

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Matt Eberly received a complaint of individuals shooting wood ducks hunting the early teal season at the Chassell Sloughs. CO Eberly made contact with the complainant who indicated that they were not sure what the suspect shot but they were sure it was not a teal. A check of the suspect revealed one teal. After talking with the suspect and searching the dikes, no other ducks were located.

CO Matt Eberly was contacted by the Keweenaw County Sheriff's Office about a subject who reported a bear had tried to break into his home last night by pushing in the door. When CO Eberly contacted the subject, he further stated he had to scare a bear away from his home a week earlier. CO Eberly checked the area finding no food or garbage out, but damage to the front door and to the dog's kennel. CO Eberly explained to the subject different types of measures that can be used to scare off nuisance bears and deter them from hanging around.

CO Brian Lasanen was working early morning teal and goose hunters. While waiting until legal shooting hours, CO Lasanen heard three shots well before shooting hours and two more shots just after legal shooting hours. CO Lasanen observed two hunters walking out of the marsh with three geese as he made his way over to contact the hunters and checked for proper license and gear. CO Lasanen asked the hunters if they knew what time legal shooting hours were and they advised yes. CO Lasanen asked the hunters about the three shots before shooting hours and the one hunter advised it was his entire fault and that he had jumped the gun on shooting the geese. Law enforcement action was taken for hunting waterfowl before legal shooting hours.

COs Brian Lasanen and Ethen Mapes were working a marine patrol on the Ontonagon River when they observed two kayakers on the river and from a distance it looked like they did not have any lifejackets with them. They contacted the pair and upon further checks it was determined the kayakers did not have any lifejackets on board their vessels. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen attended Pop with a Cop during the Labor Day festivities in Ontonagon. Several very good contacts were made and both CO Mapes and CO Lasanen answered many questions and met a good share of the community members of Ontonagon.

CO Ethen Mapes received a complaint about bear bait that had been placed on private property. Upon investigating it was found that the trespasser had driven onto the private property with his ORV, cut down multiple trees, and dumped old fast food

containers with food still in them out for the bears to eat. Law enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Jared Ferguson received a call of multiple shots being fired at night in Dickinson County. CO Ferguson was able to locate the source of the shots heard and made contact with three subjects who had finished target shooting on private land after dark. It was determined there was no attempt to take game.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey were on patrol when they came across a subject cutting firewood on state land. A check of the subject found he did not have a current fuelwood permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey were on patrol near Foster City when they stopped to check a shore fisherman. A check of the subject found him to be in possession of an undersized smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shannon Kritz received information regarding a possible timber trespass in Iron County. The reported incident involved a new section of trail that was scheduled to be finished with assistance from the National Guard. CO Kritz was able to work with DNR trails staff to identify the logger and mitigate the situation to not interfere with the planned resurfacing by the National Guard unit.

CO Shannon Kritz was on patrol during the opening day of bear season. CO Kritz located illegal bear bait and developed a suspect who lived nearby. CO Kritz located the suspect and interviewed him regarding the illegal bait. The subject admitted to placing apples and corn without making it inaccessible to deer. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson and Sgt. Marc Pomroy were called to a bear that was running through the City of Iron Mountain. The bear was located amongst a large crowd that had gathered to take pictures. The COs were able to secure the bear in a tree and move people away from the bear. After dark, the bear was able to calmly come down from the tree and left the city limits without incident.

CO Jared Ferguson conducted an inspection of a falconry facility in Dickinson County.

CO Shannon Kritz was finishing an ORV patrol when she was passed by an ORV with two occupants. The passenger on the ORV was not wearing a helmet. CO Kritz turned around on the ORV in time to see the passenger struggling to remove a helmet from an accessory bag. Contact was made with the ORV and it was found the ORV was also unlicensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and CO Jared Ferguson responded to an injured red tailed hawk in Dickinson County.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Jeremy Sergey conducted an inspection in Dickinson County with Wildlife Division for a new game bird preserve.

CO Mark Leadman observed a group of subjects fishing on the shoreline of Deer Lake and noticed they were using night crawlers which are illegal on this catch and release lake. CO Leadman made contact with the subjects and advised them that using bait at this lake was illegal. After a short denial to fishing, they admitted they were fishing and had not purchased fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was conducting an early morning patrol on a local river basin in Marquette County for early waterfowl hunters when he observed smoke rising from a camp along the water's edge. As CO DeLonge approached the camp, he observed a large fire that appeared to have household trash and building materials burning in a large pile. As CO DeLonge docked his boat near the camp, he was met by the camp owner who explained he was just burning materials that were removed from the camp during a remodel and didn't see any problem with it. As CO DeLonge inspected the burning material, he noticed couch pieces, plastics, and other waste that was illegal to burn. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Ryan Aho were patrolling an area frequented by illegal ORV activity and observed a dirt bike drive past them at a high rate of speed on a walking trail. The officers were able to stop and make contact with the dirt bike operator who explained that he was just testing out the dirt bike before buying it. After a check of the operator's name it was determined that the operator had a revoked driver's license. The individual was informed of the illegal operation of the dirt bike and enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Pat Hartsig and Cpl. Shannon Van Patten worked on Little Bay de Noc during the weekend holiday. The weather was windy, with increasing waves. Numerous boats were contacted and enforcement action was taken on boats without the proper PFD on board.

CO Pat Hartsig used his patrol boat to assist MSP and Delta County Sheriff's Department search for a fisherman who had fallen overboard on Little Bay de Noc. After several days of searching, the body was found in the bay. The fisherman had fallen into the water and they had no life jackets aboard the boat.

COs Michael Evink and Mark Zitnik were conducting a Labor Day marine patrol when they were asked to assist Alger County to access a small fire. The fire was only accessible by watercraft. Even though when the COs arrived the fire was contained, there were still a couple of good checks to be had. The COs were able to identify violations on the only two boats on the remote lake and take enforcement action.

COs Michael Evink and Mark Zitnik were able to solve an issue in Alger County. CO Zitnik had an ongoing investigation into a small unnamed lake on public land that people were treating as their own private lake. CO Zitnik had repeatedly attempted to contact

people at the site. Evink and Zitnik got lucky on Labor Day and were able to make contact with the group and take enforcement action to resolve the issue.

CO Mark Zitnik was patrolling through the Laughing Whitefish Falls State Park when he observed five 4-wheelers coming towards him. The five ORVs drove across the Laughing Whitefish River into the state park which is foot traffic only. In total, the group had 26 violations present for not wearing helmets, riding double and triple, no ORV licenses, driving while intoxicated, operating in a closed area, and operating in a river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik was working the bear season opener when he came upon a hunter not wearing hunter orange. Upon contact, the CO found that the hunter did not have a helmet for his ORV, did not have a case for his rifle, and had cut several trees on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when a call came out for two people in the water. One person was thrown overboard when a wave hit their boat. Another person jumped into the water in an attempt to save the other victim. The first person who was thrown overboard was located while the other person who attempted to save him was not located. Multiple agencies conducted a search of Little Bay de Noc where the person was last seen. The person was not located but search efforts will continue until the body is located.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol on an ORV trail when he noticed a couple of dirt bikes with no ORV licenses on them. Contact with the individuals was made and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol looking for bear baits, CO Robert Freeborn located two cattle that had been dumped on public land. The cattle were decayed and no sign of any markings on them. There are several local farmers in the area that raise cattle. Investigation continues.

CO Robert Freeborn checked a bear hunter he was investigating for over a year. Before making contact with the hunter earlier in the afternoon, CO Freeborn located several trees that were cut, illegal ORV travel, and a large amount of granola bar wrappers scattered throughout the hunting area. Upon making contact with the hunter, it was determined the hunter was a Sault Tribe member. Violations were documented and submitted through the tribe for prosecution.

COs Robert Freeborn, Pat Hartsig and Forest Service Officer Dave Tembreull located an ORV parked behind a berm that closed a road off to motor vehicles. The officers waited at the ORV until a few minutes after hunting hours when the hunter came out of the woods wearing full camo and tree climbing spikes strapped to his feet. Upon making contact, the officers asked the hunter where his bow or rifle was. The hunter stated that he wasn't hunting. The COs then questioned the subject further and found that he had shot a bear a few days earlier. The COs then walked back to the hunter's blind and

found his bow hanging in his stand. There were several other violations at the site including illegal ORV travel and cutting of several trees. The hunter was a Sault Tribe member and charges are being sought through the tribe.

CO Kevin Postma issued a citation to a waterfowl hunter who failed to purchase a waterfowl license.

CO Kevin Postma contacted two fishermen fishing behind the federal powerhouse in Sault Ste. Marie. The Canadian fishermen were happy to explain how they had double-checked what they needed as it pertains to "reporting in" when fishing across the border in Michigan waters. The fishermen were confident they had followed all of the federal requirements for fishing in U.S. waters; however, failed to purchase a Michigan fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kevin Postma contacted a group of six vehicles camping in an area closed to motor vehicles on Drummond Island. While issuing a citation to the group of vehicles, CO Postma noticed another vehicle operating in the closed area. CO Postma was able to make contact with that vehicle and another citation was issued.

CO Brett Gustafson and PCO Nate Sink received a complaint from a fisherman and located an abandoned net in Lake Huron by Goose Island. The Great Lakes Enforcement Unit was contacted, and both COs, along with Corporals Craig Milkowski and Larry Deslover, checked the location. It was determined to be an abandoned trap net. Arrangements are being made for the removal of the net.

