

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Ethen Mapes was on patrol when he came across a bear hunter who failed to purchase a license before chasing bear with his dogs. Law enforcement action was taken for chasing bear without a license.

CO Brian Lasanen checked a group of bear hunters in Ontonagon County with a bear that was shot and field dressed but wasn't tagged with a kill tag. The hunters advised they usually tag a bear when they get it home. CO Lasanen had them tag the bear and enforcement action was taken for fail to immediately attach a kill tag.

CO Dennis Gast worked marine and fishing patrols on Houghton county lakes as activity increased due to warmer weather. One angler was cited for fish without a license and several warnings were given to others for defective safety equipment on vessels.

CO Doug Hermanson contacted two bear hunters sitting in a vehicle on a Keweenaw County trail. One hunter had a rifle next to the front seat that wasn't cased and neither hunter disclosed that they were carrying pistols under a CPL permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson contacted a member of a group after they cut live trees to make an enclosure while camping on state land on Keweenaw point. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dave Miller interviewed a trapper who obtained and tagged his fisher/marten tags after he trapped a marten. Proper tagging instruction was given.

CO Brian Lasanen investigated a personal injury ORV accident. The driver suffered minor cuts and scratches on his head. The driver told CO Lasanen that he was traveling down the trail, hit a pot hole and lost control of the side by side and rolled it on its side. Upon further investigation, it was determined the driver was going too fast for trail conditions while approaching a 90 degree turn on the trail. Law Enforcement action was taken for failure to attach an ORV license and careless operation of an ORV.

COs Ethen Mapes and Brian Lasanen were on a marine patrol on Lake Superior in Ontonagon County when they checked a boat trolling 8 lines. The anglers were happy to show the fish they had caught. When asked for their fishing licenses, only the owner of the boat provided a valid license. Another passenger stated that he wasn't fishing but just along for a boat ride. The owner of the boat was cited for fishing with too many lines.

CO Ethen Mapes followed up on a state land use violation in Ontonagon County. A logging operation was using state land to load and transport logs without a use permit. The owner of the company was cited for failing to obtain a state land use permit while running a commercial operation.

CO Denny Gast checked a husband and wife fishing while on a routine marine patrol. Both were fishing and only the husband had a fishing license. In addition to this there were not any life jackets in the boat either. Law Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Miller attended a U.S. Forest Service safety meeting in Kenton with approximately 15 U.S. Forest Service employees and talked about the upcoming hunting seasons.

CO David Miller worked with Detective Elton Luce III (DEQ) who had received a septic dumping complaint near Watton. The officers discovered that the location was actually getting used to dump grease from a commercial deep fryer. There was a large amount of tires and roofing material at the site also. Enforcement action was taken for the property owner to clean up the site.

CO Doug Hermanson responded to a complaint of trespass by goose hunters near Baraga. The landowner advised hunters shot from the roadway into his farm field and retrieved geese. The landowner confronted the hunters and obtained a license plate number. CO Hermanson was able to locate the hunters at which time they admitted to trespassing. Law Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink and CO Ethen Mapes were on patrol when they came across several bags of trash dumped on public land. CO Sink and CO Mapes began digging through the trash and discovered several names attached to the trash. After a brief investigation, CO Mapes was able to figure out who dumped the trash on public land. CO Sink and CO Mapes went to interview the suspect who quickly confessed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink and CO Ethen Mapes were on patrol when a call came across central dispatch of a hunter shooting at another hunter. CO Sink and CO Mapes responded to the call. After making contact with the reporting party, it was determined that the hunter who took the shots was trying to scare the other hunters out of the woods. An investigation is pending.

CO Jared Ferguson received a complaint of a neighbor dispute over burning of illegal materials. CO Ferguson responded and found a burn barrel still smoldering with styrofoam, plastics, oil cans and other toxic materials. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson and Sgt. Marc Pomroy assisted Kingsford Public Safety Officers with a B&E in progress. CO Ferguson and Sgt. Pomroy were able to cut off his escape route through the woods. The suspect was arrested for several misdemeanors and lodged in the Dickinson County Jail.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he came across an ORV being operated on the highway. CO Sink conducted a stop on the ORV. The individuals stated they were bird hunting and were heading home. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon was on patrol when he encountered a slow moving vehicle. Contact was made with the two road hunting subjects. A check of licenses and firearms turned out ok, but an open container of alcohol was found in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy received a complaint of a subject that had bait violations related to the Liberty Hunt. Contact was made with the father and son as they exited the woods and a discussion was had regarding the illegal baiting activity. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson responded to a state land target shooting complaint in an area known for littering. CO Ferguson made contact with the suspects as they were shooting bottles and a television. The subjects had left a mess in the area and violations were discovered during a check of one of the handguns they were shooting. Enforcement action was taken

COs Mark Leadman and Brett DeLonge contacted 3 subjects that were adding bait to their bait site on commercial forest land. The bait site had both a barrel filled with bait and a large hollow log filled with bait. The subjects knew the barrel was illegal but said it was too hard to run that many baits through the large wilderness areas. A citation was issued for the illegal bait on CFR Land.

COs Brett DeLonge and Brian Lasanen responded to a road killed moose in the Three Lakes area of Baraga County. A young bull moose was struck and killed with no injuries to the vehicle occupants. They salvaged what they could of the meat for donations to needy families.

COs Jeremy Sergey and Jeff Dell stopped an individual operating an ORV on state land who wasn't wearing a helmet. After making contact, they discovered the individual had an open can of beer, a suspended driver's license and a firearm. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman patrolled through the Anderson Lake State Forest Campground. CO Leadman observed several empty beer cans and vehicle tracks where the operator had been spinning their tires in the gravel. CO Leadman located a campsite with remnants of a beer party from the night before. The campsite had a tag attached to the post but the envelope with the required money was never deposited into the pay pipe. The camper advised he was waiting to get paid before he registered his campsite. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman observed two dirt bikes operating at high speeds along County Road 480 in Marquette County. CO Leadman observed as the bikes turned onto state

highway M-35 and continued racing down the shoulder of the road throwing gravel as they accelerated up to 55 mph. CO Leadman was able to get one of the bikes stopped and informed the operator of the numerous violations and hazards that were involved. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman was patrolling in the Wolf Lake area when he observed an ORV operating against the flow heading right toward him. The operator was not wearing a helmet and a stop was made. When asked for his license, the operator stated he hasn't had one since 1999. When asked if he had any firearms on his ORV, the operator stated he had three. CO Leadman then removed three loaded handguns carried upon the subject. A check revealed the subject's operator's license was suspended and he did not have a concealed pistol license. All firearms were seized and enforcement action was taken against the operator.

CO Jeffrey Dell responded to a complaint of inorganic material being burned. CO Dell located the residence where a fire was burning. CO Dell asked the resident what was burning. The man stated an old foam chair, a television and a bug zapper. Enforcement action was taken for unlawful disposal of solid waste.

CO Jeffrey Dell checked bear hunters hunting bear. One man was found to be in possession of a firearm without a bear license or a "no-kill" bear license. Another hunter was found to be operating an ORV at excessive speeds without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jeffrey Dell and Jeremy Sergey observed an ORV operating at a high rate of speed along a US highway. The COs were able to catch up to the rider who was traveling in excess of 60 miles per hour. Enforcement action was taken for excessive speed and operating an ORV upon a closed highway.

COs Brett DeLonge and Mark Leadman received a complaint of a dead bear on commercial forest land. The bear had gotten its head stuck in a barrel that had been filled with bait and illegally placed on CFR Land. Once the bear had squeezed its head into the small hole cut in the side of the barrel, it could not get it back out and died during its struggles. COs DeLonge and Leadman set up surveillance in the area and caught two subjects in the area that were tied to the scene. Both subjects were riding ORVs without helmets with one of them unregistered. One subject was carrying open intoxicants while pulling a trailer loaded with one of the illegal barrels. The subjects denied having the illegal bait that killed the bear until confronted with overwhelming evidence placing them at the scene. Both subjects were cited for numerous violations with additional charges sought through the prosecutor's office.

COs Brett DeLonge and Mark Leadman located a camp on commercial forest land with lots of bear bait piled next to the camper. A check revealed the owner only had a "No Kill Tag" but his wife had a second season Baraga tag. During a second visit to the campsite, the male subject was contacted and he described seeing a small bear the night before. He said his wife was in town doing some shopping. The COs found that

story hard to believe since town was many miles away and the subject's vehicle was still parked in front of the campsite. CO DeLonge returned that evening after making contact with a CO from the couple's home town. It had been confirmed that the wife was still at home in lower Michigan approximately 200 miles away. CO DeLonge located the male subject hunting over a bear bait and possessing both a rifle and a large handgun. The male subject denied that he would have shot a bear and said his wife would be back shortly. CO DeLonge explained to him that there was a CO at the subject's residence speaking with his wife at that very moment. He finally admitted that his wife was not bear hunting and he was ticketed for hunting without a license. The wife was also ticketed for borrowing/loaning her license as she admitted that her husband was in the Upper Peninsula hunting bears and she gave her license to him.

DISTRICT 2

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn assisted with a fatal accident on US-2. The accident shut down US-2 for nearly four hours. The COs blocked US-2 to ensure safety for all responders. COs Freeborn and Evink used their knowledge of the area to assist in creating the reroute of traffic and assisted at rural turns in the detour.

CO Pat Hartsig and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon were patrolling for goose hunters when central dispatch gave out a complaint of hunters that were hunting too close to a residence. After responding and speaking with the complainants, it was found that the goose hunters had shot across the river and their shots hit the house and deck. When leaving the residence, CO Hartsig received a phone call from a hunter he had spoken to regarding questions he had about trespass while hunting. It turns out the caller was the suspect in the incident. CO Hartsig informed the caller to stay put while he launched his boat. Upon contacting the waterfowl hunters, CO Hartsig and Sgt. Fitzgibbon noticed the hunters using a Go-Pro to film their hunt. After viewing their footage, it was found that the only goose they had shot had flown in front of the complainant's house and two of the hunters fired at the goose and unfortunately the house. Enforcement action was taken regarding the careless discharge of a firearm into a safety zone.

