

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
7/5/15 – 7/18/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Elton Luce witnessed a bicycle accident where one bicyclist collided with another while operating down a steep hill. CO Luce rendered first aid and transported the injured subject as requested to his residence.

CO Elton Luce responded to an incident involving the potential drowning situation of an over-turned kayaker, who had been adrift in cold weather conditions for over four hours. The air temperature on this day was in the low 60's with 20+ mph winds. CO Luce recovered the kayaker from the over-turned kayak with little time to spare. She received treatment for hypothermia by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on shore.

Sgt. Ryan Aho and COs Mark Leadman and Marvin Gerlach assisted with marine security during the launch of the Navy's newest Littoral Combat Ship (LCS), the USS Little Rock, at Marinette Marine in the Menominee River. The vessel is 378 feet long and weighs approximately 3,000 tons. A portion of the river needed to be temporarily closed during the launch for public safety and due to the large wave generated by the launch of the vessel. The launch was completed successfully and enjoyed by approximately 2,000 spectators.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Shannon Kritz contacted a group of anglers on a trophy fishing lake closed to the use of live bait. Upon investigation live bait was found in the possession of one of the anglers contacted. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Shannon Kritz were checking anglers on the Chocoy River when they contacted one angler who never purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Bradley Silorey and CO Marvin Gerlach contacted two subjects operating personal watercraft (PWCs) on the Menominee River. Both machines had expired registrations. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Bradley Silorey and CO Marvin Gerlach contacted two subjects riding double on an ORV and not wearing helmets. One subject said that he was glad they hadn't encountered the officers earlier, as they had just purchased ORV decals for their machine after they had been riding it without them all summer. Enforcement action was taken on the other violations.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling a high ORV activity area when he came upon an older gentleman who had his ORV stuck in the ditch. The man stated that he was attempting to turn around and got sucked into the mud hole. CO Ferguson assisted the

man on getting his ORV unstuck and gave him water that was in the CO's cooler. The man was very grateful and happy to be out of the mosquitos and heat.

COs Jason Wicklund, Jared Ferguson and Sgt. Marc Pomroy conducted a group ORV patrol to target resource damage areas in Dickinson County. Numerous ORV checks were made, with only minor violations being addressed.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch conducted a marine patrol on the Groveland Mine Pond system. They observed a lady and small child fishing out of a kayak and proceeded to conduct a check of the two. The COs found the child had a personal flotation device (PFD) but not the adult. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch followed up on a litter complaint made by a group of campers. While investigating the litter complaint, the officers checked a nearby shore angler. The angler had no fishing license and a female angler in the group was in possession of a short bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch responded to the call of two missing children. The officers teamed up with other local law enforcement officers and located the two children safely after a short search.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch conducted a marine patrol on the Menominee River in Dickinson County. The two contacted many boaters and addressed violations for not having a proper fire extinguisher, failure to display a marine registration and failure to provide PFDs.

CO Brian Lasanen and CO Dave Miller conducted an investigation regarding an individual selling frozen smelt on a social media web page. Both officers witnessed the suspect selling fish to a second individual, with the fish and money being exchanged in a Hancock parking lot. Contact was made with the suspect and after a brief interview enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen attended the Hunters Safety Education Academy held in Roscommon. Several new techniques were shared with the instructors on teaching hunter safety to youth.

CO Dennis Gast worked a mid-week marine patrol on Portage Lake with heavy activity due to the very warm weather. Contact was made with several PWC operators playing in the cool water. Officer Gast stopped one individual for operating a PWC without a life jacket. Enforcement action was taken.

During the mid-week patrol on the Portage waterway, CO Dennis Gast contacted two individuals kayaking. Neither paddler possessed a life jacket. Another individual who was checked was fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Denny Gast worked a littering complaint where he found several items that had been dumped illegally on state land. Officer Gast went through the garbage and was able to find an address label attached to one of the items. Through his investigation he was able to track down and make contact with the responsible individual. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jared Ferguson and Jason Wicklund were on patrol when a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper called for backup regarding a neighbor dispute. The COs responded and found two neighbors who were allegedly firing high powered rifles at each other over a noise complaint. The officers were able to calm the high tensions between the two parties and each went their separate ways.

CO Jared Ferguson attended a U.S. Federal Court case regarding an issue that happened last firearm deer season in Schoolcraft County. CO Ferguson issued a ticket that was in question due to property lines adjacent to federal forest land. The CO made sure that the GPS coordinates of the blind were not on privately owned land according to property details. CO Ferguson was able to make a case and the ticket issued was paid in full.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling his work area when he came upon an ORV side-by-side operating along M-95. CO Ferguson contacted the operator and found he was running to his sister's house to grab her mail and let her dog out. The operator stated that she was currently at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota undergoing chemotherapy treatments. CO Ferguson followed the ORV to the address and found that his story was true.

CO Dave Painter and PCO Chad Baldwin patrolled the trout lakes in northern Iron County. A check of two subjects fishing from a canoe found they did not have PFDs. The subjects stated that they knew they had forgotten the PFDs but decided to risk it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch were on patrol when they came across an ORV being operated by an unsupervised juvenile. The ORV was traveling at a high rate of speed and did not have an ORV license or title. Follow up contact was made with the parents.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch worked a patrol at Gene's Pond in Dickinson County. A check of one boat found the subject in possession of three short bass. The subject stated he thought the size limit was 12 inches. The officers explained the current regulations and addressed the fact that the 10 inch bass in possession was still under what he thought the size limit was. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch contacted a boat operator on Gene's Pond in Dickinson County. A check of the boat registration found it to be expired. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Chris Lynch were able to close out a six week investigation into camping violations on state land. Contact was made with the suspect and numerous violations were addressed.

DISTRICT 2

CO Jon Busken was returning from his Independence Day patrol at approximately 1:00 a.m. on the 5th when he observed two sets of ORV headlights coming up a county road. Contact was made with the operators who were operating without helmets and riding double. The operators stated that they had been abiding by the law on an earlier ride but did not expect to see law enforcement at this time of night. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken contacted a group of ORV operators who were riding double and operating without current ORV registrations. The lead operator was quick to point out that riding double and operating without a current ORV registration was legal on private property. The officer was quick to point out that they were not on private property. Enforcement action was taken.

While CO Jon Busken was preparing to launch his patrol vessel on a local lake he observed one vessel with three occupants, all of whom were fishing. The CO contacted the anglers and found two of them were still fishing but the third one had put down her fishing pole and was hesitant to talk to the officer. CO Busken completed the vessel safety check and asked the third occupant if she was fishing, to which she replied, "No, I don't fish". CO Busken told her that he had seen her with a pole in her hand before he launched. The occupant replied, "Well I did cast the pole for her a few times." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was returning in his patrol boat to a local launch when he observed an ORV parked at the launch ramp with a male and female standing by it. The male tapped the female on the shoulder and both began putting on their helmets when he saw the officer's full marked patrol boat approaching the launch. Both individuals got on the ORV that was not designed to ride double. As they took off the operator looked at the officer. CO Busken waved, pointed to his badge and signaled for the operator to stop. The operator took off at a high rate of speed. While leaving the launch he looked back again at the officer who once more signaled for him to stop. CO Busken quickly tied up his patrol boat and contacted the operator. The operator was found to be 15 years old. He was operating unsupervised, riding double and failed to immediately stop when signaled by a peace officer. CO Busken transported him to his parents' house. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Busken, Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth attended a formal hearing on a ticket written for the offense of disregarding a stop sign. The defendant was found responsible for the civil infraction and the court reduced the fine by \$35. The officers spoke to the defendant while leaving the court room. While happy to have his fine reduced by \$35 he was frustrated by the fact that he had taken the day off from work,

spent \$200 in gas and \$900 on an attorney. He had a very poor driving record and was hoping to avoid further points.

COs Jon Busken and Robert Watson attended the Hunter Education Instructor Academy. The officers learned new classroom and range techniques. They were also able to network with many other instructors.