PCO Nate Sink and CO Brett Gustafson assisted CO Jon Busken with instructing a hunter safety class in Engadine. Fifteen students were certified.

Lt. Skip Hagy, PCO Nate Sink and CO Brett Gustafson participated in a multi-agency disaster preparedness exercise near the Soo Locks and the International Bridge.

PCO Nate Sink and CO Brett Gustafson assisted a MSP Trooper with locating an 87 year old female with dementia. She was quickly located, in good condition, and returned to a family member.

CO Calvin Smith was on patrol when he observed an ORV being operated on M-28. When CO Smith asked the operator if they knew it was illegal to be operating an ORV on a state highway, the operator replied, "the rental business said we could ride on all the roads." CO Smith explained the laws pertaining to ORV use and gave the operator an ORV map for the area.

Sgt. Mike Hammill, COs Bobby Watson and Calvin Smith taught a hunter safety class to 42 students at the Newberry High School.

CO Jon Busken received a complaint of a backcountry camper who had left a large amount of trash at their campsite. The suspect had returned downstate and CO Busken

was unable to find any contact info for the individual. CO Charles Towns was able to make contact with the suspect at his residence. The suspect confessed and a citation was issued by CO Busken and delivered to the suspect.

CO Watson was on patrol near the Two Hearted River Mouth Campground when he observed a four-wheeler being operated with a passenger. The ORV, along with a small dirt bike, pulled up alongside a nearby pickup truck and stopped. CO Watson made contact with the family and noted there were multiple violations present. Both ORVs lacked proper registration, and the operator of the four-wheeler was transporting a passenger on an ORV that was not designed for a passenger. Enforcement action was taken.

### **DISTRICT 3**

CO Steve Speigl participated in two hunter's safety classes over the weekend. Classes were held in Central Lake and Alba with student numbers above average.

CO Duane Budreau was busy over the weekend following up on numerous camping issues at French Farm Lake in Emmet County. Individuals were camping in closed areas and several sites had litter issues. Contact was made with the camps and enforcement action was taken

Following up on complaints of ORVs hill climbing on the sand dunes at Wycamp Lake, CO Duane Budreau made contact with several ORVs staging at the base of one of the hill climb areas. Though no violation had yet occurred, CO Budreau advised and educated the operators of the ORV laws.

While patrolling the Jordan River, CO Andrea Erratt encountered a group of kayakers who had fallen into the river and were wet and cold. They still had a long way to paddle to get to their destination of East Jordan. CO Erratt gave one of the female subjects a ride to their vehicles in East Jordan so she could bring it back and the group could avoid the cold long ride on the river.

CO Andrea Erratt followed up on a state land camping complaint she had received in Charlevoix County. The complaint stemmed from individuals staying longer than 15 nights in one spot of state land. Contact was made at the camp which was extremely dirty with lots of litter strewn throughout. The occupants admitted to staying way past the 15 night limit. Enforcement action was taken and the site cleaned.

While working the Standard Lake area of Charlevoix County, CO Andrea Erratt and PCO Jeff Dell encountered two ORVs operating on the roadway. The first ORV was driven by the dad of the two juveniles riding double behind him. The juveniles were on an ORV that was not designed to carry a passenger, and neither juvenile had an ORV safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken with the dad.

While still working the Standard Lake area, CO Andrea Erratt and PCO Jeff Dell came across a dad riding double with his five year old son on an ORV. The ORV was not designed to carry a passenger nor was the dad wearing a helmet. A check of the subject's record revealed he had been issued a ticket last year for the same offense with his then four year old son. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt and PCO Jeff Dell were patrolling Lake Charlevoix for marine activity when they encountered two separate sailboats that had never been registered. Tickets for fail to register a vessel were issued.

While patrolling Lake Charlevoix for fishing activity, CO Andrea Erratt and PCO Jeff Dell located a vessel trolling with four fishing lines. A check of the vessel revealed two subjects aboard, a husband and wife. However, the wife was quick to point out that she was just along for a boat ride and not fishing. Since the husband was the only one fishing, he had one too many lines in the water. A ticket was issued for fishing with more than three lines.

Following up on a complaint of an illegal camp site on state land that may also be involved in the illegal growing of marijuana, CO Andrea Erratt was able to make contact with the suspect at the camp. An interview of the suspect revealed that there was not an illegal grow operation taking place, however, it was discovered that there was a large litter problem and the subject did not have a camp card. Enforcement action was taken.

While on ORV patrol, CO Andrea Erratt came across a group of ORVs operating on the roadway. A check of the ORVs revealed that one of them was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting a fireworks detail on Lake Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt and CO Chad Baldwin encountered a PWC operating after sunset in violation of the law. It was also discovered that the operator did not have his boater's safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a complaint of subjects possibly spearing fish on Lake Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt and CO Chad Baldwin located the vessel operating after sunset without any navigational lights. The boat was also found to not have enough PFDs for everyone on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Michigan near Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt and CO Chad Baldwin encountered a vessel operating at a high rate of speed with several subjects riding on the bow with their legs hanging over the front. The officers stopped the vessel and advised that it is against the law to have bow riders when operating faster than a slow no wake speed; if one of the subjects were to fall in the water there would be no way to avoid running them over. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Eric Bottorff assisted with a hunter safety class in Otsego County. CO Bottorff instructed over 50 students on firearms safety, ethics, and safe hunting practices.

CO Matt Theunick received a complaint about a possible wild captive fox being held at a farm in Cheboygan County. CO Theunick contacted the farm who proved paperwork showing he possessed a valid license for captive red fox.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO John Byars received a complaint from a DNR Forester who reported finding an old deer blind on state land. The COs arrived at the deer blind locating a name and address for the owner. The owner was eventually contacted and stated he has hunted in the blind for over 20 years and had never removed it. Enforcement action was taken.

After watching an angler fishing on Cornwall Flooding in Cheboygan County, CO Nick Torsky and PCO John Byars contacted the angler who stated he did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Torsky and PCO John Byars responded to the Otsego Lake State Park for a 911 hang-up. Upon arrival the COs tracked down the individual who was mentally distressed. The COs assisted with the family who was on scene.

CO Tim Rosochacki was traveling the posted speed limit on I-75 in Otsego County when he was passed by a vehicle traveling in excess of 90 MPH. The vehicle was stopped and driver contacted who reported he did not notice the "police truck" when he passed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted two ORVs operating in a closed area in Cheboygan County. Upon contact, the operators were 14 and 12. The parents were cited for "allowing youth to operate ORV unsupervised". The children, along with their ORVs, were turned over to their parents.

CO Tim Rosochacki and CO Eric Bottorff were called to a "shots fired" complaint at approximately 1:30 am in Cheboygan County. Upon arrival, the COs checked the area and were unable to find the source of the gunfire. The next morning the COs saturated the area locating several camps on state land. Upon contact with the campers, they too stated they heard gunshots about the same time as it was reported to the COs. The investigation continues.

CO Eric Bottorff worked the closed area of Black Mountain located in Cheboygan County. This area is notorious for ORVs causing damage to the terrain. The CO located three ORVs operating near a wetland and one ORV was stuck. Upon contact, the operators stated they did not know they were operating in a closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew investigated a near fatal ORV crash involving a 15-year-old operator and a 17-year-old passenger in Otsego County. The passenger was thrown from the ORV and the driver was pinned underneath. CO DePew was the first emergency personnel on scene and provided lifesaving first aid. The investigation determined the

operator was driving in a careless manner with excessive speed causing the ORV to overturn.

CO Mark DePew investigated a personal injury accident reported at Otsego Memorial Hospital involving a single ORV that lost control hitting a tree. The investigation determined speed was a factor in the crash. The 19-year-old operator was cited for careless operation.

CO Mark DePew contacted three ORVs that were operating in a closed area near the village of Waters in Otsego County. Upon seeing the CO, the ORVs went onto posted private property appearing to avoid the CO. A short time later, the three ORVs were located and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew was working ORV activity near Crystal Lake in Montmorency County. This area is notorious for ORVs causing damage to the terrain. From a distance, CO DePew observed two off-road motorcycles climbing hills and making jumps in an area that the DNR had invested a large amount of funds that were needed to restore it from this type of activity. Contact was made with the subjects who stated they did not think anything was wrong with what they were doing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark DePew was dispatched to a "shots fired" complaint occurring on a busy lake in Otsego County. Upon contact with the homeowner, they reported two individuals had shot at several geese with a handgun, ultimately killing one. A description of the individuals and boat was given. After several hours and talking with many witnesses, a suspect was identified and confessed to a safety zone violation and hunting without a proper license. It was determined the gun that was used was not a handgun and in fact was a legal waterfowl shotgun. The goose was confiscated and enforcement action taken.

CO Adam LeClerc observed two riders in Alpena County on an ATV not designed for riding double. A stop of the ATV revealed the driver did not have a helmet on, the machine was not approved for two occupants, and the last time it had a valid ORV sticker was 1995. A citation was issued.

CO Adam LeClerc was called to investigate a campfire that turned into a brush fire in Sanborn Township. The COs investigation and interview revealed that while scouting for deer, the suspect started a fire in a wooded area; it began to rain heavily and the suspect thought the fire would extinguish on its own because of the rain. However, the fire burned underground and reignited three days later. At that time the fire department received a call of a brush fire. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kelly Ross and PCO Colton Gelinas were called to assist an elk hunter in Cheboygan County with locating the elk he shot. The COs arrived and the hunter and guide both advised the officers they had lost the blood trail and were unable to locate the elk. The CO's were able to relocate the blood trail and within ten minutes they located the elk.

