the right at a high rate of speed. Upon conducting a traffic stop, the COs learned the suspect had no driver's license, no valid insurance and improper plates on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle also yielded marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins of Benzie County and PCO Joseph Deppen responded to a complaint of multiple ORVs driving recklessly. COs intercepted the group of riders at a local campground and educated the riders on ORV law and local ordinances. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Warren MacNeill responded to a domestic violence complaint at Harrisville State Park. Two brothers got into an altercation where their wives also became

involved. The tempers were fueled by alcohol and disputes over a wedding that was set to take place the next morning. One brother, the groom, and the other brother, the ordained minister, were separated before officers arrived. CO MacNeill interviewed both parties after locating the minister "skinny dipping" with his wife in Lake Huron. The wedding was still held the following day, but the service was performed by a different ordained minister.

CO Ethan Gainforth and CO Joshua Wright attended a hunter safety class at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare. The COs answered many of the public's questions pertaining to hunter safety and the upcoming hunting season.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint that a subject was shooting fish with an air rifle within the Trout Lake State Forest Campground in Gladwin County. According to the numerous complaints, the individual was running through several campsites with a Red Rider BB gun and shooting at various things, including fish in the lake. The subject was eventually located and cited for discharging an air/spring rifle in a campground. CO Phil Hudson was invited to speak at the local Cub Scouts in Alger. After discussing the duties and responsibilities of a Michigan Conservation Officer, the scouts were awarded with their public service badges.

CO Nick Atkin was patrolling the water recently when he noticed a PWC operator pulling two subjects on tubes. Right away, CO Atkin noticed that there was no observer on the PWC. Upon contact, CO Atkin also discovered that the operator did not have a boater's safety certificate and the PWC registration had expired in 2012. All subjects were directed safely back to shore where a citation was issued to the operator.

CO John Huspen assisted Forest Resource Division fire officers as well as Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, Grayling Township Public Safety and South Branch Township Fire Department with a reported wild fire. CO Huspen, deputies, and public safety officers focused on a medical emergency of someone who collapsed from the heat near the fire. One of the fire officers had carried the man away from the fire some distance, but the man could not continue and was still in danger of the fire. CO Huspen and the deputies arrived at the location where the man lay in the woods, carrying a fire extinguisher to protect the fallen man. Public safety officers brought a basket to the location. The man was carried by the CO, fire officer, deputies, and public safety officers away from the fire to CO Huspen's patrol truck, where the basket was loaded into the bed of the truck and transported to waiting EMTs. The subject was taken to the hospital. CO Huspen contacted the subject at the hospital that evening and reported he was resting comfortably and could not wait to get home.

CO John Huspen assisted Crawford County Sheriff Deputies on a rollover PI. CO Huspen was asked to assist with traffic while the road was closed. COs Ben McAteer and Craig Neal attended the Houghton Lake National Night Out in Roscommon County. Individuals had the opportunity to learn about safe firearm handling and hunter safety before entering the shooting simulator to do some target shooting.

CO Ben McAteer was dispatched to a wildfire in Lovells Township, Crawford County, MI. After interviewing the property owner at the fire origin, CO McAteer learned that an individual was mowing a path to his hunting blind with his garden tractor on an extremely high fire hazard day. While mowing the path, the property owner's tractor backfired and a fire immediately ignited around the tractor. The property owner attempted to stomp out the fire, but was unsuccessful. Fire units from around the county and neighboring counties were called in and were able to contain the fire after fifteen acres had burned. Because of the fast response from the fire officers, no structures were lost in the fire.

CO Sam Schluckbier received a complaint of an open fire burning in a woodlot in Kalkaska County. CO Schluckbier responded to the area and located a large brush fire and no one tending to it. CO Schluckbier was able to locate the property owner, who had ignited the fire several hours earlier. Due to the "high to very high" fire conditions, a misdemeanor citation was issued for failure to take precautions to stop a fire from escaping.

COs Craig Neal and Ben McAteer were on patrol at Bud Bash on Houghton Lake. The two COs were contacted by some individuals on a report that another boat crashed into theirs and about five other boats as well. Upon making contact, CO Neal noticed that one of the individuals had a pipe in his hand which is typically used for smoking marijuana. The individual quickly admitted that he had marijuana in his possession. Law enforcement action was taken.

On August 6, 2016, the event known as "Bud Bash", where thousands of boaters convene on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County occurred. COs Matt Liestenfeltz, Chris Bowen, Mike Hearn, Brian Olsen, Nick Atkin, Craig Neal, Ben McAteer, Sam Schluckbier, Ethan Gainforth, Travis Dragomer, Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Jeremy Payne patrolled the event along with the Michigan State Police and Roscommon County Sheriff's Department. During the patrol COs arrested 3 individuals for Marine OUIL. Additional violations discovered and addressed were Minors in Possession of Alcohol, Disorderly Persons, Careless Operation, and other marine act violations.

