

LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
Biweekly Field Report
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DISTRICT 1

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling for ORV activity near Gwinn when he observed an ORV pass by his location that appeared to not be registered. CO DeLonge followed the ORV and conducted a traffic stop in a safe location. Upon contact with the operator and passenger, CO DeLonge observed a registration decal placed on the front of the ORV. CO DeLonge pointed out the violation and after conducting a license check learned that the operator had a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was investigating a litter complaint on state land in Marquette County when he observed an ORV approaching his location. CO DeLonge noticed that the operator was not wearing a helmet and signaled the operator to stop. When CO DeLonge contacted the operator, he noticed that the ORV was unregistered and learned that the operator was the suspect in the litter complaint. After an interview and discussion of the multiple violations taking place, the individual admitted to dumping the trash at the site along with other locations. Enforcement action was taken, and cleanup is underway.

COs Brett DeLonge and Josh Boudreaux conducted a marine patrol on Lake Superior during the South Shore Fishing Association Marquette Bay Fall Classic Tournament. During the patrol the COs observed several anglers participating in the tournament and made multiple positive contacts. The COs found that compliance was high during their marine and angler checks.

COs Zach Painter, Jennifer Hanson, Cody Smith, Brett DeLonge and Josh Boudreaux conducted a group ORV patrol around Swanzy Lake north of Gwinn. The patrol focused on illegal ORV operation on state lands with a heavy focus on wetland violations, as they are frequent in the area. The COs contacted numerous individuals on ORVs and a warning was issued to a young operator who was riding his ORV in and out of the water on the beach. A citation was issued to an operator for operating on ORV without registration.

CO Josh Boudreaux contacted a group of kids who were out fishing with their uncle on Lake Angeline. After swapping fish stories with the kids and looking at the pictures of them proudly displaying their catch, CO Boudreaux asked to check the license of the adult who had been actively fishing upon his arrival. The individual stated he didn't have it on him and upon looking into it, CO Boudreaux discovered the man had not purchased his 2018 fishing license. CO Boudreaux pulled the man aside and again asked him if he had purchased his license. The man replied he hadn't bought it yet, wanted to take his nieces and nephews out fishing, and was too embarrassed to admit it when he was standing by them. CO Boudreaux informed the man that he appreciated him getting the kids involved in the outdoors but reminded him that he needs to set a

good example for them also. CO Boudreaux informed the man that he would be checking his license purchase history and if he did not have a fishing license purchased by tomorrow morning he would be receiving a citation. The man thanked CO Boudreaux and followed through, purchasing his license shortly after the encounter.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith attended a hunter safety class at the Ottawa Sportsman's Club in Baraga County. COs educated the attendees on navigation of the hunting guide and covered many of the laws which pertain to hunting. COs answered questions during and following the presentation and were happy to have many positive contacts with the future generation of hunters.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman and CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a complaint of a deer just being shot in a camp yard in the Watson area. The complainant advised that the deer was still alive but had a broken back. Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Gladstone post were also dispatched as they were closer to the scene. Upon arrival, the complainant advised that an ORV had just been heard leaving the area and the deer was now gone. Acting Sgt. Leadman and MSP troopers followed the ORV tracks back to a residence where one suspect was caught in the act of skinning the small spike horn deer that was hanging in his front yard. The subject's father admitted to shooting the deer as he drove around with a loaded rifle attempting to harvest a deer. The father and son were both arrested as the son had a warrant for his arrest out of Delta County and the father had shot the deer out of season and in a safety zone while having a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle. The deer and rifle were also seized.

Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman and CO Josh Boudreaux responded to a complaint of individuals actively cutting trees on state land. The COs arrived on scene and followed vehicle tracks off trail through the woods for several hundred yards. The COs heard a chainsaw start back up and followed the sound straight to its source. The COs observed an individual fell a tree while his counterpart stacked wood in the bed of a very overloaded pickup truck. The COs contacted the individuals who stated they had come out to cut wood a few times already and didn't believe they were doing anything wrong because it was state land and the trees belong to "the people". Enforcement action was taken including citations being issued to both parties and the wood was delivered to the Gwinn DNR Field Office.

CO Josh Boudreaux was working the evening walleye bite on Greenwood Reservoir in Marquette County when he contacted anglers coming in from a productive evening of fishing. Upon checking licenses and fish, CO Boudreaux observed what appeared to be a short walleye. CO Boudreaux measured the walleye and found it to be barely 13" in length. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cody Smith responded to a car/bear accident involving multiple cub bears. One cub was able to be placed with a rehabilitator and seems to be making progress. Unfortunately, the other bear cub did not make it.

CO Cody Smith was on his way to Marquette for a training when a call came across the radio of an individual passed out behind a hotel in their vehicle with the door wide open. A Marquette Sheriff's deputy was able to respond along with Michigan State Police. Marijuana was found in the subject's vehicle. After some questioning, it was determined they had been sleeping in their car for four hours after buying McDonald's fast food and smoking in their vehicle behind the hotel. Enforcement action was taken by local officers.

COs Jennifer Hanson, Cody Smith, Zach Painter and Josh Boudreaux attended a training in Marquette along with COs from around the state. The training focused on increased situational awareness through behavioral threat analysis, enhanced decision making under stress, contextual cues of potential assault, effective communication with citizens in crisis, and characteristics of officers killed and assaulted.

CO Cody Smith received a call that a bald eagle had been hit and killed by a car. CO Smith responded to the area and located the eagle. It appeared the eagle had been eating a deer carcass on the side of the road when it was most likely startled. This caused the eagle to try and take flight down the roadway before being struck by the vehicle.

COs Jeremy Sergey and Jeff Dell were patrolling the Cedar River in Menominee County when they observed an individual fishing off the Menominee Pier. The individual was fishing with three fishing poles and stated he had just purchased several new lures. When the COs asked for his fishing license he stated when he woke up this morning, his gut told him to purchase a license, but he decided not to. The individual also stated his girlfriend was going to be very angry at him. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Jeremy Sergey received a complaint in which a landowner heard a gunshot in the evening and discovered a dead hen wood duck in their front yard when they went to work in the morning. CO Sergey located the duck and performed a necropsy. CO Sergey was able to determine that the duck did not die of a gunshot wound.

COs Jeff Dell and Jared Ferguson received information on an illegal bear bait. The bait was located, and numerous violations were observed including an illegal ORV trail and excessive and exposed grain. An investigation continues.

CO Jeff Dell was patrolling on a state highway when he encountered five ORV riders. The riders were stopped, and a discussion was had regarding state highways being closed to ORV traffic. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Dell responded to a head on collision. Only minor injuries were sustained by the individuals involved. Both vehicles were totaled.

COs Jeffrey Dell and Jeremy Sergey instructed the law portion of hunter safety to 30 students.

CO Brian Bacon observed a subject fishing at a rural lake near a campsite. CO Bacon contacted a female who was fishing who stated she had not caught anything yet nor last night while she was fishing. When asked for a fishing license, the angler replied that they were on a time crunch to go camping and did not want to wait in line for a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken for fishing without a license.

CO Brian Bacon assisted the recreation safety section with an ORV instructor academy in Escanaba for 20 new instructors.

CO Brian Lasanen was working an ORV patrol in Houghton County when he observed an ORV trail bike riding down the highway after sunset. CO Lasanen performed a traffic stop on the motorcycle. The operator had failed to license the ORV, had no eye protection, and was operating without a head light and tail light. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen assisted the Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy with scenario-based training for the recruits attending the Regional Police Academy.

COs Zach Painter and Jennifer Hanson were on patrol in Gogebic County when they responded to a building fire at a resort on Lake Gogebic. The COs assisted the township fire department in extinguishing the small fire.

CO Zach Painter was on patrol in Gogebic County near Wakefield when he observed an ORV being driven down the center of the roadway and with an expired ORV sticker. A stop of the ORV revealed the operator to be a 13-year-old without supervision. The 13-year-old also did not have an ORV safety certificate. CO painter contacted the guardian of the minor and enforcement action was taken.

COs Zach Painter, Jennifer Hanson and Ethen Mapes conducted a group ORV patrol in Gogebic County near Watersmeet. Violations observed included operating without a helmet, allowing an underage subject to operate without a safety certificate, no seat belt, and no brake light.

CO Jennifer Hanson assisted the Gogebic County Sheriff's Department Animal Control with an investigation of a potential pet hawk. Further investigation led to the discovery of 37 animals living in poor conditions inside the individual's home. Officers recovered the animals and they were brought to a local animal shelter and wildlife rehabilitator for medical attention. Among the animals were cats, dogs, rabbits, ducks, a snake, a crow and a seagull. Enforcement action was taken.

District 1 conservation officers attended the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba. The COs worked the law enforcement booth in the DNR Pocket Park at the fairgrounds.