CO Robert Freeborn and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon stopped a 4-wheeler operating along a state highway. CO Freeborn advised the operator that he could not operate along a state highway. When CO Freeborn asked for the operator's driver's license, he was handed an out of state ID card. CO Freeborn ran a file check on the subject and found that his license had been suspended for alcohol violations. A citation was issued.

CO Robert Freeborn participated in the annual "coffee with a cop" program at the Manistique senior center. CO Freeborn along with Michigan State Police and local police agencies all gathered at the senior center and had coffee with the local senior citizens and answered any questions they had about the career in law enforcement. CO Freeborn was able to answer several fish and game and ORV questions. The senior citizens were glad to see the DNR participate in their event.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed an unlicensed ORV with two occupants on it when not designed for being operated down the county road. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made. The driver, who had a suspended driver's license, was placed under arrest and lodged in the Delta County Jail.

CO Chris Lynch was on patrol when he observed an ORV being operated on a snowmobile trail and the driver not wearing a helmet. A traffic stop was conducted and contact was made. The driver had a warrant out for his arrest and had a revoked driver's license. The subject was placed under arrest and lodged in the Delta County Jail.

CO Chris Lynch contacted a goose hunter during the early goose season that was in possession of two geese without a state waterfowl license or a federal duck stamp. CO Lynch was checking licenses purchased by the hunter from past years when he noticed a suspicious deer license purchase from 2016. Further investigation revealed an 8-point buck was harvested by the hunter with a suspicious circumstances suggesting the hunter may have shot a deer then purchased his kill tag after the fact. CO Lynch followed up with the hunter and the hunter confessed to shooting the deer without a license. The antlers and gun used were seized and a report will be submitted to the prosecutor's office for a warrant request.

COs Chris Lynch, Rob Freeborn, and Pat Hartsig took part in an investigation that was recently adjudicated. A subject was operating an illegal charter by not having his pilot's license, carrying passengers for hire when not licensed to be a charter, and fishing without a license. The subject was fined a total of \$1025 for the violations.

CO Chris Lynch answered questions related to hunting, fishing, and ORV usage at youth and the outdoors in Escanaba in which approximately 280 youths participated.

CO Chris Lynch spoke at an ORV class about ORV laws at the Pocket Park in Escanaba with approximately 25 youth in attendance.

CO Mark Zitnik and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon patrolled opening day of the second bear season. Over 50 hunters were contacted throughout the day, several warnings were given and five citations issued. The citations included three loaded/uncased firearms in a motor vehicle, no participation license, and use of plastic and metal containers at bait station on public land.

CO Mark Zitnik and Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon conducted hunter safety classes in Munising and Eben.

CO Kevin Postma attended a table-top exercise put on by the U.S. Coast Guard. The exercises focus on upcoming multi agency training events.

CO Kevin Postma positioned himself in a remote area to listen for late waterfowl hunting. CO Postma heard several gun shots well past waterfowl shooting hours. CO

Postma eventually made contact with a youth hunter coming out of the woods. It was determined that the youth was sighting in his deer rifle after missing an 8-point buck earlier in the evening during the youth hunt. CO Postma located 2 uncased unloaded firearms in the young hunter's vehicle. The 16-year-old was lectured and educated about having uncased firearms in a motor vehicle

CO Jon Busken was on patrol when Mackinac Central Dispatch requested any available unit to respond to a possible injury accident on US-2. CO Busken was the closest unit and responded to the crash. No injuries occurred. The driver who was at fault was found to have been operating carelessly. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Hammill and CO Jon Busken were patrolling the Tahquamenon River for marine activity. While contacting an angler fishing from a boat, CO Busken smelled the distinct odor of unburnt marijuana. When questioned, the suspect produced only burnt marijuana. Further questioning led to the suspect producing marijuana, rolling papers and THC chewable. Enforcement action was taken and the illegal substances were seized.

Sgt. Mike Hammill and CO Jon Busken were returning from a marine patrol when they saw a vehicle in the ditch. Contact was made with the driver who admitted to falling asleep while driving. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken was returning from a marine patrol when he observed an ORV operating without a current registration. Contact was made with the operator who was found to be improperly transporting medical marijuana and in possession of an unregistered handgun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Calvin Smith contacted a bear hunter he had determined started an early bear bait. The suspect initially denied starting the bait early until confronted with pictures showing him tending the bait prior to the legal start date for baiting bear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg received a complaint of several large trash bags full of garbage dumped on state land on Drummond Island. CO Oberg located the trash and found a pill bottle that appeared like someone tried to scrape off the label. CO Oberg was able to make out a last name and located several first names looking through the trash and was able to develop a suspect through a name search from central dispatch. CO Oberg found that the possible suspect had an address down by Lansing and just a couple days prior got arrested on a warrant on his way back down. CO Oberg will continue to follow-up on the possible suspect.

CO Oberg was travelling back to his residence at the end of his shift when he located a dump truck in the ditch just down the road from his house. CO Oberg stopped and found out that the driver had blown a front tire and lost control and ended up in the steep ditch and got very lucky with it resulting in no injuries or flipping the truck. CO

Oberg contacted central dispatch. Soon after a Michigan State Police trooper arrived on scene and handled the accident report.

COs Bobby Watson and Mark Zitnik were on patrol for the first season bear hunt in the Newberry Unit. The two COs responded to a tip on a possible party hunting situation, to which no violation was found. While patrolling the surrounding area, CO Zitnik and CO Watson observed fresh tracks which led to a parked truck as well as a parked four-wheeler. After a short wait, a second vehicle pulled in. Contact was made with the friend who claimed he was there to pick-up his friend from the woods on the four-wheeler. Eventually the two COs made contact with the hunter in the woods who had been driven in by the four-wheeler approximately .5 mile through a thick swamp along a freshly opened trail. Among the violations found were; Riding an ORV with no helmet, Riding double on an ORV, no name on tree stand, more than two gallons of grain used for bait, failure to make grain inaccessible to deer, plastic buckets used in the bait site, operating an ORV in a closed area and remove/destroy trees on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson responded to a complaint of fishermen taking an over limit of coho salmon from Lake Superior. CO Watson observed the group fishing throughout the morning and witnessed them catch and keep several fish. CO Watson then observed the same group return in the evening to continue fishing. When CO Watson made contact at the end of the night as the group returned, they failed to inform CO Watson they had been fishing all day. The group had what they thought to be a limit of steelhead caught that evening, when they in fact had a nice catch of Coho, but 6 fish short of a 3-man limit. CO Watson gained permission to check their freezer back at camp, where it was discovered they were within the legal possession limit. The group admitted to believing they were over limit on steelhead. CO Watson educated the group on ways to better identify fish.

Grouse hunters in Mackinac County are seeing a good number of birds, but the warm weather and extensive leaf cover have limited success. Hunters are still encouraged at the number of birds.

CO Brett Gustafson responded to an abandoned net complaint off Goose Island near Hessel. An abandoned trap net was located that was assumed to have been removed but it had not been. Follow-up with fishermen contracted to remove it is taking place.

Eighty degree plus temperatures have hampered the bear hunting season up until this point. A few hunters are reporting some success over bait. The houndsmen are having a slow, hot start to their season this far.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County checked two ladies kayaking from Lake Charlevoix into Round Lake. They said they were headed back to their home on Lake Michigan and neither had a life preserver. CO Erratt ticketed the owner of the kayaks

for failing to provide personal flotation devices for the kayaks and loaned them two life preservers so they could safely complete their voyage.

While patrolling Six Mile Lake, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County checked two men fishing from a paddle boat. One fisherman reeled in a sunfish as she approached; however, neither had purchased a fishing license. They said she had checked their relatives earlier in the summer in the same paddle boat as they headed out to fish without licenses. Both anglers were ticketed for fishing without a license.

While patrolling Lake Charlevoix, CO Andrea Erratt and Charlevoix Marine Deputy Cameron McDonnell stopped a jet-ski operating directly behind a large boat while another personal watercraft jumped the same wake behind him. CO Erratt ticketed the jet-ski operator for operating at greater than slow no wake speed within 150 feet behind a boat and warned his daughter for jumping the wake too close to the same boat.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County received a complaint about fireworks on a raft going off too close to the complainant's dock and boats. CO Erratt patrolled to the home on Lake Charlevoix and the owner showed her the homemade raft with 60 fireworks pipes attached on top. The raft with exploding fireworks had drifted right in front of his dock and boat lifts and then floated up against his neighbor's dock. He said the owner of the raft was at a neighbor's house. CO Erratt went to the neighbor's house and asked several people sitting around a fire if they knew anything about the firework show. The owner of the raft stated he had towed the make-shift firework barge across the lake from his house to surprise his friends. He said as he lit the fuse and motored away, the anchor broke free, and the raft drifted toward the neighbor's boats and dock. He said he attempted to grab the raft but the fireworks started exploding and it was too hot. The amateur firework's technician stated he felt terrible and he and his friends went with CO Erratt to get the raft out of the water. Luckily no damage was done to the boats or canopies. Enforcement action was taken and he said he was retiring from firework shows

CO Steve Speigl was patrolling public land in the Jordan River Valley in Antrim County when he came across a deer hunter at the end of his morning hunt. CO Speigl checked the adult hunter and found that he was attempting to take an antlerless deer. CO Speigl checked the hunter's license and discovered that he had a *public land* antlerless permit; the problem being the early antlerless hunt was for private lands only. CO Speigl showed the hunter the regulations in the guide and enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert contacted a deer hunter who had inadvertently placed his and his son's tree stands on state land for the early antlerless and youth hunt. The stands were several hundred yards off the private property that is community owned. The hunter had numerous other violations for excessive bait, litter, no name and address on tree stands, hunting antlerless on state land and allowing a ten year old to hunt on state land with a firearm. He was cited for one of the violations and advised to move his hunting location a few hundred yards onto private land.

