

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Josh Boudreaux encountered a man operating a motorboat on Lake Angeline without MC numbers or proper registration. Upon contacting the fisherman, it was discovered that the man had multiple warrants for his arrest from multiple counties. The man was arrested and subsequently transported to the Marquette County Jail.

CO Josh Boudreaux was patrolling Lake Michigamme following heavy rains in the area. CO Boudreaux spent the morning checking fishermen and pulled floating logs and other hazards from the main body of the lake. As CO Boudreaux was preparing to pull his boat from the water, he received a phone call about a pontoon seen adrift on the lake. CO Boudreaux located the pontoon and secured it to a nearby dock. The owner of the pontoon, who was unaware it was missing, was contacted and immediately came to retrieve it. The owner was incredibly thankful for the assistance.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Brett DeLonge conducted a joint ORV patrol on a section of the Iron Ore Heritage Trail that runs through private property. The patrol was in response to complaints that ORVs were not stopping at stop signs. The COs checked several ORVs during the patrol and they all were compliant with trail regulations.

CO Brett DeLonge was on marine patrol enroute to another lake when he observed an ORV operating in the middle of a paved roadway. CO DeLonge followed the ORV and observed that it was being operated at a high rate of speed. CO DeLonge conducted a traffic stop on the ORV and discussed the violations observed. After noticing the ORV was properly licensed and that the operator was wearing his seatbelt, CO DeLonge explained safe ORV operation on the roadway and enforcement action was taken.

COs Brett DeLonge and Cody Smith assisted Cpl. David Painter with a hunter safety field day at the Negaunee Township Hall in Marquette County for individuals who took the online hunter safety training. The day long class had several successful students along with many of their parents who helped facilitate learning discussions between the COs and students.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint in Iron County regarding a residence burning carpet and other household materials in their back yard. CO Jared Ferguson responded and found the fire was out, but evidence of illegal burning was still in the pit. Contact was made with the owner and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling Iron County when he received a complaint of a large dog chasing deer in the Amasa area. CO Jared Ferguson traveled to the area and located a Great Dane running down the road. CO Jared Ferguson was able to corral the

dog and wait for its owners to arrive. The owners stated the animal was let out by a toddler at the residence and has been gone all morning. A quick education about dogs running at large and chasing deer was given and the happy dog owners were on their way.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint about an over limit of panfish taken on an inland lake in Dickinson County. CO Jared Ferguson contacted a boat at the boat launch and found two individuals in possession of an over limit of panfish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling Iron County for ORV activity when he noticed a group of side-by-sides. CO Jared Ferguson made contact and found that several of the riders were not wearing their seatbelts. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cody Smith worked the opener of goose and early teal season and observed multiple hunting parties successfully harvest geese in the Sturgeon River Sloughs area.

CO Cody Smith assisted a wildlife biologist with the release of a bear cub he had taken to rehab after being struck by a car. The bear bolted from the transport container and into the woods near where it was struck.

COs Cody Smith, Brett DeLonge, Josh Boudreaux and Sgt. Mark Leadman responded to a missing person call to assist MSP and Marquette County Search and Rescue. The four responded to the area and were able to do a quick search of the trails near where the individual's vehicle was located with use of their department ORVs. The individual was located by some hikers after they were informed of the missing person by the COs. The individual was found to be in good health and returned to his family.

CO Brian Lasanen investigated a burning litter complaint in Houghton County. An unknown suspect brought an old camping trailer onto private property and proceeded to try and burn it. CO Lasanen utilized an evidence technician from MSP and was able lift finger prints from the scene. The investigation is ongoing to identify the suspect.

CO Brian Lasanen stopped to assist MSP with an OWI traffic stop and arrest.

CO Zach Painter was on patrol in Ontonagon County when he observed two ORVs traveling down the middle of the highway near Bergland. CO Painter stopped the ORVs noting several passengers did not have seat belts on. Enforcement action was taken for operating the ORVs on a public highway.

CO Ethen Mapes was on patrol near Mass City when he passed an ORV with 2016 ORV stickers. The subject stated it was his first trip out for the year and he was heading to the gas station to buy his stickers. The subject stated that he had used the machine the previous year but must have forgotten to by his stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ethen Mapes was called to an injured eagle complaint near Bruce Crossing. By the time CO Mapes arrived the eagle was deceased. The eagle was collected and turned over to the DNR Wildlife Division.

CO Jenni Hanson was dispatched to a car vs. eagle accident on US-2 in Watersmeet Township. Upon arrival, CO Hanson located the dead bird in the ditch and identified the "eagle" to be a turkey.

CO Jenni Hanson and Gogebic County Deputy Brandon Lyons conducted a patrol of Lake Gogebic during the 40th Annual Fall Walleye Tournament hosted by the Lake Gogebic Area Chamber of Commerce. Despite the beautiful weather, the fishing was slow.

DISTRICT 2

CO Bobby Watson discovered multiple illegal bear baits in preparation of the 2018 bear opener. The illegal sites will continue to be monitored for further activity.

While patrolling Masonville Township, CO Stephen Butzin and a Delta County Sheriff's deputy responded to a two-car accident. CO Butzin was first on scene, he checked the status of the occupants, and requested that EMS respond as well. Once EMS responded, care was turned over to medical professionals. Thankfully both parties involved suffered only minor injuries.

CO Stephen Butzin responded to a report of a suicidal subject who was attempting to harm himself and other residents of the household. CO Butzin along with the Michigan State Police entered the residence and were able to secure the subject. Thankfully the situation was defused before any harm was done. The subject was transported by the Michigan State Police to the hospital where he will receive treatment.

CO Stephen Butzin received a complaint of a vehicle stuck in the mud on the Days River Walking Path in the Brampton area. The Days River Walking Path is a non-motorized area. CO Butzin, as well as friends of the trail association and other DNR personnel, searched the area for the vehicles. After a short search, two vehicles were located on the trail. The vehicles were stuck on the narrow trail and had been abandoned. A wrecker company was called. It took over six hours to remove the vehicles from the trail via skid steer. The walking path and a bridge sustained severe damage caused by the vehicles. CO Butzin conducted several interviews and obtained multiple confessions from the owners of the vehicles and passengers inside the vehicles at the time they were operating on the walking path. Further investigation found that there was a total of three vehicles stuck on the path at one point. Several drivers were found to have suspended driver's licenses. The two drivers of the vehicles now face tow bills of over \$900, restitution to fix the path of nearly \$3,000, and charges of operating a wheeled motor vehicle in a way not intended for such use, and creating erosive conditions with an ORV.

While patrolling Garden Township, CO Butzin observed several individuals fishing at a local access site. Contact with the fishermen was made. One was found to be fishing without a license and second fishermen was found to have a felony warrant out of Schoolcraft County. A citation was issued to the individual fishing without a license, and the other individual was arrested for the outstanding warrant.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Garden Township when he observed an ORV traveling toward him on a county road. A traffic stop was conducted as the operator was not wearing a helmet. Further investigation found that the operator did not have a valid ORV registration and was in possession of a concealed firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Stephen Butzin was patrolling Garden Township when he observed a vehicle traveling down a roadway following another vehicle closely and had other equipment violations. A traffic stop was conducted, and further investigation found that the driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested and transported to the Delta County Jail.

Cpl. Mike Hammill and CO Mark Zitnik were on patrol when they came upon two vehicles parked near a walking path to a remote lake. The two COs located the two anglers who were very surprised to see the COs. One angler advised how excited he was to take his younger brother on the youth hunt next month and that the deer have been cleaning up his bait every night. CO Zitnik educated the young man on the correct time you can bait in Michigan. The angler was very happy that the CO instructed him to clean up his bait and wait until September 15th to start baiting.

CO Mark Zitnik responded to a 911 hang up at a federal forest campground. Dispatch advised all they could hear was that a law enforcement officer was needed. CO Zitnik responded to find a camp host had gotten into a verbal argument with a local camper who would not pay the full camping price because he has an AARP card. CO Zitnik spoke with the camper and advised he indeed needed to pay the full price, just like everyone else.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin worked the early goose season opener and contacted several waterfowl hunters. During the duration of the patrol, the COs encountered several violations including possession of lead shot, hunting without a base license, hunting without a state waterfowl license, hunting without a federal duck stamp, and failure to sign the federal duck stamp. Two citations were issued, and 13 verbal warnings were given.

CO Robert Freeborn followed up on a possible net complaint in Indian Lake. CO Freeborn went with the complainant to several GPS locations where he thought he found old nets. CO Freeborn was unable to determine what exactly the structures were just by down scan alone. Investigation is ongoing.

CO Robert Freeborn received a complaint about dogs trespassing on private property. This is an ongoing issue with the two parties involved. CO Freeborn will sit down again with both sides and explain the laws.

CO Tom Oberg and acting Sergeant Mike Evink patrolled the water around Drummond Island on Labor Day. Throughout the day, citations were issued for fishing without a license and failing to provide personal floatation devices (PFDs). Several warnings were issued as well for various violations.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when a call came from central dispatch regarding a two-vehicle injury accident not too far from CO Oberg's location. CO Oberg arrived on scene and assisted the Chippewa County Sheriff's office and Michigan State Police. The occupants were transported by EMS to War Memorial Hospital with minor injuries.

COs Tom Oberg and Calvin Smith were on routine patrol when they came across an individual parked in a vehicle. The COs asked how his day was going and the suspect replied, "Good, I'm just checking my card from my camera." After a short conversation, the suspect admitted to baiting deer early and showed the COs his blind that had well over the legal limit of two gallons. Law enforcement action was taken for baiting deer prior to September 15th.