COs Casey Pullum, Bobbi Lively, Kyle Bader, Jeff Panich, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft conducted a joint marine enforcement patrol with MSP (STING), Oscoda County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Forest Service on the Au Sable River near Mio. Although the weather wasn't ideal, the officers contacted over 800 people on the river. Three subjects were arrested and lodged in the Oscoda County Jail and numerous others were issued citations for the following: Possession of Marijuana, Use of Marijuana, Minor in Possession of Alcohol, Littering, and No PFDs.

CO Warren MacNeill responded to a confrontation between two groups of bear hunters. One of the parties was accused of using his hounds to "strike" off the other hunting party's illegal bear bait. An argument ensued where a handgun was brandished and threats were made. CO MacNeill interviewed both parties and charges will be sought for felonious assault.

During a patrol on Van Etten Lake, CO Jon Warner witnessed a watercraft with an expired registration operating against the flow of traffic and at a high rate of speed. When CO Warner conducted a stop on the vessel, he verified the expired registration and also determined the ownership had not been transferred since its last purchase. Both occupants of the vessel, a father and son, had outstanding warrants for their arrest. Accommodations were made to remove the boat from the lake and both subjects were transported and lodged in the Iosco County Jail.

DISTRICT 6

CO Quincy Gowenlock was conducting an ORV patrol in the Kawkawlin Flooding in Midland County. While parked back by the entrance gate to the flooding, CO Gowenlock could hear the sound of an ORV rapidly approaching. When the quad operator entered the parking area he looked over and saw the CO in his truck. The operator slammed on the brakes and sent his quad into a skid nearly striking the closed gates. The operator quickly reached into his pocket and pulled out his cell phone and began taking pictures of the swampy area. CO Gowenlock contacted the subject and asked what he was taking pictures of. The suspect indicated he came into the flooding to take pictures of the area. CO Gowenlock then informed the subject that the Kawkawlin flooding was closed to ORV activity. The subject seemed surprised and said he had been riding on the state land for years and asked when it closed. The subject was informed that the area had been closed for at least 15 years and then was issued a citation for operating an ORV in a closed area.

While dropping citations off at the Midland County courthouse, CO Quincy Gowenlock was advised that a subject he had a warrant for felony resist and obstruct was taken into custody the previous month and was sentenced to four months in jail along with approximately \$2,000.00 in fines.

While on patrol in Saginaw County, CO Will Brickel observed a group of anglers along the Tittabawassee River. After watching each person fishing in the group for 10 minutes, CO Brickel made contact. During the contact, one individual said they didn't have a license but that they were not fishing. After explaining that he had been watching them for several minutes, the individual admitted to fishing and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Port Crescent State Park property near the mouth of the Pinnebog River, CO Robert Hobkirk observed a group of people swinging into the water using a rope swing. Feeling that the situation was dangerous, CO Hobkirk was approaching the group to tell them that they needed to stop and was going to remove the rope. Just as CO Hobkirk walked up to the group, a woman swung on the rope and dropped into the river. Her drop into the river resulted in a broken ankle. CO Hobkirk contacted central dispatch and requested EMS respond to the scene and coordinated Port Crescent State Park staff to assist EMS personnel in getting to the river mouth and extracting the injured person. The tree has since been cut down by state park staff.

COs Robert Hobkirk, Kyle Bucholtz and Sgt. Scott Brown conducted a group patrol in the Rush Lake State Game Area targeting illegal off road vehicle operation. The patrol was on the first Saturday of the Cheeseburger in Caseville Festival. The COs wrote a total of eight citations for operating in a closed area, no helmet, and no ORV license. Additionally, a number of warnings were issued.

CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted the Huron County Sheriff's Office with locating a missing disabled subject. CO Bucholtz arrived in the area and located the missing subject. The missing subject was returned to family without incident.

While patrolling a local river by kayak, CO Kyle Bucholtz located a subject fishing from shore without a license. CO Bucholtz made contact with the individual and enforcement action was taken.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright observed a farmer operating his ORV on a road and spraying his crops without wearing a helmet. The farmer was advised if he is operating on a road that is not privately owned he must wear a helmet.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright observed a young female riding on the bow while boating through the Quanicassee channel in Tuscola County. The boat was stopped and advised that bow-riding was not permitted and the safety concerns it posed. Upon further investigation, it was found that the vessel did not contain flares or a Type IV PFD. The operator was educated about the bow-riding and flares and cited for failure to provide a Type IV PFD.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright observed a golf cart operating on the shoulder of M-24 in Tuscola County. A traffic stop was conducted and the operator was cited.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright were on ORV patrol on state land in Tuscola County where they witnessed three individuals camping. The campers had a camp card and were advised of the rules regarding camping during the off season and a warning was given.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright spoke with juveniles about the importance of marine safety, ORV Safety, and hunter safety while speaking at the Camp 911 in Tuscola County.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright responded to a trespassing complaint in Tuscola County. The complainant complained of a duck blind being built on their private property. Upon investigation, it was determined that the duck blind was built on the bottom land of a privately owned section of the lake. CO Wright and PCO Varriale went to the residence of the builders. The builders agreed to remove the duck blind off of the private property. While talking with the builders, CO Wright and CO Varriale noticed a pool containing three turtles. One of the turtles was an Eastern Box turtle. The homeowner was advised that particular species of turtle cannot be possessed. He was cited for possession of a protected species.

PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright were on marine patrol in Bay County. While driving through a no wake zone the COs witnessed a boat riding on plane. The vessel was stopped and upon further investigation, it was found that the vessel had expired flares and did not have a Type IV PFD. The operator was given a warning for the flares and creating a wake and cited for failure to provide a Type IV PFD.

While on ORV patrol on private land in Tuscola County, PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright stopped a man riding his dirt bike on the trails. The suspect claimed he did not know the land was owned by another party. After informing him of the trespassing violation he was given a warning for trespassing.

On marine patrol on Saginaw Bay in Tuscola County, PCO Casey Varriale and CO Josh Wright checked a fisherman who was fishing with four lines. The man admitted he was using a fourth line while fishing and was cited for the violation.

CO Seth Rhodea and Sgts Scott Brown and Tony Soave attended and assisted at the Saginaw Bay Waterfowl Festival. The laser shot trailer and the Waterfowl ID challenge were popular stations to visit.

CO Jill Berry attended a National Night out in Bay County with other law enforcement agencies. CO Berry talked to many adults and children and explained the duties and responsibilities of a Michigan Conservation Officer.

COs Jill Berry and Mike Haas conducted a marine patrol on the Chippewa River in Isabella County. During their float, the COs stopped to check a couple of anglers. After a brief conversation with one of the anglers, it was discovered that she had a fish on a stringer. The angler then stated she wasn't certain of the species or what size the fish was. The fish was identified by the COs as a smallmouth bass and was well under the legal possession size. It was also determined that the woman had two confirmed warrants out of Isabella County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Eric Smither had a PWC operator resist and obstruct them by leaving the scene in a vehicle after the COs stopped the subject for operating a PWC after the allowed time. The COs had to tow the machine and impound it. A Bay County Sheriff's Deputy responded to the subject's address and located the subject as he arrived at his residence. The subject had a valid warrant out of Bay County and was lodged on the warrant. The following day the subject was issued four marine citations but was given a break on the felony resist and obstruct as he was ultimately lodged that night and was cooperative from that point on.

DISTRICT 7

While patrolling the Lowell State Game Area in Kent County, CO Richard Cardenas and CO Justin Ulberg observed a vehicle in a parking space with the driver's side door open and a large amount of garbage on the ground next to the vehicle. CO Cardenas and CO Ulberg investigated further and approached the vehicle. CO Cardenas and CO

Ulberg discovered the subject lying on the ground and taping a hose from the exhaust pipe into the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The subject made multiple comments about wanting to end his life and several suicide notes were located inside the vehicle. The subject was taken into custody, turned over to medical personnel, and was transported to a local hospital.

While out on marine patrol in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg observed a subject fishing off the back of a pontoon boat. When the subject noticed the CO, he quickly reeled in his pole and the operator of the boat started to drive away. CO Ulberg was able to make contact with the three subjects on the boat. None of the subjects had fishing licenses and a short bass was located in a minnow bucket. Further investigation revealed that two of the subjects had outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken and one of the subjects was transported to the county jail.

CO Richard Cardenas and CO Justin Ulberg were patrolling the Lowell State Game Area when they observed two ORVs coming at them on the roadway. One of the drivers went speeding past the other, fishtailed, and nearly struck the second ORV. The COs stopped both ORVs and discovered that one of the operators was not wearing a helmet and did not have an ORV sticker. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dave Rodgers, Justin Ulberg, and PCO Kyle Cherry participated in the South Kent National Night Out community event. The COs brought several different types of patrol equipment for community members to view and answered questions about, "What are the duties of a conservation officer?"

While on marine patrol, CO Greg Patten heard a missing swimmer report go out at North Shore Park on Lake Michigan. CO Matt Page, CO Tyler Cole, and CO Patten responded to assist. The swimmer was found unharmed.

CO David Rodgers and PCO Kyle Cherry responded to a complaint in Barry County of a subject who posted pictures on social media of a Muskie taken on Thornapple Lake that appeared to be under the legal size limit for possession. A records check indicated that the subject had no record of ever purchasing a fishing license or the tag needed to possess the fish. Contact was made with the subject, who claimed a friend had caught the fish while fishing with him. The COs were able to retrieve the fish from the subject's freezer. The Muskie was 52 inches and 35 pounds. Enforcement action was taken for possessing the fish without a valid license or tag.