Sgt. Mike Feagan and CO Chad Baldwin were working the Boyne River during a recent salmon run, when they observed two individuals walk up and around the dam which has multiple fences and signs posted to keep people away from the area. The individuals disregarded the warnings and continued to walk around in order to fish the other side of the river. The COs contacted the two individuals in which they initially stated that they utilized the foot trail along the river to get to where they wanted to fish. When told that they had been observed by the COs for some time they changed their story and admitted to walking around the closed area. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mike Feagan and CO Chad Baldwin were patrolling anglers on the Boyne River at night when they observed several bright lights coming down the river. They proceeded to the area of the lights and located three subjects walking through the river and attempting to net fish. Assisting the subjects was a female on shore who was acting as the lookout, mending nets and helping to spot fish with a light from the upper bank of the river. Upon making contact with the subjects, they initially denied attempting to net fish. However, once the COs explained they had been watching them for about an hour and could recount all of their movements, the subjects confessed. Several tickets were issued and equipment seized.

While CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County patrolled the Boyne River, she observed a fisherman attempting to snag salmon with a jig head hook. CO Erratt ticketed the man for fishing with a weighted hook on the Boyne River and warned his girlfriend for fishing with a treble hook. CO Erratt checked another fisherman with four treble hooks attached directly to his line with several weights attached below the hooks. CO Erratt ticketed him for fishing with treble hooks on the Boyne River and warned him for fishing with an illegal set up and too many hooks.

While on patrol, CO Andrea Erratt found two large black bags of trash and other building demolition materials dumped on the side of Romaniak Road. CO Erratt talked to a neighbor who said he had already told the road commission about the trash. Charlevoix County Road Commission employees assisted CO Erratt by picking up and disposing of the heavy bags. Two receipts were located in the trash and CO Erratt got a subpoena to identify the owner of credit union and Home Depot receipts. The individual lived downstate but CO Erratt located a local address. CO Erratt contacted the owner of the trash who was remodeling a house near Walloon Lake and issued him a ticket for littering.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County received a Report All Poaching complaint about a man camping illegally near French Farm Flooding. Due to past overuse and dune erosion, a state land use order restricts camping near French Farm Flooding to numbered sites. While scouting for hunting sites, the complainant had encountered a camper who had ridden his bike back in the woods to his tent site. CO Erratt located the man who said he had been camping there all summer. CO Erratt ticketed him for failing to post a camp card permit and warned him for camping more than 15 days in one location on state land and in a closed area near French Farm Flooding.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County attended a hunter safety field day attended by over 40 students at the Charlevoix Rod and Gun Club. CO Erratt assisted with a firearm handling station and made a presentation about DNR laws and conservation officer's duties and responsibilities.

CO Andrea Albert presented a law update and participated in a round table discussion at the annual Michigan Magistrate's Conference held in Traverse City. CO Albert covered the new hunting, licensing and restitution and license revocation laws.

CO Andrea Erratt received a complaint from a hunter who a demolished blind had been left on state land. Before last deer season, CO Erratt had received a complaint from the same hunter about the same blind being placed on state land without a name. CO Erratt had checked the blind and located an old deer license stuck to the window. CO Erratt located the hunter by running his driver's license number and going to his house. She told him he needed to permanently attach his name or driver's license number and remove the blind at the end of the season. CO Erratt looked back in her daily reports and located the owner of the blind's address and phone number. CO Erratt went to the residence in Boyne Falls but the owner had moved. CO Erratt telephoned the owner and he agreed to meet her. He explained that he was getting ready to remove the remnants of his blind. CO Erratt ticketed the hunter for failing to remove his man-made blind after the end of deer season and warned him for failing to permanently attach his name and address or driver's license number to the blind.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County received a report all poaching complaint concerning someone trying to drive a Harley Davidson motorcycle on the North Country Trail by the Warner Creek Pathway parking lot in Antrim County. CO Erratt patrolled to the parking lot and checked three motorcyclists parked on the North Country Trail by a gate. A LEIN check revealed all three had officer safety cautions and one of the drivers was suspended and had three warrants for his arrest with bonds totaling \$1,700. CO Erratt arrested the individual on his outstanding warrants and transported him to the Otsego County Jail.

COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert conducted a marine patrol of Round Lake and Lake Michigan. They checked several boaters and anglers catching lake trout and salmon. After warning a boat operator for exceeding the slow no wake speed in Round Lake, CO Erratt observed a toddler in the boat not wearing a life preserver. The parents had a swim vest on the boat that specifically stated it was not a life preserver. CO Albert ticketed the father for failing to provide a personal flotation device for a two year old and warned him for no type IV PFD, exceeding slow no wake speed in Round Lake, and failing to transfer the vessel registration into his name within 15 days of purchase.

CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County patrolled the Boyne River by kayak and checked several anglers and kayakers. She observed one family throwing rocks trying to scare salmon out from under trees. CO Erratt ticketed one of the rock throwers for fishing with an illegal setup because he was fishing with a hook attached to his line with a weight

below the hook. CO Erratt warned other kids for trespassing on posted private property and advised them they needed to be wading in the river.

CO Andrea Erratt received a 911 complaint about a woman who had reserved a specific site on Lake Michigan at Fisherman's Island State Park but when she arrived, someone else was already camping in the site. She and her boyfriend explained to the campers that they had reserved the site and asked them to move but they refused. CO Erratt, CO Chad Baldwin and a state park ranger talked to the campers on the reserved site. They claimed they did not know you could reserve sites at the state park after Labor Day. CO Erratt pointed out that the list of reserved sites was posted on the door of the ranger self-registration station. The lady admitted she had not read any of the self-registration rules clearly posted at the park entrance and ranger station. The couple agreed to pack up their camping gear and the other campers moved into their reserved site.

COs Chad Baldwin and Steve Speigl were returning from late night patrol when a domestic violence call came out near their location. The caller stated that after the incident, the suspect fled the home and was hiding in the woods. A previous call from the same location stated that the suspect had firearms and it was unclear if any firearms were present during this call. The COs responded with sheriff's deputies and swept the area around the house as well as two large agricultural buildings. On the second building, a locked door was discovered that the owner stated is never locked because they do not have a key for it. After several minutes of calling the suspects name through the door, he finally responded and the officers were able to convince him to open the door. The suspect was peacefully taken into custody.

CO Matt Theunick assisted Upper Peninsula COs interviewing a Cheboygan County woman who allowed her husband to use her 2017 bear tag. Upon contact with the woman, she stated she allowed her husband to use her kill tag after he had killed a bear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Theunick made contact with an individual in Otsego County who was violating the baiting regulations by baiting deer year-round. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew worked an afternoon/midnight shift in the Pigeon River Country in Otsego County looking for late-night shinning. Contact was made with two separate vehicles shinning well past the 11:00 p.m. deadline. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew contacted an ORV operating in the Pigeon River Country contrary to law. In addition to several ORV violations, the driver along with his passenger who was under the age of 21 both had open cans of beer. After a sobriety investigation of the operator, it was determined he was not intoxicated. Several tickets were issued for open intoxicants on an ORV and minor in possession (MIP) of alcohol.

Sgt. Mark DePew was working Montmorency County when he observed an ORV traveling northbound at a high rate of speed in the center of the southbound lane.

Contact was made with the operator who appeared to be intoxicated. Sobriety evaluations were conducted, with results indicating the driver being well over the legal limit of .08%. The driver was arrested for operating while intoxicated (OWI) and lodged in the Montmorency County Jail. This offense will be the operator's third OWI arrest making the violation a felony. The Montmorency Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the case.

Sgt. Mark DePew investigated a minor personal injury accident involving a dirt bike operating carelessly in Montmorency County. Indications showed the operator was operating carelessly, which caused the injuries. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Torsky investigated several minor personal injury accidents occurring in Otsego and Antrim counties involving ORVs operating carelessly. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Nick Torsky and Kelly Ross attended the Northern Great Lakes Fur Harvester's Convention. The officers assisted with youth education, discussing regulations and ethics and also assisted in building boxes for mink trapping.

CO Nick Torsky worked the goose opener in Otsego County locating two goose hunters hunting private property. The CO watched them for over an hour observing them shoot at several geese. Upon contact with the hunters, both were hunting without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki received a complaint in Cheboygan County about a number of people littering and camping on state lands. Upon contact with the individuals, several land use violations were found along with a quantity of marijuana. Several arrests were made for possession of control substances, and one of the individuals had outstanding warrants. The Cheboygan County prosecutor is reviewing the case.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick assisted with a hunter safety class in Cheboygan County. The officers helped with youth education, discussing regulations and ethics. Over 30 kids attended.

COs Adam LeClerc and Brad Bellville assisted at the DNR wildlife tent at Elk-fest in Atlanta. Numerous questions were answered from the public on a wide variety of topics including ORV, marine, and fish and game. The public was excited to see the COs and ask them questions.

COs Paul Fox and Adam LeClerc were patrolling the Trout River near Rogers City in Presque Isle County for illegal snagging activity. They encountered an angler using an illegal oversized treble hook. In addition, the hook was bare and the subject admitted to attempting to snag salmon. A ticket was issued for the illegal gear.

COs Paul Fox and Adam LeClerc contacted a group of juveniles along the Trout River in Presque Isle County. The group was attempting to snag salmon and had been

successful. Upon seeing the COs, the group of young anglers attempted to disband and file a freshly caught fish before the COs could contact them. The group was rounded up and turned over to their parents after they were educated about proper fishing techniques and what not to do when contacted by a CO.

COs Paul Fox and Adam LeClerc assisted local deputies in Presque Isle County in apprehending a subject with a court issued mental pick-up order. The subject was threatening family and was known to resist law enforcement. The subject was cooperative and voluntarily went with deputies to seek mental treatment.

CO Paul Fox responded to a self-reported over limit of deer during the early antlerless season in Presque Isle County. A subject shot at a deer, but thought he had missed. The subject later shot a second deer. Upon checking the area more thoroughly, the hunter found the first deer. CO Fox thanked the hunter for doing the right thing by reporting it rather than try to hide it. The deer was confiscated and turned over to a local processor to be donated to a food pantry. Education and some enforcement action were taken.