COs Jennifer Hanson and Zach Painter patrolled the Black River Harbor. The COs contacted anglers fishing on both the Black River and Lake Superior. A routine check of

a vessel led to the discovery of trout fillets that COs were unable to identify and measure. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethen Mapes was on patrol near Greenland when he noticed a pile of trash in the woods that was not there the day before. CO Mapes found a pay stub belonging to a resident who lived less than a mile away. CO Mapes gained a confession from the individual who was then cited for littering.

COs Zach Painter and Brian Lasanen worked the Porcupine Mountain Music Festival. While at the festival, the COs received a call that a bicyclist had possibly been struck by a vehicle and was laying in the middle of M-107 near the festival. The COs arrived on scene and provided medical attention to the subject and helped to control traffic. The COs determined that the cyclist was not struck by a car but had just lost control of his bicycle. The subject had facial injuries and a possible concussion. EMS transported the subject to the hospital for further medical attention.

COs Brian Lasanen, Zach Painter and Jennifer Hanson assisted the Porcupine Mountain State Park rangers with the Porcupine Mountain Music Festival. Public attendance was high, and no issues were reported.

CO Brian Lasanen responded to an ORV trespass complaint. CO Lasanen and the complaining forester walked into the location and contacted the operators who were advised that they were operating on private property without landowner permission. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was returning from the Porcupine Mountain Music Festival when he observed an oncoming car traveling at a high rate a speed. CO Lasanen obtained radar readings as high as 95 mph in a 55-mph zone. CO Lasanen stopped the vehicle and enforcement action was taken for speeding and no proof of valid insurance

Acting Sgt. Doug Hermanson attended an open house at Coast Guard Station Portage with area law enforcement and first responders. The public was invited to tour the station, public safety equipment, vessels, and meet personnel.

COs Josh Boudreaux, Jennifer Hanson, Zach Painter, and Cody Smith attended an Officer/Citizen Encounters Training at Northern Michigan University.

CO Brett DeLonge gave a presentation at the Northern Michigan University Police Academy on the role and functions of a conservation officer. CO DeLonge also discussed DNR laws and regulations along with the common violations the recruits would see when they reach the field as conservation officers.

CO Brett DeLonge attended the UP State Fair DNR Pocket Park on several days during the week-long fair. CO DeLonge answered numerous questions from the public about hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities. CO DeLonge also passed out

information about the job of a conservation officer and the job requirements to interested individuals.

CO Cody Smith was on patrol when he observed an ORV being operated where the driver was not wearing a helmet. A stop was made, and it was noticed that there was no ORV sticker on the vehicle. The violations were discussed with the rider with emphasis on the safety concern with not wearing a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cody Smith was on patrol when a call came across the radio of a lost angler who had been missing for multiple hours. His fellow anglers had walked the river banks with no luck and called for help. CO Smith responded to the location with an MSP trooper and a Baraga County deputy and began to set up search plans. CO Smith contacted Acting Sgt. Mark Leadman. Acting Sgt. Leadman responded with COs Josh Boudreaux and Brett DeLonge with ORVs to assist with the search. Once a search group was assembled, a search began and the angler was soon located multiple miles upstream on an adjacent roadway. The angler was checked by medical personnel before leaving the scene. Multiple agencies assisted the search including the Baraga Sheriff's Department, MSP including a K-9 officer, Federal Forest Service Law Enforcement, Baraga Search and Rescue as well as Bay Ambulance.

CO Cody Smith and CO Josh Boudreaux attended the U.P. State Fair in Escanaba working the DNR Pocket Park. They were able to answer questions the park visitors had for them. While patrolling back to Marquette and Baraga Counties a female was observed laying on the sidewalk outside of a bar in downtown Marquette. COs Smith Boudreaux stopped to check on her condition and found she was intoxicated and had fallen walking out of the bar. CO Boudreaux asked her a series of questions to evaluate her condition before having her company take her home. After leaving the scene, they assisted MSP with a traffic stop involving an individual operating while having a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken by the trooper and the COs assisted in removing the vehicles license plate.

CO Cody Smith and CO Josh Boudreaux attended a hunter education class at the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club in Baraga County. COs Smith and Boudreaux were able to provide an overview of the Michigan Hunting Digest to the students and teach them how to utilize it to answer their questions. After going through the digest and addressing the legal portion of the class, COs Smith and Boudreaux were able to answer multiple questions from the students.

DISTRICT 2

District COs participated in the UP State Fair Pocket Park by staffing the park and answering questions. Several hundred contacts were made by COs during the week-long event.

District 2 held a district meeting with LEIN training and firearms qualification training taking place.

CO Bobby Watson was on foot patrol and checking on what appeared to be an illegal ORV trail when the sound of ORVs were heard coming through the woods. CO Watson tried cutting the machines off but knew they were moving too quickly to intercept. CO Watson then changed course and headed for his truck. CO Watson was nearing his truck when the two ORVs drove around the parked truck and turned onto a trail. CO Watson followed the tracks back to a nearby camp where he contacted the fathers of two young riders. CO Watson discovered after talking with the group that the young riders had seen his parked truck and dropped off two of their friends who were illegally riding double, and without helmets. CO Watson warned the young riders of riding double and without the required helmet. CO Watson then left the area, meeting the two dropped off young riders along the trail, who also were educated on proper operation of an ORV.

COs Robert Freeborn and Bobby Watson continued their investigation into the string of early deer baits they located this summer.

CO Robert Freeborn and US Forest Service Officer Dave Tembruell closed off an illegal ORV trail.

COs Robert Freeborn and Stephen Butzin assisted Cpl. Mike Hammill in locating an illegal gill net in Lake Michigan. The COs searched the reported area for over an hour but were unable to find the net.

CO Robert Freeborn and US Forest Service Officer Dave Tembruell investigated a report of air boat activity in a remote section of Schoolcraft County. The officers located several areas of interest and will be looking into the matter further. Investigation is ongoing.

CO Stephen Butzin was on patrol in the Gladstone area when he observed a large cloud of black smoke rising from a residence. The CO contacted the homeowner who was found to be burning tires and bed frame material. The homeowner was cited for unlawful open burning and the fire was extinguished.

CO Stephen Butzin was unloading his ORV when he was passed by several other ORV riders. The CO observed the operators drive into an area closed to ORVs on state land. When contacted, along with the closed area violations, one of the operators was found to have a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was on patrol on the Escanaba River when he encountered an individual fishing at a local fishing pier. Upon talking to the individual, CO Butzin observed that the individual was in possession of an undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was on patrol near Gladstone when he encountered a juvenile riding an ORV without supervision. The operator was 15-years of age and operating on

the state trail system. The operator was informed on the laws regarding juveniles and ORVs, the parent was contacted, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik was on patrol checking for ORV violations when he came across an ORV that did not have the current ORV license. When the CO asked the driver if he had an ORV sticker, the driver stated he did not have one and he knew he was getting a ticket, CO Zitnik told him he was correct and cited the subject for the violation.

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling on Lake Superior when he observed two kayakers in a group that did not have PFDs. A stop was made, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith assisted a Chippewa County deputy with a search at a local residence for a stolen vehicle. While the two officers were in route to the residence, two vehicles matching the description of the suspects passed them. Traffic stops were conducted on both vehicles. Not only were their driver license's suspended, but one suspect was also found to be in possession of illegal drugs. The suspects were arrested and lodged in the Chippewa County Jail.

COs Calvin Smith and Tom Oberg participated in a three-day training course that focused on preventive radiological and nuclear detection during maritime operations. The multi-agency course was held on Lake Huron and trained officers how to detect and respond to radiological and nuclear threats.

CO Calvin Smith was near the town of Paradise when he observed an ORV being operated on the shoulder of M-123. A stop was made, and CO Smith contacted a couple from Louisiana who had rented the machine to tour the local area. CO Smith gave the couple directions to the nearest trail along with a pamphlet on Michigan's ORV laws.

CO Calvin Smith checked a pair of Canadian fishermen that were trying their luck behind the United States Federal powerhouse on the St. Mary's River. When CO Smith asked the pair to produce a Michigan fishing license they stated they did not need one as they were over the age of 65. CO Smith then advised them that they were fishing in US waters and were directly behind the Federal powerhouse. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg worked as an assistant instructor at the ORV Instructor Academy in Escanaba. CO Oberg focused his training on the motorcycle and dirt bike operation portion of the training. He educated the soon-to-be ORV instructors about the basics of motorcycle riding and operation.

CO Justin Vinson was on patrol when he observed an ORV being operated on M-28. CO Vinson stopped the ORV and asked the operator if they were aware it was illegal to operate an ORV on a state highway. The operator advised that the place they rented from gave them this route. CO Vinson explained the laws pertaining to ORV operation and showed them a legal route to their destination.