Grand Haven State Park has escalated problems with drugs, alcohol, and gang related activity during Coast Guard Festival. In response, 22 conservation officers from three different districts stepped up enforcement efforts. Over 2,000 contacts were made with park visitors, 12 arrests were made for alcohol related illegal activity, and 41 warnings were given for attempting to bring alcohol into the park. Numerous lost children were located and first aid was given to many individuals as well.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked anglers at the Webber Dam. During his check, CO Beavers made contact with two subjects who were coming off the river after fishing from a boat. CO Beavers asked the subjects if they had any luck and one stated not really. CO Beavers asked if there were any fish in the cooler that was located in the boat. One subject first replied no, but then said just a couple of crappie and a bullhead. CO Beavers looked in the cooler, which contained 4 crappies, one bullhead, and one channel catfish. CO Beavers pulled the channel catfish from the cooler, believing it looked smaller than the required 12 inch minimum. CO Beavers asked the subject about the catfish and he stated he did not know how that got in the cooler. CO Beavers asked him how that was possible and the subject then said that it was caught but died when it swallowed the hook. CO Beavers asked why he didn't mention the catfish when asked about the fish. The subject stated that he did not remember the fish was in the cooler. CO Beavers then measured the fish and it was less than 11 inches. CO Beavers explained the length requirements to the subject. The subject was cited for possessing a channel catfish less than 12 inches.

CO Michael Mshar was patrolling the Kalamazoo River when he encountered a subject fishing on the bank. As CO Mshar came to shore with his vessel, he witnessed the subject attempting to quickly untie a stringer from a dock. CO Mshar was able to get to the subject prior to him removing a very small bass from the stringer. Upon contact, the subject stated he did not know the size limits for bass and was in the process of letting it go. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas responded to a personal injury vehicle accident in Barry County. Upon arrival, CO Cardenas was informed that the driver had fled into a nearby wooded area. CO Cardenas located the subject, ensured that he received appropriate medical attention, and processed him for alcohol related charges.

CO Matt Page worked marine patrol for the Coast Guard Festival in Grand Haven with CO Greg Patten. Many contacts were made and a few minor marine violations were issued.

CO Brad Brewer was parked at a lake access site when an ORV drove down the road and into the access site. The ORV was occupied by a father and two young toddlers. CO Brewer issued the subject a citation for operating on a road and warned the subject for no helmets, too many occupants, and no ORV license.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Ryan Andrews were at a lake access site when PCO Andrews observed a PWC being operated with an expired registration. PCO Andrews was able to flag the subject down to investigate. It was found that the subject had not taken the boater safety class and the PWC had not been registered after it had been purchased two years prior. A citation was issued for the registration violation.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Ryan Andrews were issuing a citation to a subject for fishing without a license, when they observed a PWC that was towing a subject without an observer and drove too close to an anchored fishing boat at high speed. The subject

was stopped and issued a citation for towing without an observer. Later on the same lake, a boat was stopped for no registration and it was discovered that the owner had purchased the boat five years prior and had failed to register the boat. A citation was issued for operating an unregistered boat.

CO Matt Page made contact with a boat leaving a lake after dark without any navigation lights. After a further check, the subject was also missing a type 4 PFD. The operator advised that another CO had stopped him a month prior and gave him a warning about the type 4 PFD. A citation was issued for the PFD issue and the subject was warned on the navigation lights.

CO Matt Page responded to a complaint of a buck that had been shot on a crop damage permit that only allowed antlerless deer. A 16 year old shooter had shot a small buck. Because of the shooter's honesty and calling in his mistake to the RAP hotline a warning was issued. The deer was seized and the meat was donated.

DISTRICT 8

On Saturday, August 6th, CO Daniel Prince talked with 110 turkey hunters at the National Wild Turkey Federation Flint River Chapter Jakes event held at Williams Gunsight in Davison, Michigan. CO Prince talked about the duties of a Michigan Conservation Officer, laws, and ethical hunting. CO Prince also talked about hunting tactics, calling, and scouting for fall and spring turkey.

While conducting a marine patrol on Crooked Lake in Howell CO Daniel Prince observed a vessel towing a wake boarder without an observer. CO Prince was able to make contact with the boat and issued a citation for the safety violation.

CO Chris Reynolds attended a meeting at the Hillsdale Conservation Club. CO Reynolds updated the club on laws and regulations, and also answered several law questions related to deer hunting and ORVs.

CO Chris Reynolds checked a local Hillsdale County lake and noticed an elderly couple struggling to load their boat. The CO asked if he could assist and loaded their boat for them. The couple was appreciative as both have medical issues.