CO William Webster discovered a vehicle stuck in a mud hole on state land on the opening day of bear season in Alpena County. No one was around the vehicle and the registered owner would not answer his phone. After some investigation, CO Webster made contact with the registered owner's father and was able to make contact with the vehicle owner. The subject admitted to getting his truck stuck and operating up a sand hill that was closed off by boulders. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster was patrolling on a small tract of state land in Alpena County. While stopped on the road, CO Webster heard an ORV operating in his direction. CO Webster walked over to an intersection and waited for the ORV. When the operator of the ORV rounded the corner toward CO Webster the man had a very surprised look on his face. The operator of the ORV did not have a helmet or eye protection and he was operating in an area closed to ORVs. The operator said he didn't think you had to wear a helmet because they passed the law for motorcycles on the road. CO Webster explained the difference between motorcycles on the roadway and ORVs in the woods. CO Webster issued a ticket for operating without a helmet.

DISTRICT 4

While patrolling the Betsie River on foot, Sgt. Dan Bigger was advised that subjects were fishing within 100 feet of the Homestead Dam. Sgt. Bigger made his way through the woods, found an observation point, and observed an angler consistently cast into the restricted area. As Sgt. Bigger began making his way to the angler, he yelled "fish on." Sgt. Bigger stood on the shoreline and the angler didn't even notice he was there as he walked by trying to land the fish he had on that had been caught in the restricted area. After landing the fish, the angler noticed Sgt. Bigger standing there. Sgt. Bigger pointed out the sign indicating the 100 foot rule that the angler was standing by and casting into the rushing waters of the dam. The angler admitted he had been trying to

get his line where the fish were trying to move into position to get upstream. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Bigger took a complaint of subjects being uncooperative on the Platte River near the weir. Sgt. Bigger responded and made his way upstream to avoid being seen prior to making contact. As Sgt. Bigger observed people on the river, he noted a young male trying to catch the fish by hand. Being unsuccessful, he then tried to have his dog run after them. The dog had no part of it and continued to follow the rest of the party who were in canoes. The young male then picked up a large rock and threw it into the water at the fish before Sgt. Bigger could get there. Upon making contact, Sgt. Bigger found that the subject was 14 years old. Sgt. Bigger located his father and provided an education as to the importance of the fish and the issues with causing them stress. Sgt. Bigger also advised them of proper fishing techniques, the regulations for that area of the river, and the need for dogs to be on a leash.

Sgt. Bigger observed dozens of anglers on the Platte River downstream of the weir from a distance as a follow-up from complaints received earlier in the day of illegal fishing techniques to include snagging, netting, and catching fish by hand. As Sgt. Bigger observed, he noted anglers around the bend that were difficult to see. Sgt. Bigger made his way on foot through the woods to get a better look. As Sgt. Bigger sat only a few yards from the anglers, he heard another angler yell "there are fish coming your way." Sgt. Bigger then observed one of the anglers quickly cast out and jerk the pole. The angler then quickly casted a second time and jerked the pole again. Sgt. Bigger made contact with the angler who admitted that he was trying to hook the fish as they hit his line. The angler provided his 24 hour fishing license and Sgt. Bigger pointed out that it had expired and was no longer valid. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinis received a Report All Poaching complaint about snagging on the Platte River. CO Gelinis responded to the complaint and observed a male suspect to be snagging. CO Gelinis watched the male catch a fish in the tail and proceeded to keep it. CO Gelinis made contact with the male suspect, issued him a citation and seized his fish.

CO Colton Gelinis was on foot patrol on the Platte River near the lower weir when he observed a fisherman foul hook a fish and put it on a stringer. CO Gelinis made contact with the fisherman, issued him a citation and proceeded to seize his fish.

CO Colton Gelinis was on patrol in Leelanau County when he observed a black pickup truck parked on the side of public land. CO Gelinis observed deer bait in the back of the truck. At this time legal baiting for deer was still a few days away. CO Gelinis watched the suspect exit the woods with a bait bag in hand. The suspect brought CO Gelinis to his tree stand. CO Gelinis observed corn to be scattered on the ground near the stand. The suspect admitted to baiting; however, thought he was legal to bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rebecca Hopkins investigated a boat crash that resulted in four injured passengers. During the night hours of September 16, 2017, CO Hopkins and Benzie County deputies were dispatched to a fishing boat that had hit a dock and a parked pontoon on a boat lift along the south shore of Crystal Lake. One passenger was seriously injured while three others were treated and released. Charges are pending review.

CO Rebecca Hopkins was called to a complaint of trucks operating off-road in Homestead Township, Benzie County. CO Hopkins and Benzie County Deputy Weaver responded to the area. No people were present when the officers arrived, but an SUV was found disabled on a red pine stump where the operator attempted to drive illegally through a state land pine plantation. A search of records for the registered owner and paperwork found on the scene identified a possible operator of the vehicle. The possible operator eventually returned with another vehicle to try and remove the SUV. The operator admitted to driving the vehicle off-road the night prior while drinking alcohol. A preliminary breath test was administered and the operator still had levels of alcohol in his system. The operator was on district court probation and lodged per request of his probation officer for the alcohol consumption. The operator was also cited for operating his vehicle off a designated roadway.

CO Hopkins responded to complaints of people swimming, walking, unleashing their dogs, and boating in the Platte River directly below the lower weir. While the fisheries law does not make these actions a violation, the activities are highly discouraged as the thousands of congregated fish have limited areas to flee from the contacts. In turn, the fish aggressively push themselves into structures and shorelines possibly causing them stress and injury. Other related Platte River complaints include over-limit of salmon, illegal lures, snagging, and anglers fishing in the 300' closure area. Regular patrols of the area and citations are being issued.

CO Rebecca Hopkins responded to two different complaints of subjects netting fish below the Homestead Dam. The first complaint the subjects left the area prior to detection. In the second complaint, CO Hopkins was able to watch and film a subject holding a net in the spillway in an attempt to catch fish. The subject was impervious to people watching and filming him and continued the illegal activity even after spotting the CO and giving her a head nod. CO Hopkins contacted the subject, and upon interview, discovered that he was an intoxicated, a Ukraine citizen who knew limited English. After locating a friend of the subject fishing legally downstream who could interpret their conversation, CO Hopkins learned the man wandered off with the net after watching his friends fishing all night. CO Hopkins required the legal angler to supervise his intoxicated guest and remove him from the area.

CO Hopkins worked with CO Mueller at Tippy Dam during an assigned parks initiative. Contacts were very low based on limited attendance and activity. CO Hopkins and CO Mueller each issued on citation for "old fashioned" snagging after watching two subjects jerk spoon-like lures eight to ten times per cast.

CO Hopkins has responded to multiple camping complaints along the Betsie River below the Homestead Dam. Anglers who are fishing all night and day are setting up campfires, tarps and hammocks. The Betsie River is a designated Natural River and several rules apply to camping and damage within the 50' greenspace buffer along the river's edge. CO Hopkins gave multiple warnings for camping within 50' of the shore, litter, and failing to post camp cards to the hundreds of anglers still frequenting the Betsie River.

While checking salmon fishermen, CO Sean Kehoe observed a boat fishing five lines. Upon contacting the vessel, CO Kehoe contacted the lone fisherman. When checking the fisherman's license, CO Kehoe notice a \$50 bill inside the license. The angler was re-contacted and asked about the \$50. He assured CO Kehoe that it was not a bribe and that he just stuck it in there when he put his license in his cell phone wallet. Enforcement action was taken for fishing with too many lines.

While checking a popular site along the Boardman River, CO Sean Kehoe contacted two separate drivers who drove their vehicles past two "no motor vehicle" signs and three boulders placed to prevent this type of activity. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews encountered two anglers smoking marijuana in public while fishing on the Pere Marquette River by Manistee National Forest Bowman Bridge Access. CO Andrews made contact with the anglers and when he ran them through LEIN, one had an outstanding warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews located an angler who was snagging with illegal gear at the James Road Bridge in Baldwin. The angler's companions were out at the road yelling for him to finish up so they could leave, but he insisted on fishing "two more minutes." The two additional minutes allowed CO Andrews to observe the angler blatantly snag a salmon in the back near the dorsal fin while using illegal gear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed a subject standing on private property along the Pere Marquette River underneath no trespassing signs while urinating. CO Killingbeck made contact with the subject who said that he had not seen the signs. CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he thought it was a good idea to urinate in front of other people floating by while using the river. The subject agreed with CO Killingbeck that it probably was not his best decision. CO Killingbeck advised the subject of the continued trespassing complaints that are received and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck followed up on a complaint of a subject who had filled deer management assistant permit (DMAP) tags last year without acquiring a hunting license. CO Killingbeck made contact with those involved and one admitted to using the DMAP tags without a hunting license. CO Killingbeck contacted the other individuals involved and discovered that the DMAP tags were being purchased by the permittee and then loaned to his friends to use. They were then providing false information on the paperwork sent back to the state. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill worked an investigation for months regarding baiting on federal land in Manistee County. CO MacNeill finally made contact with the suspect involved when he checked the bait the day prior to the liberty hunt. CO MacNeill found a father and daughter hunting in the stand who were not wearing any hunters orange. They were occupying an illegal ladder stand over approximately 100 pounds of bait and hunting the day before the Liberty Hunt began. Enforcement action was taken. The following day, CO MacNeill was patrolling the same area when he observed two ORVs operating down the closed public roadway and stopped the individuals. One of the operators of the ORVs was the same individual who was out early hunting with his daughter from the day prior. Enforcement action was taken a second time.

CO Scott MacNeill was on patrol on the Manistee River near Tippy Dam when he observed multiple different violations, which included illegal hook size requirements, attempting to snag, keeping of foul hooked fish, and illegal gear. Increased patrol time has been spent in those areas and enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill and CO Steve Converse were on foot patrol on the Manistee River when they came across a group of individuals attempting to snag fish. The COs observed the anglers using multiple oversized treble hooks; included a treble hook with weight permanently affixed. The COs confronted the anglers about the illegal activity and seized two salmon that were illegally taken and multiple illegal fishing devices. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Scott MacNeill and CO Steve Converse cited multiple individuals on the Manistee River below Tippy Dam for illegal hook size requirements and the use of treble hooks during a patrol of the Tippy Dam Recreational Area.

CO Steve Converse was working a patrol along the Betsie River when he encountered a group of anglers who were snagging salmon. CO Converse made contact with the group and found that this was the same individuals he has dealt with for the third consecutive year who were violating the fishing regulations. CO Converse took enforcement action and one individual was cited for snagging-second offense.