CO Justin Vinson was patrolling Brevort Lake when he observed a broken-down vessel. CO Vinson contacted the occupants. CO Vinson assisted returning the boat to the launch. The boat was safely removed from the water. CO Vinson continued the patrol. Activity was slow on the lake but, one boat was found with an expired registration. Law enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Duane Budreau responded to a complaint on private property of an individual baiting deer prior to September 15th. It was determined that several different parties were hunting the same property and overcrowding was occurring. The individual responsible for the bait was contacted and cited for baiting deer prior to September 15th. CO Budreau also contacted the property owner and advised him of the violation on his property. The property owner stated he was revoking permission to all hunters not following DNR rules.

CO Duane Budreau responded to a boater in distress call on Little Traverse Bay. CO Budreau was assisted by the Petoskey Department of Public Safety, Emmet County Sheriff's Department, and Harbor Springs Police Department. A report of a small sailboat overturned on Little Traverse Bay with two subjects in the water was dispatched to area first responders. CO Budreau and three detectives from Petoskey Department of Public Safety and Emmet County Sheriff's Department responded on CO Budreau's 23 ft Sea Ark from Petoskey Marina. With small craft advisories in affect for the area due to high winds and rough water conditions the response was challenging. CO Budreau was able to maneuver the patrol boat into position while the other officers pulled the subjects from the water. No injuries were sustained; however, the two females from the overturned sailboat suffered minor fatigue.

CO Andrea Erratt backed up a Charlevoix County deputy on a stop of a suspected drunk driver whose son was in a car seat in the backseat. While the deputy arrested the driver, CO Erratt called the mother of the boy, talked to him about fishing, gave him a DNR tape measure, and waited for her to come pick up her son.

CO Andrea Erratt checked a fisherman trolling for walleye with no bow light. CO Erratt observed his three-year-old son standing in the boat not wearing a personal floatation device (PFD) and two more children. The man put a PFD on his three-year-old son and CO Erratt asked if he had enough PFDs onboard for himself and his eight and ten-year-old kids. He only had one adult and one child PFD onboard stowed under the seats with a huge cooler on top. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped a boat operating with no stern light more than half an hour after sunset. The operator also did not have a Type IV PFD onboard his 23-foot boat. CO Erratt ticketed the operator of the vessel for improper navigation lights and warned him for failing to have proper PFD.

CO Andrea Erratt patrolled the Paddle for the Pool event and checked students from several high schools and colleges participating in the 2018 Michigan BASS Nation High School State Championship on Lake Charlevoix. CO Erratt educated the fishermen about invasive species, including the New Zealand Mud Snail, and explained the importance of cleaning their boats in between lakes.

CO Andrea Erratt and Charlevoix County Marine Deputy Cam McDonnell conducted a joint marine patrol on Lake Charlevoix. They stopped an unregistered 16ft Hobie Cat and the operator stated his dad had purchased the sailboat. The dad, who was operating a 19ft sailboat with a registration that expired in 2015, met them at the dock. CO Erratt ticketed the father for operating an unregistered sailboat and warned him for failing to change the registration within 15 days and for failing to register the second sailboat. They also stopped a personal watercraft (PWC) being driven by a juvenile with an adult passenger on back who was wearing an inflatable PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

Acting Sgt. Andrea Albert spoke at a hunter safety class held at the Alba Sportsmen's Club in Antrim County. CO Albert talked about the duties of a conservation officer, game laws, and answered questions. The students were very attentive and asked good questions about the upcoming baiting and feeding bans going into effect this winter in the Lower Peninsula.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tim Rosochacki taught at a hunter safety class at Northland Sportsmen's Club in Otsego County. Over 60 students were in attendance.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a burning complaint in Readmond Township, Emmet County. Upon his arrival, he met with the local fire chief and was pointed to a burning debris pile containing numerous construction material including drywall. Contact with the homeowner was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted the Michigan National Guard with a training exercise over Lake Huron.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he observed an ORV rider operating without a helmet. CO Sink conducted a stop on the ORV. Upon approach, CO Sink also observed the ORV had not been licensed since 2014. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on patrol when a call came across central dispatch of a three-car personal injury accident with people still inside their vehicle. The COs were right around the corner and first on the scene. The COs were able to assist the individuals involved in the accident. No one suffered any major injuries.

CO Sidney Collins taught laws and ethics in a hunter safety course in Lewiston, Montmorency County. There were 24 adults and young adults in attendance. CO Collins other volunteers also went over what is appropriate and not appropriate in the field while hunting, handling firearms, and showing demonstrations.

COs Sidney Collins and John Huspen patrolled the Lewiston area for ORVs. Several people were contacted. Violations found included; not riding on the right-hand side of the road, riding double, wrong ORV sticker placement, and others. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Sidney Collins and Paul Fox patrolled the Montmorency/Presque Isle County lines for early bear baits. Several baits were found to be in violation and an early tree stand was set up on state property. The owners of the bait will be contacted for enforcement action.

CO Sidney Collins and the Montmorency Sheriff's deputies are working an incident involving several bear houndsmen. One of the subjects is alleged to have brandished a firearm in a threatening way. One subject stated that while setting his baits for bear, three trucks surrounded him to block him in. The subject showed them he was a CPL holder and drove away quickly. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Sidney Collins received a complaint about Crooked Lake in Montmorency County. Boaters were boating at a slow, no wake speed in what was thought of as a swim area. After some investigation, there are no permits for a swim area and the subject was told they can continue to park their boat by the sandy area as long as they are following other boating laws.

CO Sidney Collins attended an archery course at Clear Lake State Park. CO Collins and others helped both adults and young adults with archery lessons. History of bows were explained as well as how to properly pick out the right bow for yourself or child. The students were able to practice target shooting on the range.

CO Jon Sklba utilized his issued radar to determine the speed of a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in a residential area in Presque Isle County. The posted speed was 35 mph. The vehicle was traveling 63 mph. CO Sklba was able to stop the driver and enforcement action was taken.

COs Jon Sklba and William Webster assisted the U.S. Military with tactical training on Lake Huron.

CO William Webster was patrolling Long Lake in Alpena County on a PWC when he noticed a fishing boat that he had been suspicious of the angler using too many lines in the past. CO Webster made a couple circles with the PWC and then started into the bay where the angler was located. The angler didn't look up at him until he was close enough to see that the angler had four fishing lines out. As CO Webster got closer, the man looked at him and said, "You're not supposed to be on a PWC, you're supposed to be in a black boat, that's not fair." Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster worked the third Rock Port Rugged Triathlon. Due to the weather, the swim course had to be inside the harbor due to large waves in Lake Huron. The

event ran very smoothly with no major injuries and all participants were very pleased with how nice the race was set up and the beautiful venue of Rock Port.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in Presque Isle County near Black Lake late one night when he observed an ORV stop on a county road in front of him. Upon contacting the operator, it was evident that the operator was under the influence of alcohol. Sobriety tests were performed, and it was determined that the operator was operating under the influence. In addition, the operator was transporting open intoxicants in the vehicle and was in possession of marijuana without a medical card. The subject was arrested and lodged for the offenses. CO Fox was assisted by local sheriff's deputies.

CO Paul Fox assisted local deputies with a motorcycle personal injury accident. CO Fox assisted with first aid. The subject sustained minor injuries and was transported to the local hospital.

Sgt. Mike Mshar responded to a complaint in Montmorency County where a subject had used lumber to block an outflow from a local lake to raise the lake levels where they dock their boat. The lumber was removed and the landowner was educated on the law.

Sgt. Mike Mshar responded to a complaint of a bear in a residence near the town of Lewiston. The bear had taken the screen off a window and entered the sun room and then attempted to gain access to the kitchen where the homeowner was cooking tacos. The bear left the residence but returned and re-entered the home a second time. The bear left with some coaxing and has not been back. Information was turned over to the area wildlife biologists in case the bear becomes an issue.

DISTRICT 4

CO William Haskin was patrolling Pleasant Lake checking boats and kayaks for PFDs. He located two kayaks without life jackets and issued a citation for the offense.

CO William Haskin was conducting night patrol on Hodenpyl backwaters for no navigation lights. Two vessels were located without the proper equipment during the patrol. Enforcement action was taken.

COs William Haskin, Sam Koscinski, and Ethan Gainforth hosted a hunter safety class in Missaukee County at Prosper Christian Reformed Church, with two hunter safety volunteer instructors certifying 31 students as hunter safety qualified.

CO Rebecca Hubers issued citations for boat trailers being left at the lawn area of the Crystal Lake Boat Access Site for extended periods of time.

COs Rebecca Hubers and Scott MacNeill responded to a Head Start Pre-School after staff reported a sow bear and cubs in the parking lot dumpster right before child pick-up time. The bear was gone upon their arrival. The COs assisted staff with clean up and checked the area to assure them the bear was gone from the area.