CO Bobby Watson was on routine patrol through a local state forest campground. He observed one campsite with multiple tents, beer cans, and litter strewn throughout the campsite. CO Watson attempted to make contact by walking throughout the site and announcing his presence. Finally CO Watson heard a voice inside one of the tents. After speaking with the individual, it was discovered that all the party animals had failed to pay for their campsites. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol CO Bobby Watson observed one boat with three individuals fishing. As CO Watson came closer, he observed one of the anglers set his pole down. Contact was made and a brief interview led to a confession from the young man for fishing without a license.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth assisted Wildlife Division employees with the collaring of a trapped wolf. The wolf was a male and estimated to be around five years old and weighed 88 pounds. The data that was collected included sex, blood samples, weight, body measurements and temperature of the animal. The data that is collected and the collaring of the animal is important to biologists because it allows them to track the pack of wolves in that area and have a better idea of the wolf population during their wolf census. Biologists can also learn much more about the behavior patterns and home territory of the pack by having a radio collared wolves.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Ethan Gainforth were patrolling Drummond Island for illegal ORV activity when they encountered numerous illegal ORV trails. It appeared that many of the trails had fresh sign of ORV use. While patrolling, CO Gustafson and PCO Gainforth observed five ORVs ride past them on the designated trail with one of the ORVs towing another. Upon looking closer, it was found that two of the ORVs did not have a current ORV and trail sticker displayed. PCO Gainforth stopped the ORV riders and asked them why they did not have ORV licenses and trail permits on their ORVs. One of the riders responded that he had purchased the stickers but did not have them with him and the other rider responded that he had just failed to buy them this year. Enforcement action taken.

COs Brett Gustafson, Jeff Panich and PCO Ethan Gainforth were patrolling the Mackinac Straits area during the Chicago to Mackinac Yacht Race. During the patrol several vessels were observed not displaying current registration. PCO Gainforth issued a total of ten tickets for operating an unregistered vessel. Later that day, one of the participating sailboats flagged down CO Gustafson and PCO Gainforth stating that their engine would not start, making it unsafe to dock the 46 foot sailboat in the harbor with

the high winds. CO Gustafson and PCO Gainforth assisted the sailboat and helped the distressed boaters secure their vessel to a dock.

COs Brett Gustafson, Jeff Panich and PCO Ethan Gainforth were patrolling the Mackinac Straits area when a call came out from central dispatch of a distressed wind surfer in northern Lake Michigan a mile and a half out in the lake from the scenic overlook on US. 2. CO Gustafson advised dispatch that they were a half hour away from the distressed wind surfer and would get there as quickly as possible. CO Panich captained the 27 foot safe boat and operated it through the rough seas with swells reaching five feet. Contact was made with the wind surfer when he was a quarter mile out from shore with a broken mast on his sailboard. The wind surfer said that he was ok and refused a ride in, stating that he just wanted to be followed the rest of the way to shore. The officers made sure the wind surfer made it to shore safely.

While fueling their vessel after a marine patrol, CO Jeff Panich and Sgt. Mike Hammill were flagged down by a distraught mother whose son had managed to slice his wrist accidentally. The officers rendered immediate assistance and bandaged the six year old until he could get to the Emergency Room for further assistance.

CO Jeff Panich and Sgt. Mike Hammill worked the Hessel, Cedarville, and Drummond Island area for their 4th of July patrols. Numerous violations were encountered including unregistered vessels, tow skier/tuber without observer, no PFDs, no fishing licenses, and possession of undersized fish. The officers also gave twice as many verbal warnings as tickets on the busy holiday patrol.

COs Michael Evink and Rob Freeborn doubled up to patrol lakes in the Hiawatha National Forest. Nearing the end of the patrol, the two COs almost hit a dirt bike that failed to stop at an intersection. The officers were able to spin the truck and trailer around in time to see the dirt bike turn down a two track. After an incredibly fast trailer removal the officers were able to follow the track left by the bike and contact the driver. After a brief interview enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Evink assisted CO Jon Busken with an ORV that ran from him. CO Busken had a very good description of the ORV and after further investigation a suspect was developed. The suspect admitted it was his ORV but he insisted he was not driving. It was discovered that a juvenile was operating the ORV. The juvenile had also fled the area and been picked up by a friend. The juvenile was contacted and admitted to fleeing out of fear. Enforcement action was taken. While the two COs were discussing the investigation, they had a truck pass them in a careless manner. A stop of this vehicle resulted in tickets for possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and careless driving.

CO Rob Freeborn received a litter complaint on state land involving household trash. After locating the trash pile on a power line and searching through the piles, CO Freeborn located several pieces of paper with the person's medical records which stated the subject's name, address and phone number. CO Freeborn was also able to

locate a homework assignment from what appeared to be the subject's daughter that was titled "Waste" which explained that garbage was supposed to be taken to the landfill and not to be dumped elsewhere. After locating the subject, and getting a confession, CO Freeborn showed the subject the homework assignment that he had also found in trash piles and advised if she had any future questions about where trash goes, she should refer to her daughter. The subject received a ticket for the litter and was given until the next day to clean it up, which she did.

CO Rob Freeborn received a complaint regarding ORV damage to private property. CO Freeborn met with the landowner and documented the damage. CO Freeborn and the landowner were able to determine that the ORVs were cutting through the woods from a nearby county road. The investigation is ongoing.

While patrolling a local lake, COs Rob Freeborn and Michael Evink contacted local anglers trolling for walleye. When asked if they had any luck, they replied they had a couple around 17 inches. Their mood changed when the officers looked in the anglers' live well and CO Freeborn immediately discovered a third walleye floating on top of the water. When questioned about the walleye, the angler stated that it had swallowed the hook and was just 15 inches. After measuring the walleye, it was determined that it was much shorter than 15 inches. A ticket was issued for the undersized walleye.

COs Rob Freeborn and Michael Evink received a complaint of a dead wolf in a remote location. After several hours the COs and Wildlife Division personnel located the wolf close to one mile off a two-track through a thick swamp. No foul play is suspected in the wolf's death.

COs Rob Freeborn and Michael Evink received a complaint from an angler that his boat motor was entangled in a gill net in a local river. The COs quickly responded and met up with the complainant and were directed to the net's location. The COs pulled 100 feet of unmarked gill net from the river that still held several rotten fish. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Robert Crisp responded to a call of a "brawl" on the Autrain River late Saturday evening. Two large groups of intoxicated subjects had gotten into an argument on the river that resulted in several canoes being flipped and some punches being thrown. The fighting was over by the time the officers arrived. The investigation continues by local authorities.

Over the last two weekends, District 2 Area 1 officers have worked afternoon foot patrols on the Autrain River targeting marine safety, underage drinking and public drunkenness.

DISTRICT 3

While following up on a trespass complaint, CO Duane Budreau came upon the possible suspects operating ORVs. Numerous violations were found with the group, including rider without a helmet, no ORV license and riding double when not designed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt was working a marine patrol when she observed a large 47 foot vessel having difficulties docking. Officer Erratt assisted the operator with the docking of his vessel and in doing so noticed that there was not a registration decal on the vessel. In talking with the owner, it was learned the vessel was documented, but was never registered. Enforcement action was taken

COs Andrea Erratt and Duane Budreau worked the Boyne Thunder off shore boat race on Lake Charlevoix and Lake Michigan. Officers ran radar making sure all race boats were abiding by set speed limits on Lake Charlevoix. Conditions were good for racing and the event took place with no incidents.

CO Steve Speigl is investigating a complaint of Personal Watercraft (PWC's) harassing wildlife on one of Antrim County's chain of lakes. CO Speigl was presented with photographic evidence from the caller and is currently tracking down the offenders.

CO Andrea Albert, along with an intern student, assisted in working the Boyne Thunder off shore boat race. Officer Albert helped to patrol the Lake Michigan waters south of Charlevoix.

After a lengthy investigation, CO Andrea Erratt reports getting a warrant issued for a subject who has been running an illegal charter operation in Charlevoix County.

While on patrol CO Andrea Erratt observed heavy equipment from a road building company blocking the access site at Deer Lake. After many phone calls, Officer Erratt was finally able to make contact with the foreman for the job. While on the phone, subjects returned to the access site to get the equipment. While talking to the subjects, it was also discovered that they had been removing water from Deer Lake and using the state land for their commercial operation without receiving approval from the state. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff and PCO Ben McAteer are investigating two separate complaints of dogs being caught in traps and where one dog was killed. The investigation continues.