COs Calvin Smith and Tom Oberg came across a group of ORV riders while on patrol near Paradise. Out of the five ORVs, only two of them had the proper ORV license and none of them were wearing helmets. The COs explained the laws to the group and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith came across an individual with a flat tire on his truck. CO Smith assisted the man with changing his tire and getting him back on the road. The individual was very grateful for the assistance. He said he was too exhausted from trying to jack the truck up off the ground and had been there for over two hours.

CO Colton Gelinis was on ORV patrol in Luce County when he observed a dirt bike operating on a state highway. CO Gelinis contacted the dirt bike rider who was also operating without a helmet and had no ORV registration. CO Gelinis used this time to educate the young dirt bike operator on laws regarding ORV use in Michigan. CO Gelinis issued a citation for operating an ORV without a registration.

COs Colton Gelinis and acting Sgt. Michael Evink were on waterfowl patrol for the opening day of goose and teal season in Schoolcraft County. The night before season CO Gelinis received information from CO Mark Zitnik of possible illegal waterfowl activity in Schoolcraft County. CO Gelinis and CO Evink patrolled the area in question. The COs were observing waterfowl hunting activity on a small field. During the morning the COs observed two sandhill cranes fly over their location followed by gun shots coming from the field. The COs contacted the group of hunters. During the interview with the hunters it was determined that one individual in the group shot both sandhill

cranes, which were subsequently recovered. Law enforcement action was taken, and a report is being filed with Schoolcraft County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Colton Gelinis and Justin Vinson held a hunter safety class at Engadine Consolidated Schools. After the class portion and test, all students participated in a field day at the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. CO Gelinis could not have done the field day without the help of volunteers from the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club assisting in archery, shotgun and rifle. All 11 students received their hunter safety certificate.

CO Justin Vinson received several burning complaints from the Luce County Campground. Once in the area, CO Vinson located where the burning was occurring and contacted the individual. The individual was educated on the requirement to legally burn. CO Vinson left the area and checked local streams. CO Vinson returned to the campground several hours later to see if the individual was taking proper precautions. An unattended fire was found with no sign of the subject CO Vinson had spoken to earlier. The individual was contacted, and law enforcement action was taken.

Acting Sgt. Michael Evink responded to a restaurant in Luce County that was burning their garbage in an open pit behind the restaurant. It was also a high fire danger day. When acting Sgt. Evink entered the establishment, he was greeted by the manager saying, "Oh, you again". CO Evink informed the manager that he had never been there before. CO Evink asked the manager to meet him by the burn pit. CO Evink explained laws pertaining to open burning and the disposal of solid waste. A ticket was issued for burning without a burn permit.

Acting Sgt. Michael Evink responded to a search and rescue for a missing dementia patient. While heading to the search, his regional dispatch asked him to divert and assist a Michigan State Police trooper who was performing CPR on an individual outside of a local bar. CO Evink assisted the trooper and deployed his AED. After paramedics arrived, CO Evink continued to the search and rescue. CO Evink and the trooper coordinated the search party to comb the woods close to the facility that the reported dementia patient walked away from. After four hours of searching, an MSP K-9 was able to locate the confused woman. CO Evink and the trooper carried the woman out of the woods. Unfortunately, the woman's cat was less interested in coming with the officers.

DISTRICT 3

COs Andrea Erratt and Chad Baldwin visited a hunter safety class in East Jordan. Over 60 students attended the two-day class and took part in classroom instruction, utilizing the firing range where students could fire both .22 rifles and .410 shotguns, safe firearm handling techniques, archery safety, and compound bow and crossbow demonstration and practice. CO Erratt instructed the students on game laws and regulations and CO Baldwin visited each group of students in the field to answer questions and offered feedback into the importance of hunter safety class giving real world examples to the students.

CO Andrea Erratt received a telephone call about ORVs driving at an extremely high rate of speed without wearing helmets on a county road by the Jordan River Valley. CO Erratt patrolled the area and was unable to locate the dirt bike and ORV operators. While CO Erratt was patrolling, she stopped two side-by-side ORVs as they drove out of the Jordan River Valley. The operators told her they did not see the "No ORV" sign on Cascade Road where they entered the valley. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Baldwin and Andrea Erratt contacted anglers on a rental boat on Lake Charlevoix being operated by a captain. Further investigation found the charter boat had not been inspected to carry passengers for hire and did not have a livery inspection permit. The 24-foot center console boat had the marina name and "Boat Rental" posted on the side. The boat captain claimed he was just a guide showing the fishermen where to catch fish on Lake Charlevoix and that he was not being paid. The captain could not find life preservers and did not know how to turn off the boat motor. The rental business owner was ticketed for advertising to carry passengers for hire without a charter boat inspection and operating a boat livery without an inspection permit.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped a side-by-side operating opposing the flow of Labor Day weekend traffic on US-131. The operator was trying to get to the store to get a drink. CO Erratt explained they could only drive across a state highway. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt stopped five ORVs operating on a snowmobile trail posted "Closed to ORVs." The leader of the group said he thought they could ride anywhere on state land and that he had not seen the "No ORV" sign he drove by. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt checked several fishermen on the pier fishing in the Pine River channel. While checking fishermen on the south pier, CO Erratt observed a group of five fishermen look in her direction, talk to each other, reel in, and set down their fishing rods. CO Erratt checked the group and only one angler had a license. CO Erratt ticketed the other four individuals for fishing without a license.

After checking fishermen on Lake Michigan, CO Andrea Erratt returned to the Pine River channel and checked two fishermen from California. When CO Erratt asked to check their licenses, the father presented sport cards for him and his adult son. He said they bought 48-hour licenses on Thursday night, then claimed he bought 24-hour licenses on Friday. CO Erratt conducted a DNR retail sales system (RSS) check which revealed no fishing license purchases since the beginning of August. The father said he had been drinking three days straight and could not remember when he bought the fishing licenses. The son told CO Erratt she might as well go ahead and write them a ticket. The subjects were ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint from Boyne Mountain security about trespassing ORVs at the top of the ski hill that had driven away. While in route to the complaint, CO Erratt stopped a dirt bike with no ORV sticker that was following a side-by-side. While

talking to the dirt biker who had not been near Boyne Mountain, his father returned in a motor vehicle and admitted he did not have a sticker on his side-by-side. CO Erratt ticketed the operator for the unlicensed dirt bike and warned his father for the same violation. When CO Erratt got to Boyne Mountain, security had stopped another quad operator trespassing, not wearing a helmet, and riding double on an unlicensed ORV with his son. CO Erratt ticketed the ORV owner for failing to wear a helmet and warned him for the other violations.

CO Andrea Erratt checked a campsite near Standard Lake that was strewn with trash and several fresh cut trees. The campers said they had been camping there for two weeks and that their camp card had blown away in the storm a week earlier. One of the campers admitted to cutting down the trees to hold up tarps and burn. The responsible subject was ticketed for failing to post a camp card permit and warned for cutting down the trees.

While on Labor Day marine patrol on Walloon Lake, CO Andrea Erratt watched a boat pulling tubers drive between a dive boat with two flags up and a swim raft by a dock. The divers yelled at the boat operator about cutting too close. CO Erratt watched as divers came to the surface and used her range finder to determine the boat was less than 200 feet from the dive boat. CO Erratt talked to the boat operator at his dock and he said he was surprised to see a dive boat on Walloon Lake. He said he thought he was 300 feet from the dive boat when they yelled at him about being too close. CO Erratt explained that the dive boat was anchored less than 300 feet from the swim raft. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt checked two sailboats with no registration numbers displayed on Labor Day. The boater said his friend owned both boats. The owner of the sailboats said he never puts his registration numbers or decals on any of his boats. He said his registrations were in his truck, so CO Erratt followed him to the boat launch. The owner was from Ohio and said he had been a US Coast Guard Reserve. The boat owner was ticketed for failing to display his registration numbers and decals.

CO Andrea Erratt conducted a marine patrol on Six Mile Lake on Labor Day and checked several fishermen. CO Erratt checked four fishermen at the Echo Township Park. One of the fishermen had a fish on his line as he told CO Erratt he did not have a fishing license. The successful but unlicensed angler was ticketed for fishing without a license.

CO Andrea Albert contacted numerous off-road vehicle riders who were operating in closed areas on state land including the Jordan River Valley during the Labor Day weekend. Tickets were issued for the violations. Additional ORV violations were addressed for operating along a highway right of way, and for tearing up a lake shoreline area on state land. One operator was very disappointed that he did not get a warning for his illegal operation even after had driven by several "No ORV" signs.

CO Andrea Albert attended a hunter safety class and spoke about rules pertaining to hunting. The students were very receptive and asked excellent questions.

COs Tim Rosochacki, Eric Bottorff, and Matt Theunick attended a hunter safety course at the Tuscarora Township Hall in Cheboygan County.

CO Tim Rosochacki received a complaint of an individual at a state forest campground, in the Pigeon River Country who was unable to get out due to several trees down across the road from a severe storm that had gone through the area. CO Rosochacki and a park officer worked to clear the road and checked on the individual who was okay and happy to be able to get out.

CO Tim Rosochacki encountered an ORV being operated on a county road. The ORV operator was not wearing a helmet and did not have proper ORV stickers on the machine. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a medical call involving a male subject passed out in the driver's seat of a vehicle at the intersection of a rural county road. Upon arrival, the subject was being checked by EMS personnel. The subject refused further EMS assistance. However, CO Rosochacki contacted the driver and observed several signs of intoxication. Field sobriety evaluations were performed, and the driver was arrested for operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol content of greater than 0.17%.