CO Rebecca Hubers assisted Benzie County Sheriff's Office and National Park officers with the search of a subject who called family members and stated she ingested anti-freeze, but did not give her location. The person was located, still conscious, and turned over to emergency medical personnel.

CO Hubers assisted Frankfort Police Department and U.S. Coast Guard and responded to a call of an angler being swept off the Frankfort Pier by a large wave. The person was pulled to the wall by family and resuscitation was started until EMS arrived. The angler did not recover.

COs Will Kinney and Amanda McCurdy participated in a Saturation Patrol hosted by the Federal Park Service in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. For this patrol, the COs worked alongside the Federal Park Rangers, Michigan State Police and Benzie County Sheriff Department to enforce laws on the Platte River. Between the four agencies, numerous citations were issued for violations of both state and federal law. This interagency effort allowed for a combined enforcement of general law and marine law, as well as the physical arrest of two individuals.

COs Patrick McManus, Amanda McCurdy, Rebecca Hubers and Rich Stowe participated in the annual Hunter Safety course offered at Cedar Rod and Gun Club in Leelanau County. As the only Hunter Safety course in Leelanau County, this event drew hundreds of participants from several nearby counties. On the classroom day, COs McManus and McCurdy gave a speech addressing the legal and safety obligations of hunting. During the field day, CO Stowe taught a station while COs McManus, Hubers and McCurdy assisted the staff throughout the course of the day. This weekend event afforded COs the opportunity to build a positive rapport with the community and present their efforts towards hunting and fishing enforcement in a positive light.

COs Patrick McManus and Amanda McCurdy patrolled a large portion of the Boardman River on their kayaks. The focus for the day was to speak with various anglers and other user groups about New Zealand Mud Snails. The COs were able to contact numerous individuals and not only educate them on the dangers of this aquatic invasive species, but also speak with them about area issues and concerns. The information gained from the individuals will help the COs with future patrols along the river.

CO Rich Stowe assisted CO Bill Haskin at a public hearing on a proposed local watercraft control for a Grand Traverse County Lake.

CO Rich Stowe attended a Township meeting in Grand Traverse County to address citizen questions about the future of shooting ranges on state land.

CO Rich Stowe, while on ORV patrol, observed a vehicle in a rural location in Grand Traverse County driving in a carless manner. The dust trail was followed and contact made with the occupants. Enforcement action was taken on motor vehicle violations, as well as MIP.

CO Rich Stowe monitored the start of an Offshore Powerboat Association Poker Run on West Grand Traverse Bay involving 55 offshore racing boats.

CO Rich Stowe assisted CO Justin Vanderlinde with a hunter education field day at the Benzie County Sportsman's Club.

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

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

COs Steve Converse and William Haskin were patrolling on Lake Michigan in the evening when they observed a large vessel being operated with no navigation lights being displayed. A stop was made, and the captain of the vessel was found to have a felony warrant and two misdemeanor warrants. Once the captain safely docked the vessel, he was taken into custody. Enforcement action was also taken for the navigation light violation.

COs Steve Converse and William Haskin were on patrol when they received a request for assistance from the Manistee County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's department was requesting help searching for a stolen car with the subject also having just fled the scene of a domestic violence. COs Converse and Haskin located the suspect vehicle and took the suspect into custody without incident. Investigation was then turned over to the sheriff's department.

CO Steve Converse was on a late-night patrol when he observed three subjects fishing within 300 feet of the weir on the Little Manistee River. CO Converse was able to contact the three subjects and recovered the numerous salmon they had taken illegally. Enforcement action was taken and one of the subjects was found to have nine DNR prior violations, with most of them being fish related.

CO Steve Converse received a complaint of subjects keeping undersize trout on the Manistee River. CO Converse was able to locate the subjects and observed one of the subject's place two undersize trout in the front pocket of his waders. Upon contact, the subjects denied catching any fish until CO Converse asked about the size of the trout in the subjects' waders. Both trout were found to be several inches under the legal-size limit. Enforcement action taken.

CO Steve Converse was on patrol in Manistee County when he located a vehicle parked along a small trout stream. CO Converse followed the subjects' tracks down stream and watched as the subjects took three salmon by hand. CO Converse contacted the subjects and discovered that one of the subjects had a felony warrant. The subject was taken into custody and both subjects received tickets for recreational

trespass and possession of fish taken illegally. The fish were seized and restitution for 57 pounds of fish is being sought.

COs Ryan Andrews and Josiah Killingbeck took part in the National Off Highway Vehicles Conservation Council trail ride in Lake County. The event included several hundred participants and representatives from forty states and four Canadian provinces.

COs Ryan Andrews and Josiah Killingbeck worked with the Lake County Sheriff's Department, MSP troopers and Federal Forest Officers in a county wide marijuana flight. Numerous grows were discovered from the air and ground. Officers were then guided into the areas for investigation. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol out of Ludington Harbor on Lake Michigan, COs Ryan Andrews and Brian Brosky along with Mason County Deputy Mark Willis, were patrolling for marine safety violations and salmon anglers. Numerous boats were checked and contacted, as the officers approached one particular vessel that was fishing about five miles offshore. The anglers thought the COs vessel was trying to ram them and they nearly jumped overboard before realizing they were being checked by the DNR Conservation Officers. No other boaters that were checked had similar reactions and one else attempted to jump overboard. Several warnings were given for minor violations and enforcement action was taken with a pair of anglers who were trolling with an over-limit of lines.

CO Brian Brosky was watching anglers from a concealed location along the Pere Marquette River in Mason County when he watched two individuals walk back to their vehicle and roll a marijuana cigarette. The two suspects then returned to the river, sat on a concrete break wall, and began smoking the marijuana in front of other anglers who had children with them. CO Brosky radioed CO Kyle Publiski and informed him of situation. CO Publiski arrived shortly and was able to contact the two as they finished smoking the marijuana. At first the two denied smoking marijuana, but when advised what was seen and smelled by the COs, they admitted to possessing the marijuana and enforcement action was taken. One of the individuals was also cited for possessing open intoxicants upon a public highway.

COs Brian Brosky and Nick Wellman were working Belle Isle when CO Wellman stopped a vehicle for entering the park after hours. Upon checking the operator's status, it was learned that the operator had thirteen warrants for various traffic violations and other related offenses. The operator was lodged at the Detroit Correctional Center for the warrants.

CO Brian Brosky was working southeast Mason County for related ORV activity when he stumbled upon a rather large group of ORVs in the area. CO Brosky was issuing a citation to an ORV when he noted several violations under the ORV act. CO Brosky stopped and issued citations to operators of ORVs that included failing to license the vehicles and possessing open intoxicants. CO Brosky radioed Sgt. Grant Emery and

CO Publiski who arrived in the area. Several other ORVs were stopped and cited for similar violations.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking anglers on the Pere Marquette River in Mason County when they checked several anglers fishing with illegal gear attempting to snag fish. One of the subjects gave the COs identification from another state, but they were unable to find records for the individual. Upon further investigation, the subject had lied to the COs and it was determined that the individual gave the COs fake identification and a fake name. It was eventually discovered that the subject had fake ID because he was trying to avoid discovery of a warrant for his arrest and he it was determined that he was an illegal immigrant. The subject was lodged on the fishing violations and warrant, and US Immigrations were notified.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking an access site along the Pere Marquette River when they checked two subjects who had just finished fishing the river. A subsequent check of one of the anglers revealed that he had an outstanding warrant from Mecosta County. The subject advised the COs that he had issues keeping insurance on his vehicle. His suspended driver's license and current warrant were a result of him not taking care of the issue. The subject was subsequently lodged in jail for the warrant.

CO Scott MacNeill assisted the Manistee County Sheriff's Office search and locate a juvenile suspect that was involved in stealing a vehicle and fleeing from law enforcement. After the suspect ditched the vehicle behind a residence, he fled on foot into a rural part of Manistee County. Officers were able to locate the subject after several hours with the assistance of multiple agencies and a K-9 unit.