CO Matt Theunick assisted Parks and Recreation Division with warrant requests for two individuals who had created multiple disturbances at Burt Lake State Park over the 4th of July holiday weekend.

CO Mark Depew and PCO Craig Neal responded to and assisted MSP with a body recovery on Otsego Lake. A man had apparently passed away from natural causes while fishing the evening before. The MSP is investigating.

While utilizing quad-runners, COs Kelly Ross, Mark Depew and PCO Craig Neal issued several tickets for ORVs operating in closed areas and for careless operation.

PCOs Craig Neal and Ben McAteer and COs Mark Depew and Eric Bottorff floated different stretches of the Upper Black River by kayak, checking for illegal fishing and marine safety.

PCO Calvin Smith and CO Nick Torsky utilized kayaks to patrol several small lakes, checking anglers and watercraft.

PCOs Ben McAteer and Calvin Smith, and COs Matt Theunick, Nick Torsky and Sgt. Greg Drogowski gave presentations at a 4-H outdoor camp on maps, orienteering and trapping.

CO Mark Depew was first on the scene at a motorcycle versus car personal injury accident. The motorcyclist, with his girlfriend on back, did a wheelie and side-swiped a car. CO Depew administered first aid prior to EMS arrival.

After being passed by two dirt-bikes on the ORV route, Sgt. Greg Drogowski and PCO Ben McAteer observed both had expired ORV licenses. After getting turned around and following the ORVs, it was apparent neither wanted to be contacted, as they proceeded down the narrow trail and curves at high speed. Upon finally catching up to and stopping them, they admitted they knew their ORV licenses were expired. Tickets for careless operation and expired ORV licenses were issued.

CO Brad Bellville was driving on state highway M33 when he saw an ORV operating along the shoulder of the highway. He initiated a traffic stop and contacted the operator and discovered the ORV was unlicensed and the subject was driving on a suspended driver's license. The operator was arrested and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail.

COs Brad Bellville and Tim Rosochacki attended a hunter safety instructor workshop.

COs Paul Fox and Tim Rosochacki were patrolling on Lake Huron when they contacted a boat trolling with an extra line. When the angler was first contacted he claimed the extra line belonged to his daughter, who was under two years old. The angler agreed his child could not handle the rod and accepted the ticket for fishing with too many lines.

CO Paul Fox received a complaint about an injured Bald Eagle on the beach of Thompson Harbor State Park. CO Fox responded to the area and located the injured eagle. CO Fox secured the bird and turned it over to Wildlife Division staff. The bird was transported to a rehabilitator.

CO Paul Fox and Sgt. Joe Molnar were on patrol when they observed a subject riding a side-by-side ORV on a state forest road. Upon contact it was discovered the subject was carrying a handgun. The subject claimed he was exercising his open carry rights. The COs advised it was legal to open carry, but not while on or in a motor vehicle. Additional violations included failing to post a camp card at his camp site. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling Lake Nettie when he checked a subject fishing. The subject was operating an unregistered vessel and did not have enough PFDs on board. A warning was given for the registration and a ticket was issued for failing to provide enough PFDs.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he contacted two anglers who had caught a couple largemouth bass. Upon checking the smaller fish, it was found to be one-eighth of an inch short. The fish was released alive and CO Fox advised the anglers the correct method to measure fish. A warning was also issued for no throwable PFD.

CO Paul Fox assisted local deputies with a domestic violence call in progress. CO Fox was the first on scene and secured the area until the deputies arrived. The investigation was turned over the local sheriff's department.

CO Paul Fox checked a youth riding down a county road on a dirt bike. The young rider was being followed by his parent, but did not have an ORV license. CO Fox advised them that he was being supervised appropriately, but that he needed an ORV license to operate on the roadway.

CO Kelly Ross arrested an individual on a multiple count warrant arising from an incident where an individual fled from CO Ross on an ORV.

CO Kelly Ross contacted four ORVs operating two abreast on the county road and failed to stop as they entered the roadway from a trail. A traffic stop was conducted and CO Ross found that one of the ORVs was not licensed. CO Ross issued tickets for careless operation and operating an unlicensed ORV.

DISTRICT 4

COs Brian Brosky and PCO Ethan Mapes were on patrol on Lake Michigan when they approached and contacted an angler who was trolling as he was reeling up a line. The COs asked him how many lines he had out and he adamantly stated that he was only fishing with four lines. The COs advised him that they had seen him pulling up a fifth line as they were approaching, and he sheepishly agreed, but again proudly stated that he only had four now. To his surprise, the COs informed that the law only allowed him to use three lines, not four, and advised him that he was still in violation. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was on ORV patrol in Lake County when he observed a large group of ORVs in a closed area, stopped at the base of a hill climb. As CO Brosky approached, one subject took off on a four-wheeler and climbed the hill while the rest of the group remained at the bottom cheering him on. When the operator came back to the bottom, he immediately took off down a roadway. CO Brosky followed him and eventually stopped him a mile down the road. The operator of the ORV advised that he was stuck riding on a "slow machine" all day and was finally allowed to drive one of the "fast quads." He said he was taking the opportunity to "open it up and test it out." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was working an area in Lake County when he encountered two ORVs operating illegally. The CO stopped the operators and questioned them as to why they were operating through a river, a wetland area and closed state land, and they replied, "Because it wasn't posted." When CO Brosky advised them of the violations, they stated that the CO should spend more time posting all the closed areas. CO Brosky informed them that all the pertinent information is contained within DNR ORV publications and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was working a routine patrol in Lake County when he encountered an ORV operating illegally in a closed area. The CO asked the operator if he was aware of the state laws and the operator agitatedly replied that he was from Georgia. The operator then advised that they can operate anywhere in Georgia, without restrictions. CO Brosky then asked him if he was lost to which the Georgia man replied, "No". CO Brosky and the subject both agreed that they were in "Michigan" and enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were on a Lake Michigan patrol when CO Publiski observed the same vessel that he had stopped two weeks prior for operating without a registration. Upon further investigation, the COs discovered that the boat was still being operated without a valid registration visible. The COs again stopped the operator who immediately displayed a ticket from them stating, "I already got a ticket." CO Publiski advised that he was aware of the prior ticket and again asked him for a registration. The owner told him that he had already paid his ticket for operating his 37 foot vessel unregistered and stated that he has not had time to get it registered. This time the operator was given an appearance date to appear in court for the second offense of operating a vessel unregistered.

COs Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes were on Lake Michigan patrol when they checked two anglers trolling near Manistee. The COs asked if the anglers had any fish onboard and they hesitantly replied that they had a few. The anglers were then asked to hold up their fish and they complied, holding up one at a time, after being prompted for each one. One angler held up a total of three legal fish while the other angler subtly kicked a fourth legal fish out of the boat. While the perplexed COs tried to make sense of the situation, one of the four trolling rods in the water hooked a fish. The angler reeled in a salmon, landed it and then immediately threw it back in the water. The COs told the angler that it was a decent fish and asked why he didn't keep it. Ultimately the

anglers were so preoccupied with covering the fact that one of them didn't have a current fishing license that they had no idea how many fish they could keep and thought they were overlimit. Enforcement action was taken for the one angler fishing without a license.

COs Steve Converse and PCO Ethan Mapes checked a fishing vessel on Lake Michigan near Manistee. While speaking to the anglers aboard, the owner of the vessel was very boastful about the "new boat" that he recently acquired. While CO Converse checked their fishing licenses, PCO Mapes looked at the registration sticker displayed on the vessel and discovered it was two years old. The COs then asked the owner for his current registration and he advised that he thought he had 30 days to transfer it into his name. He also advised that he didn't have enough money to pay for the taxes or fees associated with transferring and registering it. The COs explained otherwise and enforcement action was taken.