CO Chris Reynolds noticed an ORV operating on a county roadway with numerous violations. A stop was conducted and the operator was unfamiliar with Michigan's ORV laws. CO Reynolds educated the operator on ORV laws, gave him an ORV handbook, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds noticed a boat on a Hillsdale County lake with out of state numbers and a Michigan registration. The boat owner thought that the MC numbers would be sent to him by the state. CO Reynolds advised that it was the owner's responsibility to purchase the MC numbers and put them on the boat. It was also discovered there were no wearable PFDs on board for the occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough completed an investigation involving a subject who killed a turkey and a deer without a license during the 2015 seasons. CO McCullough was sent photos of the subject posing with both the deer and the turkey. After a short interview the suspect stated they were just learning how to hunt. CO McCullough explained the importance of purchasing hunting licenses before going hunting. Further investigation revealed the suspect was actually told by the photographer to purchase a hunting license before going hunting but neglected to do so. The turkey mount was confiscated and a warrant was obtained through the prosecutor's office.

COs Carter Woodwyk and Jason McCullough located a truck in a local Calhoun County access site well after midnight. The COs waited for several hours for the boat and its occupants to return to the launch. While they were waiting the COs observed the subjects floating around the edges of the lake spearing fish. The fishermen did not know the COs could also hear them talking about spearing bass. When the subjects returned to the launch CO Woodwyk located 12 bass that had been speared, ranging in size from 8-18 inches. The COs also noted the boat was unregistered and did not have navigation lights or life jackets. Tickets were issued.

CO Jason McCullough contacted two anglers in a boat in a remote section of a Calhoun County lake. CO McCullough asked how the fishing was going and one of the fishermen stated he put a bass in the cooler but didn't have anything to measure it with. CO McCullough measured the fish and determined it was almost two inches short of legal length. CO McCullough also recognized the vessel as the same vessel he had cited a couple of months ago for being unregistered and not having life jackets. Further investigation revealed the vessel was still unregistered. Enforcement action was taken. CO Jeff Goss and PCO Carter Woodwyk conducted a random taxidermy inspection on a taxidermist in Barry County who was thought to be unlicensed. When they arrived at the business they spoke to the owner who was very open and forthcoming about running a taxidermy business. After confirming that the taxidermist was continuing to take in business from 2015, the COs asked if he had renewed his taxidermy permit. The taxidermist said he had not and asked how often they expire. After informing the taxidermist that permits expire every three years, he realized his permit had expired a few years prior. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Jackson was patrolling Branch County for ORV activity when he noticed a large cloud of thick, dark smoke. Upon investigation CO Jackson noted a fire behind a residence with the homeowner carrying bags to the fire. Officer Jackson made contact with the homeowner and noted a tire and rim, a tonneau cover, a grill and other household items in the fire. The man admitted to setting these things on fire and agreed that the smoke "was a little much." Enforcement action was taken

COs Joshua Jackson and Isaac Tyson received a complaint as a result of a Facebook video posted online showing a young child being held over the side of a vessel while underway. The officers viewed the videos and noted multiple violations. They located and interviewed the suspect who admitted that he probably shouldn't have done it, but did not see anything wrong with it. The investigation is pending.

CO Isaac Tyson observed three subjects fishing from shore. One of the subjects was netting minnows with a dip net and did not have a license. The subject stated that she was not fishing. CO Tyson explained that catching minnows required a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Shane Webster and Chris Reynolds made contact with the operator of a PWC who was towing two young children on a tube without an observer. The man immediately stated that he knew what he was doing was wrong and claimed that he never tows without an observer but that the kids wanted to ride together. A check revealed that the operator had nine outstanding warrants, including one out of Florida. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Grand River near Lansing, CO Todd Thorn observed a man fishing from shore in a wooded area. When the man saw CO Thorn he immediately began reeling in fishing lines. CO Thorn saw four lines in the water. The man told CO Thorn that his grandson was fishing with him, but he was nowhere to be found. The man angrily called a relative on the phone and asked where his grandson was. CO Thorn heard the person tell him over the phone that the grandson was at practice. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Lakeland trail in Jackson County near Stockbridge, CO Todd Thorn contacted two men pulling a cart on the trail. The cart contained 5 two-gallon pails of deer bait, which they were planning to dump at their hunting location in preparation for hunting season. CO Thorn informed the men that there was a date when baiting is legal for deer and it was not yet currently legal. CO Thorn also informed them that they would be over the limit of bait as well had they dumped all of the bait they had with them. The men stated that they were unaware of the laws and had been doing this for thirty years. The men took the bait back to their vehicles and promised to study up on their hunting laws.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a RAP complaint of a person allowing yard waste to fall into the Red Cedar River in Okemos. The matter was addressed and a timeframe for clean-up was generated. Follow-up will be conducted.

CO Matthew Neterer was dispatched by Eaton County regarding three subjects fishing from a dam in Eaton Rapids. CO Neterer responded and found that the subjects had went through a hole in a fence and were standing on top of the dam attempting to catch fish at the base of the spillway. When asked for their fishing licenses all three stated that they had left them at home but assured CO Neterer that they had purchased them for 2016. A quick check revealed that none had licenses and one subject hadn't bought a license since 2010. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason King awarded a 10 year-old outdoorsman with a Certificate of Appreciation because he demonstrated outstanding situational awareness and was able to give an accurate description of two subjects that had driven their dirt bikes through a closed

area earlier in the year. The outstanding youth citizen was thrilled to receive the award and informed CO King that it made his day.