CO Tim Rosochacki was the first on the scene to an ORV accident on private property involving a juvenile male. The accident occurred in the back of a large parcel of property, which was only accessible by foot or ORV. CO Rosochacki located the male subject and provided better directions for other responding personnel. Due to the severity of the injury and the location of the accident, it was determined that a helicopter was necessary to get the subject to the hospital. CO Rosochacki was the only unit on the scene with the radio frequency to speak directly with the helicopter pilot. CO Rosochacki and first responders set up a temporary landing site and directed the helicopter to the location. The juvenile is expected to make a full recovery.

CO Tim Rosochacki assisted the Michigan State Police with the investigation of an ORV rollover accident with several injuries. The subjects were operating on a seasonal county road when the six-seater side-by-side rolled over. The riders were not wearing seatbelts, and two subjects were severely injured. Due to the rural location of the accident, the subjects left the scene of the accident and returned to their cabin where they called 911. The driver of the ORV fled the scene. The investigation continues.

CO Tim Rosochacki was requested by a Cheboygan County Sheriff deputy to assist with locating a missing cognitively impaired female. It was thought that the female might be hiding in the woods behind the residence. After some initial searching and speaking with other individuals on the scene, the female was located at one of the neighbors. She was uninjured and returned to her family.

CO Tim Rosochacki received a complaint from a property owner who located a trailer hunting blind on his property. The property owner assumed it was placed there last year during deer season. The owner advised CO Rosochacki that no individuals had permission to hunt the property. After some investigation, a suspect was developed who confessed to not having permission to be on the property and harvesting a deer that previous rifle season. Charges are being sought through the Cheboygan County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Matt Theunick along with other conservation officers provided police protection for the annual Mackinac Bridge Walk held every Labor Day. The COs were assigned to marine patrols under the bridge, adding additional layers of police protection for the bridge walkers. The COs are glad to report no major incidents.

COs Matt Theunick, Andrea Erratt, and Sgt. Mark DePew attended the 100 Years of Elk Celebration at the Pavilions in Gaylord. Michigan's native herd of elk – a massive animal, standing five feet tall at the shoulder and weighing more than 700 pounds – had disappeared from the state about 1875. In 1918, the DNR released seven elk obtained from western states, releasing them near Wolverine, Michigan. Today's healthy and abundant elk population is found in the northeastern lower peninsula. During a January 2017 elk survey, approximately 1,100 elk were estimated in the elk range which includes the Pigeon River Country State Forest.

CO Kyle Cherry was patrolling Otsego Lake over Labor Day weekend when he contacted an angler fishing from shore. When asked to see his fishing license the angler stated he forgot it on his dresser at home. Upon checking his information, it was discovered the angler did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Cherry was on marine patrol on Otsego Lake when he checked two kayakers that were in the middle of a lake. When asked if they had PFDs onboard they stated they did not but wondered if the Styrofoam in their kayaks counted. CO Cherry educated the kayakers on marine laws, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted Tuscarora Township Police Department with traffic control at an automobile accident on Hwy M-68 in Cheboygan County.

CO Eric Bottorff attempted to stop an ORV on a county road. The operator turned off on a narrow 2-track but stopped a short distance later. Upon contact, the subject said that he did not think that the patrol truck would fit down the narrow trail. The subject was cited for not wearing a helmet and warned for failing to stop immediately upon the signal of an CO.

After giving directions to a lost ORV operator, CO Eric Bottorff issued a citation for failing to license the ORV and warnings were given for not wearing seat belts on a UTV.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry were on patrol when they were dispatched by Otsego County 911 to an ORV accident with injuries. The COs responded and located the ORV while assisting EMS with the subjects' injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol, checked a boat launch access site and located an occupied vehicle in the water. It was immediately apparent to CO Sink the vehicle and occupant were not in danger of sinking. CO Sink approached and asked what happened. The operator stated the brakes gave out while backing his boat into the lake. CO Sink was able to assist in getting the vehicle out of the water.

Sgt. Mark DePew was patrolling state land when he observed two individuals riding double with no helmets on an ORV. Upon contact with the operator and passenger, Sgt. DePew located an open can of beer along with suspected marijuana. The operator was determined not to be intoxicated. However, charges are pending through the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office.

COs William Webster, Jon Sklba, Sidney Collins, and Paul Fox were busy with the early September elk hunt. Numerous hunters and elk kill sites were checked with no violations reported.

CO William Webster responded to a property line dispute reference a snow fence that a local snowmobile club established in a drift location. The adjacent property owner thought he owned the land where the snow fence was. He took down the fence, rolled it up, and put it on the edge of the trail. CO Webster contacted the property owner, showed him the property line, and advised him the fence was on state land and will be put back up. The property owner offered to help the local snowmobile club put it back up and was sorry for the misunderstanding.

CO William Webster received a tip and pictures of an illegal marijuana grow on private land in Alpena County. The complaint is under further investigation.

CO Jon Sklba followed up on a litter complaint near the Black Lake area. After speaking with the complainant, who lives in the area, an arrangement was made to remove the litter. The complainant was happy to work with the DNR to clean up the long-standing litter sites.

COs Jon Sklba and Paul Fox checked several goose hunters on the opening day of waterfowl season. The hunters were experiencing limited success with few birds flying.

CO Jon Sklba responded to a complaint of a dead deer that had washed ashore on an inland lake. The deer was badly decomposed. CO Sklba was able to remove the deer for the complainant who was attempting to sell the property in which the deer had floated ashore.

CO Jon Sklba followed up on a complaint of a boat that had drifted ashore. The abandoned boat is still under investigation.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling a state highway for illegal ORV activity when a vehicle passed a large group of cars, including his patrol truck. CO Sklba was able to use his radar system to accurately measure the vehicle's speed. The vehicle was traveling 100 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was contacted. The driver stated he was just trying to get to a football game in Alpena. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol when he observed a subject riding his ORV through state forest. The subject was not on a marked trail or forest road that was open to ORVs. In addition, the subject was not wearing a helmet and did not have ORV decals. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Paul Fox has been working several illegal tree stands and early deer baits. Contact has been made with some of the responsible parties. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sidney Collins attended the elk orientation in Vanderbilt. The hunters are briefed about the hunt procedures and regulations pertaining to the elk hunt.

CO Sidney Collins was working the elk season when a hunter shot a cow elk on state land that ran onto private property and died. CO Collins was able to resolve the situation and recover the animal for the successful hunter.

CO Sidney Collins was called to an area where a hunter missed a bull elk the night before. CO Collins and others searched the area for any sign of blood. After hours of searching, the hunter was cleared and able to continue their hunt.

CO Sidney Collins went on a complaint of a homeowner burning a couch in their backyard. CO Collins spoke with the homeowners who did not know you could not burn any household items. They were made aware of what can and cannot be burned. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sidney Collins was on an ORV patrol in which several people were contacted during Labor Day weekend on ORVs. Verbal warnings were given for ORV stickers in incorrect places.

CO Sidney Collins went to a complaint of a dog hunter/property owner conflict. A dog hunter heard gun shots at the same time his dogs were running on a bear. When the dog hunter saw that one of his dogs stopped on the GPS he confronted the property owner asking if dogs had been running nearby. The property owner said he hadn't seen them but insisted he was target shooting. After some investigating, the dog was okay and there was a misunderstanding about the shots being fired at the same time the dogs were passing through.

CO Sidney Collins assisted the Montmorency County Sheriff's Deputies, and the Michigan State Police with a B&E suspect. The suspect broke into a cabin where a local homeowner found him. The suspect then ran off. MSP brought a canine unit to the scene. CO Collins and the canine unit tracked the suspect through the thick woods. The canine found a backpack full of items, including a laptop. The backpack had a name in it which led deputies to an address nearby. CO Collins and the canine unit continued to track the suspect through the woods. The canine was able to find the suspect's clothes which was stripped off to lose the scent. The investigation is ongoing.

DISTRICT 4

COs William Haskin and Steve Converse were patrolling in Manistee County at the Tippy Dam when they noticed an angler fishing with illegal fishing gear. The angler was using a lure made of mostly lead with treble hooks. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Haskin was patrolling in Wexford County watching an area that is closed to ORV traffic when a side-by-side entered the area. A traffic stop was conducted, and a citation issued for operating in a closed area.

COs Patrick McManus, Amanda McCurdy, Richard Stowe, and Rebecca Hubers presented and assisted at the Cedar Rod and Gun Club hunter safety field day. The Club hosted over 140 parents and hunter safety students.

CO Rebecca Hubers was the first responder to a call of an unresponsive person sitting in a running motor vehicle. CO Hubers arrived to find a highly intoxicated subject behind the wheel of the vehicle. The subject was turned over to EMS and Benzie County deputies.

COs Justin Vanderlinde and Rebecca Hubers responded to two separate calls of persons using seine nets in the Betsie River to take salmon. The subjects were identified and turned over to responding GTB Tribal conservation officers for enforcement action.

COs Patrick McManus and Rebecca Hubers worked holiday marine hours on Betsie Lake and Lake Michigan. Among all the salmon angler traffic, the COs contacted two subjects operating PWCs one-half hour after sunset. Enforcement action taken.

CO Rebecca Hubers responded and recovered a juvenile female Merganser that had been shot with a blow dart on Lower Herring Lake in Benzie County. The dart penetrated its neck and killed the waterfowl. The investigation remains open.