While working a shift on Muskegon River in Newaygo County, CO Steve Converse came around a corner on the river and smelled the strong odor of marijuana. The CO could see several subjects onshore, one of whom was obviously trying to hide something upon realizing that the CO was a law enforcement officer. CO Converse pulled over to the group to investigate and found an illegal possession of marijuana. The CO also discovered that they had been fishing and were in possession of two undersized trout. Enforcement action was taken.

Working a small lake in Newaygo County, CO Josiah Killingbeck checked a boat with several anglers. The CO asked for marine safety equipment and found that there was no throwable PFD onboard and that the fire extinguisher had lost its charge. The CO then asked for a license and one subject immediately asked him, "When do they expire?" The CO advised that they must be renewed every March and the angler responded that he was more than likely without one. The CO checked retail sales records and found no recent purchases. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped two ORV operators without helmets riding on a trail. Upon further investigation, the operators advised that they had gone over 30 miles without helmets. The operators advised that they didn't know that helmets were required. CO Killingbeck informed them of the helmet laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber overheard dispatch reporting a possible drunk driver running cars off the road and nearly causing several accidents and who was heading in their direction. PCO Weber located the vehicle motionless in the middle of the intersection at M-37 and M-82 in Newaygo, causing a significant traffic jam. It was later determined the operator of the vehicle was experiencing a severe diabetic emergency situation which required immediate medical attention. PCO Weber and CO Ginn assisted deputies with traffic control and provided first aid until EMS arrived.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber responded to an angler harassment in progress at the Croton Dam, and contacted all the parties involved. It is alleged three men in a boat were harassing a female angler fishing from shore. One of the suspects in the boat was in possession of an undersized walleye. Enforcement action was immediately taken for the walleye and the angler harassment case will be reviewed by the Newaygo County Prosecutors Office.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber were observing two anglers fishing below Croton Dam. As the COs made their approach the anglers began gathering their things to leave. Upon making contact with the subjects, the COs found the male angler had a valid warrant out of Manistee County. It was also determined the male and female at one point were involved in a domestic violence situation resulting in the female being protected by a Bond Condition Release Order. The order prohibited the male from being in contact with the female. The COs also determined neither subject had a valid driver license but they drove to Croton to go fishing. A consent search of the vehicle revealed a small amount of marijuana as well. Enforcement action was taken and the male subject was lodged at the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber were patrolling the Muskegon River as part of the task force and traveling down river when they observed three anglers fishing from shore. One of the anglers waved the COs to shore near their location. As CO Ginn began slowing the boat and bringing it to shore one of the subjects quickly walked into the woods and out of sight. Once to shore, the two men started to ask CO Ginn questions. PCO Weber wanted to see why the third man walked away. The two subjects asking questions advised their friend had to use the bathroom. The third subject was located attempting to make a phone call to get a ride. He was walked back to the group where he was found to have several outstanding warrants for his arrest. He was placed in the patrol boat and transported up stream to be turned over to MSP for transport to the Newaygo County Jail.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Benjamin Weber were contacted by a local deputy who responded to a complaint and observed a young deer standing in the doorway of a nearby residence. Upon arrival to this residence the COs and the deputy located a fawn Whitetail deer in a small fenced-in area next to the home. The landowner advised mother deer was struck by a vehicle and killed roughly four weeks prior so they decided to raise the fawn until it could be "released into the wild". The landowner was ticketed for the violation and the deer was immediately seized and turned over to licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

CO Troy Van Gelderen of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer checked an angler wading in a lake. The officers observed the subject release a fish from his basket before they contacted the angler. Upon making contact and interviewing the angler it was determined the fish that was released was an undersized bass. The angler also did not have a license with him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Van Gelderen of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer received a complaint of a subject who had a deer in his freezer that was believed to be killed by a car. Upon checking with dispatch it was determined that he did not have a permit for the deer. PCO Neterer checked the subject through LEIN and it was discovered that he had a warrant for not paying fines on an illegal deer that Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Benjamin Shively had arrested him on last year. COs Shively, Van Gelderen and PCO Neterer went to the residence and arrested the suspect.

CO Troy Van Gelderen of Oceana County and PCO Matt Neterer received a complaint from the Oceana County Sheriff's Department who were conducting an investigation on growing marijuana plants. Deputies discovered a buck deer with velvet antlers hanging from a tree at the residence. The officers interviewed several individuals and discovered that the resident had shot the buck with a .22 caliber rifle because it was eating his marijuana plants. A warrant is being sought through the prosecutor's office for the individual's arrest.

CO Troy Mueller responded to a complaint from a boater who struck an object in the water that entangled into his motor. Upon conducting an inspection of the debris it was a beaver carcass that was wrapped in chicken wire. CO Mueller had received an identical complaint from another lake a few years earlier with no suspects. This time information was discovered and a suspect was identified. Upon conducting an interview with the suspect it was determined the individual believed that wrapping an animal carcass would attract bullhead to the location and improve his fishing success. The individual also admitted to the second carcass that was discovered a few years back on a different lake as his. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was leaving the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area when he passed two utility vehicles in town. CO Shively observed that only the second machine was plated and the first appeared to not be street legal. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver of the first utility vehicle was ticketed for operating an ORV on a public roadway.

COs Angela Greenway of Mecosta County and Holly Pennoni of Wexford County were participating in the Muskegon River Task Force and observed a group of young adults on tubes all passing out beer. One girl was observed to have a beer in her hand and then she let it go in the river and float away when noticing the officers. Upon stopping the group, the officers had the female retrieve the beer she had dropped and advised her of the littering violation. The officer checked the individuals to verify legal age to possess alcohol. Two females continued to lie to the COs and provide fictitious names and birth dates. The officers provided the females a second opportunity to provide accurate information and they admitted to being underage and in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Angela Greenway and Holly Pennoni were patrolling the Muskegon River as part of the Multi-Agency Task Force and contacted a father fishing with his two sons. The dad had a fish in his creel and claimed it was his son's fish. Upon measuring the fish it

was not legally long enough to keep. Dad was blaming the son for measuring the fish wrong. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Angela Greenway were working the Muskegon River as part of the Multi-Agency Muskegon River Task Force and contacted two anglers in possession of several undersized trout. The anglers stated that they were using the top of the five gallon bucket to measure their catch. All the trout were smaller than the top of the bucket, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway of Mecosta County stopped a 14 year old riding an ORV on the roadway with his helmet in his lap. CO Greenway advised the juvenile to put his helmet on, followed him back to his residence and talked with his father to discuss the various violations. The child was operating unsupervised, without a safety certificate, there were no ORV licenses on the machine and he was not wearing a helmet. A ticket was issued for the license violation and CO Greenway provided multiple warnings on the various other violations.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum checked a subject fishing along a Mecosta County river who had a pike in a bucket. The officers asked the angler if he had measured it. The angler stated he had and it was one quarter of an inch bigger than the minimum size. PCO Pullum measured the fish and found it two inches short. When asked how he came up with the measurement to the quarter inch the subject stated his foot was 14 inches so he had used that method to measure it. Further check of the subject revealed a felony warrant for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken on the fish and the subject was lodged in the Mecosta County jail on the felony warrant.

CO Brian Lebel of Mecosta County and PCO Casey Pullum responded to a complaint of a deer being shot in Newaygo County. Upon the officers' arrival they found a 15 year old juvenile and his parents standing over the deer which was now lying in the complainant's yard. The 15 year old was home alone and had shot the deer while the parents were away. The cooperative parents learned that the young man had found where the key to the locked firearms was located and had used one to shoot the deer. The firearm was seized pending prosecutor's review of the incident.

CO Holly Pennoni received a complaint of an abandoned trailer on state land. The complainant advised the trailer had been set on this premium site overlooking the Manistee River beyond the 15 days allowed by state land use rules. CO Pennoni responded to the area, located the trailer, and continues to try and identify the owner. Surrounding campers approached CO Pennoni and advised of their disgust at how much trash had been blowing around the camper into the river and asked if they could clean it up. CO Pennoni documented the littered area and expressed appreciation to the good Samaritans who cleaned up the site. CO Pennoni will follow up with the investigation and locate the owner.