While conducting a marine patrol COs Jason King and Chris Maher observed two anglers actively fishing from their vessel on Center Lake in Jackson County. After making contact with the anglers it was discovered that neither angler had a valid fishing license. A file check through Station 20 also showed that one of the subjects had a valid felony warrant out of Kentucky, as well as a misdemeanor warrant out of Newaygo, Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick received a complaint of a dead goose at a residence in Laingsburg. CO Slick responded and spoke with the homeowner. They stated the goose was acting funny then laid down and died. CO Slick spoke with neighbors and learned that young geese routinely hit the powerlines at the residence as they are landing in the pond. CO Slick examined the goose and did not see anything suspicious. The goose had been banded in the Laingsburg area earlier this year.

CO Andrew Monnich was patrolling when a call come over the radio of an unresponsive infant found in a family pool. CO Monnich was close to the area where the incident occurred and responded. CO Monnich assisted a Lenawee County Sheriff's Deputy in securing the scene so EMS could work on the toddler. The toddler was revived while EMS was transporting to a local hospital.

CO Andrew Monnich and CO Brandon Hartleben were on marine patrol on Devils Lake when they contacted two fishermen to check for fishing licenses. While the COs approached the fishermen's vessel they noticed the MC numbers on the boat were not visible. Upon asking the anglers for fishing licenses, one of the individuals set the rod down and said he hadn't bought one for the year. During the contact the CO asked to see the fishermen's catch in the bucket in the boat. While CO Monnich was discussing the issues with the vessels MC numbers and the fisherman not having a license CO Hartleben checked the fish in the bucket and located three largemouth bass one at 12.5 inches and two at under 10 inches. Enforcement actions were taken for the violations.

CO Brandon Hartleben assisted the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office on an incident involving the suspected intentional killing of five Trumpeter swans (1 Adult and 4 Juveniles) by a motor vehicle. The Sheriff's Office had responded to the scene and begun the investigation earlier that morning, but had requested that CO Hartleben assist with the investigation. CO Hartleben recovered the adult swan from the Sheriff's Office and confirmed that it was a Trumpeter swan prior to conducting a necropsy. The necropsy of the adult swan revealed severe trauma to the base of the neck and upper chest, consistent with a crushing type injury that would result from being run over by a motor vehicle. There was no evidence to suggest that the swan had been killed by any type of projectile. Tire track impressions were recovered from the scene from the suspect vehicle. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Brandon Hartleben submitted a report and warrant request to the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office. A subject was arrested by CO Hartleben and Sgt. Dan Bigger on July 4, 2016 for operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol (BAC 0.214). The report outlines seven charges being pursued against the subject, including felony resist & obstruct and flee & elude charges.

CO Mike Drexler presented to nine groups of cub scouts at the Washtenaw County Fairgrounds for a Cub Scout Day Camp. CO Drexler spoke to scouts about the duties of a conservation officer including general law enforcement duties, safe vs. unsafe hunting, and conservation of the natural resources. Scouts were also shown some of the equipment conservation officers are issued.

CO Daniel Prince and a Michigan State Trooper from the Brighton Post responded to a complaint on Woodruff Lake in Brighton of a subject shooting at a Great Blue Heron with a gun. Through the investigation they were able to make contact with a resident who was trying to scare Canada Geese off the lawn with bottle rockets. There was no firearm involved and no animals injured. CO Prince explained the state and federal laws to the subject.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he received a complaint that a deer had an inner tube around its neck and looked very sick. CO Griffin responded to the location of the complaint to find a doe with two fawns lying in a field at the rear of the property. When the doe stood up CO Griffin noticed a plastic ring around the doe's neck. The ring was very loose, it was not an inter-tube, the doe and the two fawns were extremely healthy and the ring could easily fall off the deer at any time. Due to the great health of the deer and it being in a safe location, CO Griffin notified the DNR Wildlife Division to make them aware of the situation just in case the deer is in danger in the future.

While patrolling Oakland County, CO Jason Becker observed a subject operating a dirt bike on the public road without a helmet. CO Becker stopped the subject for operating on a roadway that is closed to ORV operation. The subject did not have identification, so CO Becker followed him a short distance to his residence to retrieve his driver's license. CO Becker advised the subject that he could not operate on the roadway, did not have a license or ORV sticker on the dirt bike, and he was not wearing a helmet. The subject stated that he thought it was ok to ride on the road because he has seen others doing the same in the past. The subject also stated that this was not going to look good in his other case. CO Becker asked what he meant by the statement. The subject explained that he had been charged with an ORV violation by the local police department and is planning on fighting it in court. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Justin Muehlhauser and Robert Slick worked a marine patrol on Lobdell Lake where CO Muehlhauser noticed a vessel with several children on board that were not wearing any life jackets. The COs stopped the vessel and asked the operator the ages