COs Patrick McManus and Rebecca Hubers responded to an injured bear call at a residence in Grand Traverse County. The female cub bear was located on a porch of a residence. It appeared the bear had been there for at least a day. The bear was euthanized because of its inability to move its rear legs and sent to the Wildlife Lab for further assessment.

COs Rebecca Hubers, Justin Vanderlinde, William Kinney, Patrick McManus and Amanda McCurdy concentrated their patrol efforts on the Betsie River. As soon as the fish arrived, hundreds of people quickly followed suit. Throughout the past week, numerous citations were issued primarily for possession of illegal fishing gear, snagging, retaining fowl hooked fish, and disorderly conduct on state land.

While on patrol on the Betsie River, CO Amanda McCurdy observed an angler who was attempting to snag fish. After watching his technique for several minutes, CO McCurdy contacted the subject. An RSS and file check of the individual returned with a felony warrant out of Wayne County for his arrest. The warrant was confirmed, but CO McCurdy was instructed to advise and release the subject because there was not a unit available for transport. A citation was issued to the angler for possession of illegal fishing gear and a verbal warning was issued for attempting to snag.

While on patrol in Benzie County, COs Patrick McManus, Will Kinney and Amanda McCurdy received a call of an overturned kite boarder without a PFD in Lake Michigan. The COs responded to Frankfort Marina and launched a vessel. Shortly after arriving in the suspected area, the U.S. Coast Guard contacted the individual, who safely swam to shore. While returning to the marina, the COs observed a fishing boat with an expired registration sticker. The COs contacted the anglers, determined that the registration was indeed expired and issued a citation to the owner of the boat.

CO Patrick McManus, as well as other area COs, patrolled the Betsie River throughout the Labor Day holiday weekend. Numerous violations were handled, including snagging fish, illegal gear, fishing too close to the dam, retaining fowl hooked fish, drug usage, littering, and various other state land violations.

CO William Kinney has been patrolling the Betsie River in Benzie County for fishing activity. With a busy salmon run, CO Kinney has issued several citations for violations such as, fishing without a license and fishing with illegal gear on the trout stream.

CO William Kinney received a complaint of an individual burning illegal materials in Wexford County. CO Kinney interviewed the homeowner, and it was discovered that he was burning materials that were being removed for a trailer demolition. Enforcement action was taken against the homeowner for burning without a permit and the burning solid waste.

CO Justin Vanderlinde made several arrests for snagging, failing to release fowl hooked fish, fishing closed waters, disorderly conduct on state land and litter while working the Betsie River salmon run.

CO Kyle Publiski and Sgt. Grant Emery were patrolling Logan Township of Mason County. On their patrol, they encountered several ORVs operating without helmets and seat belts. Upon stopping several of them, it was determined the occupants were also in possession of open intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.

While working a problem area for ORVs in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski made several stops for careless operation and operating on federal forest lands. CO Publiski stressed the importance of knowing where you're operating before operating there. Enforcement action was taken for failing to register and title, no seatbelts and operating without helmets.

Working the Pere Marquette River near Indian Bridge, CO Kyle Publiski located two subjects attempting to snag salmon with illegal gear. CO Publiski watched as the subject put a salmon on a stringer that was hooked in a fin instead of the mouth. As CO Publiski contacted the subjects and advised them to not cast their rods again, one of the subjects casted and purposely hooked his gear into a log and broke it off. CO Publiski explained he had been watching them for quite a while and already knew they were using illegal gear. CO Publiski also explained that purposely losing his gear in the river also got him a litter ticket on top of his fishing violations. Enforcement action was taken.

Working a marine patrol in Mason County, COs Kyle Publiski and Ryan Andrews received a couple of complaints on a personal watercraft (PWC) that was operating carelessly on Lake Michigan. The complainants stated that the PWC was operating too close to swimmers and too close to the shoreline. While attempting to contact the subject on the shoreline of Lake Michigan, CO Andrews was able to range find the subject as close as 70 feet to the shoreline while operating the PWC. Enforcement action was taken for no boater safety certificate, registration violations and careless operation.

CO Scott MacNeill was patrolling Manistee County when he observed a vehicle parked near Pine Creek which is a tributary of the Manistee River known for its salmon poaching activity. After walking down the river, CO MacNeill observed an individual standing on the bank of the river with a net and fishing pole. It was at this time the individual saw a salmon swimming up river and dropped his fishing pole and netted the fish in the shallow water. The individual was trespassing and found possessing a fish illegally taken. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department, Lake County Emergency Management and Michigan State Police with several confirmed tornados in Lake County. CO Killingbeck assisted in surveying damage, reporting downed power lines and roadways closed because of trees down. CO Killingbeck assisted the Irons Area Tourist Association who oversees grooming the trails with removing trees from the ORV trails in Lake County. CO Killingbeck was requested by Emergency Management to go up in a Michigan State Police Helicopter to survey the damage on the Pere Marquette River from Baldwin to Lake Michigan. Numerous dangerous areas of concern were found along the river where trees were blocking the entire river. This was concerning going into a Labor Day weekend with salmon moving up the river and many fishermen fishing the river.

CO Josiah Killingbeck stopped a group of ORVs for operating carelessly on a county roadway near Baldwin. The group had been doing donuts in the roadway and were

operating against the flow of traffic. CO Killingbeck discovered that one subject was operating on suspended driver's license, a young juvenile was operating without an ORV safety certificate, improper displays of ORV licenses, titling violations along with equipment violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was contacted by Lake County central dispatch and requested to check on a vehicle in a ditch where the driver was asking passing motorists for help. There was no other law enforcement available to respond. CO Killingbeck responded and discovered that the driver had been drinking and was also in possession of a handgun and shotgun in the vehicle. The driver also had open intoxicants in the vehicle. The subject was arrested and lodged for operating while intoxicated, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle and possession of a firearm while intoxicated.

CO Josiah Killingbeck reported a busy Labor Day weekend with many ORV riders enjoying their last rides of the year. CO Killingbeck reported that numerous closed area violations were witnessed, and complaints were received about careless ORV operation. CO Killingbeck also assisted on one ORV crash where a subject rolled his ORV and was injured.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were working an area of Mason County for ORV activity when they stopped an ORV for not displaying an ORV license. Upon contact, it was noted that the female passenger had a drink container in her cup holder. When questioned about the contents of the container, the passenger stated that she was drinking cranberry and pineapple juice. When questioned further, the passenger admitted that she had vodka in the drink as well. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were working a group patrol on the Betsie River in Benzie County when they were advised that a subject was lying on the ground near a parking lot and might need help. Upon locating the subject, who was passed out on a gravel foot path, it was determined that the subject was highly intoxicated. The COs tried for several minutes to determine what was wrong with the subject, but they were only met by incoherent speech, foul language, and he was unable to tell the COs who he was or retrieve his identification. Several subjects said the the subject was there for some time and when asked if he needed help he would simply use foul language at them. It was believed that the subject drank at least one entire bottle of whiskey before being contacted by the COs. The subject was arrested for disorderly conduct and lodged in jail.

While patrolling ORV trails in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews stopped an ORV for several violations. During the subsequent investigation, the VIN number of the machine was checked by the Lake County dispatch in the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and it returned as a stolen vehicle. Enforcement action was taken, and the investigation continues pending additional information.

CO Mike Wells attended a hunter safety class and field day for 17 students. Presentation was given regarding regulations, ethics and CWD issues. CO Mike Wells also assisted with field day instructing students on safety and operation of crossbows.

CO Mike Wells met with several MSP troopers to discuss current CWD regulations, specifically transportation of deer out of CWD zone and what conditions and tags to look for on traffic stops.

CO Mike Wells met with several Newaygo County Sheriff's Department deputies to discuss current CWD regulations, specifically transportation of deer out of CWD zone and what conditions and tags to look for on traffic stops.

Area 3 COs, Sgt. Michael Bomay, along with COs Chad Forrester and Jill Miller from District 6, and CO Greg Patten from District 7 conducted a joint patrol with NCSD, MSP, and local fire agencies at the annual Hot Boat Event on Hardy Pond. Arrests included operating watercraft while impaired, six fail to provide sufficient PFDs, operate PWC with no boater safety certificate, unregistered watercrafts and failure to display MC numbers.

COs Troy Van Gelderen and Ben Shively taught at a hunter safety class of about forty students at the Ruby Creek Conservation Club.

CO Troy Van Gelderen watched a juvenile male roll his ORV down a hill. CO Van Gelderen went to check the well-being of the operator and discovered he was a 13-year-old. CO VanGelderen inquired if the juvenile had any adult supervision nearby. The juvenile indicated that he did not. CO Van Gelderen then discovered that the operator was the son of the same subject he had given a rule book to earlier in the day. CO Van Gelderen then found the father and asked if he had read the rule book that was given to him earlier in the day. The father said that he did not. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was driving carelessly by fish-tailing on a dirt road in southern Oceana County. Upon contacting the driver, the driver immediately stated, "I'm going to jail." The driver was found to be driving with a suspended license and had been consuming alcohol. After conducting sobriety testing, the driver was arrested for his sixth offense of operating while intoxicated and driving while license suspended 2nd/subsequent offense. The subject also had no security on the vehicle and was in possession of marijuana. The subject was lodged at the Oceana County Jail and the vehicle was impounded.

DISTRICT 5

COs Ben McAteer and Charlie Jones were on patrol in Crawford County when they observed a mini-van traveling at a high rate of speed. CO McAteer's patrol truck was equipped with a radar unit and showed the vehicle to be traveling at 106 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and immediately noticed

the smell of intoxicants coming from the driver. CO McAteer conducted field sobrieties on the driver and determined he had a blood alcohol content of nearly twice the legal limit. The operator was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and reckless operation.