CO Kelly Ross and PCO Colton Gelinas stopped to assist a group of three ORVs that were having mechanical trouble. A full check on the riders came back with two being suspended and one having a valid warrant. The rider with the warrant was given a ride to the Montmorency County jail where he was lodged on the warrant. As for the two suspended riders, a warrant request is being submitted to the court.

CO Kelly Ross and PCO Colton Gelinas were patrolling state land in northern Montmorency County when they discovered a corn field planted in the woods. They were able to locate a tree stand and a very well-groomed trail which lead to a nearby residence. The COs knocked on the door of the residence and asked the gentleman who answered the door about the corn field. The man admitted to putting in the corn field for the deer and placing the tree stand for bow season. Citations were issued for the violations.

CO Jon Sklba was patrolling Thompson's Harbor when he noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road. When he approached the vehicle he noticed a young child sitting in the vehicle. CO Sklba asked the youngster where everyone else was and the child promptly said they were out feeding the deer. CO Sklba waited back at his patrol truck for the rest of the group to return, greeted them and asked what they had been doing. The men replied they were scouting for a hunting spot. (CO Sklba was familiar with the area and knew there was a tree stand and spin cast feeder left out in the woods). CO Sklba asked if they were sure that they didn't place feed out for the deer at a tall stand near a creek with a spin cast feeder. The man put his head down and said yes and admitted to it being his stand, which had been up a couple of years, as well as placing bait. CO Sklba issued a citation for over-baiting.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO William Kinney received a complaint back in June of an individual who intentionally swerved his vehicle to hit two mallard ducks that were on the shoulder of the opposite side of the road way. The complainant was in her front yard when she witnessed the vehicle swerve to run over the ducks. One duck was killed and the other was reported to have disappeared into the woods with a broken wing. The complainant was able to confront the vehicle and record a plate number. CO Kinney responded to the area the next day and found the duck lying on the side of the road. After gathering the complainant's statement, CO Kinney went to the residence to question the driver about the incident. The suspect stated he saw the ducks on the shoulder of the county road when going to a friend's house. He stated when the ducks emerged from the grass onto the roadway he panicked and swerved towards them. CO Kinney submitted the complaint to the Wexford County Prosecutor's Office and charges were issued for the taking waterfowl out of season and reckless driving. The case is still pending further review from the district court.

CO William Kinney was out patrolling near Lake Dubonnet in Grand Traverse County when he spotted a group of anglers fishing next to the dam. CO Kinney observed one angler cast their line into the culvert and attempt to drag the lure over a fish. CO Kinney

watched the angler for several minutes before going to check for a fishing license. As CO Kinney approached the angler, the angler immediately handed his pole off to his son and then stated he was not fishing. CO Kinney informed the angler what he had observed prior to making contact. A check was done and it was determined that the angler did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney assisted the Michigan State Police and Wexford County Sheriff's Department with a dispute that took place on Hodenpyl Pond in Mesick. The dispute was between anglers over a walleye fishing spot. During the argument, one angler pulled a handgun and discharged it into the water to intimidate the other fisherman. The Michigan State Police and the Wexford County Sheriff's Department were able to apprehend the suspect back at his campsite. During the investigation, an undersized walleye was also found in the possession of the suspect. Enforcement action was taken for the undersize walleye, and the man was placed under arrest by Michigan State Police for multiple felony charges.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen responded to a complaint of traps being set in Arbutus Lake in Grand Traverse County. Upon investigation into the complaint, six traps were found and confiscated. They were illegally set in attempts to catch muskrats burrowing into the embankment. After speaking with the property owner, he admitted to employing a local worker who had trapping experience. When locating and interviewing the trapper, he confessed to setting the traps. He was unaware there was a season on muskrats and unfamiliar with trapping rules and regulations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen responded to a complaint of a person overstaying the 15 day limit of camping on state land. After locating the subject's camp, he indicated he was planning to stay for a few months and ride the local biking trails. After educating the camper on state land use rules, he was given a warning, a new camp card, and moved his camp the following day.

While on patrol in Grand Traverse County, CO Sean Kehoe and PCO Joseph Deppen observed approximately six anglers fishing along the Boardman River Fish Ladder. As the COs approached, two of the six anglers started to pack their gear up and leave. As they started to distance themselves from the fishing gear, the group was checked and it was found that neither angler had ever bought a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Rebecca Hopkins observed a four-wheel ATV traveling along the speed-restricted zone of Silver Lake State Park ORV Area. The ATV had a passenger, although not designed for one, and the passenger was not wearing a helmet. Before the COs could make contact for enforcement, the driver of the ATV lost control of the machine in a water puddle and the passenger was thrown from the ATV. The two reported no injuries, as the passenger had landed in the deep water hazard. Upon interviewing the riders, CO Publiski smelled an odor of intoxicants around the driver. The driver was tested and his alcohol level was twice the legal limit for

operating an ATV. The driver was lodged in the Oceana County Jail for operating an ATV under the influence of alcohol.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted with an ATV crash at the Silver Lake State Park ORV Area. Two individuals were riding in a Polaris Ranger RZR, came over a drift too fast resulting in an end-over flip, and the machine landing on its side. The passenger was taken from the scene transported by EMS. The driver had only minor injuries and chose to operate the damaged vehicle to a nearby residence.

CO Rebecca Hopkins assisted the Benzie County Marine Patrol, United States Coast Guard, Sleeping Bear National Park Service, Leelanau Sheriff's Marine Patrol and MSP Dive Team with the search of a missing male in Platte Bay on Lake Michigan. The missing man was part of a duo that left the Platte River and entered Platte Bay in kayaks. Both kayakers overturned in the waves of Lake Michigan with neither wearing a life jacket. One kayaker was rescued by a fishing vessel in the area. The second kayaker has not yet been located. The continuous strong weather at Platte Bay has hindered the search by water.

CO Steve Converse, CO Sam Koscinski and Sgt. Carla Soper assisted at a hunter education class hosted by the Big Bear Sportsman Club in Manistee County where over 80 students were in attendance.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling the Baldwin area when he observed a 3-wheeled ORV operating on US 10 against the flow of traffic. The operator was not wearing a helmet and the ORV was not licensed. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and contacted the driver who said that US 10 was so busy he could not cross over to his traffic lane and figured it was easier to ride against the flow of traffic. The operator was educated on the regulations pertaining ORV operation and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and a Lake County Sheriff Deputy were conducting a plain clothes patrol on the Pere Marquette River when they observed two canoes, both occupied with a male and female. One of the females was obviously intoxicated and extremely belligerent to the male onboard when he would not stop to get her more cigarettes from the accompanying canoe. The female threatened to assault everyone in her group and made many inappropriate comments that were heard by numerous families floating by river. CO Killingbeck made contact with the female, who became very irate that CO Killingbeck had approached her. After making several attempts to calm the very intoxicated female down without success, CO Killingbeck placed her under arrest for disorderly conduct and she was lodged at the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a complaint of a vehicle trespassing on private property along the Pere Marquette River. CO Killingbeck located the suspect vehicle and driver, noting that they had driven past fourteen "No Trespassing" signs. The driver said he believed there was public land on the back side of the property and admitted he and his girlfriend were passing through to get to a camping site. The driver also admitted passing the "No Trespassing" signs. CO Killingbeck discovered that the driver's

girlfriend was intoxicated and under 21 years of age. CO Killingbeck also noted several motor vehicle infractions that included misuse of a dealer plate and no insurance. Citations were issued for recreational trespass, furnishing alcohol to a minor, and minor in possession.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was checking a local lake in Baldwin when he observed a pontoon boat with no registration displayed. CO Killingbeck contacted the vessel operator who advised that he has owned the boat for seven years and never registered it. CO Killingbeck also determined there were not enough personal floatation devices onboard for everyone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working an ORV trespass complaint in northern Lake County and waiting for his back-up to arrive, when he noticed an ORV operating at a high speed towards his vehicle. As the ORV got closer, CO Killingbeck could see that both persons were not wearing helmets. When the driver noticed the CO's vehicle, he immediately attempted to turn and flee, and lost control of the ORV, causing him to strike a tree. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver and determined he was intoxicated. The driver was taken into custody and lodged at the Lake County Jail on charges of operating while intoxicated and failing to stop for a peace officer. While on the ORV stop, the suspect whom CO Killingbeck was originally looking for walked up to his patrol unit and began interfering, stating that law enforcement was "harassing ORVs in the area." The suspect was also extremely intoxicated and CO Killingbeck ordered him to leave. Upon refusing, he was taken into custody for ORV Trespass and Disorderly Conduct and lodged at the Lake County Jail.