CO Scott MacNeill received a complaint of individuals fishing the weir on the Little Manistee River, which is closed to fishing within 300' of the weir. After arriving, CO MacNeill was unable to locate any subjects fishing. After conducting surveillance for a while in the area, CO MacNeill observing an individual approach the overlook platform next to the weir and begin fishing in the closed area. The suspect was contacted, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, observed an ORV with an adult and juvenile operating with no helmets on while driving down a road near Baldwin. CO Killingbeck stopped and contacted the operator. The operator told CO Killingbeck that he was taking the juvenile for a ride around the block and claimed he did not know the rules for operating ORVs. CO Killingbeck observed the ORV had no ORV license and further investigation revealed that the operators driving privileges were suspended. The operator was educated on ORV regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, observed a vehicle parked in the woods with a trailer and determined that three subjects were cutting firewood. CO Killingbeck discovered that the subjects were cutting wood without a permit and had cut a large trailer load of wood. The subjects told CO Killingbeck that they were new to the area

and were not familiar with regulations pertaining to wood cutting. CO Killingbeck educated the subjects on state land regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol when Lake County dispatch advised of a possible domestic in progress on the roadway. CO Killingbeck was the first officer to the area and located two subjects matching the description in a church parking lot. The CO contacted a subject who was identified, and a check of the provided name came back clear through LEIN. There was no evidence of domestic violence. Shortly after leaving, CO Killingbeck talked to a Lake County Deputy that was familiar with the subject in question. After some discussion and looking at photos, CO Killingbeck determined that the male subject had given him a false name. CO Killingbeck identified the subject he had just dealt with by pictures and was able to determine that the subject had four outstanding warrants for his arrest. CO Killingbeck and CO Ryan Andrews along, with a Lake County Deputy, began looking for the suspect. After checking several houses and local establishments, CO Killingbeck located the suspect at a residence who was now in possession of Marijuana. The suspect was identified as the subject with warrants and the suspect admitted that he had given a false name because he knew he had warrants. The suspect was arrested and lodged in the Osceola County Jail for the warrants and charges are being requested through the Lake County for possession of marijuana and providing false information.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking local lakes for marine activity when he observed a boat with three subjects' fishing. After a short time, the subjects returned to shore where CO Killingbeck made contact. CO Killingbeck determined that there was one life jacket for three people in the boat. The subjects said that they were in such a hurry to go fishing they had forgot to put the proper PFDs in the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen contacted several groups operating their ORVs in a closed gravel pit in Crawford County. CO Huspen asked the operators if they noticed the signs that read "No ORVs" along the road into the gravel pit. Both groups advised they had seen the signs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charlie Jones was waved down by a boater on Torch Lake in Kalkaska County. The boater advised CO Jones of an individual who dove into shallow water, which resulted in a neck injury. CO Jones observed the individual laying on the bow of the boat with a PFD and keeping his neck immobilized. CO Jones escorted the pontoon to the launch where he met EMS. The injured subject was transported to Munson Medical Center for his injuries.

COs Charlie Jones and Sgt. Brian Olsen observed two people in a canoe on the Torch River in Kalkaska County. The COs could see one of the canoers did not have a PFD available. When the COs asked the canoer to come talk with them, the intoxicated canoer jumped out of the boat into six feet of water almost dumping his passenger. The

COs talked with the canoer and confirmed he did not have a PFD on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Charlie Jones was dispatched to Torch Lake where a boater who was riding on the bow of a pontoon boat had fallen off and sustained multiple injuries from the prop of the motor. The injured subject was turned over to EMS and transported to the hospital for his injuries. The individual sustained broken ribs, a collapsed lung, and a fractured skull.

COs Matthew Zultak and Ben McAteer were checking anglers along the Muskegon River in Roscommon County. Contact was made with an angler fishing near a local dam. Upon first observation, the angler appeared to be in possession of seven bluegills. However, the COs also located a cooler in the angler's vehicle. Upon consent to search, the COs located another 28 blue gills in the cooler. Enforcement action was taken for the over limit of panfish.

COs James Garrett, Jeff Panich, Jon Warner, Tyler Sabuda, Kyle Bader, Brad Bellville, and Sgt. Bobbi Lively conducted a group patrol at the 2018 Mud Jam event in Hale located in Iosco County. The COs patrolled the event over a four-day period and wrote 64 citations, gave 42 verbal warnings, and made hundreds of contacts. The majority of citations issued were for safety violations pertaining to the operation of off road vehicles (ORVs).

COs Kyle Bader, Brad Bellville, James Garrett, Tyler Sabuda, Jon Warner, and Sgt. Bobbi Lively assisted local agencies and fire departments with a 200-acre fire in the northwest part of Ogemaw County. No one was injured, and no structures were damaged.

CO Kyle Bader responded with the Ogemaw County Sheriff's Department to a remote camp in northern Ogemaw County for a missing 11-year-old boy. CO Bader was able to utilize training he received at the Division's Advanced Search and Rescue Training to draft and implement a search plan. The boy was located unharmed approximately two hours after he walked off about two miles away.

CO Mark Papineau handled a complaint regarding a Clare County resident that had reportedly shot a sandhill crane. During the initial investigation of the area, COs Papineau and Phil Hudson were able to locate the carcass of a sandhill crane, which had been dumped in the woods next to a field. During a telephone interview, the suspect admitted that the crane had been shot with a rifle as part of a bet with friends and that the carcass had been tossed in the woods to conceal the remains. Further investigation revealed that the suspect is a convicted felon and not able to possess firearms. Sgt. Jon Wood later accompanied CO Papineau to the suspect's residence to secure the firearm and conduct a follow-up interview. Charges are being sought through the Clare County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Ethan Gainforth assisted CO Bill Haskin with a hunter safety class in Missaukee County where approximately 40 students attended. Later that day, CO Gainforth also

spoke at the Harrison Sportsman's Club to another hunter safety class. Topics of discussion were safety, ethics, trespass law, and hunter harassment. Students were very attentive and showed a lot of interest in the presentations.

DISTRICT 6

While patrolling in Gratiot County, CO John Byars noticed an ORV traveling down the road at a high rate of speed and that the operator did not have a helmet on. CO Byars conducted an ORV stop and the operator hit the brakes and slid to a stop. The operator was verbally combative with the CO and did not comply with his orders. The CO took control of the situation and got the operator of the ORV to comply. The CO issued a citation for operating an ORV without a helmet and eye protection and issued a written warning for no ORV license. The operator soon calmed down and thanked the CO.

CO Joe Myers was on marine patrol in Gratiot County when Montcalm County Central Dispatch put out a call for a nearby unit to response to an MSP Trooper who had a subject at gun point off M-46. CO Myers was close by and responded to assist. The subject was later arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

In Montcalm County, COs Josh Russell and Dan Robinson were patrolling state land when they observed an ORV operating in a section of the state game area which is closed to ORV use. The COs caught up to the ORV and performed a traffic stop. A citation for operating in a prohibited area was issued.

COs Josh Russell and Dan Robinson were patrolling Montcalm County and noticed two sets of fresh ORV tracks that were going in and out of the state game area. The COs encountered and spoke to a group of people who stated the COs were not far behind the ORVs. The COs tracked the ORVs for almost six miles when they turned onto a dead-end trail which is where they located the ORVs. A citation was issued for operating in a prohibited area was issued.

CO Josh Russell was checking lakes in the Flat River State Game Area when he observed an ORV operating on a closed trail. CO Russell contacted the ORV and issued a citation for operating on an undesignated trail. As the CO sent the ORV on his way, another ORV pulled up. CO Russell made contact and issued another citation for operating an ORV on an undesignated trail.

While patrolling the Rush Lake State Game Area, COs Robert Hobkirk and Jason Smith stopped two ORVs for operating in a closed area. A file check on both ORV operators showed that they each had warrants for their arrest; one a felony and the other a civil warrant. The felony warrant was for cocaine possession and the individual was taken into custody and lodged at the Huron County Jail. The individual who had the civil warrant was advised of the warrant and released at the direction of the agency holding the warrant. Additionally, both ORV riders received citations for operating in a closed area.

+CO Seth Rhodea was on patrol when he observed an ORV being operated on the road in front of him. As he got closer to the ORV he observed the passenger throw beer

bottles out of the ORV and into the ditch. A stop was made, and the ORV was also found to be unlicensed. The occupants admitted to throwing the bottles out of the ORV and both the driver and passenger were cited for their violations.

While on patrol in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea stopped an ORV after observing multiple violations included two subjects riding the cargo bed of the ORV. Contact was made with the operator and he was cited for violations.

While conducting a marine patrol on Lake Huron, CO Mark Siemen had contact with multiple boaters, jet ski operators and kayakers. Multiple warnings were given for marine violations and multiple citations were issued for not having personal flotation devices (life jackets). All subjects were educated on the importance of having and using a life jacket.

During a late-night patrol through Midland County state land, CO Mike Haas located numerous vehicles operating in an area closed to motor vehicles. The trucks had entered the closed area by driving over dirt barriers and around a locked gate. CO Haas issued citations for operating in a closed area and escorted the vehicles back onto a legal trail.

While on an ORV patrol in Isabella County, CO Mike Haas encountered a woman operating an ORV down the wrong side of a roadway. CO Haas contacted the operator and discovered that she was not wearing a helmet and did not have her machine licensed. CO Haas inquired why the woman looked familiar and she reminded CO Haas that he had cited her two years prior for failing to license the same ORV. The woman was cited again for the numerous ORV violations.