CO Ben McAteer was contacted at his residence and advised of a 15-year-old girl and a 10-month-old baby missing on the Au Sable River. A severe thunderstorm had rolled into the area and darkness had set in. CO McAteer arrived in the area and received additional information that a total of 11 people were lost on the river. CO McAteer, along with Crawford County and Roscommon County Sheriff's deputies, began searching both sides of the river. After an hour and a half search, CO McAteer located 7 members of the party, including the 10-month-old baby. Emergency blankets were provided to the group and they were checked for injuries. The remaining members of the party were located by the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department. Roscommon County made arraignments for transporting the group to their vehicles. Aside from a minor ankle injury and several leaches, the group made it out of the woods without incident.

CO Brad Bellville experienced a high level of ORV activity over the Labor Day weekend in Ogemaw County. Several warnings and citations were issued. Citations included operate ORV in a closed area, operating ORV without a helmet, failure to license an ORV, ORV trespass, operating an ORV on a public highway, careless operation of an ORV, possession of an open intoxicants on an ORV, and failure to stop for a peace officer on an ORV.

COs Casey Pullum and James Garrett stopped an ORV operator on a county road for failing to license his ORV. While talking to the driver about the violation, the COs noticed two open containers of beer in the ORV. They also saw a pail of rocks on the ORV. The operator said he was picking up rocks to put them on an ORV trail to keep it from washing out. The COs observed slurred speech, and the man admitted to drinking "four to five" beers. The COs administered field sobriety tests and determined he was operating an ORV under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and lodged in the Oscoda County Jail.

While patrolling Iosco County, CO Tyler Sabuda responded to a domestic violence call involving a knife. When CO Sabuda arrived on scene the suspect was in a vehicle, ramming other cars on the property. The suspect was talked into compliance, taken into custody, and lodged in the Iosco County Jail.

CO James Garrett conducted surveillance on an early bear bait. After two hours of sitting in the dark, CO Garrett heard the faint sound of bear hounds in the distance. A few minutes later, a blue pickup truck stopped on the side of the road and a houndsman entered the woods to check the bait. When the houndsman got to the bait location, CO Garrett turned on his flashlight and identified himself as a conservation officer. The houndsman was cited for tending a bear bait established prior to 31 days before season.

COs Jon Warner and Tyler Sabuda responded to a BOL of a reckless driver traveling northbound on US-23 in Iosco County. Upon locating the vehicle, the COs observed some of the described erratic driving and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. When the COs contacted the driver and checked his driving status, it was discovered that his license was suspended. The man was arrested, and searches were conducted on both the vehicle and the operator. The searches revealed suspected heroin and drug paraphernalia. The operator was lodged for driving while license suspended. The suspected drugs were submitted to the lab for analysis and charges will be pending through the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Ethan Gainforth checked a complaint of a subject dumping debris into a beaver dam to raise the water level on a lake in northern Clare County. After getting to the remote lake, CO Gainforth observed two men sleeping on their backs alongside the road that ran next to the lake. Lying next to the subjects were several empty beer cans as well as a bottle of vodka. Across the road a fishing line was strung. CO Gainforth drove past the two sleeping subjects, followed the fishing line to a third subject who was also observed sleeping on his back with the fishing rod in his arms. After waking up the first two individuals, CO Gainforth was able to learn the identity of the third. Two of the subjects had outstanding arrest warrants. One subject was arrested and lodged in the Midland County Jail. The second subject was out of range for pick-up.

COs Steve Lockwood, Ethan Gainforth, and Sgt. Jon Wood recently held a hunter safety field day class in rural Clare County. Over 40 Amish youth were taught about hunter safety, ethics, conservation laws and safe firearm handling. The class was a success with many eager youths ready to hit the woods and water this fall.

As the end of legal shooting hours for waterfowl approached, CO Phil Hudson observed a group of hunters in the field and decided to make contact. By the time CO Hudson hid his vehicle and made it cross country through woods and field, it was nearly 20 minutes past legal shooting hours. The hunters were still actively calling and shooting geese as CO Hudson contacted them. CO Hudson asked why they were hunting waterfowl so late and one of them replied, "I wasn't hunting waterfowl, I was hunting geese!" The group of hunters turned out to be 15-17 years of age. The youth had read the wrong hunting guide and thought they could hunt for thirty minutes after sunset. All licenses, firearms and ammunition were legal and proper. CO Hudson decided a good explanation and education about the importance of conservation laws would serve greater purpose than citations. Verbal warnings were given to the group.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Chad Foerster gave a presentation to a hunter education class in Arenac County. The class was held at the Eastern Arenac Sportsman's Club. Topics of discussion were safety, ethics, recreational trespass, as well as various other hunting laws.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars was on marine patrol not far from an urgent medical call and assisted Alma Fire and Rescue in a fatal cardiac arrest that happened at the victim's residence. CO Byars helped on scene and assisted with CPR until paramedics arrived.

CO Will Brickel was on patrol in Saginaw County watching several groups of goose hunters. After observing the hunters and seeing no birds being shot, CO Brickel made contact with one of the groups. During the check, it was found that one of the individuals was using a shotgun that was capable of holding more than three shells. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Will Brickel received a call from the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department for an injured eagle along a field edge. CO Brickel responded to the area and located the eagle. The eagle was captured and taken to a local wildlife rehabber that specializes in raptor rehabilitation.

During the early goose and teal opener, COs Bob Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea worked Saginaw Bay along the west side of Huron County. The first group the COs observed shot at teal 15 minutes prior to the opening time to hunt teal. A citation was issued for the violation. Later in the morning another group was checked and found to have loaded firearms while underway in their motor boat. They also did not have any personal flotation devices (PFDs) on board. They were cited for the firearm violation as well as the life jacket violation.

CO Seth Rhodea has contacted numerous ORVs for violations that include carrying passengers, failing to wear helmets, operating on a state highway and failure to operate on the right side of the roadway. Citations were issued to address violations.

CO Jill Miller and Chad Foerster assisted with Operation Hot Boat in Newaygo County. With several hundred boats in participation, the COs made over 400 contacts. Several verbal warnings for miscellaneous marine violations were given along with multiple personal floatation device citations and a BUI arrest.

While on their way to the Montcalm County court to drop off paperwork, COs Josh Russell and Mike Haas observed a boat operating across a small lake. The operator of the boat was towing a skier without an observer on board and the boat was displaying an expired registration. The COs detoured from their trip to the court and retrieved a patrol boat to address the safety violation. When the COs returned to the lake they contacted the operator of the suspect boat and issued a citation for the violations.

COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson were patrolling state forest land in Midland County checking areas for illegal ORV activity. The COs encountered two adults and two juveniles with an ORV and a dirt bike in an area that is closed to motor vehicles. The group stated they did not know they weren't supposed to be in that area with ORVs and explained they had entered through any area that did not have any posted closed signs. When the COs asked how the two juveniles had gotten out on the property since there were only two machines the adults story changed; they explained they entered from

another area and the children had walked. After a brief discussion, it was discovered that the group had operated illegally down county roads and onto the closed state forest area while the juveniles rode double without approved crash helmets and one of the adults also had a suspended driver's license. Citations were issued to both adults to address the multiple violations. While leaving the area, two additional operators were encountered and cited for operating in the closed area.

COs Dan Robinson, Jill Miller, Mike Haas, Josh Russell, Mark Siemen, Ken Lowell, and Kyle Bucholtz taught a hunter safety class in Montcalm County. The COs led the teaching portions and assisted at the .22 range, shotgun station, and archery range. COs Haas and Siemen led the blood tracking and tree stand safety station as well. Twenty students attended the hunter safety class which resulted in twenty successful new graduates added to the ranks of Michigan's hunters.

While on patrol in Isabella County, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas contacted a group of field geese hunters. After checking for licenses, proper ammunition, and plugged shotguns it was discovered that one of the subjects was hunting from out-of-state and did not purchase the federal waterfowl stamp. Unfortunately for the non-resident hunter, he was not fully licensed to hunt waterfowl and enforcement action was taken.

While working waterfowl hunters in Montcalm County, COs Dan Robinson and Josh Russell witnessed a 4-wheeler coming toward them down the center of the road. The COs could see that the driver had someone behind him in the seat and that the passenger did not have a proper helmet. The ORV took to the edge of the road to avoid the CO truck and the COs turned around to stop the vehicle. While addressing the multiple ORV violations, the COs became suspicious that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were performed, and it was determined that the subject was under the influence. The driver was lodged for operating an ORV under the influence of alcohol over .08 and the female juvenile passenger got a ride back to the house with family. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

While working Six Lakes in Montcalm County, COs Dan Robinson and Josh Russell contacted several fishermen and recreational boaters. Several citations were issued for unregistered boats, fishing without a license, and failing to provide proper personal floatation devices.

CO Jay Person participated in a safety day in Midland County. Also in attendance were local fire departments, Michigan State Police and Midland County Sheriff's Department. CO Person displayed a deer decoy which was a hit with kids and adults as well. Many thanks and appreciations were heard by all agencies for the job COs

DISTRICT 7

COs Zach Bauer and Travis Dragomer were on marine patrol on Paw Paw Lake when they noticed a vessel with an expired registration. The COs stopped the vessel and,

further investigation revealed the occupants of the vessel did not have enough life jackets for everyone on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Travis Dragomer observed two anglers fishing upon the St. Joseph River in Berrien Springs. The CO conducted a fish check on the anglers and it was determined one of them did not have a current fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Matt Page and Tyler Cole checked a local stream for fishing activity when someone advised them that they had witnessed a subject snag two fish. The suspect then removed the eggs from both fish and proceeded to pack up his gear, minus the fish, once the COs arrived on scene. The COs talked with several witnesses who corroborated the story and with some searching the COs were able to locate two king salmon which had been gutted and the eggs removed still on a stringer in the river. Witnesses stated the suspect removed a treble hook from the salmon's tail after catching it. The COs located a snag wound near the tail further proving the witnesses' statements. The COs interviewed the suspect who denied having done any fishing due to not having a license. CO Page recognized the man as someone who he arrested last year for fishing in a closed stream at the same location. A report will be submitted to the prosecutor's office for review.