CO Brian Brosky was patrolling in Lake County for ORVs when a ranger went by him in a closed area without a current registration displayed. The operator was stopped and he told the CO he was borrowing it from his brother-in-law. The ORV was last registered in 2010. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was working Indian Bridge in Mason County where he had received numerous complaints of vehicles blocking the roadway and parking illegally. CO Brosky responded and issued multiple tickets for the parking violation, cited numerous litter violations, and open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO Brian Brosky and CO Kyle Publiski were working a routine fish patrol at Indian Bridge in Mason County when they witnessed an angler who was attempting to snag salmon. The COs watched the subject for a while and later saw him throw an empty beer can into the ditch as he was leaving the area. The COs stopped the angler for his apparent violation. When asked why he littered, the angler said he was not going to leave the can and had intentions of picking it up later. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski received an anonymous Report All Poaching complaint of a subject who had illegally shot a turkey vulture in Mason County. CO Publiski stopped by the suspect's residence to address the situation. The owner of the residence admitted he had shot a vulture because he was concerned it was going to attack his full grown

beagle. The man admitted he saw the bird circling and left his dog outside while he went to find a shotgun in the house, and ultimately shot the vulture. CO Publiski explained that turkey vultures are not predatory and enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski was working routine patrol when he noticed a female walking outdoors with a full size raccoon in a cage. CO Publiski stopped to address the woman, asking why she had the live animal in a cage. The woman stated she had it since spring and after she had found it by the road. The woman also advised the animal had never left the two foot by two foot cage since she had taken it from the wild. The raccoon was seized and the woman was issued a ticket for possessing wildlife without a permit.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Becky Hopkins worked a patrol at Silver Lake State Park in Oceana County near an area where two cycles were jumping a hill repeatedly while a large crowd gathered to see the display. Both motorcycles ultimately crashed, resulting in minor injuries. Enforcement action was taken regarding the careless operation.

CO Steve Converse was working a foot patrol along a local stream in Manistee County when he came upon two anglers who were attempting to snag salmon. Both anglers were using illegal devices on their lines. When CO Converse contacted them, the anglers offered no excuses for their violation of the laws, stating they knew they were illegal, but figured they would not get caught. They told CO Converse that the local bait shop had advised them that the COs don't work the section of river they were fishing on. They asked the CO if he had received a complaint on them and CO Converse proudly advised he had not and was simply doing his job. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse and CO Bill Haskin were working a routine patrol at Silver Lake State Park when they encountered two separate vehicles that both had coolers full of beer inside the park. Citations were issued for possession of alcohol in a closed state park.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were on patrol at the access site of a Newaygo County Lake when a male and a female were observed in possession of fishing gear, but with no fishing line in the water. Contact was made and upon speaking with both subjects, they both gave admissions that they were fishing and that neither of the subjects had obtained a current fishing license. Further inspection of the area they were fishing revealed a single bluegill on a stringer at the shoreline. The male subject admitted he had caught the fish and placed it on the stringer. A citation was issued to the male subject for the possession of fish with no license.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were on patrol in Newaygo County when a subject was observed operating a 4-wheeled ORV on a county road without a helmet. Contact was made with the operator and upon inspection of the ORV, it was determined that the machine was not licensed. The subject advised he had gone to the local store for a cup of coffee, and that he did not know the machine was not licensed, because it was

owned by another subject at the camp. Citation was issued to the subject for the safety violation of no helmet and warning was issued for the unlicensed machine.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tom Oberg were finishing up their work day in Newaygo County when they came across an unoccupied vehicle parked along a two track. Inspection of the bed of the truck revealed a white trash bag with carrots in the bag. The vehicle plate was documented with intentions to return the next day and locate any possible early bait in the area, due to baiting for deer legally starting the following week. The COs returned to the location the next day. Upon their arrival, they observed a pile of rotten carrots on the ground with the white trash bag next to the area the truck was parked at the night before. The COs conducted a foot patrol of the area and located one ladder stand with no name and address on the stand. CO Wells was familiar with this ladder stand because he had located it last fall at the same location. No bait was located at the stand site. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted by telephone and gave admission that he was in the area placing two gallons of bait at several stand locations, including the ladder stand that CO Wells and PCO Oberg had inspected. The subject admitted he was not aware of the September 15 start date for baiting, nor was he aware of the name and address requirement on the ladder stand. CO Wells advised him of the inspection of the vehicle when the carrots were observed in the bed of the truck and asked the subject why he had dump the carrots out. The subject stated the carrots were rotten. CO Wells asked the subject what he had done with the white trash bag that the carrots were in and the subject readily admitted that he had accidentally discarded the trash bag at the site with the rotten carrots. The subject also admitted that he had failed to remove the ladder stand and that it has been at the same location for the last two years. A few days later, CO Wells met with this subject at the location and issued a citation to him for the littering violation, made him put his name on the tree stand, and issued warnings for the other violations present.

CO Brian Lebel participated in a trapping education seminar put on by the Mecosta Rod and Gun Club. The event was attended by 35 new trappers ranging from 5-60 years old. The event went very well and was well received by the students. CO Lebel covered a station on trapping techniques and also presented the law portion on the seminar.

CO Ben Shively assisted the Oceana County Sheriff's Department with a personal protection order violation by a subject who has been very violent in the past. Contact was made with the suspect, who was asleep inside the protected person's residence and had just been released from the Newaygo County jail five hours earlier. The suspect refused to place his hands behind his back when he was told he was under arrest and stated that he would just cut his throat and sprinted to the kitchen. A TASER was deployed as the subject reached for a knife in a drawer and was taken into custody. He was transported to the Oceana County Jail on the PPO violation and placed on suicide watch.

CO Ben Shively and CO Troy VanGelderren spoke and instructed at the Ruby Creek hunter safety class to 138 new hunters.

CO Angela Greenway participated with a community outreach program in Idlewild, Lake County. It was at the Baptist Church and was open to anyone. The event included EMS, the COVE and Health Services. State Representative Jon Bumstead was also available to meet with the public. CO Greenway made a positive contact with 50 kids and adults.

CO Brian Lebel and CO Angela Greenway participated with a youth hunter that was sponsored by the Michigan COs Association for a hunt at Two Hats Ranch. There were seven youths hunting and all were successful.

CO Angela Greenway made contact with three subjects in a side-by-side coming off an illegal two track in Lake County. While talking with the driver, CO Greenway could smell the odor of marijuana. The CO was able to ascertain they had two marijuana cigarettes in their regular cigarette box. They did have a medical marijuana card. A ticket was issued for closed area and warning for the marijuana.

Approximately fifteen COs from Districts 4 and 7, including two probationary officers, conducted a group marine patrol on the Muskegon River at an event known locally as Hot Boat or Hardy Gras. The event draws hundreds of boats and is growing in size every year. The COs utilized the Great Lakes patrol vessels from the surrounding areas to show a presence and take enforcement action. COs issued citations and warnings for multiple marine violations, including failure to provide PFD, failure to provide fire extinguisher, failure to transfer ownership, failure to register vessel, operate at speeds greater than slow no wake within a 100 foot of an anchored vessel, careless and reckless operation, and three subjects were lodged for boating under the influence.

## **DISTRICT 5**

While patrolling state land in Clare County, CO Ethan Gainforth encountered two Jeeps tearing up an eroded hill side off the beaten path. CO Gainforth asked them if they knew where they were operating and they responded "state land". CO Gainforth explained that they were tearing up a problem area and that the particular area was not legal to operate in. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Joshua Wright assisted the county deputies with a drunk and disorderly man who crashed his truck into a ditch in rural Clare County. Road commission personnel were on scene and reported the man to be extremely disorderly. After arriving on scene, officers separated the parties and were able to calm the situation down. The subject was subsequently lodged for OUIL by the Clare County Sheriff's Department.

While patrolling Saginaw Bay on Labor Day, COs Phil Hudson and Ethan Gainforth checked a boat with three anglers aboard. One of the anglers did not have a fishing license and was told he would be receiving a citation for fishing without a license. One

of his buddies in the boat was not real happy about his friend receiving a citation. His logic went like this; 'Since there were two properly licensed anglers on board, they should be allowed six lines total....regardless of who is using them'. Officers respectfully disagreed and carried out the issuance of the citation.

COs Bobbi Lively, Warren MacNeill, Casey Pullum, Jeff Panich, Sam Schluckbier, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft assisted at the annual Hunter Safety Class held at Harrisville State Park. There were approximately 100 students in attendance for the event. The students completed classroom work, participated in archery and firearm ranges, tree stand safety techniques, orienteering, and many other hunting-related activities.

While patrolling a remote forest road in the Huron National Forest, CO Kyle Bader passed a truck traveling in the opposing lane. CO Bader could smell marijuana coming from the truck, and noticed the operator was not wearing a seatbelt. CO Bader stopped the truck, and the driver admitted to smoking marijuana less than five minutes earlier. Also in the truck were the man's wife and seven-month-old baby. The driver was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs. The marijuana was seized and his vehicle turned over to his wife.

CO Kyle Bader was first on the scene of a case in which a man was trying to gain entry into a house where a mother and her 10-year-old child were staying. By the time CO Bader arrived, the man had left. Upon interviewing the pair, CO Bader and a sheriff's deputy learned the woman at the house was "dating" the man who was trying to gain entry. The woman had given him a key earlier in the relationship, but did not want him to enter that night. The man's main reason for trying to force his way in was to retrieve his tomatoes and peppers that were in the house. CO Bader ended up locating the man later that night and the tomato story was confirmed.

CO Warren MacNeill assisted Alcona County Sheriff's Deputies with a woman who was trying to commit suicide. She had cut herself and was driving around with her arm out the window spraying blood. When contact was made with the victim, her wounds were treated and she was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

CO Warren MacNeill and Alcona County Sheriff Deputies assisted a few vessels on Lake Huron that were stranded in heavy waves. CO MacNeill and deputies navigated some rough water to reach the occupants. They were loaded onto one law enforcement vessel while the other one towed their disabled watercraft.