of the children. Three out of the four children were under six years old and not wearing life jackets as required. The operator explained that they had just left the sand bar and that they usually always have their life jackets on. CO Muehlhauser explained that children under six years old must wear an approved PFD at all times on the water. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Christopher Knights was driving on a back road in the Bald Mountain State Game Area when he saw a dirt bike in the distance. After driving further, the dirt bike was coming directly towards him. CO Knights activated his emergency lights and stopped the bike before it could pass him. The bike pulled over in front of the truck and CO Knights immediately noticed the bike had two passengers. CO Knights told them to shut it off and dismount the bike. Both were teens and both were riding without helmets. The bikes were not registered nor were the teens old enough to be riding without an adult and illegally riding on a public highway. Instead of issuing them a ticket CO Knights contacted both parents of the teens. They were advised he had pulled them both over on a main road without helmets. It turned out neither parents were aware they were riding a dirt bike, and the owner of the bike had locked it in a garage for the teens not to use. CO Knights used this as a learning experience for both teens and allowed the parents to discipline them for which they were very grateful.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zachary Bauer were on a nighttime fish patrol checking anglers in vessels coming off the water in Port Huron. The COs made contact with two anglers in a vessel in possession of fresh fish fillets. Upon closer inspection, the COs determined that there were 22 very small walleye fillets. The anglers stated they had cleaned their fish at a fish cleaning station along the river prior to coming into the launch. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zachary Bauer were on an ORV patrol when the COs came across a group of individuals operating ORVs in a closed area. During the contact, multiple violations were noticed including unlicensed ORVs, no helmets, operating while driver's license was suspended, and ORV trespass. Enforcement action was taken. CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zachary Bauer were patrolling areas of frequent ORV on the roadway complaints. The COs soon observed one dirt bike and two four-wheelers riding on the roadway. Upon contact at an intersection, multiple violations were addressed including unlicensed ORV, operating on the roadway, and unsupervised operation. While addressing the violations with those individuals, another ORV pulled up to the intersection. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher patrolled the St. Clair Flats area by boat and contacted a large number of PWCs on a "poker run." He advised the organizer of the slow-no-wake areas around the area. They were surprised at how many they had violated. CO Lasher suggested they give a map to all participants for next year's event.

CO Lasher took enforcement action on two PWCs violating the slow-no-wake area in the North Channel while on marine patrol in St. Clair County.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zachary Bauer were patrolling areas of high ORV activity when they encountered multiple ORVs being operated on the roadway. Further investigation revealed more ORVs in an area restricted to ORV operation. Multiple violations were discovered including helmet violations, unlicensed ORV, ORV trespass, and operating ORVs on the roadway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zachary Bauer were on foot patrol checking anglers along a riverbank. Several contacts were made. One angler they encountered did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling an area known for illegal ORV activity, CO James Zellinger encountered an ORV being operated on the roadway. The operator was not wearing a helmet and the ORV had an expired ORV license on it. Enforcement action was taken.

COs James Zellinger and Mark Ennett conducted a marine patrol on Lake Erie during which a couple dozen contacts were made with fishermen. One angler was determined to be fishing without a valid fishing license. One of the vessels checked was unable to provide a type IV personal floatation device, a fire extinguisher, an audible signaling device and a paper registration. Enforcement action was taken in both instances. COs James Zellinger and Mark Ennett were patrolling a set of local railroad tracks for ORV activity and came across a motorist who had driven on railroad property in order to access a private pond. Enforcement action was taken and the motorist was given a jump, in order to get his motor vehicle started and removed from railroad property.

CO David Schaumburger came upon a pair of shore anglers who stated that all they had were bluegills. CO Schaumburger looked through their two coolers and found a small mouth bass. He asked the pair if they had measured the fish, and they said no, they did not know there was a size limit. CO Schaumburger measured the fish and took the angler's fishing license, ID and did some background on the angler with the help of dispatch. The CO found that the angler has an extensive history of purchasing fishing licenses and also has received a citation in the past from CO Kris Kiel for taking bass during the closed season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger came upon an angler who appeared to just toss his fourth line in the water. The CO approached and asked the angler why he had four lines, to which he stated that he just dropped the fourth one in the water and that it really should not count. The CO reeled in all four lines and found them all to be baited. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger was traveling down I-75 in a 70 mph zone when a vehicle passed him doing approximately 100 MPH. The CO paced the vehicle traveling at 95 MPH and initiated a traffic stop. During the stop, the driver disclosed that he had a pistol in the vehicle and he did not have a CPL. CO Schaumburger had the driver exit the vehicle and he located a loaded 9mm pistol under the driver's seat. When asked why he had the gun in the vehicle, the driver stated that he was in Detroit and needed it for

protection. The driver was placed under arrest and charges are pending through the County Prosecutor's Office for CCW.