While working the south branch of the Pere Marquette River, CO Kyle Publiski observed two subjects using large weighted treble hooks to snag salmon. CO Publiski watched the subjects for a few minutes chasing salmon up and down the river in order to snag them. CO Publiski made contact with the anglers who were delighted to see the CO. One of the subjects told CO Publiski that they were just about to call him because they had "just chased away two subjects who were attempting to snag fish" and handed him several large treble hooks. They were also trying to give CO Publiski the two rods that they had in their hands. CO Publiski began to laugh and one of the subjects asked the CO why he was laughing. CO Publiski explained to the two fishermen he had been watching them and witnessed them running up and down the river trying to snag fish with the two rods that they had just given him. CO Publiski asked the one individual if he felt pretty foolish telling that sort of lie to which he replied "yes sir." The subjects were cited for using the illegal gear.

CO Kyle Publiski and CO Brian Brosky were working the south branch of the Pere Marquette River when they spotted two subjects using illegal gear on the opposite side of the stream. CO Brosky stayed on top of the riverbank to watch the subjects as CO Publiski went to make contact with the fishermen. Upon announcing his presence when CO Publiski arrived, one of the fishermen grabbed a clear box and tried to empty it in the river. CO Brosky yelled to the subject to "stop" as CO Publiski waded to the other side of the river to make contact with them. It was determined that the subject was trying to dump the group's marijuana into the river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale noticed a man burning sections of carpeting in two burn barrels in his backyard, causing heavy black smoke. CO Varriale made contact with the individual. During the contact, the suspect admitted to burning his trash on multiple occasions, because he did not think it was against the law. CO Varriale educated the individual on proper waste disposal techniques. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was patrolling along the north branch of the White River in Oceana County when he observed two anglers using treble hooks with weight attached below the hook. CO Shively was able to get within 10 feet of the subjects and overheard one angler state to the other to cover their hooks as two other anglers were about to walk by. CO Shively advised them that the other two anglers weren't who they needed to worry about. Both anglers were cited for using treble hooks with weight attached below the hook and one angler was also cited for fishing without a license.

CO Ben Shively was on patrol of Ruby Creek in Oceana County that has had trespassing issues when he observed two subjects looking for fish in the creek and walk past a no trespassing sign and onto the private property. CO Shively stood about ten feet back from the creek next to a tree as the subjects approached him. As the subjects walked in front of CO Shively, a salmon splashed in the water and both subjects quickly emptied their pockets of their phones and wallets and jumped into the creek on either end of the salmon and attempted to catch it by hand. After about 20 seconds of attempting to catch the fish, another fish splashed downstream and one subject attempted to exit the creek to go after the other fish only to be staring directly at CO Shively. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

COMike Hearn located a bear bait station that had been set-up illegally by a hunter in Kalkaska County. The hunter was using several unlawful metal, plastic, and glass related items at the bait site. Later that evening, CO Hearn returned to the site and made contact with the hunter. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz made contact with a group of bear houndsmen in a remote swamp in Kalkaska County. The COs observed the group as they were about to harvest a treed bear. The group had 13 dogs, five more than the eight allowed by law in the chase of a bear. A citation was issued to the licensed hunter for the violation.

While patrolling the Sand Lakes quiet area on the Grand Traverse/Kalkaska County line COMike Hearn passed a vehicle operating in the opposite direction. CO Hearn could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle and the subsequent investigation determined that a passenger, who was a licensed medical marijuana patient, was smoking illegally in the vehicle. On top of that, the driver was found to be operating without a valid driver's license. The driver was arrested for the violation.

Conservations Officers Mike Hearn and Matt Liestenfeltz contacted a group of hunters in pursuit of a bear. One of the hunters was using a side by side UTV with dog boxes located in the cargo area. The subject was operating on a suspended and expired driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

Conservation Officers John Huspen, Ben McAteer and Sgt. Brian Olsen assisted with a search for a suicidal subject in Crawford County. Sgt. Olsen and CO Huspen located the highly intoxicated subject walking in the woods. The suspect agreed to be transported to the hospital for a psychological exam.

Conservation Officers Chuck McPherson, John Huspen, Craig Neal, Ben McAteer, Mark Papineau and Josh Wright held a hunter safety field day at the DNR Roscommon Field Office. A total of 27 students participated in the field day. The COs covered safe firearm handling as well as regulations and laws pertaining to hunting.

Conservation Officers Craig Neal and Chuck McPherson checked a group of goose hunters in Roscommon County. One hunter had multiple violations including an unplugged shotgun and license violations. The suspect put the blame on the licensing agent for not knowing what licenses he needed to purchase. The COs stressed to the hunter that it was his responsibility to know which licenses are needed. Enforcement action was taken.

COKyle Cherry received a report all poaching complaint in Iosco County containing information that an adult female subject had shot a buck during the liberty hunt and tagged it with her nephew's deer license. CO Cherry met with the female hunter, conducted an interview, and obtained a confession for the violation. The deer was seized and charges are being sought through the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office.

COKyle Bader spoke at a local deer co-op meeting in Rose City. All hunters in a multiple square mile area have voluntarily agreed to implement antler point restrictions (APRs) similar to those in the "northwest 12" counties in the Northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. All hunters are very happy with the increased quality of their hunts since they've started their own deer management. There were about 30 hunters present at the meeting.

Conservation Officers Jeff Panich, Casey Pullum and Kyle Cherry assisted with a hunter safety class at the Harrisville State Park in Alcona County. There were roughly 60

students and parents present for the program. The participants learned firearm safety, tree stand safety, as well as the regulations and laws pertaining to hunting in Michigan. They also received hands-on instruction at archery and firearm ranges.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a possible trespass complaint at an airport in Gladwin County. Upon arrival, CO Lockwood located a youth hunter and his grandparent with all kinds of hunting issues. The youth had already killed two deer instead of the single deer limit for the Liberty Hunt. One of the deer had run onto the airport property and through a farmer's field. In order to retrieve the deer, the grandparent drove through the field and knocked a large amount of standing soy beans down. In addition, CO Lockwood located an uncased firearm in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Lockwood assisted District 4 COs with protection of salmon during the annual fall fish runs. While conducting surveillance during the early morning hours at the Homestead Dam on the Betsie River, CO Lockwood watched an angler as he attempted to catch salmon. The angler became frustrated with not being able to catch the fish with hook and line. CO Lockwood watched as the angler walked over to the bank, set his fishing pole down, and brought a fishing net back out into the river. The angler used a handheld light to locate fish and then attempted to net them. CO Lockwood observed the angler as he netted a salmon. It was also noted that if another angler walked through the area, the suspect angler would quickly drop the net until the other angler walked by and was out of sight. Needless to say, the suspect angler was surprised as CO Lockwood emerged from the darkness to issue a citation for the illegal activity.

CO Mark Papineau assisted the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department with an assault complaint with reported "gunshots being fired." CO Papineau, along with several deputies, established a perimeter around the residence and eventually talked the occupants out of the house. The investigation revealed that a verbal dispute did occur; however, the reports of gunshots turned out to be fireworks.

Conservation Officers Steve Lockwood, Nick Atkin and Mark Papineau assisted the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a suicidal subject that was possibly headed out to state land to harm herself. COs Lockwood and Atkin were able to locate the subject's vehicle in a remote area of East Gladwin County. They stayed with the subject and calmed her until EMS and sheriff deputies arrived on scene.

Conservation Officers Ethan Gainforth and Steve Lockwood responded to a trespassing complaint in Osceola County. Upon arrival, they discovered neighboring property owners having a disagreement about a deer that had been shot during the Liberty Hunt. The youth hunter and supervising adult attempted to tell the COs that they had shot the deer on their own property and it ran onto the neighbor's land. The hunters even attempted to use some of the blood from the deer and sprinkle it in a different location to throw the COs off course, but it didn't work. The blood evidence told a completely different story and a confession was eventually obtained for shooting the deer on the neighbor's property.

COMark Papineau assisted the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department apprehend a felon with numerous outstanding warrants. The known convicted felon is typically armed and is prone to flee when confronted by law enforcement. CO Papineau and Gladwin County deputies surrounded the residence and quickly took the subject into custody while he was cutting trees in the backyard. The man was armed with a large knife and attempted to run; however, he was apprehended.

COMark Papineau observed a vehicle being operated in excess of the posted speed limit. The vehicle was determined to be travelling 18 miles an hour over the speed limit. CO Papineau conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and was immediately advised by the driver that he was late for work. The driver also indicated that he was stopped a week ago for speeding and that he has a habit of driving fast. Additionally, the subject's license was expired, he failed to change his address after 3 years, and was unable to produce any proof of insurance. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

CO Josh Russell was patrolling Montcalm County when he noticed a black plume of smoke. CO Russell located the source of the smoke behind a house. CO Russell made contact with a subject who admitted to burning a shop rag covered in chemicals as well as some other chemical spray bottles. Upon further investigation, vinyl siding was found in the fire. When asked if this is how he normally gets rid of his trash, the subject stated yes. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Michael Haas responded to a lost person situated off of the Heartland Trail in Vestaburg. The COs, along with two Michigan State Police Troopers, began looking for the lost subject who was in the swamp. The COs located the lost subject in the swamp and escorted him to safety.

While on marine patrol on Big Whitefish Lake in Montcalm County, COs Josh Russell and Ken Lowell made contact with two anglers. Upon checking for fishing licenses, it was determined that the female angler was fishing without a license. She claimed that she had purchased a license online. Unfortunately she was unable to produce any evidence that she had purchased a license. She was ticketed for fishing without a fishing license.

CO Joe Myers was contacted by the Isabella/Gratiot Conservation Nature Preserve Association regarding a possible recreational trespass issue on the preserve. The last time the CO was there illegal bait was discovered but no suspect could be found. This time around a tripod style blind was built in close proximity to the bait. The complainant had also provided the name of the hunter who was leasing the property this year. The CO made contact with the hunter at the property. The hunter admitted to placing the bait early and confirmed the bait and blind was his. The suspect was cited for baiting out of season.