CO Jeff Panich was coming home on his day off when he noticed a neighbor sitting in his driveway. The neighbor informed him that someone had dumped a large amount of trash on state land near a boat access site. The person provided CO Panich with an empty pill bottle containing a name and address. CO Panich inspected the large pile of household garbage and found several other items with the same name and address. When he drove to the residence, an elderly man came to the door. He asked the man if he knew why he was there. The man calmly stated "yes, it's about the trash I dumped." The man stated that he wouldn't lie to the CO. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben McAteer was watching a group of anglers on Jones Lake in Crawford County when he heard a chainsaw start up in very close proximity to his location. After hearing a couple cuts being made, a tree fell to the ground. CO McAteer made contact with two individuals who were actively cutting timber on state land and loading the logs into a pickup truck. The individuals stated they had a permit for collecting firewood. When CO McAteer asked if they had felled the tree, they stated "well yeah, but it was already dead". CO McAteer pointed out the bold lettering on the firewood permit where it stated that only dead and down wood could be collected and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben McAteer received a complaint from Crawford County Dispatch about a possible drunk individual creating an altercation at the Lake Margrethe boat launch. While traveling to the complaint, a vehicle matching the description of the subject was observed traveling away from the lake. The suspect vehicle was having difficulty maintaining proper lane positioning and a traffic stop was initiated. CO McAteer could smell the odor of intoxicants on the driver. After completing field sobriety tasks it was determined that the driver was operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and he was placed under arrest and transported to Crawford County Jail.

CO Sam Schluckbier was dispatched to the emergency room to investigate a report of an ORV accident that occurred on public property. One of the subjects injured his right leg after he collided with another ORV while operating in Kalkaska County. The subject was hesitant to give information about the accident and failed to report it until he had checked into the hospital hours after it occurred. An investigation was conducted and information was obtained for an accident report. The driver was issued a citation for failure to report an ORV accident.

CO Sam Schluckbier was patrolling ORV trails in Kalkaska County during the busy Labor Day weekend when he observed two side by side UTV's stopped in the middle of the trail. When making contact with the subjects, he noticed beverage containers and a large cooler placed in the back. CO Schluckbier inquired about the beverages and a passenger claimed it was apple juice. Being that each subject were adults, the apple juice claim was hard to believe. CO Schluckbier searched the cooler and found multiple bottles of beer, including apple flavored alcoholic beer. The open containers were poured out and the subjects were issued a citation for open intoxicants in an ORV.

While patrolling Manistee Lake on Labor Day Weekend, CO Sam Schluckbier was doing a marine safety check on a vessel when he observed a speed boat pulling a water skier "buzz" another vessel nearby. The boat made a large loop and then did it a second time, causing a large wake. CO Schluckbier made a stop on the boat for careless operation. The driver stated he knew the rules, but wanted to splash his wife, who was located on the other boat. A citation was issued for operating within 100 ft. of an anchored vessel. CO Schluckbier explained the dangers of "showing off" while operating a watercraft.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz made a late night contact with a vehicle on state land containing two males and two females, none of whom had identification. All were in possession of open intoxicants and marijuana. The male driver was placed under arrest for DWLS 2<sup>nd</sup> and subsequent offense, possession of marijuana, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, a conditional bond violation and lodged in the Missaukee County jail. The male passenger was arrested and lodged on an outstanding warrant in Wexford County. The female passengers were cited and released.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz received a BOL of three pick-up trucks that were driving recklessly enroute to the Lake City area. CO Liestenfeltz located the vehicles at a local party store where he contacted the three suspect drivers. After an interview and quick investigation, the driver of one vehicle was arrested for marijuana possession while another driver was arrested for felony OUIL 3<sup>rd</sup> offense, DWLS, and improper registration and was lodged in the Missaukee County jail.

While patrolling Crawford County for ORV activity, Sgt. Jeremy Payne noticed a subject loading an ORV with a case of beer at a local party store. The subject and his female passenger did not have helmets. The subject drove onto M-72 where Sgt. Payne made a traffic stop. After a short discussion with the subject, it was determined that his operator's license was suspended. The subject was cited for operating while license suspended and given a warning for operating without a helmet and having a passenger.

While patrolling south Roscommon County, CO Chuck McPherson and Sgt. Jeremy Payne observed a large group of ORVs pull off of Dunham Lake Road onto Old 55. The group was travelling at a high rate of speed and the officers noticed one operator with a "GoPro" video camera on his helmet drive next to the center line while videoing the group. A stop was made on the group and citations were issued for careless operation, riding double, and failing to operate on the shoulder of the roadway.

While on patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz located a large bait pile before baiting was allowed. The bait pile exceeded the daily limit of two gallons and was placed prior to the legal start of baiting. CO Bucholtz made contact with the suspect and enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Bucholtz and Robert Hobkirk participated in a local radio station's live call-in program and answered questions related to hunting, fishing, and other outdoor related topics.

COs Kyle Bucholtz and Seth Rhodea worked the opening weekend of early teal season checking hunters on Saginaw Bay. Most hunters were found to be in compliance with a couple of verbal warnings being given for marine violations. One hunter was found to have an unplugged shotgun and was cited for the violation.

COs Kyle Bucholtz and Mark Siemen, while working a Labor Day marine patrol in Sanilac County on Lake Huron, had contact with a large number of boaters and PWC operators. During these contacts multiple citations were issued by the COs for

numerous offenses, ranging from no personal floatation devices to expired registrations. Also during this patrol, numerous verbal warnings were given and explanations for why specific laws exist to protect the safety of boaters while boating on the Great Lakes.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling northern Bay County when he noticed freshly cut trees that were dropped into the Kawkawlin River, obstructing passage for both people and fish. The CO was able to locate the landowner and received a full confession from him stating he was tired of anglers and kayakers utilizing the river. Enforcement action was taken and the suspect was directed to remove the trees.

While patrolling Isabella County, CO Mike Haas was dispatched to assist with a dirt bike accident which occurred near state land. A sheriff's deputy was with the patient and was stabilizing him when CO Haas and medical personnel arrived. The ambulance was unable to fit down the narrow two-track so CO Haas transported the medical personnel and their gear to the scene. The patient was then loaded into the back of CO Haas' truck and transported to the ambulance and brought to a nearby farm field where he was evacuated by a helicopter to the hospital.

COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson received a complaint from the Isabella County Central Dispatch concerning individuals trespassing and fishing on private property. A sheriff's deputy was waiting for the COs near the suspect's car which was parked near a locked gate with numerous "no trespassing" signs. The COs walked through the woods and located two individuals fishing the Chippewa River from shore and smoking marijuana. After making contact with the subjects and asking to see their fishing licenses and medical marijuana cards, one of the anglers jumped into the river and began to swim across. As the officers yelled for the man to stop, CO Haas ran downstream and crossed the river at a shallow spot and began to pursue the man up a steep, wooded embankment. A deputy detained the other man as CO Robinson crossed the river and assisted CO Haas. CO Haas found the man half way up the large hill hiding behind a tree complaining of sharp side pains and shortness of breath; he also stated he had a warrant for his arrest. The man was apprehended and after being cleared by medical personnel, was lodged in the county jail for resisting and obstructing, fishing without a license, and recreational trespassing. The other angler was cited for recreational trespass and released.

CO Robert Hobkirk assisted the Huron County Sheriff's Department with a domestic assault complaint. After assaulting his significant other, the assailant threatened to do great harm to her if the police arrived. CO Hobkirk was able to approach the rear of the house and get the female and her 10 month old baby out of the house safely. Once the woman and her child were secure, Sheriff's Department Deputies and Officer Hobkirk took the subject into custody.

While checking early season goose hunters and youth waterfowl hunters in fields near Port Austin, CO Robert Hobkirk checked one group of 15 hunters. Three of the youth hunters in the group were using unplugged shotguns. In this situation, a responsible adult was issued a citation for the violation. A short time later, a second group of 13

hunters was checked and two youth hunters in this group were using unplugged shotguns. This time, citations were issued to the youths' fathers who were also hunting. Once CO Hobkirk finished his contact of the second group of hunters, a single hunter was located a short distance away. This hunter was also using an unplugged shotgun to hunt waterfowl. This hunter was issued a citation for hunting waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Eric Smither assisted the Midland County Sheriff's Department on a rollover personal injury accident in Midland County. Upon arrival, they were advised that the suspect had fled the scene. CO Lundberg and PCO Smither went to the residence of the vehicle's registered owner. The registered owner and his girlfriend arrived at the residence and the owner of the vehicle was bloody and declined medical attention. CO Lundberg and PCO Smither stayed with the suspect until deputies could arrive and take over the investigation of leaving the scene of an accident.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Eric Smither were patrolling state land in Gladwin County when they observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of an intersection. PCO Smither contacted the driver and smelled the odor of intoxicants and saw a loaded handgun and a bottle of whiskey on the passenger seat. The driver had a valid concealed pistol license but was under the influence of alcohol. PCO Smither and CO Lundberg administered field sobriety evaluations and a PBT. The suspect was taken into custody and lodged in the Gladwin County Jail for being under the influence of alcohol while in possession of a firearm, a violation of his CPL.