CO Rich Stowe responded to a complaint at the Spring Lake State Forest Campground regarding some camping violations. With assistance from a local deputy and Mitchell State Park personnel CO Stowe was able to locate and address several violations including camping, littering, cutting trees, and alcohol related offenses. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO Phil Hudson was patrolling the Saginaw Bay shoreline recently when he encountered a subject operating a PWC with an expired registration. The subject explained that he had purchased the PWC over a year ago and did not bother to transfer the registration. He further explained that he had not seen an officer on the water in over 10 years and thought that he would be safe from the law if he stayed close to shore. CO Hudson explained the importance of the registration requirements. A ticket was issued for operating on an expired registration and a warning was given for not transferring the registration.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Josh Wright were recently on marine patrol on a lake in Clare County when they were 'buzzed' by a PWC. Officers were able to catch up to the youthful operator and discovered she did not have the required boater's safety certificate. Officers were able to educate the youth on safe operation rules and the education requirement needed to operate the PWC.

COs Jason McCullough, Steve Lockwood, PCO Josh Wright and Sgt. Jon Wood recently conducted a late night marine group patrol on Wixom Lake in Gladwin County. After 1:00 a.m., officers stopped a vessel racing across the lake without the required navigational lights. The operator and his passenger appeared startled to see law enforcement out on the water during the late night hours. The subsequent investigation led to the male operator being arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol. The subject was lodged in the Gladwin County Jail.

CO Brian Olsen and PCO James Zellinger conducted a traffic stop on an ORV that was displaying an expired ORV license. When the officers contacted the operator, he indicated that he knew his ORV license was expired and that he also didn't have a valid operator's license. While obtaining the subject's information, the officers also detected the odor of intoxicants on his breath. PCO Zellinger conducted field sobriety tests and administered a preliminary breath test (PBT) on the operator. He was arrested for operating on a suspended driver's license and warrants will be sought for operating while impaired.

While talking with staff at the sheriff's office, CO Kyle Bader looked out the window and observed a female inmate running across the parking lot. She had slipped out of restraints and was attempting to flee the area on foot. CO Bader immediately pursued her on foot. The inmate was attempting to remove her orange jumpsuit to avoid detection as CO Bader began to catch up. After drawing his TASER and issuing loud

verbal commands, the inmate gave up. She was again taken into custody and turned over to sheriff's office personnel.

CO Jonathan Warner and PCO Mark Siemen were checking anglers on Cooke Pond when they came across a boat with a number of walleye. When they asked the men for fishing licenses, one of the anglers claimed to have left it at home. Further investigation revealed he hadn't purchased a fishing license in several years and enforcement action was taken.

CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Jacob Griffin gave presentations in the Detroit area to numerous school groups totaling more than 50 kids. Each group was a different age bracket and many of the students had little to no exposure to outdoor activities utilizing our natural resources. CO MacNeill and PCO Griffin explained their job as conservation officers and also explained how each student could get involved and do their part to help preserve and protect the natural resources.

CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Jacob Griffin were motoring over to check a vessel fishing on Lake Huron when they observed the angler hurrying to reel in a number of his fishing poles. When the officers reached the boat, the subject still had one fishing line too many in the water. The angler confessed to fishing with too many lines and enforcement action was taken.

CO Warren MacNeill and Sgt. Brandon Kieft responded to a call from Iosco Central Dispatch regarding two "tubers" who were possibly lost in the Au Sable River near Thompson's Landing. The individuals had missed their takeout spot and floated further down river. Search efforts were hampered due to darkness but the two lost subjects were eventually located and found a ride back to their campsite.

CO Josh Russell responded to a complaint from Iosco Central Dispatch of a possible suicidal subject in the Oscoda Township area. After searching for about 30 minutes, CO Russell located the subject fishing along the Au Sable River and made contact with him. CO Russell talked with him for a bit to ensure his well-being and eventually left him in the company of the original complainant.

CO Chuck McPherson, John Huspen and PCO Jill Berry conducted a patrol on ORVs in Crawford County. Officers found subjects operating ORVs in closed areas, and one subject operating a motor vehicle on a restricted license and cutting down live trees on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Jill Berry and CO John Huspen assisted local fire fighters, Crawford County Sheriff Deputies and DNR fire fighters with a grass fire along southbound I-75 behind the Kmart store in Grayling. The fire was spreading quickly and putting up a lot of smoke. Interstate 75 had to be shut down; all agencies on scene worked to get the fire put out and I-75 opened back up.

While patrolling Lake Missaukee, CO Matt Liestenfeltz received a 911 dispatch of three possible drowning victims in the swimming area of Lake Missaukee County Park. Upon arrival at the scene, CO Liestenfeltz entered the water along with two Missaukee County deputies. Two female victims were able to extract themselves from the water while a male victim was still missing. The officers searched the area of the swim raft and after five minutes were able to recover the 14 year old male victim off the bottom in eight feet of water and delivered the victim to EMS personnel waiting beachside. Sadly, the victim was pronounced dead at Cadillac Mercy Hospital.

During campground patrols in Kalkaska and Crawford Counties, CO Matt Liestenfeltz was forced to the shoulder of the road by an oncoming driver crossing the centerline of the roadway. Upon making contact with the suspect vehicle, two male occupants were found to be highly intoxicated. The driver was arrested for operating while impaired, driving with a suspended license, PBT refusal, and transporting open intoxicants. The passenger was ticketed and released. The driver was lodged in the Crawford County Jail with charges pending.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz contacted two subjects cutting wood on state land. Neither subject had a firewood permit or identification. Further investigation revealed one suspect to be violating his circuit court probation while the second suspect was driving with a suspended license. Both subjects were ticketed and a referral made to Missaukee County Probation/Parole.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser assisted the Kalkaska Village Police and Kalkaska Sheriff Department Deputies with a narcotics complaint behind a local business. Three suspects were detained and searched after a witness observed one of them heating a spoon over a candle and prepping needles in the back of a vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed several needles filled with suspected cocaine.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser responded to the scene of a rollover accident. Upon dispatch, the officers were close enough to be first on scene. The officers gathered evidence and determined that the inexperienced operator lost control while traveling at a high rate of speed on the gravel road. The vehicle then began fish tailing and upon hitting the edge of the road, rolled over. The driver and pregnant passenger were taken to Kalkaska hospital for treatment.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser received a complaint of a watercraft accident on a small lake in Kalkaska County. Upon investigation, it was determined that the PWC had exploded with the operator on board. The vessel then caught fire and was a total loss. The operator was shaken, but uninjured from the incident.

Several complaints were received regarding a boat illegally moored at an access site on Starvation Lake in Kalkaska County. CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser responded, and upon initial investigation, discovered that the registration number did not come back to any vessel in LEIN. The hull number on the vessel was ground down

and unreadable, and the registration decal was affixed with Velcro. The officers believed the older vessel may have been dumped and abandoned at the lake. PCO Muehlhauser was able to find an older prescription bottle buried in the engine compartment of the vessel. Using the name on the bottle, the officers were eventually able to locate the person that had moored the vessel. The suspect had another boat that he had taken the registration decal from and placed it on the suspect vessel to make it look like it had a valid registration. He was also found to be swapping his permanent trailer plate among his trailers when he needed to use one. The suspect was issued a ticket and ordered to remove the vessel from the access site.

While patrolling Torch Lake, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Justin Muehlhauser observed a person involved in lewd conduct on a boat in front of several residences. The subsequent investigation concluded with a minor in possession of alcohol arrest and additionally, the operator of the vessel was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor and operating a watercraft while intoxicated. The operator was lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

DISTRICT 6

COs Joel Lundberg and Dan Lee and PCO Tyler Cole were conducting a marine patrol on the Saginaw Bay. Multiple anglers were contacted on their way back into the river. One angler was in was in possession of an undersized walleye and channel catfish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joshua Wright and PCO Joshua Jackson were checking vessels at Murphy Lake when they encountered a vessel at night without their navigation lights on. Further checking the vessel revealed that there was only one PFD on board for four people. The inspection of the vessel led to more marine violations along with finding a smallmouth bass that was too short to keep. Several tickets were issued.

CO Joshua Wright and PCO Joshua Jackson observed an ORV with two passengers being driven on the road. The ORV was stopped and it was found that the operator was suspended, did not have an ORV license and was in violation of local ordinances as far as speed and roadway use. Enforcement action was taken.