CO Tyler Cole was patrolling North Scott Lake in Van Buren County during Labor Day. Many contacts were made with boaters and fishermen. During one contact, it was found that two subjects were fishing from the dock at their summer house. Neither had fishing licenses and stated that since they were fishing off a private dock they did not think they needed licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle McQueer received a phone call from CO Jeremy Cantrell about a complaint he received from the RAP room. After obtaining the location and information about the complaint, CO McQueer went to Decker Road bridge in Colon Township where he observed two individuals fishing. After contacting the individuals and measuring their fish, it was found that they had four undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked angler activity at the Portland Dam. CO Beavers observed a group of anglers fishing before making contact. During his observation, CO Beavers saw two individuals fish over the barbed wire and into the fish ladder. After watching the group fish, CO Beavers made contact and immediately noticed that one of the individuals was a child. CO Beavers instructed the child to reel in his line and that he was not allowed to fish in the ladder. CO Beavers then contacted with an adult male who he observed fishing in the ladder. CO Beavers explained to the subject that he was not allowed to fish in the ladder. The subject stated he thought that he could as long as he was not targeting salmon or trout. CO Beavers educated the subject on the law and why it is necessary. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking fishermen at Sessions Lake, COs Cary Foster and Jeremy Beavers observed two subjects fishing. Upon contacting one of the subjects and asking for a

fishing license, CO Foster was told by the subject he did not have a fishing license. When asked why not, the subject replied that his friend he was fishing with had one and they were only using two lines. The subject stated he thought since his friend was allowed to use up to two lines, he could fish under his license. COs Foster and Beavers explained the correct law to him. Upon running the subject's name through the LEIN system, they also learned the subject had an outstanding warrant for failing to pay fines from a previous incident. The subject was lodged at the Ionia County Jail.

While on patrol in the Muskegon State Game Area, CO Greg Patten located a subject camping illegally. The subject had also spray-painted trees around the camp. Enforcement action was taken for camping in a state game area at a prohibited time of year and damaging vegetation on state lands.

CO Greg Patten was patrolling Mona Lake near a Muskegon Heights city park. CO Patten observed and stopped an ORV riding through the city park from a city street. The ORV rider was not wearing a helmet. CO Patten also found that the ORV was unlicensed and was not titled after the owner purchased it. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

COs Greg Patten and Ivan Perez were contacted by a boat operator while on marine patrol on Muskegon Lake. The passerby reported that a boat tied to a mooring buoy at a local marina had taken on water and was sinking. COs Patten and Perez were able to contact the boat owner and the marina owner. The marina owner came to the scene and pumped the water out of the boat. The boat did not have a bilge pump and had filled the cabin half full after the recent heavy rains.

COs Cary Foster, Ivan Perez, Justin Ulberg, and Greg Patten conducted a boat patrol on the Labor Day holiday. While on Muskegon Lake the COs observed several subjects fishing from shore. When the COs approached the subjects one of them walked away and threw something into some bushes nearby. The subject denied throwing anything away. The subject did not have a fishing license and denied fishing despite still having a bluegill on the hook of one of his fishing lines. Enforcement action was taken by CO Patten. The COs also located a second subject fishing without a license nearby, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten assisted District Four COs patrolling Hardy Pond during the annual Hot Boat Marine event. COs Cary Foster, Ben Shively, Troy VanGeldren, and Greg Patten stopped a boat with an expired registration. A LEIN check showed that there was a warrant for the boat operator for assault and battery. The COs took the subject into custody and returned the subject and boat to shore. Enforcement action was taken for expired boat registration and no fire extinguisher. The subject was turned over to the Newaygo County Sheriff and lodged in the county jail.

DISTRICT 8

CO Andrew Monnich and CO Mike Drexler were checking goosehunters when they came across a group of hunters just off a public boat ramp. The COs contacted the group, and while checking licenses and firearms, they located lead shot shells in one of the hunter's gear bag. The young hunters were educated on toxic shot and enforcement action was taken.

CO Pete Purdy was on I-96 when a vehicle began tailgating his patrol vehicle. The vehicle then passed in the right lane at a high rate of speed. CO Purdy observed the driver applying sunscreen with both hands while looking in the rearview mirror, not paying any attention to the road. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop. The driver provided a Washington driver's license but advised she had lived in Michigan for three years. She was also unable to provide proof of insurance for the vehicle and had a cracked windshield that obstructed her view. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was on marine patrol on Devils Lake with CO Eric Smither when they observed an ORV traveling along Devils Lake Highway with four occupants. The COs attempted to cut-off the ORV at the marina but were unable to make contact. CO Smither then dropped CO Hartleben off at the boat launch to get his patrol truck. CO Hartleben caught up with the ORV on Devils Lake Highway and initiated a traffic stop. None of the four occupants were wearing safety helmets, the ORV was unregistered, and the two female occupants were riding in the rear of the mule with their legs hanging off the back of the bed. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Portage Lake when he observed an unregistered vessel being operated by a juvenile whom he had contacted earlier in the summer for the same offense. CO Hartleben again contacted the juvenile operator and escorted him to his lakeside home to speak with the parents. CO Hartleben met with the mother at the residence and addressed the issue with her. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was working marine patrol on Strawberry Lake when he observed two young children bow-riding on a vessel without PFDs on. CO Hartleben stopped the vessel and conducted a marine safety check. Along with the bow-riding, there was not a single children's PFD on the vessel, nor was there a Type IV PFD aboard. Enforcement was action taken.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Pete Purdy were working marine patrol on Runyan Lake when they observed a PWC operating towards them. Once the PWC operator observed the COs, he immediately turned the PWC around and took it back to the dock. Noting the suspicious actions of the operator, the COs followed the PWC to the dock to investigate further. Once the COs reached the dock, it became clear why the operator had immediately returned once he saw the COs on the water. The vessel was a salvage that was not titled or registered. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben was checking waterfowl hunters on Lake Winnewana during the early goose/teal opener and made contact with a group that was hunting out of two different vessels. CO Hartleben quickly observed that one vessel did not have a

registration. After completing waterfowl checks on the group, CO Hartleben asked the operator about his vessel registration. The operator admitted that he did not have a registration for the vessel. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Jeff Goss was on ORV patrol when he observed two dirt bikes and a four-wheeler operating at a high rate of speed down a dirt road. Calhoun County is closed to ORV traffic on the road, so the CO initiated a stop. One of the operators was found to be operating without a helmet. The three operators ranged in ages from fifteen to seventeen. CO Goss escorted the trio back to a residence where he spoke with the father explaining the multitude of violations. Violations included careless operation, no helmet, operating on a public highway, operating an unregistered ORV, and allowing a minor to operate ORV unsupervised. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason McCullough was watching four individuals along a riverbank. Three of the four were fishing and consuming large amounts of alcohol. CO McCullough had to walk across approximately thirty yards of open ground to contact the fishermen who were on a peninsula. When the fishermen saw CO McCullough approaching one threw his pole in the water, one dropped his pole in the water and the third angler tried to hide is pole next to the fourth individual, who was kicking liquor bottles in the river. Upon contact, it was discovered the subject who wasn't fishing had been cited recently for keeping undersized bass and fishing without a license; however, he now had a valid warrant for his arrest on a separate matter. All three anglers had never purchased a fishing license before. One of the anglers had a warrant out for his arrest and the local police department was looking to talk to him about another incident that had just occurred several hours before. Enforcement action was taken and the two subjects with warrants were lodged in the local county jail.

CO Jason McCullough was watching several individuals fishing from boats on a local lake. CO McCullough observed one of the vessels was unregistered. As CO McCullough launched his boat he watched the boat operator completely remove the motor from his boat, bring out a set of oars and start rowing his boat. Upon contact, it was discovered the operator had just purchased the boat the day before and claimed he forgot to register it before he came fishing that evening. CO McCullough asked him why he took the motor off? The operator stated he was hoping CO McCullough hadn't observed him using the boat and motor. In addition to not registering the boat, he also forgot life jackets. Enforcement was taken.

COs Nick Wellman and Josh Jackson were on patrol in Branch County when a truck failed to yield to a stop sign right in front of them. The COs initiated a traffic stop. The driver ended up having a warrant for his arrest and no proof of insurance. Enforcement action taken.

COs Nick Wellman and Josh Jackson were just clearing an ORV trespass complaint when MSP got dispatched to a domestic in progress near the area where the COs were patrolling. The COs assisted MSP on scene.

During routine patrol, CO Josh Jackson noticed a large plume of dark smoke on the horizon. He located the fire near a farm. CO Jackson noted several various plastics, shingles, metal drums, and household garbage burning in the fire. The CO was able to contact the individual who was burning the waste and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster transported a subject from the Calhoun County Jail to the Jackson County Jail on a DNR warrant. The warrant was issued due to the subject having failed to pay his fines and costs associated with a case CO Webster worked in 2012. The suspect had taken a deer during the youth only season and utilized his young sons tag on the deer.