CO Jill Miller worked with the DEQ on a burning complaint in Bay County. Upon arriving at the business, a pile of burnt items was found which included mattresses, light bulbs, a couch and numerous other unlawfully burned items. CO Jill Miller talked with the business owner who admitted to burning the items and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jill Miller received multiple complaints about a subject who shot a wood duck during the early teal season in Saginaw County. CO Miller contacted the subject who admitted to shooting the wood duck. CO Miller educated the suspect on the difference between the two species and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith made contact with a couple of juveniles who were operating an ORV in a state game area. The youth were operating unsupervised and in an area where ORV operation is prohibited. They were returned to their parents and a citation was issued to their father for allowing the youth to operate an ORV without supervision.

CO Jason A. Smith checked a group of hunters during the early teal season. A young hunter in the group was observed shooting at a non-target duck prior to hunting hours, in possession of lead shot, and was hunting with an unplugged gun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on patrol in Tuscola County and encountered two anglers fishing in Murphy Lake. While checking the angler's daily catch, a smallmouth bass was located in a white bucket. The bass was 12 ¼ inches and the angler was cited for possession of an underside smallmouth bass.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on Saginaw Bay when they encountered four individuals waterfowl hunting during the early teal season. During the contact, PCO Varriale discovered the shotgun being used by one of the individuals was not plugged. CO Wright conducted an inspection of the boat and discovered there were only two life jackets on board. Both individuals were cited for their respected violations.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on patrol in Saginaw Bay when they saw a boat with an expired registration. The COs made contact with the individual and upon further inspection found that the individual was underway with a loaded shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on ORV patrol in Tuscola County when they witnessed an individual with a baby on her lap in the driver seat of a side-by-side and a toddler in the passenger seat driving down a dirt road. None of the occupants were properly restrained. The children did not have eye protection and the ORV was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on ORV patrol in Tuscola County when they witnessed four individuals riding on an ATV designed for one passenger. Safety equipment was absent on all individuals and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Casey Varriale were on ORV patrol in Tuscola County when they saw tracks from two dirt bikes driving off the road into state land. The officers made contact with the individuals and educated them on the importance of staying on the designated road.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Tyler Cole and CO Jeff Robinette attended a day long youth event at Edwardsburg Conservation Club. The COs spoke with many kids and parents at the event.

CO Tyler Cole spoke to a hunter safety class at the Dowagiac Conservation Club. CO Cole spoke to approximately 40 students about hunting regulations and ethics.

CO Tyler Cole and Sgt. Zach Doss observed some waterfowl hunters hunting after hours. CO Cole and Sgt. Doss made contact with the hunters when they arrived at the boat launch. When asked about the hunting hours, the two hunters stated a half hour after sunset and gave the time. It was explained that waterfowl hunting hours end at sunset. The hunters were new to waterfowl hunting and didn't even have decoys. The hunters were short one PFD in their boat. Warnings were given for the hunting after hours and a citation was issued for the PFD violation.

CO Andy Bauer spoke to a hunter safety class at Coloma Rod and Gun Club. CO Bauer spoke to approximately 40 students about hunting regulations and ethics.

CO Andy Bauer assisted with a boating safety class at the Belle Isle Yacht Club on Belle Isle.

CO Andy Bauer and CO Saykham Keophalychanh conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan on Labor Day. During the patrol, the COs issued one ticket to a fisherman who was fishing with too many lines. In addition, the COs made contact with a 37' boat that had been purchased in April that was unregistered. The owner had paid \$98,000 for the boat and had never registered the boat or paid sales tax. A citation was issued, along with the owner being told that the COs would be checking to make sure the boat was registered, so that sales tax could be paid at that time.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Ryan Andrews conducted boat patrols on inland lakes in VanBuren county and contacted two boats with violations. The first boat had an expired registration and was short a PFD. Enforcement action was taken. The second boat was being operated with an expired registration and the driver was cited.

While patrolling Barry County, CO Richard Cardenas received a safety zone and trespassing complaint from Barry County dispatch. CO Cardenas responded to the location and observed waterfowl hunters trespassing onto the complainant's property. CO Cardenas made contact with the subjects and found that one of them was hunting waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Richard Cardenas observed a vessel on plane with two subjects on the bow with their legs hanging over into the water. CO Cardenas stopped the vessel and made contact with the subjects. It was found that there were no wearable life jackets on board the vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Scott MacNeill and CO Chris Holmes responded to an accident in Kalamazoo County where a 5 year old boy was struck by a vehicle. The child was operating an electric scooter across the roadway when he was struck. The boy at the time was in extremely critical condition and transported to a Kalamazoo Trauma Center.

CO Michael Mshar received numerous complaints from Allegan County Central Dispatch about a group of ORVs operating recklessly on county roads and through a county campground. CO Mshar responded to the area and located the ORVs. Upon contact, the subjects all advised they were told by a store clerk that the county was open to ORV use. CO Mshar advised the subjects that Allegan County does not permit ORVs off private property. Enforcement action was taken. CO Mshar followed up with the store clerk at the local market to advise him of the laws.

CO Michael Mshar worked the opening day of the experimental teal season and the early goose season in Allegan County. A group of subjects was observed hunting teal and were also observed shooting at wood ducks and shooting prior to the legal shooting

hours. Contact was made and the subjects stated they didn't realize they were wood ducks until after they shot. They also stated they did not know the legal time to shoot. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Mshar responded to a Report All Poaching complaint of subjects who were believed to be hunting waterfowl in a safety zone in Allegan County. CO Mshar and CO Chuck Towns responded to the area. CO Mshar made contact with the hunters as they were arriving at the boat launch on the Rabbit River. CO Towns met with the landowner and was unable to determine if there was a safety zone violation. A check of the hunters and their vessel resulted in the discovery that they were operating without any PFDs on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Mshar responded to a complaint of a hunter being shot at a local pheasant hunting preserve. The hunter was transported to a hospital in Grand Rapids with one pellet lodged in his upper cheek below his eye and one pellet lodged in his wrist. CO Mshar conducted numerous interviews of all parties involved. It was determined that the victim had gotten in front of the other hunters in a hilly area with tall grass. A pheasant flushed and flew very low in the direction of the victim. Two hunters in the party fired at the bird as it was crossing their location. The victim was struck twice from a distance of approximately 50-70 yards. All hunters including the victim were wearing orange vests and hats; however, the terrain and the low flying bird were a major factor in the incident. The victim is expected to make a full recovery. All subjects advised they learned a very valuable lesson.

PCO Kyle Cherry and CO David Rodgers were launching PWCs on the Grand River and noticed two subjects who started placing several items into a bucket rather hurriedly when they noticed the two officers. Figuring they were attempting to cover something up, PCO Cherry went over to investigate and check licenses. PCO Cherry located three undersized largemouth bass hidden in a mesh bag at the bottom of the bucket. The subject stated that they were mistaken for bluegills. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Rodgers and PCO Kyle Cherry contacted a group of four subjects shore fishing in the Bass River Recreation Area after all of them were observed fishing for several minutes. At the time of contact, two of the subjects had stopped fishing, and when asked by PCO Cherry to produce licenses they denied fishing. PCO Cherry advised they were seen fishing, but still they adamantly denied fishing. PCO Cherry said to them that they were seen casting out and retrieving. He then asked if they were just doing that for fun. The subject stated that yes, they were just doing that for fun and not fishing. PCO Cherry said that they still needed a license for that and issued citations to both for fishing without a license.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked angler activity at the Grand River State Game Area. During his patrol, CO Beavers made contact with 2 subjects fishing in a pond near the entrance of the game area. Both subjects stated they did not have licenses. After a quick records check, CO Beavers confirmed they had purchased licenses for previous seasons. CO Beavers explained to the subjects

that they obviously knew they were supposed to have licenses as they had bought them in the past. Both subjects were cited for fishing without a valid fishing license.

While working in Ottawa County during the early goose season, COs BJ Goulette and Justin Ulberg heard a large number of shots near their location. The COs patrolled the area looking for the group of hunters, but was unable to pin point where the shots were coming from. Just prior to leaving the area, the COs checked a dead end road and located the group cleaning the geese they had shot. A check of the group revealed that four of the hunters had been hunting with unplugged guns. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg was checking anglers along the Grand River near Millennium Park when he noticed a subject pushing a bicycle. Contact was made with the subject who advised he had a flat tire on his bike and was going to walk it back to his residence. Further conversation revealed that the subject was unable to contact his wife and he was several miles from his home. CO Ulberg offered a ride and proceeded in transporting the subject and his bike back to his residence.

While patrolling in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg checked a launch at a local lake and checked anglers as they were coming off the water. Most anglers were reporting good numbers of pan fish. However, one angler stated that the fishing wasn't that good and only caught a few fish. A further check revealed that two of the fish were undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Justin Ulberg checked a group of anglers along the Flat River and noticed some fish in a bucket. A further check revealed that two of the fish were undersized small mouth bass. None of the anglers claimed they had caught the fish. Eventually one of the anglers stated that he would take responsibility. A check for prior violations revealed that the subject had been issued a citation by CO Ivan Perez for the same violation in Ottawa County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten responded to assist a Muskegon County Sheriff's Deputy with a hunting incident. Subjects were goose hunting and had shot a passing vehicle on the roadway. The driver had his window down and was struck in the face with one pellet. The pellet lodged in his cheek. He sought his own treatment.