CO Mike Haas was checking an area in Midland County that was closed to ORV use when he located a side-by-side operating down a closed trail. CO Haas initiated a traffic stop and contacted the operator. Not only was the man operating on an illegal trail, but he also had four small children riding in the back-cargo area of the side-by-side. All the children were sitting in an area not designed for passengers and none were wearing helmets or proper restraints. The operator of the side-by-side was directed to exit the closed area and received a citation to address the violations.

CO Mike Haas received a complaint from a concerned citizen through Isabella Central Dispatch that a wolverine was hit by a car in western Isabella County. The dispatchers attempted to inform the caller that it was highly unlikely that the animal was a wolverine and after much debate the complaint was referred to CO Haas. CO Haas located the animal in question and identified it as an American badger.

While working Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson was called to a property where an individual had caught another subject on his property on game cameras. The complainant knew the subject and had told him verbally not to go on the property last hunting season when the suspect walked near his tree stand while the complainant was hunting. The suspect was interviewed and admitted that he walked through the property

at least five different times since he was told not to be there. Information and evidence was obtained and the suspect was issued a citation for criminal trespass.

While patrolling Isabella in the morning hours, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas witnessed an ORV traveling in the middle of the roadway, and it appeared that the occupants were not wearing seatbelts. After stopping the vehicle, the COs realized that both individuals were under the age of 16. ORV laws require that children under the age of 16 are supervised by a person over 18. The individuals said that their parents were gone at work and they went for donuts. CO Robinson stopped by the residence later in the evening and addressed the multiple issues at the time of the stop including the fact that the parents were not supervising the individuals while they were operating the ORV. A citation was issued.

CO Jay Person was contacted by Midland County 911 regarding a subject who had a question on a snake that was found under a tarp in the caller's yard. After receiving text pictures, CO Person was able to identify the snake as a common brown snake which is very common in Michigan. The caller was relieved that it was not a threat or poisonous.

DISTRICT 7

CO James Zellinger responded to a report of a felonious assault between two tubers on the Thornapple River. While enroute to the scene, the responders were informed that the suspect had multiple felony warrants for his arrest. After interviewing several other witnesses in the party, it was determined that the suspect had left the river to evade law enforcement. CO Zellinger launched his patrol vessel and along with a Michigan State Police trooper, searched up river for the suspect. A short time later they observed the suspect hiding in the brush near the river and attempted to place him under arrest. The suspect fled on foot and a canine officer was called in to attempt a track. After several hours of searching the area and multiple residences, CO Zellinger and the MSP trooper received a tip from a resident on where the suspect was hiding. The home owner refused to allow a search of the residence, but CO Zellinger observed the suspect through a window attempting to hide behind a chair. The officers were able to talk the subject into coming out of the house and he was arrested without further incident. The subject was lodged on his multiple warrants and additional charges.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer conducted a marine patrol in New Buffalo on Lake Michigan and the Galien River. Multiple citations were issued for PFD violations as well as registration and fishing violations.

CO Tyler Cole was patrolling near Maple Lake in Paw Paw and came across an individual fishing on shore. A check was made for licenses and any fish caught. When asked if the subject had a fishing license, the subject produced a 2018 fishing license. When asked what the subject's birthday was, the subject produced a birthday that did not match up with the license. After investigating, it was found that the subject had been using his friend's fishing license and couldn't remember the friend's birthday when asked. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Three Rivers State Game Area, CO Micah Hintze stopped to speak with the driver of a vehicle in a designated parking location. While speaking through the passenger window CO Hintze detected the scent of marijuana and observed a plastic zip lock bag containing the substance as well as a pipe and grinder. The individual was arrested for a misdemeanor warrant and charges for the possession of drugs and paraphernalia are pending with the St. Joseph county prosecutor.

While patrolling the Bass River Recreation Area, CO Ivan Perez noticed a subject on a PWC towing three small children on a tube with no observer. CO Perez called the subject to shore and informed him of the violation. The subject stated that he thought it was ok if he had side mirrors. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking a boat launch in Grand Haven Township of Ottawa County, CO Ivan Perez noticed a vessel with three subjects return to the dock. CO Perez made contact and began a fishing check. CO Perez did not see any PFDs on board and asked the subject if he had any. The subject could only produce two. CO Perez asked for a Type IV throwable, but the owner of the vessel stated his vessel was under 16 feet. CO Perez then asked the subject for his registration to check the length of the vessel. The operator stated he had left it at home. CO Perez copied the vessels registration numbers down and contacted dispatch, but the registration numbers came back as "no record on file". CO Perez double-checked the numbers and they were correct. CO Perez then checked the numbers on the opposite side of the vessel and found that two of the registration numbers had been reversed. CO Perez checked a second time with dispatch and the vessel came back as being 16 feet, 4 inches. CO Perez also found that the vessel was missing a fire extinguisher. A citation was issued along with several warnings for the equipment and numbering violations.

While checking boats returning to the boat ramp at the Bass River Recreation Area just after sunset, CO Ivan Perez noticed a small aluminum skiff with two subjects returning to the launch without navigation lights. As the vessel came within 100 yards of the ramp, CO Perez noticed the operator identify him and began making furtive movements below the gunnel. CO Perez then noticed that the operator appeared to throw something overboard. CO Perez called out to the vessel and ordered the vessel ashore. The operator and passenger were asked what they had discarded. They both were adamant that nothing was thrown overboard. CO Perez searched the vessel and found no evidence of fish. As CO Perez began to check the boat for safety equipment, he noticed a small steel wire lying on the rear bench seat. The wire had a black, tar like, substance on the end. CO Perez could also smell what appeared to be Marijuana residue coming from the substance. The operator stated that he did use that to clean his marijuana pipe out with but continued to state that he did not throw anything overboard. CO Perez continued his search and found no other violations or evidence of the illegal substance or paraphernalia. The operator was written a citation for operating his vessel after sunset without navigation lights.

In July of this year, CO Greg Patten received a deer feeding complaint in Muskegon. Several callers reported that a woman was feeding deer on private property that belongs to a local company. The property is fenced and posted with no trespassing signs. CO Patten contacted the woman and warned her not to feed deer at the location. The residents in the area also told the woman not to feed the deer. In August CO Patten received a RAP complaint of a woman feeding deer in the same location. The caller photographed and video recorded the woman feeding deer. CO Patten identified the woman as the same one from the July complaint. CO Patten contacted the woman who admitted to feeding deer at the location. CO Patten submitted the information to the Muskegon County Prosecutor. The prosecutor authorized a warrant for unlawful deer feeding.

DISTRICT 8

COs Daniel Prince, Branden Hartleben, Eric Smithers, and Acting Sgt. Mike Drexler held a hunter safety field day class at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton. There were 29 students and parents in attendance. Conservation officers talked about the job duties of Michigan conservation officers, basic shooting skills, firearm safety, being a safe hunter, elevated stand safety, deer hunting, wildlife conservation, preparation and survival skills, and had an introduction to fall turkey hunting.

While on marine patrol, COs Eric Smither and Chris Reynolds observed an individual fishing out of a boat that had a 1996 registration on it. The COs contacted the individual and found that he did not have a current registration for the vessel. Enforcement action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Hi-Land Lake on the Halfmoon Chain of Lakes just after sunset when he observed a vessel operating without an anchor light. The vessel was displaying a 2019 registration, but CO Hartleben ran the vessel registration anyway based on a "gut feeling." The return on the registration came back to a male subject out of Saline that expired in 2017. CO Hartleben then contacted the female operator/owner and her female passenger to investigate further. The operator admitted to purchasing the vessel last year and never transferring the title and registering it. CO Hartleben inquired about the validation decals she had acquired. They apparently belonged to a different vessel she owned that was no longer operational. Enforcement action taken.

While on marine patrol, COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds observed a couple of anglers fishing across the lake. While contacting the vessel and checking for fishing licenses, CO Monnich noticed the boat did not have a registration and the anglers were unable to produce life jackets. Enforcement action taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds were watching two anglers fishing off kayaks on the other side of the lake they were patrolling. The COs eventually contacted the anglers who failed to have any sort of life jackets with them and both were found to be

fishing without a license. The anglers stated that they were fishing but not catching anything, so they didn't see the need for a fishing license. The anglers were educated on basic marine and fishing laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO McCullough was checking fishermen at a local lake as they returned to the launch after a morning of fishing. One of the anglers was telling CO McCullough how he was visiting from out-of-state and would be fishing in Michigan for a week or so. While checking fishing licenses CO McCullough noticed the non-resident angler handed him a Michigan resident fishing license. When asked why he had a Michigan resident fishing license the angler stated he used to live in Michigan. Further investigation revealed the out-of-state angler was using an old expired Michigan identification card to purchase resident fishing licenses when he wasn't eligible. Enforcement action was taken.