CO Raymond Gardner was checking boaters at the East Launch of Belleville Lake while on marine patrol. During his checks he found two empty fire extinguishers, one boat missing a Type IV throw able personal floatation device and one individual without a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 21

Detective Holly Pennoni reports on a conviction that resulted in \$350 in fines in the 82nd Judicial District Court in Roscommon County for a permit violation under Part 301 Inland Lakes and Streams. In November of 2015, Water Resources Division received a complaint of a permit violation involving an excavator 100 feet off shore in Houghton Lake; no silt curtain, no permit on site, and minor dredging. The excavator was removing bottomland soils to construct a berm around a seawall project. WRD staff referred the case to the DNR Environmental Investigation Section. Detective Joseph Fitzgerald and CO Chris Bowen responded to the site and observed the permit violations. The Environmental Investigation Section had previous contact with this company for minor violations. Detective Fitzgerald issued a ticket for failure to post permit at site to bring the business into compliance with permitting regulations under Part 301.

BELLE ISLE

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Carter Woodwyk were working at Belle Isle Park when they received a complaint of an unattended pitbull tied to a fence on the beach. While investigating the complaint, the COs were able to confirm that the suspect who was the owner of the pitbull had 15 outstanding warrants for his arrest. The total bond on the warrants equaled more than \$26,000. The suspect was lodged and the dog was removed from the beach.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Carter Woodwyk were working at Belle Isle Park when they were flagged down by a group of people near the north beach to assist with a medical emergency. Upon arrival they observed a female subject who was breathing but unconscious lying on the pavement. The COs assisted in bringing her to a shaded grass area and laid her down. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived on scene and checked the condition of the female subject, determined that she was fine and said that she must be faking the situation now. When the female subject heard EMS say this, she immediately sat up and began arguing with them telling them she fainted and is not okay. Eventually, the subject got to her feet and was transported to the local hospital to be checked out.

COs Todd Thorn and Andrew Monnich worked a very busy Belle Isle shift and responded to several complaints including a young girl who cut the skin off of her heel down to the tendon while riding her bike, two young children locked in a car, a sick

coyote found inside a building, and a lost two year-old child. All of the incidents were resolved and the children were all safely returned to their guardians.

CO Jason A. Smith patrolled Belle Isle for a shift and assisted with a call regarding a man waving a gun around and also with a verbal domestic at the beach.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol at Belle Isle when he received a complaint about a dog left in a vehicle for over 20 minutes. When CO Griffin received the complaint the suspect vehicle had already left the area. CO Griffin was able to track the vehicle down and speak with the two subjects regarding the unattended dog in their vehicle. They admitted to leaving their dog in the car, but thought it was okay since the windows were cracked and they were only gone for 10 minutes. CO Griffin explained to the two subjects that it is not okay to do so especially when it is over 90 degrees outside

While on patrol of Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker stopped a vehicle for travelling the wrong way on a one way street. While giving directions to the driver, CO Becker noticed the smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. CO Becker asked the subject if there was any marijuana in the vehicle. The subject stated that there was and he had a medical marijuana card. The subject stated that it was located in a bag sitting on the passenger seat. CO Becker advised the man that even though he had a medical card, the marijuana was not stored properly in his vehicle. While interviewing the subject, CO Becker was able to determine the man intended on taking the marijuana to a party on the island and share it with friends. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol on Belle Isle when they came across a subject walking with a bag of fish and a fishing pole. Upon contact with the subject, it was found that the bag contained 60 bluegill and the subject had not purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher worked an event on Belle Isle. While patrolling the event parking area, the CO observed a subject throw something under a vehicle parked next to where he was "tailgating" with some other event goers. CO Lasher contacted the subject suspecting it was a beer can that he had discarded. His suspicions were correct and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol on Belle Isle when the COs came across two anglers. Contact was made with the anglers and further investigation revealed an over-limit of bluegill. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol on Belle Isle when the COs encountered an angler fishing along the shoreline. Further investigation revealed the angler was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Zachary Bauer were on patrol on Belle Isle when the COs came across two anglers fishing. Upon contact, the COs noticed they were in possession of an undersized bass. After running one of the anglers through LEIN, it

was revealed that the angler had a warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jay Person and Mark Ennett were dispatched to a complaint of a suicidal subject on the island. The dispatcher informed them that a woman reported she was on the Detroit River near Scott's Fountain, and was going to jump in. Officers quickly located her, being pulled away from her position on the river by a friend. The friend, and then a sister of the victim, both were present. They managed to keep her away from the river, while the COs stood by. They decided it was best to observe from a discreet distance, but remain alert. A responding lieutenant from the Detroit Fire Department was also on scene. The three of them managed to talk her into voluntarily being transported to a medical facility for an appraisal.

While working Belle Isle patrol, CO Walzak observed a vehicle operating at a high rate of speed near Riverbank Drive. CO Walzak made contact with the subject who stated that she was just enjoying the drive and fresh air. Enforcement action was taken.