CO Greg Patten responded to PJ Hoffmaster State Park on a man with a gun call. A caller reported that a man had two rifles on the beach. Upon arrival, another caller reported that the person had two air rifles. The suspect said he was teaching his son gun safety. They were using an aluminum can for target practice near the camper beach. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster, PCO Troy Ludwig, and CO Greg Patten responded to a water emergency at the Muskegon south pier while on marine patrol during the Labor Day weekend. Two subjects were in distress in the high waves near the pier. When the COs arrived, they saw that a citizen in a boat was pulling one of the subjects on board

to safety. Another subject was treated by an ambulance crew at the Muskegon Coast Guard Station.

## **DISTRICT 8**

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds worked the Youth Jamboree at the Hudson Recreation Area. More than 1,100 children and parents attended the event. The COs fielded questions and handed out guides for the upcoming fall seasons during the event.

CO Andrew Monnich was traveling down US-223 when he spotted a four wheeler operating on the highway. CO Monnich conducted a stop and noticed the rider was not wearing a helmet and had no ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was checking goose hunters in southern Lenawee County and saw a hunter shooting at ducks as he walked in a swamp. CO Monnich located the hunter's vehicle and waited until the individual came out. Upon contact CO Monnich located a hen wood duck under all the decoys in the decoy bag. The hunter stated that he thought it was a teal but wasn't 100% sure when he shot it. Enforcement action was taken on harvesting a wood duck out of season.

CO Andrew Monnich was on patrol and noticed a man standing in a bean field. He contacted the subject who was wearing a helmet and was grasping his arm. The man said he lost control of his motorcycle while traveling around the curve in the road and ended up in the bean field. CO Monnich assisted the man and waited on scene until the county sheriff arrived to handle the crash.

CO Peter Purdy was first on scene for a single motorcycle personal injury accident. The driver lost control of the motorcycle on the I-75/M-10 on-ramp. CO Purdy provided first aid and traffic control until MSP and EMS arrived on scene.

CO Dan Prince talked to 75 students and adults on September 10, 2016 at a hunter's safety class. The class was held at the Livingston Conservation and Sport Association in Brighton. CO Prince talked about firearm safety and fall turkey hunting.

CO Brandon Hartleben swore to a five-count felony warrant for a BUI arrest made in July. The complaint and warrant were submitted to the court and the arrest of the subject is pending.

CO Brandon Hartleben responded to a call of a wounded hawk on US-23 in Washtenaw County. CO Hartleben located an injured red-tailed hawk and, after securing proper handling and storage equipment, successfully captured it. CO Hartleben transported the injured hawk to a local rehabilitator for treatment.

CO Rich Nickols received a complaint about a stolen tree stand on private property. The complainant stated he had been leasing the property for several years and that someone who hunts the neighboring property took down his stand and locked it in a

deer blind. After speaking with several parties involved, CO Nickols determined the complainant was not actually leasing the property for hunting and had no legal right to be on the property. Contact was made with the suspect to get the tree stand returned to its owner.

CO Isaac Tyson gave a presentation at a hunter safety class held at the Branch County Sportsman Club. Over 50 adults and children were in attendance.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Carter Woodwyk encountered a family fishing at a Jackson area boat launch. The female subject quickly passed her pole off to a younger person and stated she was not fishing. The male with her did not possess a fishing license either. The couple stated they did not have money for fishing licenses after purchasing new fishing poles and bait. They did; however, have money for the alcoholic beverages they had brought with them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Carter Woodwyk were checking anglers and performed a safety check of a vessel. The occupants quickly tried to pass off their boat's docking fenders as life jackets. It was discovered they only had two life jackets for the four occupants and no required Type 4 PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster encountered a group of individuals camping in a non-designated area of the Waterloo Recreation Area. The six individuals had quite the party and had trashed the area where they were illegally camping. While making them clean up their mess, it was discovered that one of the individuals had an outstanding warrant. Ultimately the subject was advised and released with a notice to appear in court.

CO Shane Webster attended a hunter safety class held at the Grass Lake Sportsman's Club in Jackson County. Approximately 70 students were in attendance.

COs Todd Thorn and Matt Neterer, and PCO Carter Woodwyk held an online field day hunter education course at Charlotte Assembly of God on September 10th. 27 students participated and were successful in attaining their hunter safety certificates.

COs Todd Thorn and Matt Neterer, and PCO Joseph Myers attended a hunter safety class at the Eaton County Sheriff's Office on Wednesday, September 7th. There were approximately 45 people in attendance.

CO Larn Strawn attended Law Enforcement Active Shooter Emergency Response (LASER) Training. The LASER course provides a solution for the tactical response for police when confronting an incident of active violence such as shootings at schools.

While patrolling the Maple River, CO Larn Strawn observed an unoccupied boat tied off along the shore. While investigating the area, CO Strawn located an illegal campsite and two people inside a tent. The campers were in a closed area and they had not posted a registration card. After taking a closer look at the campsite and the boat, CO

Strawn also discovered the campers were in possession of five large channel catfish but neither had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Neterer responded to a RAP complaint of hunters shooting ducks out of season. CO Neterer arrived to find four youth waterfowl hunters being mentored by three adults. The young hunters were just wrapping up a successful hunt and no violations were found.

During marine patrol on Vineyard Lake in Jackson County, CO Chris Maher observed a man giving his young son a ride on a personal watercraft without wearing a personal floatation device. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick received a report of a suicidal female in Shiawassee County. CO Slick traveled to the area reported and found the subject in her vehicle less than a mile from the residence. She did not have any injuries and ultimately received medical attention.

CO Robert Slick received a complaint of goose hunters with possible unplugged guns. CO Slick responded to the location and made contact with the group. CO Slick noticed there were three guns and only two hunters. CO Slick also found a box of lead shot tucked under a bush by the guns. When CO Slick asked why they had the box of shells, they stated they were planning on shooting rabbits when they came out of the brush. CO Slick informed them that small game season doesn't start until September 15, and that they could not have any lead shot in their possession. CO Slick then checked the shotguns that the hunters were using and discovered that only one out of the three guns were plugged. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO James Zellinger approached two juveniles returning to their vehicle after a waterfowl hunt. The juveniles were excited to show CO Zellinger the "so called" four green-winged teal they had harvested during the early teal season. After further inspection, CO Zellinger identified the four ducks as three green-winged teal and one American widgeon. The juveniles were educated on their mistake and informed duck hunters are held to a high standard and must be able to identify the species of duck they are shooting at before attempting to harvest a duck. The juveniles were instructed to research duck identification websites and the American widgeon was seized. No enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Walzak made contact with two goose hunters in a boat. While checking the safety equipment for the vessel, it was found that the owner did not provide the proper life preservers as required. Checking the hunting gear, CO Walzak found that the subjects were in possession of a number of lead shot shells. When the CO asked one of them who the lead shot belonged to, the subject replied that they did not belong to him and indicated his hunting partner had to have brought the lead. Feeling the focus shifting to him, the other subject looked at the first and stated, "You bought those shells!" The first subject fired right back at him saying, "Yeah, but we traded,

remember? I traded you these shells for that other box of shells, remember??" Unable to duck the responsibility for bringing the lead, the second subject simply looked at the CO and quietly said, "They're mine". Enforcement action was taken for both the lead shot and the marine violation.

CO James Zellinger contacted three waterfowl hunters as they were exiting a marsh. Two of the hunters did not have plugged shotguns and had not bought a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. While checking the waterfowl hunters, an ORV drove on the dike in the State Game Area where prohibited. The ORV had three passengers riding in places other than designed. Enforcement action was taken in both situations.

While patrolling a managed waterfowl area, CO James Zellinger contacted multiple subjects who had not taken the HIP survey for 2016. The subjects were educated on the requirement of the HIP survey and the responsibility of the hunter to ensure the license vendor gives them the survey. No enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Christopher Knights was headed west when he witnessed a dirt bike headed east directly towards him. CO Knights conducted a stop and questioned the rider. CO Knights examined the bike and saw that he didn't have any registration or ORV stickers. The individual stated he just purchased the bike a couple weeks ago, but hadn't done anything to make it legal. CO Knights advised the operator of the laws. Enforcement action taken.

CO Christopher Knights was out at Bald Mountain State Game Area with a park ranger who pointed out a couple illegal tree stands. CO Knights went to four different locations with the ranger and was able to take them down. Two of them didn't have any markings on them at all and were up before September 1st. The park ranger took both and stored at the park headquarters. Follow up to take place on the others that have bait currently placed.

CO Jacob Griffin was traveling I-75 in Oakland County when a vehicle passed him on the right at a high rate of speed. As CO Griffin made an attempt to catch up to the vehicle, it began swerving in and out of traffic using all lanes of the highway. After a few miles, CO Griffin was able to catch up to the vehicle and eventually signal for the driver to pull the vehicle over. When CO Griffin addressed the speed of the vehicle with the driver, the subjected stated that he just wanted to get home. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jacob Griffin stopped at a boat access site in Oakland County to check waterfowl hunters. When CO Griffin arrived he discovered multiple vehicles including a motorcycle unsecure with the keys in each of the ignitions. Furthermore, the motorcycle did not have any license plates. After CO Griffin checked the registration of the vehicles and the VIN of the motorcycle, he discovered that the motorcycle was not stolen, but one of the other vehicles belonged to a subject with felony charges. Moreover, the subject with felony charges previously purchased a waterfowl hunting license one day prior. The Michigan State Police (MSP) arrived on scene to assist CO Griffin with finding all the information on the abandoned motorcycle and possibly locating the

waterfowl hunters on land near the access site. Just after CO Griffin cleared the surrounding land, he noticed a motorboat approaching from a distance. As the boat arrived at the access site, CO Griffin discovered three subjects wearing camo, each in possession of firearms, and waterfowl hunting gear. As CO Griffin conducted a routine waterfowl check, MSP questioned the three subjects about the motorcycle. All three subjects stated that the motorcycle was not theirs and it had been there overnight. While MSP arranged for the abandoned motorcycle to be towed, CO Griffin discovered the vessel did not have enough PFDs on board, one subject was in possession of lead shot, and the subject with felony charges was illegally in possession of a firearm. CO Griffin seized the firearm from the subject with the felony and a warrant will be requested. Enforcement action taken.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jason Becker observed a car on I-75 pass other vehicles at a high rate of speed. CO Becker sped-up and paced the vehicle at 99 miles per hour. CO Becker conducted a traffic stop. When CO Becker contacted the subject, he stated that he was not feeling well and only travelling at 75 miles per hour. CO Becker educated him on the safety concerns with sudden lane changes at a high rate of speed. Enforcement action taken.