CO Joe Myers assisted the Michigan Department of Corrections when a large power outage shut down the majority of the county and the Mid-Michigan Correctional Prison. CO Myers and Michigan State Police patrolled the perimeter until power was restored and the security systems were put back into line.

CO Will Brickel responded to a complaint from Bridgeport PD of a 35-40 year old male subject hunting from a children's playhouse. CO Brickel responded to the area and located a subject that stated he had shot a deer earlier in the morning but had taken it to a processor. Upon further investigation it was determined the subject did not have a license to be hunting in the early doe season, was not wearing hunter orange, was hunting without permission in a safety zone, tagged the animal with someone else's deer license, and the above said license was purchased after he had taken the animal. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Will Brickel was on patrol in Midland County with CO Joel Lundberg and was checking a local campground. A strong odor of marijuana was coming from one of the sites. The COs located multiple elderly subjects on the campsite and nine bags of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz gave two recruiting presentations at a local college, a hunter safety/law presentation at a nearby hunting lodge and an informational presentation over local FM radio. Many potential recruit candidates were contacted and interest in a career with the law enforcement division is high. CO Bucholtz advised the interested groups of the application process for the upcoming academy (July 2018) and recent law changes.

In Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to a complaint of a deer hanging in a front yard. CO Bucholtz arrived on scene and spoke with the homeowner. Through his investigation, CO Bucholtz was able to determine the deer was a roadkill. However, the home owner failed to notify the proper authorities before taking the deer. The homeowner was educated on the correct procedure for taking roadkill game.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to multiple complaints of discarded waterfowl remains in Huron County. CO Bucholtz arrived on scene and located the remains. A case is being built against the suspects. If anyone has additional information please contact the Report All Poaching Hotline.

While working in Huron County, CO Robert Hobkirk received a Report All Poaching complaint of a deer possibly being shot on a farmer's property. CO Hobkirk responded to the complaint location and verified that a deer had been shot. While collecting evidence and taking photographs, CO Hobkirk observed some evidence that indicated that the suspects may be juvenile. Once the evidence was collected, CO Hobkirk went to the local high school to check vehicles. The first vehicle checked by the officer had deer hair and blood on it. After making contact with the vehicle owner, a confession was obtained. A young male confessed to shooting an antlerless deer across the road from his residence the previous night with a .22 caliber rifle. Unfortunately for this young

male, he had shot an illegal deer and was caught while CO Hobkirk was investigating the reported poaching complaint. The two cases were not related. A warrant will be requested for the young man who shot the antlerless deer.

While on patrol in Sanilac County, CO Seth Rhodea contacted an ORV after seeing it had an expired license. The operator and passenger were acting suspicious just prior to the CO making contact. It was discovered that they were trying to hide their open beers from the CO. Enforcement action was taken to address the violations.

CO Mark Siemen and CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint during the early antlerless season in Sanilac County involving a subject that shot a deer from the road on private property and then fled the scene. The COs were able to locate the dead deer, photos were taken, and evidence was collected. Through the investigation and witness statements, a suspect was contacted. The suspect first stated he did not have a gun, only a crossbow and stated he did not shoot a deer. After speaking for a brief time with the suspect, he confessed to shooting at a deer from the road with his .357 revolver. When asked about the gun, the suspect stated he took it to his friends place and hid it in the barn. COs Siemen and Rhodea responded to the residence and located the handgun hiding under some old paint boxes. After obtaining a full confession and collecting all evidence, enforcement action was taken for multiple offenses, including hunting in a safety zone (multiple residences), recreational trespass, fail to tag/retrieve deer and several other offenses.

CO Mark Siemen and Seth Rhodea, during a Lake Huron patrol for anglers, made contact with a number of fishermen in boats. During these contacts, the COs came across a boat with three subjects fishing with eleven lines in the water. The subjects were questioned about having too many lines in the water and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason A. Smith handled a complaint of a subject camping in a Tuscola County State Game Area. The subject was only able to produce an I.D. card from a Kentucky mental hospital. The subject was explained the dos and don'ts of camping on state land. No further complaints have been received.

CO Joshua Wright was called by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department to assist with a person who was threatening suicide and was driving around on an ATV. When CO Wright arrived, the sheriff's department was watching the suspect with a drone. They decided to back off and monitor the suspect from the air. CO Wright was bringing a deputy back to hide near the area when they noticed the ATV had stopped so they approached the suspect quickly and took him into custody without incident. The suspect was transported by ambulance for mental evaluation.

CO Joshua Wright assisted the Mayville Police Department on an injured eagle call. They were able to capture the eagle and CO Wright transported it to a rehabilitator in Bay City.

CO Joshua Wright received a call from Tuscola County Dispatch of a suspicious vehicle that was hiding on state land and lights from flashlights around the area. CO Wright located the vehicle and was assisted by the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department. The operator was found walking down the road a short time later. The owner said that the vehicle ran out of gas and he was hiding it so people did not mess with it. Fortunately when the operator tried to start the vehicle, it started right up. A consent search was performed of the vehicle and unknown pills were found in the center console. Pills will be sent to the lab and any violations will be addressed accordingly.

While on patrol in Isabella County, COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson received a burning complaint. The complainant stated that he was getting sick of the awful smell of burning trash coming from a yard down the road. The COs arrived at the complaint location and discovered a large pile of smoldering materials including vinyl siding, furniture, lumber, fiberglass and other items. The owner of the property was demolishing old trailer homes that were on the property and was burning the parts and furnishings little by little. The property owner notified the COs that she had been burning the items for over two months and had already been warned by the fire department and a building inspector. A citation was issued for the improper disposal of solid waste.

CO Mike Haas was patrolling through western Isabella County when he came across a man on an ORV that was not wearing a helmet and had an expired ORV license. CO Haas stopped the ORV and it was discovered that the man had two valid misdemeanor warrants out of Gratiot County. The man was arrested for his outstanding warrants and transported to Gratiot County where he was turned over to a Gratiot County Sheriff's Deputy.

During a marine patrol on Littlefield Lake, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas observed a group of individuals in a small boat making their way across the lake; the boat was also towing an individual in a kayak. As the COs approached the boat, they noticed that the boat did not have any MC numbers or registration displayed. The COs made contact with the boat and discovered that there were also no PFDs aboard the boat or kayak. The operator of the boat didn't think he had to register the boat if it was only equipped with an electric trolling motor, but he did admit that he forgot to bring his lifejackets. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas received a complaint from an individual in Isabella County that had discovered a dead deer on his property and thought it had died due to epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD). The COs retrieved the dead deer which was lying in thick weeds on the edge of a large pond. The deer appeared to have been there for numerous days due to the level of decomposition, but the COs were able to determine that the deer had been shot. The COs located a bullet hole behind the deer's shoulder and an exit wound and there was also an evident bullet path through the deer's chest cavity that passed through numerous bones. The COs were unable to determine whether the deer was poached or if it had been shot by a youth hunter and not recovered. Although it was unclear who shot the deer, the complainant was relieved that the deer had not died due to disease.

CO Dan Robinson had been investigating a subject that was baiting for deer year-round. This past spring, CO Robinson received a complaint that the subject was baiting turkeys and after finding no evidence of turkey hunting on the property, CO Robinson continued to monitor the area. The subject had an automated feeder that was approximately ¼ mile from the residence and was being tended throughout the summer. Deer and other wildlife were clearly coming to the bait station as well. CO Robinson and CO Haas were able to catch up to the subject at his residence and issued a citation for baiting when prohibited by law.

Shortly after checking in with Isabella County Central Dispatch, CO Dan Robinson responded to an area where local officers had a subject pinned down in a square mile area. The subject had fled from police in the city of Mt. Pleasant, claimed he had a gun and threatened to shoot any police that followed him. CO Robinson assisted the K-9 teams doing an area search of the section. The subject was eventually located after an extensive search involving multiple agencies and was taken into custody without incident. He is facing several felonies and misdemeanor charges for his actions.

While on patrol in Isabella County, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were called to an accident involving an ORV that rolled over. The COs were first on-scene and administered help to the victim before rescue personnel arrived. The victim was wearing her helmet at the time of the crash and that drastically minimized her injuries based on the damage that the helmet sustained. The driver was operating the machine too fast and was attempting to stop when the accident happened. The Isabella County Sheriff's Office conducted the accident investigation.

COs Mike Haas and Dan Robinson participated in "Project Red", an event that gives Isabella County fourth graders a chance to learn about farming and related activities. The COs presented to 450 students between two days and talked about the importance of ORV safety, wearing helmets when riding and what kind of gear to bring to have a good riding experience.

While on patrol in Isabella County, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas responded to a suspicious situation at one of the Mt. Pleasant city parks. The COs were across the road dealing with another matter when the call came out that park rangers were out with a highly intoxicated subject that was not responsive. The COs arrived and could see that the subject was not responding and was breathing abnormally. The COs provided basic care to the victim and prepared to use their issued AED. About the time the ambulance arrived, the subject went into cardiac arrest. The COs continued to assist the ambulance crews with CPR during which the subject regained a heart rhythm. The subject was taken to an area hospital, his condition is unknown.

CO Jay Person was called to the City of Midland to assist Midland County Animal Control with a sick looking deer in a resident's backyard. Upon arrival, CO Person observed a thin, obviously malnutrition female deer lying in the backyard. When approached, the deer was unable to stand on its own and appeared to be

disorientated. The deer was euthanized and has been submitted to Wildlife Division for testing.

DISTRICT 7

CO Matt Page received information regarding a bait pile prior to September 15th for baiting deer. CO Page located the bait pile, which was several weeks early and was approximately 40 gallons over the legal limit of two gallons. CO Page was able to identify the suspect. Upon contact, the suspect stated that he was too lazy to return and keep placing bait for the deer and knew he was in violation. The subject was educated on the issues with chronic wasting disease and the need to follow the baiting laws and a citation was issued for placing bait too early.

COs Tyler Cole and Jeff Robinette gave a presentation to a hunter safety class at Edwardsburg Conservation Club regarding the hunting regulations and the duties of conservation officers. Approximately 25 students were in attendance.