CO McCullough observed a boat with three fishermen. All three anglers were catching fish. CO McCullough contacted the anglers as they returned to the dock. One angler was telling CO McCullough how good the fishing had been this year and how many fish he had been catching throughout the year. As CO McCullough asked to see a fishing license the angler stated he must have forgot it at home. A license system check discovered the angler had not purchased a fishing license of any type in the last twenty plus years. CO McCullough asked the angler why he didn't buy fishing licenses if he fished so much. The angler replied he had just never been checked and didn't want to spend the money. Enforcement action taken.

CO Nick Wellman assisted MSP with a 15-year-old who was on his bike and lost in southern Branch County. The CO offered to help to transport the juvenile's bike back to his residence. Shortly after responding, the juvenile was able to get to a nearby address and was located. The juvenile was returned to his mother.

CO Chris Maher was working marine patrol on Clark Lake in Jackson County when he observed a vessel pulling multiple individuals tubing with no observer on board. CO Maher stopped the vessel and conducted a marine safety inspection. During the inspection, CO Maher found the vessel had an expired registration and the operator did not take boater safety as required by law. Enforcement action taken.

CO Chris Maher received a complaint of an individual baiting deer prior to September 15th. Upon investigation and contact with the suspect, CO Maher recalled that he had been to the residence and spoke with the suspect on a previous complaint though no charges were sought at that time. CO Maher located the bait which also exceeded the two-gallon limit. CO Maher then informed the suspect that Jackson County has just recently been placed on a baiting ban due to recent CWD regulations but informed the suspect that even without the ban it was illegal to bait this time of year. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds responded to a complaint in Hillsdale County regarding an individual who had several wild animals in captivity. When the CO interviewed the suspect, he advised that rehabilitating wild animals without a permit was illegal and the animals needed to be released or sent to a licensed rehabilitator. At this point it was apparent

that the individual was passionate about helping animals, so the officer gave the subject the number of a licensed rehabilitator and explained that the rehabber could sponsor and possibly help them in the process of becoming a licensed rehabilitator. The subject has already signed up for and paid for classes to become a licensed rehabilitator. The animals were turned over to a licensed rehabilitator and a warning given for having the wild animals in captivity.

CO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint from the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline of a subject who believed there was an injured hawk in their yard. The CO called the complainant to gain further information on the suspected injured hawk. While on the phone with the complainant, the complainant went outside to check on the hawk's location and status. While doing so, the complainant advised the bird stood up and ran into the woods. After further consideration, the complainant determined the bird was actually a young wild turkey, and stated it appeared healthy.

CO Todd Thorn was patrolling on the Grand River after dark when he came across a pontoon boat being operated without navigation lights. CO Thorn made contact and upon investigation found that there were no PFDs for the six people onboard the vessel, there was no fire extinguisher, the registration sticker was expired, and the paper registration was not onboard. Enforcement action taken.

CO Todd Thorn was patrolling on the Grand River in the Eaton Rapids area when he contacted a man operating a small aluminum boat towards him. CO Thorn contacted the man who said he had one fish onboard. Upon further investigation, CO Thorn found that the man was operating the boat while intoxicated. The man was arrested and lodged at the Ingham County Jail.

CO Todd Thorn took a RAP complaint of a dog killed in a trap in Lansing. CO Thorn responded to the complaint and found that the dog was killed in a trap set illegally. The trapper did not have a valid license, had not checked his traps in the allowable time, and had no identification on the traps. A confession was obtained, and enforcement action taken.

While on his way to meet up with two Eaton County COs, CO Todd Thorn observed a man operating a small unregistered dirt bike without a helmet down a city street in Charlotte. CO Thorn stopped to discuss the issue with the man and requested his ID. After receiving the ID, CO Thorn learned that the operator had a warrant for assault. CO Thorn informed the man that he was under arrest and the man took off running through backyards. CO Thorn notified local dispatch and an Eaton County deputy soon located and arrested the man a couple blocks to the north of their location.

COs Todd Thorn and Sam Schluckbier, as well as two Eaton Rapids Police Department officers, executed a warrant for a man whom CO Thorn had dealt with earlier. The charges were for possession of meth, open intoxicants in a vehicle, and fishing without a license. The man was taken without incident and lodged in the Eaton County Jail.

COs Todd Thorn, Pete Purdy, Sam Schluckbier and Larn Strawn assisted local police agencies and MSP with a search for a man who had pointed a handgun at a police officer and then fled. Earlier in the day, that same man had been involved in a hit and run accident. The incident occurred when, after the accident, an Ingham County deputy had attempted to stop the man, who subsequently pulled a gun and pointed it at the officer and then ran into a wooded area south of Holt. It was soon learned that the suspect had a felony warrant for drug crimes. After several hours, Ingham County command staff called off the search due to darkness, without locating the individual.

CO Sam Schluckbier patrolled the Grand River for fishermen near Grand Ledge. While inspecting one fisherman's daily catch he found a bag filled with small panfish and an undersized Smallmouth Bass. The fisherman seemed confused about the species he had caught and kept throughout the day. He also failed to review the fishing digest prior to fishing since he was unaware of size requirements and regulations. CO Schluckbier educated him on the basic rules to follow and provided him a digest to keep. The smallmouth bass was confiscated, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier came upon several underage subjects drinking at a local park in Eaton County. After watching from a distance, he observed each person drink alcohol and throw the empty containers into the woods. After making contact, he located additional liquor and beer bottles. CO Schluckbier required each littered bottle to be retrieved from the water and woods. Enforcement action was taken for the underage drinking.

CO Stawara investigated a case regarding a subject taking a turkey out of season. An interview was conducted at the suspect's residence where he admitted to shooting a 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " bearded turkey on May 29th. CO Stawara explained the Unit ZZ tag he purchased was only valid from April 23rd thru May 6th. He stated he thought his license was valid through the end of May but never verified after purchasing it. A written confession was obtained, and the appropriate evidence seized. The case is currently pending at the prosecutor's office.

COs Stawara and Troy Ludwig were on routine marine patrol when they came across the scent of marijuana coming from a vehicle parked along the Grand River. The owner of the vehicle admitted to being in possession of marijuana and showed the COs where to find it. The subject had an active misdemeanor warrant for child support which he was later advised of and released due to unavailable transport. Enforcement action taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jessie Curtis received a complaint through dispatch of a group trespassing on private property in the Dryden area. This is a chronic trespass spot where people access a connected private lake. The area is clearly posted, and most trespassers must use the posts with the "no trespassing" signs to help launch their boats. CO Jessie Curtis arrived on scene with Dryden and Metamora Police officers. The officers took a

boat and found the group of intoxicated boaters. The intoxicated subjects also didn't have PFDs and littered their beer cans. Enforcement Action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and David Schaumburger measured 150 walleye fillets seized in a walleye over limit case. The lengths of the fillets were mathematically calculated with a formula to establish each fish's original weight for reimbursement.

CO Ben Lasher conducted an ORV patrol in the Port Huron Game Area and found a subject shooting beer cans with a .22 rifle. Lasher watched as the subject left the cans behind (littering) and upon contacting the subject at his vehicle, found an open beer in the center console. Enforcement action was taken.

While on fisheries patrol in Macomb County, COs Brad Silorey and Joseph Deppen noticed an angler fishing near a drainage tunnel along the Clinton river. The angler was casting out large pieces of steak into the river. COs contacted the angler and asked him what he was trying to catch. The angler said he had been catching turtles, catfish, bass, bluegills, and pike all with steak. COs asked the angler for his fishing license the angler said that he does not have to have a fishing license when fishing in Oklahoma. The COs advised the angler he needed to have a fishing license to fish in Michigan. The angler also had outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was subpoenaed to attend a court hearing regarding a case that he submitted to Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. The case was pertaining to a suspect who was running an unlicensed fishing charter business. The subject, who was not a Michigan resident, pled guilty to the charges. He was sentenced to a one-year misdemeanor and up to \$1000 fine. The judge also stated that if he was caught operating an illegal charter again, that the conservation officer was ordered to condemn his vessel.

COs Ben Lasher, Dan Walzak, Kris Kiel, Ray Gardner, Nicholas Ingersoll, Danielle Zubek, Brad Silorey, and Sgt. Todd Szyska assisted the United States Coast Guard with the annual Float Down unsanctioned marine event on the St Clair River. Thousands of people floated down the river in floating toys, homemade rafts, tubes, kayaks and other non-motorized crafts. Due to a good wind all participants were able to make the trip down the river with only minor issues reported.

CO Ben Lasher was first on scene of a personal injury accident where one driver made a left turn into the path of oncoming traffic. Both drivers had minor injuries.

COs Nick Ingersoll and Keven Luther were patrolling Pointe Mouillee State Game Area when they contacted three anglers fishing off "The Banana." After a check of the anglers fishing licenses and fish they had caught, it was determined that the anglers had kept three undersized northern pike. After questioning the anglers, it was determined they knew what the legal-size limit for northern pike was, and just wanted to keep them because they said there were too many. Enforcement action was taken for possessing undersized northern pike.