While on patrol on Cass Lake for the Labor Day Holiday, CO Jason Becker contacted a subject on a PWC operating within 100 feet of a swim area. CO Becker asked for the operator's identification and the registration for the PWC. The subject had neither. CO Becker pointed out that the PWC had no MC numbers or expiration decals. The operator stated that the marina unloaded the wrong PWC. Upon a check, CO Becker discovered that the subject had never taken boater safety. CO Becker discussed the multiple violations with the operator. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was on patrol on White Lake for the Labor Day Holiday. CO Becker contacted two subjects fishing from a paddle boat in the main flow of boat traffic. CO Becker discussed the safety concern in the busy area. CO Becker asked the subjects to see their fishing licenses. Both subjects stated they did not have licenses. While interviewing the subjects, CO Becker realized that one subject was 17 years old and had consumed alcohol. CO Becker discussed the alcohol and fishing violations. CO Becker ensured they made it back to shore safely. Enforcement action taken.

CO Justin Muehlhauser was working Lobdell and Bennett Lakes for the close of early Teal season when shortly after sunset, the CO noticed a small vessel operating without any navigation lights. CO Muehlhauser stopped the vessel and conducted a safety inspection. It was determined that the lights were inoperable on the vessel. The vessel was escorted to shore in the dark and the operator was educated on the law. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Christopher Knights drove through Bald Mountain State Park. CO Knights was slowly driving past the beach when he noticed a jogger flagging him down. The jogger advised that as he was jogging the trails he witnessed two men hunting and not wearing hunter orange. CO Knights thanked the

jogger for the info and was able to locate a vehicle alongside one of the trails further in the park. CO Knights ran the plates and got all relative information while waiting for the individuals to come out of the woods. While waiting, CO Knights heard multiple shots, they seemed to be getting closer to the road where he waited. Just a few minutes later two men walked out and CO Knights met them at the trail. Neither were wearing hunter orange and only one had a rifle with him. CO Knights questioned them and asked what they were shooting and also took licenses. Both men spoke poor English. CO Knights contacted a family member to translate for him over the phone. The men stated they were hunting birds and small animals as they appeared in the woods. CO Knights advised them of the law and what laws they were violating. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker contacted several waterfowl hunter on the close of teal season. As he was checking firearms, CO Becker discovered that one of the hunters had an unplugged shotgun. The hunter knew of the law but decided to use it anyway. CO Becker educated the hunter on the law. Enforcement was action taken.

CO Christopher Knights and Sgt. Jason J. Smith were on marine patrol over the holiday when they checked three anglers fishing in Pontiac. None of the anglers had licenses and stated that they just felt like fishing today. Further check revealed one of the anglers had a \$10,000 probation warrant for his arrest. The angler was advised of his warrant and enforcement action taken.

COs Kris Kiel and Brad Silorey checked a local ORV trouble area on private land and apprehended four individuals operating dirt bikes. Upon contact, it was determined that none of the ORVs were licensed or had been titled. On top of those violations, all subjects were trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey received a complaint from the Report All Poaching hotline pertaining to a landlord that found a bobcat and hawk carcass in the basement of one of his properties in Macomb County. The landlord stated that he recently evicted the renter and was removing his belongings when the bobcat and hawk were discovered. CO Silorey was aware of the bobcat and hawk from a previous complaint; however he was unable to locate the suspect who was also wanted on several other criminal warrants. CO Silorey met with the landlord and seized the untagged bobcat and hawk as evidence. The investigation and search for the suspected bobcat poacher will continue.

CO Al Schwiderson worked enforcement efforts for the waterfowl teal season in Lapeer County and found no hunters. However, CO Schwiderson did make contact with a female and her daughter in the refuge of the LSGA and warned them due to their unfamiliarity with the property.

CO Matthew Zultak contacted two subjects fishing on a boat who did not have valid fishing licenses. The boat was also missing current registration and there were not enough personal flotation devices for all occupants. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak contacted an ORV travelling at excessive speeds and operating in the roadway in Lapeer County. The occupants were not wearing seatbelts and the ORV was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey and Kris Kiel patrolled for ORV activity at a popular spot known for ORV trespass in Macomb County. To no surprise, COs Silorey and Kiel immediately could hear several subjects riding in a closed area. After traversing the rugged terrain to the location of the riders, four subjects on dirt bikes were stopped by the officers. The suspects stated that they were only testing the bikes to figure out if they wanted to purchase them. In addition to recreationally trespassing, none of the ORVs were licensed with ORV stickers. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey and Matthew Zultak were on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair when they observed multiple groups of waterfowl hunters set up along shore near a popular beach. One group of hunters in particular drew the attention of the COs, due to operating their vessel without navigational lights prior to sunrise. The COs observed the hunters on a 25 foot pleasure craft anchored along shore with several decoys set out. After making contact with the hunters, they stated that this was only their second time out hunting for waterfowl. During a check of the hunters' licenses and equipment, several violations were discovered. The hunters were hunting waterfowl with the possession of lead shot, more than one firearm, and an unplugged shotgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey attended court at the 42-2 District court of New Baltimore for a sentencing of a suspect on an illegally taken antlered deer.

CO Ken Kovach attended the annual Woods-N-Water show in Imlay City. CO Kovach fielded questions from hundreds of hunters' about the upcoming hunting seasons, law changes, and how to become a CO.

CO Ken Kovach was requested to assist on an unknown accident in rural St. Clair County. Once on scene, the driver fled on foot while CO Kovach rendered first aid to the passengers in the car. A K9 Unit was called in to search for the suspected OWI driver. CO Kovach was able to locate the suspect nearly two hours later by using issued equipment. CO Kovach took the suspect into custody and turned him over to the sheriff's department where he was lodged for OWI and fleeing the scene of a motor vehicle accident causing injury.

CO Ken Kovach was conducting a late night surveillance patrol, when he observed a vehicle travelling at an extremely high rate of speed in rural St. Clair County. CO Kovach was able to catch up to the vehicle several miles later after pacing it at nearly 100 mph. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Zultak worked the woods and water expo in Imlay City.

## **BELLE ISLE**

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Ben Lasher contacted a subject with three pit bull type dogs running off their leashes. The subject had leashes in his hand but refused to put them on the dogs and became very belligerent toward CO Lasher for asking him to follow the park rules. CO Lasher was assisted by CO Lawn Strawn due to the subject's behavior. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jacob Griffin and Joshua Jackson were on patrol on Belle Isle when they received and responded to a call of an injury accident on the north side of the island. As the COs arrived on scene, they discovered a large golf cart wedged under the side of a shuttle bus. CO Griffin administered medical attention to one of the two occupants of the golf cart, while CO Jackson tried to locate the driver. After the passenger was secure medically, CO Griffin assisted CO Jackson with the investigation of the accident. CO Jackson found one subject walking down the main road outside of the parking lot where the accident occurred. The suspect admitted to driving the golf cart while witnesses identified the same suspect as the driver. After noticing that the suspected driver was visibly intoxicated, CO Jackson administered field sobriety tests with the suspect. The suspect failed to correctly begin all the field sobriety tests and blew well over the legal limit through a breathalyzer. The suspect was taken into custody and enforcement action was taken.

COs James Zellinger and Chris Reynolds responded to a call for assistance with a medical incident while working Belle Isle. The subject had been taking LSD all day and was near passing out and unruly. After arriving on scene, the COs assisted the subject's friends in holding the subject down until the ambulance arrived. Medical staff was on scene from a music event on the island and was monitoring the subject's vital signs. The COs assisted EMS staff in loading the subject into the ambulance who drove the subject to the hospital for further treatment.

COs Pete Purdy and Seth Rhodea assisted DNR Parks and Recreation Division with a bicyclist on Belle Isle that fell off her bike and possibly broke her arm. First aid was provided. She refused EMS.

COs Pete Purdy and Seth Rhodea assisted with an extensive search for a two year-old child missing at the beach on Belle Isle. Michigan State Police, Detroit Police Department, United States Border Patrol, United States Coast Guard, and PRD searched the area. The child was found by a Good Samaritan in the water, alive. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover.

While patrolling on Belle Isle, COs Pete Purdy and Seth Rhodea contacted a subject who had driven his vehicle across the lawn and backed his vehicle into one of the ponds on the island to launch his PWC. Contact was made with the subject who had gotten his vehicle stuck after trying to remove his PWC. A citation was issued and a wrecker was contacted to pull the stuck vehicle out.