While working marine patrol on Big Whitefish Lake in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell located a boat with an expired registration. When the CO made contact he discovered that the operator also had a limit of bass as well. The only problem was that some of the bass were undersized. Enforcement action was taken.

Several area fire departments were called to a structure fire in Saginaw County. Upon arrival they were met by a landowner who initially denied them entry because he was burning down a barn and he did not want them to put it out. The fire fighters were able to gain entry onto the property and extinguished the fire. CO Dan Lee was called to assist with follow up. The barn contained old tractor tires, paint cans and had a shingle roof. The farmer already had a house on the property removed but did not want to pay

for the barn to be removed as well. The cost of fire suppression totaled \$12,000. Enforcement action is being taken.

COs Quincy Gowenlock and Dan Lee were patrolling the Saginaw Bay when they approached a lone boat with four lines trolling for walleye. The single occupant of the vessel paid no mind to the approaching patrol boat until he saw that it was law enforcement. At that time, he attempted to reel in one of his lines. The angler attempted several excuses including that he was unaware of the line limit and that he had just put one line out and was going to reel the extra one in. When he realized that the COs had been watching him for 20 minutes he relented to the facts. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Will Brickel and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly worked a marine patrol on the Bad and Shiawassee Rivers. The COs contacted 53 boaters and dealt with a number of violations. One of the contacts was with two subjects in a very small boat with two motors. The COs noticed the boat was unregistered and made contact. The operator refused to believe that a boat that size needed to be registered. After reading the law and a ticket the operator advised that he believed the officers.

CO Will Brickel and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly worked a turtle trapping patrol on the Bad, Shiawassee and Flint Rivers. The COs were targeting tagging violations, too many traps set and traps that were underwater, which would not allow the turtles to surface for air. The COs found a number of traps and all were in compliance of the law.

PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Robert Hobkirk patrolled Lake Huron near Caseville. While on patrol the COs issued verbal warnings for no type IV PFD, no fishing license in possession and to a PWC operator for operating greater than slow, no-wake speed within 200 feet of shore.

While in the City of Caseville, PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Robert Hobkirk observed an ORV travelling down the shoulder of M-25. PCO Patrick Hartsig stopped the ORV and ticketed the operator for operating his ORV on a public highway.

While patrolling near the Gagetown State Game Area (SGA), PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Robert Hobkirk contacted the operator of a golf cart driving on a county road with no ORV license. A LEIN checked also revealed that the operator was operating while his license was suspended. The operator was ticketed for operating an ORV while license suspended. He was warned for the ORV license violation and his father was allowed to come and drive the golf cart home rather than having it towed.

PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Robert Hobkirk assisted a Commercial Fish Specialist check areas near Harbor Beach where a drifting commercial net has been reported. The COs checked the area with the assistance from a commercial angler with sonar but did not locate any commercial nets.

PCO Patrick Hartsig and CO Robert Hobkirk were the first responders to an ORV accident in Huron County where two subjects were injured. First aid was administered to the subjects until the ambulance arrived. One female was taken by ambulance to a local hospital and another went to the hospital by personal vehicle.

CO Seth Rhodea responded to a complaint of deer that had been shot in Tuscola County. Upon meeting with the complainant and locating the deer the CO was able to make contact with a man that had been shooting at deer under a crop damage permit. Several violations under the crop damage permit were discovered and a report is being sent to the Tuscola County Prosecutor's office for review.

While on a recent patrol, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed an unregistered ORV operating on a two-lane Michigan highway. The driver also had a child in his lap. CO Bucholtz stopped the ORV and spoke with the driver. The driver was educated on the current state ORV laws and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers at a state boat launch, CO Kyle Bucholtz was contacted by a concerned citizen who observed an older subject fall on nearby rocks. Upon approaching the subject, CO Bucholtz observed injuries to the subject's arm and learned he had been suffering from recent unrelated medical issues. CO Bucholtz called for medical assistance and assisted the subject until an ambulance arrived. CO Bucholtz then escorted a family member to the local hospital where the subject was treated for minor injuries. The injured subject told CO Bucholtz he was in the area to remove stones from the shore.

DISTRICT 7

CO Paul Higashi and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth were patrolling Kalamazoo County waterways and access locations when they encountered two subjects sharing a bucket containing two undersized bass. One person stated that he couldn't see well and thought that the bass he had kept was a bluegill. The other person stated that his partner had kept the other bass because he had vision problems. After a short discussion it was determined that the smallest bass was being kept for catfish bait and the other short bass was kept because they thought it was "close enough". Enforcement action taken.

CO Chris Holmes and PCO Michael Haas received information from a local deputy that a subject had been arrested for a home invasion and resisting arrest and may have killed a turkey during the closed season. CO Holmes and PCO Haas followed up with the information and ultimately recovered a turkey from a freezer at the suspect's parents' residence. The officers interviewed the suspect in jail and obtained a confession. The turkey was killed under a bird feeder with a .22 caliber rifle. A warrant request will be forwarded to the Kalamazoo County Prosecutor's office for killing the turkey during closed season.

CO Chris Holmes reports the disposition was obtained for an “enhanced restitution” case relating to an illegally taken seven point buck killed in Kalamazoo County last fall. The subject had killed the deer after making a false statement to obtain a hunting license. She paid \$2000 in restitution and lost her hunting privileges for 2015 plus an additional five years.

COs Mike Mshar and Chuck Towns dealt with several incidents while traveling through the Holland State Park. The first incident involved an irate 15 year old pregnant female. The juvenile was acting aggressively toward others and using abusive language. The officers escorted the juvenile from the park and turned her over to her mother. The second incident involved the officers being flagged down by a distraught subject advising that a 12 year old boy had gone missing and was last seen in the water off the Holland beach. COs activated the Park’s missing person network and assisted the park personnel in searching for the child. The child was located on the beach unharmed.

CO Mike Mshar conducted several patrols targeting boating and fishing activity on the Kalamazoo River. During the patrols several tickets were issued for failing to provide PFDs, violating slow, no-wake rules and fishing without licenses. One subject was contacted who was in possession of an undersized smallmouth bass on a stringer. The angler stated they only put the fish on the stringer so they would not keep catching it and intended to let the fish go when they left. The fish was released and enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Christopher Maher responded to a complaint from a veterinarian who had taken in a deer with a broken leg from a woman who had removed it from the wild. Unfortunately, due to the injuries, the deer had to be euthanized. The COs followed up with the woman and learned that she had taken the deer from the wild approximately eight weeks before the incident. The woman was issued a ticket for removing the deer from the wild.

CO Jeff Robinette spoke to approximately twenty students about hunting laws and safety at a hunter education class at the Dowagiac Conservation Club.

COs Andy Bauer, Steve Mooney and PCO Robert Slick conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan from St. Joseph to the Indiana/Illinois/Michigan state lines and discovered a charter boat captain fishing with three too many fishing lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Robinette obtained a four count warrant for an Indiana resident, who had been buying resident hunting and fishing licenses in Michigan. Almost \$600 in restitution is being sought for the difference in the license costs.

While en route to Belle Isle on I-96 a car passed CO Greg Patten on the right shoulder at a high rate of speed. Upon conducting a traffic stop, the driver said that he was frustrated with the slow movement of traffic. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on Muskegon Lake, CO Chris Simpson, and PCOs Andrew Monnich and Brandon Hartleben contacted a subject fishing without a license. The subject was warned earlier in the week by CO Simpson and PCO Hartleben for the same offense. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Andrew Monnich and CO Greg Patten followed up on a complaint from employees at the Muskegon SGA. They found a tree stand that had been up since last fall. The tree stand owner said that he was sick last fall and didn't check on it this spring because he thought that it had probably been stolen. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers on the Grand Haven pier, PCO Andrew Monnich and CO Greg Patten checked a subject who did not have a license on his person. The subject gave CO Patten a name and date of birth which came back with no record. The subject said that he had his license in his car and went back and got the license. The fishing license was issued to his wife, which matched the information he had given to the officers earlier. After obtaining his correct name and date of birth the subject said that he was using his wife's license to fish. Enforcement action was taken. The subject also had a DNR prior for snagging a number of years ago.