COs Chris Reynolds, Jeff Goss, Chris Maher and Carter Woodwyk conducted a hunter safety class at Hillsdale College. The COs tested 24 online students and conducted a field day. The COs also talked with the students and parents about the importance of hunting safety and doing so in a legal manner. The COs also did a brief presentation on the new laws pertaining to chronic wasting disease which has recently been found in the area. The COs answered questions and shared examples from personal and work experiences. Both the parents and students were engaged, asking good questions while learning about Michigan's DNR laws.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling a lake in Hillsdale County when he observed a person fishing from a boat. The CO approached the vessel to check their fishing license, and the subject handed the fishing pole off to someone else and sat down. When the CO asked to see both subject's fishing licenses, only one was produced. The CO also conducted a safety inspection and observed two throwable personal flotation devices (PFDs) and three wearable PFDs for the five subjects on the 16-foot vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling a small lake in Hillsdale County when he observed a personal watercraft (PWC) operating carelessly clockwise around the lake. The CO was contacted by concerned citizens at the boat launch who stated this is a regular occurrence involving that specific PWC. The CO conducted a stop and discovered the two operators were 15-years old and 13-years old. The CO escorted them back to their parents and explained the rules regarding youth operation on PWCs and proper direction of travel. Neither operator was boater safety certified. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling a lake in Jackson County when he observed a vessel towing subjects on a tube without an observer in the vessel. The CO conducted a stop and asked the operator why he thought he was being stopped. The operator stated because he did not have an observer on-board the vessel. The CO explained the safety concerns surrounding these actions and enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling in Hillsdale County when he observed an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) being operated down a county road. The CO noticed the operator was not wearing an approved crash helmet and the ORV seating limitations were exceeded.

The ORV was stopped, and it was discovered it was not properly licensed with an ORV license. The operator stated he always takes the North Country Scenic walking trail (which is restricted to foot traffic only) back to his residence. The CO explained all the violations that occurred and advised the subject he could no longer operate his ORV on the walking trail. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Carter Woodwyk was checking a lake in Hillsdale County near the Indiana State line when he observed an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) operating in his direction. The CO observed three occupants on a single seated ORV, two of which were under the age of six, and none of them were wearing approved crash helmets. The CO flagged the operator down and discovered she had a suspended license out of Indiana. The CO explained the safety concerns and that an ORV cannot be operated by a person with a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Larn R. Strawn conducted a foot patrol of the Muskrat Lake State Game Area for the morning opener of the early teal season. While observing the area, CO Strawn watched a group of three duck hunters arrive and get set-up for the morning hunt. As the sun rose, CO Strawn observed all three hunters take a shot at pair of passing ducks well before the legal shooting hours. One of the ducks fell and the hunters retrieved it. CO Strawn contacted the hunters and discussed the hunting hours violation. During the contact CO Strawn also discovered lead shot as well as multiple license violations including no state waterfowl license and no federal waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Thorn and Troy Ludwig held a hunter education field day at Charlotte Assembly of God. The COs planned, coordinated, and instructed the event, which had eight students, plus observers. This occurred on Saturday, September 8th, 2018.

CO Troy Ludwig was checking anglers at the BWL dam in Lansing when he contacted an angler in a hurry to pack up when he saw the CO. When asked for his fishing license the angler stated it was in the car. The CO followed the angler to his vehicle and the angler produced a valid Wisconsin fishing license. When asked if he had a valid Michigan fishing license the angler stated no he only had the Wisconsin license and it should work here. The CO explained to the angler that the license was not valid in Michigan. A check of the angler's previous license purchases showed that he had bought fishing licenses in the state in previous years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Katie Stawara was on routine patrol when she observed a group of anglers fishing at the boat launch on Hopkins Lake. While checking their fishing licenses, one of the anglers stated his license was in his wallet in the car. CO Stawara followed the subject to the vehicle where she smelled a strong odor of marijuana. The subject admitted to being in possession of marijuana which resulted in 21.7grams being seized. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Katie Stawara and Todd Thorn were patrolling along the Grand River when they came across an angler fishing at the dock off Moore's Drive. When asked for his fishing

license, the subject produced an expired one. The subject admitted to previously having received a fish without a license ticket which he did jail time for after it went to a bench warrant status. He stated this was his second time out this year and he just hadn't gotten his license yet. A citation was issued for the subject's second offense.

Sgt. Rich Nickols attended the Chuck Gorman Youth Outdoor' Day at the Fowler Conservation Club. The event was put on by members of Ducks Unlimited, Pheasants Forever, and Quality Deer Management Association. Approximately 75 kids attended the event to learn about kayaking, trap shooting, archery, and more.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jessie Curtis was patrolling in the Lapeer State Game Area near the Lapeer shooting pit, when she noticed three male subjects shooting at a five-foot stuffed horse and about two dozen water bottles. In the Lapeer shooting pit, shooters cannot target shoot at a target other than a paper, cardboard, or commercially-produced portable target designed and manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking waterfowl hunters in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen spoke to a group hunting over waterfowl decoys. During a license check, one hunter did not have a federal waterfowl stamp. When questioned, the hunter said "I don't need the federal waterfowl stamp, I am not hunting waterfowl. I am hunting geese." CO Deppen informed the hunter geese are considered waterfowl and enforcement action was taken.

When checking a fence line bordering a local state park, COs Kris Kiel, Brad Silorey, and Joseph Deppen noticed an open gate with multiple no trespassing signs around it. COs entered the property and found two anglers fishing in private ponds. The anglers were escorted back to the fence line and shown the no trespassing signs. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking waterfowl hunters during the weekend opener for teal, CO Pat Hartsig and Joseph Deppen were conducting surveillance in a local waterfowl marsh. The COs noticed a group of hunters load their firearms before legal hunting hours. The hunters also proceeded to shoot a teal before the season had started. The hunter's violations included, shooting teal in a closed season, loaded firearms before legal hunting hours, and possessing a loaded firearm on a dike (State Game Area Waterfowl Unit). The teal was seized, and enforcement action was taken.

While checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed two men fishing along a pier. As CO Deppen starting checking anglers, the two men walked away from their fishing gear and sat at a nearby table. CO Deppen spoke to the men about the fishing gear and they claimed they were watching it for a friend. CO Deppen spoke to the men about watching them fish and obtained a confession that neither had a fishing license. The anglers packed up their gear and enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Brad Silorey were checking waterfowl hunters on the goose/teal opener and came across a hunter in possession of lead shot. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Brad Silorey were watching waterfowl hunters at the end of hunting hours on the goose/teal opener. A group of three hunters were observed past the ending of legal shooting hours where one subject was still loaded and hunting while the other two picked up the decoys. That individual, after being contacted, also failed to purchase a federal stamp. He said that he was only hunting geese and the federal stamp is only for ducks. He also failed to disclose that he was carrying a pistol with a concealed pistol license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig worked the early teal season and was checking a hunter in the marsh. The hunter had shot one teal. While checking the hunter it was found he did not have a waterfowl license. Other violations included an unsigned federal stamp, no PFD on his boat, and possession of toxic shot. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig was checking boats at a launch while an individual was fishing next to him. CO Hartsig looked in his bucket and noted some nice perch. Upon asking for his fishing license it was discovered the fishermen had never purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey received information for the Macomb County Sheriff's marine division about a livery that was operating illegally out of a local marina. CO Silorey discovered that the subject was renting out multiple pontoon boats for \$300. CO Silorey located the subject at his residence and interviewed him about his operation. The subject stated that he owns multiple boats and that he has been inspected by the US Coast Guard before. CO Silorey informed the subject that by law he is required to pass inspections by the Michigan DNR to operate a livery in Michigan. The subject stated that he has been in business for three years and has never had any issues. CO Silorey told the subject that he is not to rent out his boats until he has filed and had inspections on all his vessels. CO Silorey will be typing and submitting a report for charges on illegally operating a livery.

CO Brad Silorey was patrolling Macomb County when he observed an individual stuck in a field with his vehicle. The area is a hot spot for ORV trespassers, CO Silorey contacted the individual who stated that he knew he was not supposed to be there. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey, Kris Kiel, and Joe Deppen were patrolling Macomb County checking for waterfowl hunters, when they decided to check a local spot that ORV trespassers frequent. CO Silorey entered the area and rounded a turn when he spotted multiple people trespassing. The subjects were all standing around covered in mud. They had multiple vehicles, dirt bikes, and four wheelers. None of the machines had ORV licenses, and one subject had a suspended license and multiple warrants for his

arrest. COs Silorey Deppen and Kiel took enforcement action on all subjects for trespassing and contacted the arresting agencies for the active warrants.

COs Brad Silorey, Joe Deppen, and Sgt. Todd Szyska were working marine patrol checking waterfowl hunters on Lake St. Clair when they spotted a hunter packing up his decoys. The COs contacted the hunter who stated that he had shot two green wing teals. As CO Silorey pulled alongside of the hunter's boat, CO Joe Deppen observed the hunter had two shotguns in his boat. COs Silorey Deppen and Szyska questioned the hunter on why he had two shotguns. The subject stated that he had the other gun in case one stopped working. As CO Deppen was looking through the rest of the subject's boat, Sgt. Szyska and CO Silorey looked at the subject's hunting bag that had his shells in. Sgt. Szyska and CO Silorey also found marijuana and liquid THC in a vaporizer. CO Silorey held up the drugs to the subject, and the subject stated, "I'm going to jail." As the COs continued their check, they found additional marine safety equipment violations as well. The subject stated, "everything is illegal about me today, including my dog (the dog didn't even have a license)." Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joseph Deppen, Brad Silorey, and Sgt. Todd Szyska conducted a marine patrol on Lake St. Clair for the Labor Day Holiday. A mixture of vessels were contacted and checked throughout various bays within the lake from duck hunters, to anglers, to recreational boaters. Warnings were given to two jet-skis operating prior to 8AM as they had no clue about the law. However, multiple citations were issued throughout the patrol ranging from marine violations, waterfowl violations and fishing violations.