CO Keven Luther conducted a marine patrol of the Detroit River. CO Luther patrolled from Belle Isle to the Detroit lights and back. While on patrol, four verbal warnings were issued for minor marine violations.

CO Keven Luther doubled up with CO Ingersoll to conduct an ORV patrol of Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. While on patrol, CO Ingersoll contacted a family fishing along the Humphries Unit. Two of the three anglers were in possession of undersized Northern Pike. CO Ingersoll explained the rules and legal requirements to the two anglers. CO Ingersoll showed the youth angler how to reintroduce her recently retained fish into the water. CO Luther issued a citation to the youth's guardian for her two undersized Northern Pike while CO Ingersoll showed the youth how to measure a fish.

Later that evening, CO Luther received a complaint from Station 20 of a Canada goose shot in the head in the parking lot of Delray Park Marina. COs Luther and Walzak was on scene shortly and contact was made with the suspect. The suspect admitted to shooting the goose with a BB gun. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser observed a man fishing on Lake Fenton. The angler stated that he had been fishing for a couple of hours and had caught a pike. The man held up a stringer which held the fish and said that it was right at 24 inches. The CO asked the angler what he had used to measure the fish. He pulled a measuring tape from his tackle box, He held the fish in the air and stretched the tape out and said, "See, 24." However, the CO noticed that the man was holding the tape at the 1-2" mark. The CO instructed the man on the proper way to measure a fish and determined that the fish was only 22". Enforcement action was taken for taking an undersized pike.

While conducting a marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir, CO Justin Muehlhauser encountered two men fishing at the Mt. Morris Rd. Bridge. The CO asked if they had caught any fish to which they replied no. The CO then asked for fishing licenses. Neither men had a valid fishing license. There was a bucket sitting next to the men on shore which was full of water. The CO anchored his vessel and went ashore to investigate further. When the CO looked in the bucket, he discovered a small mouth bass. The men tried to claim that someone left the bucket then claimed that someone gave them the fish. No matter what the actual story was, the men were in possession of a bass and fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser was checking anglers in Downtown Flint. As the CO arrived at Atwood Stadium, he observed two dirt bikes operating on the side walk. When they saw the CO they decided to turn around and head back the way they came. The CO followed them onto Grand Traverse and into the parking lot at a local business. The CO conducted a stop on the vehicles. The operators stated that they were just out for a Sunday cruise and weren't causing any trouble. After a LEIN check, it was determined that both operator's licenses were suspended or revoked. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Justin Muehlhauser investigated a complaint of a turkey taken out of season. The CO interviewed the subject who stated that he did not actually shoot a turkey but was talking to people saying that he wanted to. The subject allowed the CO to look around the yard. However, CO Muehlhauser was unable to discover any physical evidence. The subject later stated that he pawned his crossbow a few days ago. The CO found this rather suspicious. CO Muehlhauser checked the pawn shop and located the crossbow and bolts. The bolts were equipped with broadheads and one of them was packed with dirt and appeared to be fired recently. It also appeared that there might be some type of bodily fluid on the bolt. The CO placed a law enforcement hold on the crossbow and seized the bolts and quiver. The bolts are being sent to the molecular ecology laboratory at MSU for forensic examination.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol in Monroe County when he observed two subjects fishing Swan Creek. When he approached them and asked to see their fishing licenses both subjects said they didn't have them on them but were in the car. Both subjects produced driver's licenses and CO Beuthin ran their information and to verify they each had fishing licenses. One of the subjects came back with felony warrants out of Wayne County. The subject was then immediately detained without incident while the warrants were verified. Both subjects had fishing licenses and the subject who had felony warrants was taken to the Wayne County Jail.

CO Adam Beuthin was on patrol in Monroe County when he observed two ORVs operating on the roadway heading in his direction. The ORVs quickly changed direction and the CO stopped the ORVs on the roadway. When asked what they were doing on the roadway, the subjects explained they didn't know that it was illegal and were coming from a buddy's up the road. The CO explained the dangers of operating on the roadway and not wearing helmets or eye protection. Multiple violations were addressed and enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger made a traffic stop on a vehicle that was driving carelessly with improper plates. After contacting the three occupants and discovering two of the passengers had warrants, the CO asked the driver for consent to search the vehicle. The driver gave consent and the CO found the driver's wallet in the center console, which the driver stated minutes before he had no ID on him. The driver had given a different name than the ID in the wallet; he had used his twin brother's name. After running a check on the proper name it was discovered that he had a suspended driver's license and also had a warrant for his arrest. The driver was cited, the vehicle was towed, and all three occupants of the vehicle were taken to jail on warrants.

CO David Schaumburger observed a golf cart operating on the roadway. When the golf cart finally stopped, the occupants reached near the floor and immediately exited the golf cart and walked back to the CO. The CO explained they could not be on the road and walked up to the golf cart, finding an open beer can on the floor of the golf cart. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger observed a side by side ORV cruising down the dirt roads of Monroe county. The CO stopped the ORV, which was displaying an orange triangle on the vehicle. The driver thought the orange triangle meant he was permitted to drive on the roads, however the CO explained it was only while the operator was participating in farming activities.

COs Nick Ingersoll and Kris Kiel were patrolling the southern end of Monroe County when they observed a dirt bike pass them on the road. Monroe County is closed to the use of ORVs on the roadway. The COs pulled the driver over. After talking with the driver, it was determined that he did not have a valid driver's license and his ORV was not registered. The COs advised the driver that he could not operate on the roadway, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Ingersoll was patrolling Belle Isle when he was passed by a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed. CO Ingersoll tried to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle continued down Riverbank Dr and did not stop. CO Ingersoll was able to affect a traffic stop before the vehicle left the Island. CO Ingersoll questioned the driver on why he did not stop. The driver advised CO Ingersoll that he did not know he was being stopped but did advise him that he saw his emergency lights and heard his siren. CO Ingersoll questioned the driver on if he knew how fast he was going, and he admitted that he was traveling to fast. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Ingersoll was patrolling Belle Isle when he received a call that the Yacht Club security needed help. CO Ingersoll was able to respond and locate an individual who security guards were trying to question. CO Ingersoll, CO Slick, and Sgt Bomay were able to detain the individual. The individual was extremely intoxicated, and the COs questioned the individual on why he was not leaving the yacht club. The individual was also asked why he was touching other members at the club without their permission. The COs determined that the individual was intoxicated and 4 times over the legal limit. The individual was lodged at the Detroit Detention Center and charges of Criminal Sexual Assault in the 4th degree and Criminal Trespass are being forwarded to the prosecutor.

BELLE ISLE

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Belle Isle when he observed a motorcycle traveling at a high rate of speed. After pacing the vehicle at 62 mph in a 25 mph zone, he conducted a traffic stop. The operator was found to be driving on a suspended license, without a motorcycle endorsement and had multiple arrest warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Belle Isle State Park, CO Strawn was dispatched to a complaint of a large party with alcohol at a beach area near one of the lighthouses. CO Strawn responded to the beach area and was assisted by his shift partners and two MSP troopers. The party was not quite as large as reported. CO Strawn made several contacts but observed no alcohol.

While patrolling Belle Isle State Park, CO Larn Strawn received a complaint of a person driving carelessly and doing burn outs in the parking lot of the Casino. CO Strawn patrolled to the scene and located the suspect vehicle. While conducting the investigation, CO Strawn discovered the driver was in possession of a controlled substance. CO Strawn arrested the subject for the controlled substance and multiple motor vehicle violations.

CO Wellman conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was on the island after hours. Upon contacting the driver, he admitted he didn't have a valid operator's license. In addition, after checking the subject in LEIN, it was found that he had 13 active warrants for his arrest. The subject was lodged at the Detroit Detention Center.

CO Robert Slick was working a Belle Isle shift when a call came out of a child drowning at the beach. CO Slick was third on scene behind MSP. MSP performed CPR and the victim started breathing again. EMS arrived on scene and transported the victim to the hospital in critical condition.

CO Jon Sklba was working on Belle Isle when he witnessed a subject driving over the posted speed limit. The operator of the vehicle had a suspended license, and multiple warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben McAteer was patrolling Belle Isle when he noticed a group of motorcycles come up behind him at a high rate of speed. CO McAteer attempted to stop a bike that was doing well over the posted 25 mph speed limit. Upon activating his emergency lights, the operator hit the throttle and attempted to flee the area. CO McAteer was able to catch up with the suspect after he failed to take a corner, lost control, hit a curb and crashed. The operator stated that his adrenaline was already high from going so fast and when CO McAteer activated his emergency lights his emotions associated with fear kicked in and he made a regretful choice. Enforcement action was taken.