While checking anglers along Muskegon Lake PCO Brandon Hartleben and CO Chris Simpson contacted an angler who informed the officers he did not have a fishing license. When asked for identification he indicated he did not have that either. The subject provided the officers with his identification and while CO Simpson checked with dispatch to verify the subject, he fled on foot toward a local restaurant along the lake. With the assistance from local police officers they were able to locate the subject running through brush next to an old foundry building. It was determined that he provided a false name, and once identified it was determined that he had two outstanding warrants for larceny and a probation violation. The subject was lodged in the county jail and charges are being requested for fishing without a license and resist and obstruct police officers.

DISTRICT 8

Sgt. Dan Bigger worked with PCO Hugh McMath for a marine patrol in Livingston County. While on patrol, several checks were made and many questions answered for both marine and fishing rules and regulations. Several warnings were issued while educating the individuals on how to come into compliance. One angler had not purchased a fishing license and had panfish in a bucket. A marine safety check was conducted and the subject also had no PFD in his canoe. The subject was thankful that he was informed of these issues and then became upset when he learned enforcement action was being taken. It wasn't until then that he stated he had been issued a ticket on the same lake a few years back by a Conservation Officer and was still mad about it. The subject did not recognize that it was Sgt. Bigger who had previously issued the ticket.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and CO Pete Purdy worked a marine patrol on the Bruin Lake chain to address concerns of high speed boating in the no-wake areas. The complainant thought the signs had been removed. Upon investigating the area, the signs were still there and no observation of high speed operation was noted. The complainant and others on the lake chain were appreciative for the enforcement efforts.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and PCO Hugh McMath followed up on a complaint in Shiawassee County of a deer that the complainant thought may have died from a disease. Upon arriving on scene, Sgt. Bigger observed the antlerless whitetail deer and noted two patches of hair missing on the right side. He also noted a break in the right rear leg. The hairless patches contained small amount of dirt and gravel and the deer was determined to be a road kill.

Sgt. Dan Bigger and PCO Hugh McMath followed up on a complaint in Shiawassee County of a tree that had been cut down blocking a path to the Mill Pond preventing angler access. Upon arrival to the complaint, "No Trespassing" signs were noted. The property was determined to be private and the owner had dropped the tree across the path that had been used for years to access the waterfront. No violation was found.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Bill Haskin while on patrol on Belle Isle located a man with an undersized bass. The bass was seized and subsequently released back to the river and the angler was educated on fishing law and regulations.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn responded to a RAP complaint of a subject said to be in possession of live raccoons without a permit. The resident was contacted at the house, and told the COs that he never had raccoons, but did have kittens a little while ago. The man then gave permission for the COs to look through the house before leaving. Just before stepping inside, CO Thorn was told that he could not go in the house. CO Thorn then looked through the crack in the door and saw a crate with two small raccoons in it, looking at him. CO Thorn and PCO Haskin then seized the raccoons and enforcement action was taken.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn had just begun a marine patrol on the Grand River in Lansing when they contacted two occupants in a vessel who appeared to be fishing. The COs investigated further and found that the owner had failed to transfer the vessel's title within the allotted time and that both occupants had warrants. Both were arrested and lodged in the Eaton County jail.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn worked a marine patrol where they had nearly 40 contacts. One of their checks involved a boat with three occupants who were observed hauling in a large bass. The individuals were checked for fishing licenses, and it was learned that the man who had just caught the fish did not have one. Upon further investigation it was learned that there were no PFDs aboard the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn conducted a taxidermy inspection and found the taxidermist was not aware that he needed to maintain records for six years. The taxidermist was educated on this fact and told where to get the forms.

PCO Bill Haskin and CO Todd Thorn were assisting in an investigation of a documented vessel that was not registered at the Detroit Yacht Club when they observed two men fishing across the harbor. After completing the documented vessel check, the officers contacted the anglers and found that one did not have a fishing license and also had two warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath were on marine patrol on Lake Lansing when they checked a subject fishing from a rubber raft. The subject was happy to show the officers a good size largemouth bass that he had caught but not too happy when an undersized bass was located in his cooler. The subject also had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The holding agency initially said they would pick him up and the subject was taken on board the officer's vessel and his equipment secured. After the subject was taken to shore, the holding agency requested the subject be released. Enforcement action was taken on the fish violation.

While on marine patrol on the Portage Lake chain, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath checked a pontoon boat displaying a 2011 registration. The operator, who lived on the lake, was shocked to learn the registration had indeed expired in 2011. Enforcement action taken.

While patrolling the Portage Lake chain, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath contacted a boat after sunset with an adult and juvenile fishing. The boat had no navigation lights, the registration was expired, and the adult had no fishing license. The officers followed the boat back to the dock where enforcement action was taken.

During a Sunday evening patrol of the Portage Lake chain, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Hugh McMath contacted 16 vessels resulting in four tickets, 10 verbal warnings, and eight misdemeanor warrant arrests.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier encountered an ORV operating on a public roadway and made a stop of the vehicle. The operator was not wearing eye protection and the ORV did not have an ORV permit. The operator stated he had been riding on property that he had permission on during the day and on the way home he decided to pull his vehicle over and test the machine on the roadway because he had been having issues with it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Sam Schluckbier were on marine patrol when they observed two jet skis jumping the wake of a speed boat. A stop was made of the PWCs and neither operator could provide a boater's safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page, while traveling on I-69, was passed by a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was paced at 90 miles per hour. The driver claimed that he was in a hurry to get to the store and didn't realize he was passing a cop. The subject was issued a ticket for the excessive speed.

CO Jeff Goss responded to a complaint of a skunk left to die in a live trap. The caller advised that the neighbor had trapped a skunk and it had been left in the live trap for two days in the extreme heat. Upon contacting the neighbor, the caller was told that his intentions were to leave it in the trap until it died. CO Goss made contact with the subject who admitted that he intended on leaving the animal in the trap to die. After successfully relocating the skunk without getting sprayed, CO Goss returned the trap to the subject along with a ticket for the violation.

CO Jeff Goss investigated a complaint of trespass and a stolen trail camera. Armed with a photo of a subject taken by a camera that he didn't see, CO Goss went door to door in the neighborhood to try to identify the subject. After the third stop CO Goss was surprised to hear a woman say, "That's my son!" After explaining the nature of his visit CO Goss asked to speak with the son. The woman assured him that her son didn't steal the trail camera. Upon speaking with the 12 year old subject it was apparent that he had something to do with the disappearance of the camera. The boy explained that he saw the camera and got scared, he said he knew he wasn't supposed to be on the property so he removed the camera and threw it in the swamp. After hearing this, the mother demanded that he pay for the camera. The complainant agreed to come to the house so they could settle up. When he arrived the boy was forced to apologize and pay the man for the missing camera, using money that he had earned selling animals at the fair. Due to the age of the boy, the complainant did not want to press charges.

DISTRICT 9

CO Dan Walzak assisted Grosse Isle Police Department officers with a complaint of subjects jumping off the county bridge into the Detroit River. The subjects were caught and the story was that it was a "family tradition" that occurred every summer even though state law prohibits the activity. It looks like the tradition is going to come to an end. Enforcement action was taken.

Chief Gary Hagler, Captain David Malloch, Lt. Arthur Green, Sgts. Damon Owens and Jason Smith, COs Dan Walzak, Mike Drexler and PCO Mark Zitnick were present for the official opening of the Outdoor Adventure Center in Detroit, Thursday July 16th. Many people attended the event and officers received numerous positive comments about the displays and activities offered by the center. Notable attendees included Governor Rick Snyder, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Nicole Curtis, Michigan native and hostess of HGTV's 'Rehab Addict'.

On the way home from a search and rescue mission CO Mike Drexler and PCO Mark Zitnick made a traffic stop for speeding on I-69, which resulted in an arrest due to outstanding warrants for the driver. The driver had a warrant from Idaho along with one

warrant with a \$5,000 bond from Lapeer County. The subject was turned over without incident to an MSP trooper out of Lapeer County.