CO Adam Beuthin received a RAP complaint of individuals baiting a field for waterfowl in Monroe County. CO Beuthin and his partner CO Nick Ingersoll checked the field for bait and found a large amount lying on the ground. The COs worked the field the morning of the early goose season opener and observed several goose hunters hunting in the field. The COs watched as the hunters took a large amount of geese over the baited field. COs Walzak, Luther and Schaumburger arrived in their patrol vehicles to help look for violations and checked the hunters, there were 28 dead geese. Enforcement action was taken for harvesting waterfowl over a baited area and awaiting review by the Monroe County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Keven Luther, Nick Ingersoll and Dan Walzak investigated a complaint CO Luther received of a baited field in the Huron Township. The three COs contacted three waterfowl hunters hunting a baited field. Though no geese were taken, and in addition to the bait, numerous other violations were encountered including possession of lead shot, unplugged shotguns, loaded firearms after hours, unlawful possession of firearm, hunting while intoxicated and license violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Ingersoll was driving down Otter Creek Road in Monroe County when he observed a go-cart pass him. ORVs are not to be driven on county roads in Monroe County. When CO Ingersoll spoke with the driver he also noticed that the go-cart did not have any taillights and the driver was not wearing his seatbelt. CO Ingersoll advised the driver of the multiple violations and asked the driver why he was driving on the roadway.

The driver stated that he just hooked up the headlights and wanted to try them out; this was his first time driving on the road with it. CO Ingersoll advised the driver that he has had complaints of that go-cart driving up and down previously and asked why he was not being truthful. The driver stated that he did not want to get in trouble and thought he would be given a break if it was his first time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Ingersoll received a complaint of two individuals using a cast net on a pier in Luna Pier. The complainant advised CO Ingersoll that two individuals would come out in the middle of the night and use their cast net and keep everything they caught. CO Ingersoll was able to find the individuals one night when they were just getting set up to fish. CO Ingersoll was able to sit back in the bushes and watch the anglers for several hours waiting for them to use their cast net. Once the anglers were alone and the other anglers on the pier left, one of the anglers started to use the cast net. CO Ingersoll watched one of the anglers fish with the cast net, and determined that the angler was keeping everything he caught. CO Ingersoll also watched the other angler fish with four lines, when you are only supposed to fish with three. CO Ingersoll contacted both anglers and observed several extremely small walleyes in the angler's bucket that was using the cast net to fish. CO Ingersoll addressed the violation with the angler that was using the cast net. CO Ingersoll asked the other angler who was fishing with four lines to see her fishing license and she advised the CO that she did not have one. CO Ingersoll searched the bucket that the angler was keeping his fish in that he caught with the net and found four extremely small walleye, one perch, one crappie, two sheep head, and two carp. The CO advised the angler that those fish were not allowed to be caught with the cast net. CO Ingersoll then asked the other angler to see the fish she caught, and she showed CO Ingersoll four channel catfish. CO Ingersoll took enforcement action for taking fish with an illegal method, possessing undersized walleye, taking fish without a fishing license, and fishing with more than three lines.

CO Nick Ingersoll and Sgt. Damon Owens checked several waterfowl hunters at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area. During the waterfowl checks the COs also contacted two anglers. One of the anglers quickly placed his bucket in his vehicle and stated they were unsuccessful while fishing. Further investigation revealed that the angler was in possession of two under sized largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger approached a group of six waterfowl hunters in a wheat field. Upon checking everybody, one of them did not possess a waterfowl license the other did not have a plugged shotgun. The man without the plugged shotgun stated he knew it the night before but did not choose to fix it before he went hunting. Enforcement action was taken

CO David Schaumburger received a complaint about a man baiting deer before September 15. When CO Schaumburger arrived on the property he observed an untagged trap that the homeowner stated was for raccoon. The CO also observed deer bait on the ground before September 15 along with deer pellets not being disbursed directly on the ground. Enforcement action was taken

COs Chris Knights, Justin Muehlhauser and Sgt. Jason Becker responded to a RAP complaint of a subject taking a sandhill crane. The COs arrived on scene and found a dead crane near the complainant's hunting location. The complainant stated that he saw the cranes in the sky, heard shots of nearby hunters and witnessed the crane fall in the field near his location. Upon interviewing the other hunters, it was determined that the land owners told them to shoot the cranes because they cause crop damage. The land owners and hunters were informed that there is no open season on cranes in Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin received a tip that ORV tracks were found on state land which is closed to ORVs. CO Griffin walked the state land and eventually found the tracks. CO Griffin followed the tracks to three tree stands, one permanent constructed ground blind, and four bait piles. While CO Griffin was investigating the area, one subject was operating an ORV on their own property. A short time later the subject drove the ORV onto the closed state land and on to designated bike trails. CO Griffin made contact with the subject to explain the ORV laws in Oakland County and that the subject was not allowed to operate ORVs on state recreation areas. Additionally, the subject was not wearing a helmet and created ORV trails. The subject admitted the blind, tree stands, and bait piles all belonged to him. Additionally, CO Griffin explained to the subject one cannot post signs on state land designating that land as their own. All the violations were addressed, the ORV was returned to the subject, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was patrolling Oakland County when he spotted a side-by-side ORV operating on the public road. Although the ORV and the operator were properly equipped for off road use, the subject was miles from his residence. CO Griffin explained to the subject he cannot legally operate an ORV on a public roadway in Oakland County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser approached and made contact with two hunters who were taking part in the opening day of early goose season. While going through the standard checks, one of the hunters asked if the CO was going to check the guns. The CO advised the party that he would indeed be checking the firearms. While checking one of the firearms, it was determined that the firearm was unplugged. The hunter advised that he never knew it was unplugged and that he always just loads three shells. The CO advised the man that it is his responsibility to make sure he is in compliance with all hunting laws while he is afield. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Fenton on Labor Day, CO Justin Muehlhauser observed a PWC intentionally spray the occupants of a vessel. The CO stopped the PWC and addressed the violation. The operator stated that the occupants were his friends and were encouraging him to spray them. The CO explained that such operation is considered careless and dangerous, to which the operator agreed it was. Enforcement action was taken for the violation.

CO Christopher Knights conducted a marine patrol on Pontiac Lake in Oakland County. After observing multiple boats, CO Knights witnessed multiple jet-skiers operating within one hundred feet from the swim area buoys. CO Knights was able to catch up to the jet-skis using his patrol boat and was able to get them all stopped. CO Knights advised all of them why they were being stopped and the laws they were violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Christopher Knights conducted a marine patrol of Squaw Lake, in Oxford Township. CO Knights observed some juveniles operating jet-skis that didn't look old enough to be operating them. CO Knights gestured for the kids to stop and wait for CO Knights to approach. Both juveniles headed back to the other side of the lake towards their parents. CO Knights made contact with a large party in the middle of the lake and located the parents of the juveniles. CO Knights advised the parents of the laws and issued the parents citations for allowing a minor to operate a personal watercraft.

BELLE ISLE

CO Kris Kiel was working on Belle Isle and contacted two subjects trespassing in the disc golf course. A male subject was photographing a female subject in full costume, twirling a baton that was lit on fire. Enforcement action was taken.

COs John Kamps and Adam Beuthin were working on Belle Isle when they observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed and swerving through traffic. The vehicle was pulled over by the COs and when they contacted the driver he was slurring his speech and having difficulty following the directions of CO Kamps. After evaluating the driver, CO Kamps asked him to submit to a PBT, the driver refused, and he was arrested for Operating while intoxicated.

CO Johnathan Kamps was on patrol at Belle Isle State Park when he observed a vehicle traveling through a construction site on McArthur Bridge. The CO performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. Shortly after the stop was made CO Adam Leclerc arrived on scene. Upon interviewing the driver, it was determined he had multiple warrants out for his arrest, was driving on a suspended driver's license, and was operating the vehicle with an alcohol content more than three times the legal limit. The COs placed the subject in custody and towed the vehicle. COs Dragomer and Gardner arrived on scene and assisted with transport to the county jail.

CO Johnathan Kamps was on patrol at Belle Isle State Park when he observed a PWC operating in the designated swim area at the beach. The CO addressed the violation to the operator for operating the PWC where a large number of people were swimming. It was also determined that the subject did not have a boater's safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Katie Stawara was working a B1 shift on Belle Isle when she responded to a call regarding a subject on the island whom had been missing for two days. A civilian biker recognized the subject from channel 7 news and called to report his appearance. The

subject had a history of mental health illness and had unexpectedly left home two days prior. CO Katie Stawara was able to get the missing person safely back home.

While working an afternoon shift at Belle Isle, CO John Byars responded to a fatal accident on the Douglas MacArthur Bridge involving a vehicle and a cyclist. CO Byars called for an ambulance immediately. CO Robert Slick also responded and checked the victim for a pulse and administered the AED. The COs directed other agencies for traffic control and closed the bridge along with the park.

CO Paul Fox worked several shifts on Belle Isle State Park. Several contacts were made with no major violations. Most people were enjoying nice weather and park activities.