COs Zach Bauer and Tyler Cole were working an area closed to off-road vehicle traffic, when they located a vehicle operating in the closed area. Upon contact, it was determined that the subject was on probation and was out of his residence past the restricted hours of his probation. The subject was cited for operating his vehicle in the closed area and the subject's probation officer was contacted regarding the subject's probation violation.

Sgt. Zach Doss and CO Matt Page were working a RIF patrol in Allegan State Game Area, when they located a vehicle stuck in a small wetland. In addition, a second vehicle was located in the closed area. Both drivers were cited for operating a vehicle in a closed area in Allegan State Game Area

CO Matt Page and Sgt. Zach Doss received a report all poaching complaint of goose hunters that were hunting within the safety zone of a residence in Allegan County. CO Page and Sgt. Doss responded to the location and observed the goose hunters to see if they would stop hunting at the close of hunting hours. The four subjects were outside of the safety zone, but hunted 15 minutes past hunting hours for waterfowl. Upon contact, the subjects were determined to be a father, his teenage son, and two other teens. When the father was asked what time hunting hours ended, he asked his teenage son when they ended. The son was wrong. A citation was issued for the after-hours hunting.

CO Zach Bauer was working an area of the Three Rivers State Game Area when he observed a pit bull run past his location. CO Bauer followed the dog and located a subject standing in a field with a loaded shotgun and not wearing hunter orange. The subject was found to not have a hunting license, but denied hunting, even though it was obvious that he was hunting. The subject was cited for possessing a firearm in an area frequented by wild game without a hunting license and educated regarding the hunter orange violation.

While working the Rockford Dam along the Rogue River, CO David Rodgers sat and watched activity after getting several complaints during the week of snagging. CO Rodgers watched an individual on the wall using the "Grand River Twitch" technique. The subject hooked a nice fish, netted it, and placed it on a stringer. Unfortunately for him, CO Rodgers saw that the orange yarn fly had hooked the underside of the fish. When the subject left with the fish, CO Rodgers confronted him and told him what he saw. The subject admitted that it was close to the mouth and that he was a regular at the 6th Street Dam, where he stated he had perfected his fishing technique. A citation was issued.

While working another stretch of the Rogue River, CO David Rodgers observed two anglers fishing for salmon. The anglers could not get any of the fish to bite, so one of them resorted to tying on a spinner along with heavy split shot in front of it and then proceeded to rip through the holes where the fish were. The anglers were not any more successful at that and were confronted before they left the area. A citation was issued.

While patrolling Ottawa County, CO Justin Ulberg checked some anglers fishing off a bridge on one of the bayous along the Grand River. As CO Ulberg approached a couple of the fishermen, he noticed them quickly drop down by the buckets at their feet. CO Ulberg noticed that the anglers were reaching into their buckets and appeared to be throwing fish back into the water. CO Ulberg quickly approached the anglers and observed 5 dead pan fish still floating in the water below where the anglers were fishing. Unfortunately for the anglers, they were not able to throw enough fish over the bridge before being contacted. One angler was 17 bluegill over his legal limit and the other angler was one fish over his legal limit. Enforcement action was taken and the excess fish were seized.

CO Justin Ulberg received a report of possible drug paraphernalia located in the Rogue River State Game Area. CO Ulberg responded to the location and found a "one-pot" meth lab. Contact was made with the Michigan State Police drug team, who came to the location to clean up the site.

During the recent fall salmon run, CO Justin Ulberg has investigated several complaints of subjects snagging and keeping foul hooked fish. CO Ulberg made contact with several young anglers, who were found to be in violations of attempting to snag, possessing foul hooked fish, and using illegal gear. The younger anglers were educated on proper fishing techniques, legal equipment, and where fish needed to be hooked to legally keep them.

CO Greg Patten attended a hunter safety field day with Corporal Ryan Rademacher and CO Chris Simpson at Holton Gun Club. Contact was made with over 100 students.

While on patrol, an ORV rode up behind CO Greg Patten on a two-track road. The rider did not have a helmet on. After stopping the ORV, CO Patten found that the rider was 14 years old and had not taken an ORV safety class. His parents allowed him to take

the ORV. The ORV was unlicensed. CO Patten had the subject's parents come pick him up. He also learned that the father, the ORV owner, failed to transfer the ORV title from the previous owner. The parents allowed the minor to operate unsupervised and with no safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten reported assisting a disabled boater in the Muskegon Channel with heavy boat traffic. CO Patten was able to help diagnose his problem and get his boat motor running.

CO Greg Patten stopped a boat on Lake Michigan exceeding a slow-no-wake speed with persons seated on the bow. Enforcement action was taken for bow riding.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers stopped a subject operating a 3-wheeler on the roadway. CO Beavers first noticed the subject did not have on a helmet. As he approached the ORV, CO Beavers also noticed there was a small child without a helmet. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking activity in the Grand River State Game Area, CO Beavers observed two subjects fishing from a vessel. Contact was made and one subject stated that he caught a pike and a small bass, but did not keep either fish. CO Beavers checked the boat and equipment and confirmed that no fish were kept. CO Beavers then obtained the first subject's fishing license. CO Beavers then asked the second subject if he had any luck and at that time he stated he was not fishing and was only helping with the boat. He went on to say that he did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

In Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers patrolled the Portland State Game Area for ORV activity. During his patrol, CO Beavers spotted a subject on a dual sport motorcycle. CO Beavers slowed down and attempted to flag the subject down. The subject went around CO Beavers and did not stop. As the subject passed CO Beavers, he noticed that he did not have a license plate or ORV sticker on the motorcycle and was in an area that was closed to ORVs. CO Beavers turned his patrol truck around in order to stop the subject and address the violations. After a short pursuit, CO Beavers was able to locate the subject as he pulled into a residence. The subject was combative and did not seem to believe that CO Beavers was telling him the truth regarding ORVs in the game area and the county ordinance regarding ORVs on the roadway. The subject went on to say that he did not care if he was ticketed because he would fight it. The subject was cited for operating an ORV in a closed area and given multiple warnings regarding additional violations observed.

DISTRICT 8

CO Andrew Monnich observed an ORV operating on a closed county road in Lenawee County at a high rate of speed in a reckless manner. CO Monnich stopped the ORV and the driver stated he knew he was wrong and he wasn't allowed to be on the roadway.

Enforcement action was taken for being on a closed roadway, unregistered ORV, and careless operation.

CO Andrew Monnich and CO Chris Reynolds assisted an Ohio wildlife officer serving a summons on a multi-state case of individuals illegally taking deer

CO Eric Smither participated in the 5th annual Youth Jamboree at Lake Hudson Recreation Area. He talked with over 100 adults, children, and staff at the jamboree about hunter's safety, hunting laws, marine safety and fishing laws.

COs Mike Drexler and Brandon Hartleben worked a busy marine patrol on the Portage Lake Chain of Lakes when they contacted a vessel with four anglers on board. During the check it was discovered none of the anglers on board had their fishing license on them, the vessel was displaying an expired registration, and they were missing a type IV PFD. Enforcement action taken.

CO Brandon Hartleben attended stakeholder and public meetings in Brooklyn as the Law Enforcement Division representative on the planning team for the Watkins Lake State Park and County Preserve Management Plan.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Mike Drexler attended a Hunter Safety Class that was held at the Chelsea Rod & Gun Club. The COs provided information to the students on hunting laws, licensing, and safety issues. The COs then took questions from the 33 students in attendance and from others in the audience that had accompanied the students.

CO Pete Purdy was on patrol when a vehicle following his patrol vehicle began driving erratically. It began to tailgate CO Purdy's patrol truck and swerving, crossing the center and fog lines. CO Purdy pulled his vehicle to the shoulder of the road to allow the vehicle to pass. As it did the vehicle almost struck CO Purdy's patrol truck. CO Purdy conducted a traffic stop and learned the driver was driving in this manner because she was arguing with her boyfriend who was the passenger in the vehicle. Marijuana was found in the vehicle and the driver was unable to provide proof of insurance. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jeff Goss received a public complaint from a man who stated that he had trail cam pictures of a large buck that was killed during the youth season. The complainant saw pictures of the buck posted on an online post and recognized the deer. The comments on the buck pole website mentioned that the deer was killed several miles from where the trail cam photos were taken, raising suspicion about the legality of the kill. Upon checking the complainant's property, evidence of the illegal trespassing and taking of the trophy deer were located. With the help of the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department, one of the suspects was located and a search warrant for the suspect's house was obtained. Later that night, COs Jeff Goss, Troy Ludwig and Jason McCullough executed the warrant. Two days later, the second suspect was located and a search warrant was obtained for his house as well. CO Goss, Acting Sgt. Todd Thorn, COs Chris Maher and

Josh Jackson executed the second warrant. After both search warrants were obtained and searches were completed, CO Goss had recovered the deer, cell phone evidence, and DNA evidence linking the suspects to the crime. Both suspects gave full written confessions. Multiple charges are being sought through the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office. District 9 CO David Schaumburger also assisted with the case.

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Grand River when he contacted an individual fishing at Fitzgerald Park in Grand Ledge. When asked for his fishing license the angler stated it was at home. When checked with DNR dispatch the man had purchased a 24hr fishing license more than a week earlier, but did not have a current valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Neterer was invited to speak at the Michigan QDMA Military Youth Hunt at the Shady Green Pastures Bible Camp in Charlotte. CO Neterer spoke to eight first-time hunters between the ages of 10 and 15. The young hunters harvested six antlerless deer during the hunt.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a complaint of three individuals with firearms walking into the woods who weren't wearing hunter orange. CO Neterer located the group and discovered that one of the hunters did not have a hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matthew Neterer and a Michigan State trooper assisted with a vehicle fire on I-496 in Lansing. After attempting unsuccessfully to extinguish the fire, they closed down the highway until the Lansing Fire Department arrived on scene.

CO Matthew Neterer received a complaint from a hunter who discovered two gut piles on his property a few days after the liberty hunt. CO Neterer spent several days interviewing the surrounding landowners until he had the name of the hunter that had left the gut piles. Upon interviewing the suspect, it was discovered that he was not from the area and was not familiar with the property boundaries. His two sons had legally harvested bucks from property in which they had permission to be on. After the hunt, they took the deer down a nearby two-track to gut them and didn't realize that they were on the neighboring property. The subject was given a verbal warning and the complainant was instructed on how to properly post the property lines.