CO David Schaumburger observed a group of ORVs operating on the roadway in Detroit and attempted to affect a traffic stop. The group did not stop but CO Schaumburger thoroughly combed the area with help from an MSP trooper and located a dirt bike on a side street. The operator saw CO Schaumburger and fled the scene on a different bike. CO Schaumburger impounded the dirt bike and the investigation is ongoing.

CO Jason Becker participated in the Safety Day at the Oakland County Fair. CO Becker spoke about the responsibilities of a Conservation Officer and how to be safe while enjoying the outdoors in Michigan. CO Becker spoke to 120 kids and adults.

CO Richard Cardenas responded to a sunken boat complaint on Cass Lake. Keego Harbor Police Department's Marine Unit was on scene with the sunken boat when CO Cardenas arrived. The boat was sunken on a sand bar in five feet of water, 250 yards off shore, with the bow of the boat sticking out of the water. The water depth surrounding the sand bar was estimated to be over 20 feet deep. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department was contacted and Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Dive Team responded to the scene. The stern of the boat was lifted off the lake bottom with the use of the Sheriff Department's emergency flotation equipment. Keego Harbor Police Department's patrol boat and CO Cardenas's patrol jet ski were attached to the sunken boat. Through team work and joint efforts the sunken boat was able to be safely removed from Cass Lake. None of the passengers or the operator was injured in this incident. No accident occurred and it appeared speed while hitting a wake was the factor.

While on marine patrol on Lake Oakland CO Richard Cardenas observed a boat that did not display a registration. CO Cardenas contacted the operator and found that the registration was expired. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol CO Richard Cardenas observed a vehicle in the ditch in Oakland County. CO Cardenas contacted the driver who was still in the driver's seat. While CO Cardenas was talking to the operator he could smell the odor of intoxicants coming from the operator's breath. CO Cardenas conducted field sobriety tests on the subject, and found that the driver was operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. The subject was placed under arrest, processed for the violation, and transported to the Oakland County Jail.

COs Richard Cardenas, Jason Becker, Jeremy Beavers, and Mike Drexler, along with PCO Mark Zitnik and Sgt. Jason Smith, responded to Davison Township regarding a request to help search for a nine year old autistic boy that went missing from a water park. The COs, along with hundreds of law enforcement and rescue personnel, searched grids looking for the little boy. The COs went door to door in one grid,

searched a wooded area with farm land in another grid and finished the day clearing the Davison Middle School. Unfortunately the boy was located the next day in Callis Lake.

While working the "Quake on the Lake" event, Sgt. Jason Smith was pulling into the parking lot when he observed a vehicle pull out in front of him. The vehicle began to burn out its tires and accelerate very quickly causing the vehicle to fishtail. Recognizing the immediate danger to other people, especially young kids that were running around, Sgt. Smith conducted a traffic stop and educated the driver on safe driving. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett responded as a nearby unit to a report of a personal injury accident near Luna Pier. Upon arrival, it was noted that a young female driver had crashed into the back of a tractor with a plow attached. She was reported to be distracted at the time of the accident, and had not slowed down at all while following the tractor. There were no injuries after all, but there was damage to both the plow and of course to the front end of the car. CO Ennett remained on scene and assisted with traffic and with the various emergency vehicles.

CO Mark Ennett responded to a RAP complaint of overlimits of catfish at the Edison Fishing Pier. The anglers were still at the pier as reported, and between them had too many fish, as well as numerous short ones. When asked, they both stated that they were told that the creel limit on catfish was 20. When CO Ennett asked why one angler had 29, and one had 23, the only response was an elaborate shoulder shrug. CO Ennett ticketed both anglers for the overlimit of catfish, one for 19 over, and his partner for 13 over. The short fish were included with the overlimit and a warning was given.

While driving north on I-75 CO Chris Knights witnessed two females in a vehicle next to him smoking what appeared to be a large cigarette. After observing the occupants for approximately one-half mile with his passenger window down, he could smell a strong odor of burning marijuana. CO Knights conducted a traffic stop and spoke with the driver and passenger. The driver stated she had a medical marijuana card, and the passenger stated she did not. CO Knights questioned the occupants on what happened to the cigarette they had once he made contact with the subjects. The passenger stated she threw it out into traffic before they got to the shoulder of I75. Both ladies admitted to smoking marijuana while the vehicle was being driven. Further investigation revealed that the subjects had more marijuana in a bag located in the back seat. It was very apparent that the card holder had no idea what any of the laws were for transporting her marijuana, nor any of the laws she should know being a medical marijuana card holder. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney wrapped up a three week investigation on a suspect who intentionally ran over seven Canada geese in a marina parking lot. A witness stated that a male subject swerved his minivan to hit a flock of Canada geese and proceeded to turn around and run over additional birds. The COs obtained surveillance footage of the hit and run subject and his actions from the nearby marina surveillance cameras. The subject, a houseboat owner, stated to another witness that he just

couldn't help himself. An animal cruelty charges are being sought due to the severity of the crime, and is under review by the local prosecutor.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Will Kinney are currently investigating a complaint of a 20 foot boat that had been dumped in the Macomb County 25 Mile SGA. With information left on the vessel, the COs were able to contact the registered owner. The registered owner stated that he sold the boat last summer and was unaware that it had been dumped. The investigation continues, and after following the leads, the COs are honing in on the dumper.

While patrolling the Port Huron SGA, CO Ken Kovach located two ORVs operating inside the closed area. Upon making contact with the subjects, CO Kovach advised them that ORV activity was closed in the game area. When checking the subjects through LEIN it was determined that one of the subjects was currently on probation. Enforcement action was taken.

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COs Chris Reynolds and Ivan Perez, while working on Belle Isle, observed individuals who had a few minor park violations. While talking with the subjects, the smell of intoxicants was prevalent. The COs asked if they could check the cooler next to the picnic table; the subjects agreed. A large amount of alcohol was in the cooler, and two of the subjects admitted to drinking. The COs gave verbal warnings for the minor violations; enforcement action was taken for the alcohol in a State Park.

CO Jeff Goss made several contacts on Belle Isle handing out free passes for kids to enjoy the DNR's new Outdoor Adventure Center located on Atwater Street in Detroit.

CO Mike Drexler worked a busy afternoon shift on Belle Isle. The Island was so busy at one point, many patrons disregarded several "No Parking Zone" signs which resulted in unsafe backups along a main road. CO Drexler and an MSP trooper worked to warn patrons that the vehicles needed to be moved, and then issued several tickets for vehicles that were not moved.

CO Mark Ennett worked a shift on Belle Isle. One very minor complaint was a report taken by CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Jacob Griffin that two "rattlesnakes" had been seen along the shoreline. Officers spent a few minutes looking, but the consensus was that the snakes were Fox snakes, and not Eastern Massasauga rattlesnakes.

Lt. Arthur Green III, Sgt. Jason Smith, Sgt. Damon Owens, Sgt. Todd Szyska, CO Mike Drexler and PCO Mark Zitnik worked the Metro Youth Day on Belle Isle. The annual event sponsored by Wayne County and Detroit Police Department, offers fun time for the children of metro Detroit. The Detroit Pistons were on hand to play hoops with the children, titled boxers were on hand doing demonstrations in a ring set up on the grass, and many more youth inspired activities were put on by multiple contributing corporations and non-profit organizations. Over 35,000 attendees were present to enjoy the nice weather and exciting event.

While working on Belle Isle, CO Pete Purdy observed a vehicle avoid the entrance booth on the island. CO Purdy ran the vehicle's plate and discovered the vehicle didn't have a Recreational Passport. Additionally, the registered owner had a misdemeanor warrant for a probation violation. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and confirmed the driver was the registered owner. The driver was taken into custody and transported to Inkster Police officers where he was turned over for his outstanding warrant.

While on Belle Isle working a midnight shift, COs Chris Holmes and Ken Lowell stopped a vehicle for being in the park past closing time. When the COs made contact they located open intoxicants, marijuana and the driver did not have a driver's license. Further checks on the driver showed that he had four outstanding warrants including a

felony warrant for a parole violation out of Ohio. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Detroit Detention Center.