CO Robert Slick received a complaint of an individual who was trespassing and shot a deer in Eaton County. CO Slick responded to the location with Acting Sgt. Todd Thorn. CO Slick and Sgt Thorn made contact with the suspect at his residence and noticed fresh blood on the tailgate of the vehicle in the driveway as well as a salt block in the yard. CO Slick and Sgt Thorn interviewed the suspect who confessed to trespassing on the neighbor's property and shooting an antlerless deer. The suspect was also informed that there is no baiting or feeding of deer in Eaton County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick spoke at a hunter education class at the Fowler Conservation Club. There were 25 students in attendance.

While conducting patrol within Shiawassee County, CO Jason King came in contact with a small group of young goose hunters. While checking the hunters CO King found three lead shot shotgun shells in a juvenile hunter's gear bag. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

While checking hunters on Lake St. Clair, COs Joseph Deppen and Brad Silorey noticed a vessel picking up geese for a group that was hunting close to shore. The vessel was stopped, and during the check the vessel was found to not have any registration numbers and there was also a loaded shotgun aboard. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen observed a boat with three people on board. With the aid of his binoculars CO Deppen witnessed all three of the occupants fishing. When CO Deppen contacted the vessel it was discovered the anglers were short one life jacket, no registration for the vessel was aboard, and one angler said he did not have time to purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brad Silorey and Joe Deppen were on patrol checking anglers and hunters around a popular Metro Park. COs Silorey and Deppen could hear multiple shots coming from the south side of the park and responded. The COs docked their patrol vessel on the north end of the park and walked over to the area where the shots were coming from. Six goose hunters were all lined up side by side in lay-out blinds on the beach, with a very large spread of decoys surrounding them on land and in the water. CO Deppen walked up and made contact with the hunter on one end, while CO Silorey approached the hunter on the opposite end. Before CO Silorey made contact, he noticed that one hunter was looking at CO Deppen and slowly attempting to unload his shotgun. CO Silorey observed the hunter remove one round, and then drop it in his blind next to him. At that point, CO Silorey, who was still un-noticed by the hunters, asked the hunter what he was doing, and to hand him his shotgun and the round that he just ejected. CO Silorey took the shotgun and the ejected round and attempted to place it in the mag tube. The magazine would not accept another round. CO Silorey then looked at the hunter and asked if he was "floating" the extra round. The suspect stated that he was, and that he knew it was wrong. Some shotguns allow you to "float" or "ghost" a fourth round on top of the carrier, while one is in the chamber, and your magazine is full. Hunting waterfowl with a shotgun capable of holding more than three rounds is illegal in Michigan. In addition to that violation, CO Silorey also found a lead round in the pants pocket of the suspect. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was checking anglers returning from fishing at a local DNR access site. CO Silorey contacted two anglers while they were loading their boat on the trailer. The anglers told CO Silorey they had caught some bluegills, and that was

all. CO Silorey checked the anglers' fishing license and then asked to look at the fish. CO Silorey opened their cooler and saw two undersized largemouth bass mixed in with the pan fish. CO Silorey questioned the anglers, and with a sigh, they stated they knew they had them. Additionally, CO Silorey found an undersized northern pike buried at the bottom of all the fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach received a complaint of subjects target shooting in Hewitt's Pit. The subjects were suspected of shooting at tannerite which is an explosive target and illegal to shoot at on all state lands in the State of Michigan. CO Kovach was able to locate the subjects and observe as the group shot the explosive device. Contact was made with the group and enforcement action was taken.

COs Travis Dragomer and Chris Knights responded to a complaint of geese found in a dumpster in the city of Linden in Genesee County. The COs located nine geese that were thrown in a community dumpster. The COs interviewed the owner of the residence where the geese were seen lying in the lawn. The owner of the residence stated his son had the geese and put them in the dumpster. The COs interviewed the suspect. The suspect stated he works for a guide service and his clients shot a limit of geese. The suspect stated the clients didn't want all of the geese and gave him nine of them. He then transported an over limit of untagged geese that were shot by another. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a boat with three subjects on board hunting waterfowl. CO Griffin met the subjects at the boat access site. While checking the hunters, CO Griffin discovered one subject was using a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells and he did not have a signed federal stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County with CO Jason Becker. During their patrol, the COs spotted a fishing boat operating on plane with two subjects sitting on the edge of the boat with their feet hanging outside the boat. When the COs stopped the boat to address the issue, the COs discovered the boat only had two personal floatation devices (PFDs) onboard with four passengers. Furthermore, the two PFDs were still in plastic packaging and there was not a throwable flotation device on board the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Oakland County Sgt. Stephen Mooney received a RAP complaint involving a deer that had possibly been poached. The caller said he had seen two males in the woods at Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve with a metal pole. He said he heard a commotion, and saw some deer running from the area. While walking out he found a dead deer in the same area. The suspect description and location were the same as an incident in July where a four point deer had been taken with a blowgun. CO Jacob Griffin had investigated the incident in July and was contacted by Sgt. Mooney. Sgt. Mooney and CO Griffin responded to the area. The COs located the dead female deer the caller described and removed a blowgun dart from the carcass. The COs then attempted to locate the suspect at his residence. The COs were unable to locate the

suspect and tried again the following day with no success. CO Chris Knights located the suspect's girlfriend on Facebook and attempted to make contact with him at her residence. The subject was not at the residence, but called CO Knights and arranged to meet with him. The suspect was interviewed by CO Knights and CO Griffin. The suspect admitted to taking the antlerless deer with a blowgun. He admitted to wounding another deer that was seen in the nature preserve with an orange dart in it. He also admitted to taking a deer without a license last fall. The suspect was then lodged by CO Griffin on a warrant for the four point he killed with his blowgun in July.

CO Raymond Gardner made contact with an individual coming into the boat launch at the Lake Erie Metro Park. CO Gardner checked both occupants fishing licenses and conducted a safety check on the boat. CO Gardner was also shown two walleye on ice in a cooler. CO Gardner told one of the occupants to take out the smaller of the fish and hold it next to the measuring tape on the boat. When that happened CO Gardner noticed it looked short, so he took the fish from the cooler and grabbed his fish board to properly measure the walleye. CO Gardner found that the walleye was only 14 ½" long and he showed the fisherman the measurement. The man said he could have sworn the fish was 15" when it was measured after he caught it. CO Gardner explained to the man that fish don't shrink a ½" due to ice in the cooler. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger and Sgt. Damon Owens interviewed a subject with a suspicious license purchase history. The subject who lived in northern Wayne County had bought an Oakland County antlerless deer tag in Monroe County at approximately 12:30pm on the first day of the early antlerless season and delivered the deer to a processor within a few hours. After interviewing the subject and after a 3rd attempt at getting the correct story, the hunter stated he did not realize he could not use a combo deer license during the antlerless season. He killed a deer at approximately 9:30am in the morning, and when he went to tag the deer, his friend who was in the blind with him said he did not have the proper tag. The pair called the DNR RAP Hotline to get a correct answer, and the dispatcher stated they could not use the combo deer license. Instead of admitting to the dispatcher their mistake, the hunter used his friend's tag for the deer, drove the deer to the processor and while enroute, the tag fell off the deer. The processor would not accept the deer so the hunter who killed the deer drove to the store and bought the proper tag, albeit at the very wrong time. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Raymond Gardner and David Schaumburger were on ORV patrol in the middle of the night and approached a local pit from opposite ends to meet in the middle. After scouring the pit, the two met up and decided to move on for the night when CO Schaumburger saw headlights from a distance. The CO drove towards the lights and found not only one vehicle, but five vehicles and a total of nine occupants trespassing and entering the ORV pit. The COs made the vehicles line up near the entrance of the ORV area while the COs dealt with all the trespassers. Enforcement action was taken.

While checking small game hunters at the Pte Mouillee State Game Area, CO Dan Walzak rolled up on two hunters that he observed come out of the area to their vehicle.

When CO Walzak reached the hunters, he observed the shotguns belonging to the hunters were both on the vehicle and not cased. In addition, through checking the hunters, it was revealed the hunters were using lead shot on the game area when prohibited. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker noticed four subjects walking around the perimeter of the zoo, which is closed to the public. CO Becker and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly, along with Michigan State Police Troopers and park staff, located the subjects walking on the dilapidated boardwalk. Once the subjects were aware of the officers, the subjects ran and then jumped off the boardwalk into thick weeds. The subjects came back to the officers on the boardwalk once they figured out that they did not know which way to go. CO Becker explained that the unsafe structures are the reason the zoo is closed to the public. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Jason Becker observed a vehicle operating the wrong way on a one way road. CO Becker stopped the vehicle and asked for the operator's driver's license. The driver stated he did not have it with him. CO Becker wanted to verify they driver was licensed, so he asked for the subject's information. The driver was hesitant to give CO Becker his name, and after a LEIN check, it was determined that he had a warrant for his arrest for owing over \$200,000 in unpaid child support. The subject was arrested and lodged on his warrant.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a group of individuals drinking a bottle of whiskey on the beach. The patrons were attempting to hide the alcohol by putting it into a soda bottle. CO Deppen approached the individuals and asked for the whiskey. They pointed to the trash and claimed they did not have any liquor, but they saw a whiskey bottle in the trash can. CO Deppen told the individuals he saw them drinking out of the whiskey bottle and pouring it into the soda bottles and the group eventually confessed to drinking the whiskey. While verifying their identification, one of the individuals was found to have multiple warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Pete Purdy and Ray Gardner assisted MSP on Belle Isle with a call of a car that struck the bathhouse on the beach and also struck two pedestrians. The two pedestrians had minor injuries.

COs Jason King and Chris Holmes made contact with a group of subjects who were visiting Hipsters Beach on Belle Isle. The officers discovered that the group had open alcoholic beverages. Enforcement action was taken.

While on Belle Isle patrol in Detroit, CO Greg Patten reported stopping a vehicle and warned the operator for going the wrong way. CO Patten also responded to a fight complaint at Gabriel Park just across the bridge where he provided assistance to the Michigan State Police and Detroit Police Department officers with a disorderly subject.