

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
9/13/15 – 9/26/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO Brian Lasanen contacted two grouse hunters on opening day after watching them from a distance where one subject shot twice. CO Lasanen asked if they got the birds they shot at. They advised, "Nope, missed!" One hunter was not wearing hunter orange, and told the officer that he left it in his truck - he got excited when he saw the birds and forgot to put it on. CO Lasanen also noticed the vehicle they were driving was not registered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was working an ORV patrol and observed a subject operating an ORV without a helmet on the trail. CO Lasanen noted that the ORV had an orange ORV sticker at the time of the stop. The operator was asked where his helmet was, to which he replied, "I was just going for a short ride and did not expect to see a conservation officer." CO Lasanen took a closer look at the ORV sticker and it was from 2012 and expired. The driver advised he knew the sticker was old, but hoped he would get away with it because 2012 and 2015 are the same color. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly took a call over the weekend which was broadcast for two elderly individuals with dementia who were missing in the Keweenaw Peninsula. CO Eberly located the two individuals and turned them over to a Department of Human Services investigator, who returned the two of them to their family.

CO Denny Gast and Sgt. Grant Emery attended a trapper's education class held over the weekend in Silver City at the Ontonagon Valley Sportsman's Club. The class consisted of several new trappers of all ages, and even entire families with mom, dad, and all the kids participating in the event. Everyone received some free trapping equipment and was shown various types of sets.

CO Brian Lasanen watched two anglers fishing on the Trout Creek Pond. As CO Lasanen approached the anglers he observed one of them trying to hide a five gallon bucket. When contacted, one of the anglers advised the fishing was slow and that they hadn't caught a fish all day. A glance in the nearby bucket revealed two undersized brook trout. When asked, the anglers replied that they must have forgotten about those two. Further discussion revealed that one of the anglers had also neglected to purchase a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen contacted two duck hunters on opening morning and asked how their morning was going. They advised it was going well, as they had shot three ducks. CO Lasanen asked for their waterfowl licenses and proper stamps and asked to check their shotguns. The two duck hunters were using three shotguns when a hunter is only allowed to be in possession of one firearm with a shell capacity of only three shells. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was called to assist an Ontonagon County Sheriff's Deputy with a missing 76 year old male on an ORV. As CO Lasanen was en route to the search area, he was flagged down by an elderly gentleman in Rockland. The elderly man advised he was riding in group and got separated. CO Lasanen asked for his name and told the subject that his party had reported him missing. CO Lasanen escorted the lost ORV operator back to the rally point where his group was located.

CO David Miller was working an ORV patrol in Baraga County. While following ORV tracks, CO Miller watched as an ORV came up over a hill in the road. As the patrol truck became visible, CO Miller observed the passenger quickly attempt to unload his uncased shotgun that he had across his lap. When contacted, the shotgun was loaded and the hammer was back. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly worked the Chassell Flats landing for the waterfowl opener. He reported more activity than the past couple years – nearly every boat checked had both ducks and geese. CO Eberly ran into one group with a hunter who was using an unplugged shotgun which held more than three shells. A second boat was checked that did not have any personal flotation devices (PFDs) on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly investigated a complaint of ORVs causing damage and driving through a stream on privately owned Commercial Forest Lands. CO Eberly advised the landowner of possible solutions to educate the ORV riders, such as posting the area with "No Motorized Vehicles" signs.

CO Brian Bacon contacted two subjects in camo carrying a rifle as they exited the woods. A conversation with the subjects found they were tracking a bear that was shot the night before. It was determined that numerous violations had occurred in regard to their bear hunting activity. In addition, neither subject could produce any hunter orange and one subject had been hunting the past three nights without a bear permit. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Marc Pomroy gave a presentation in Ironwood on hunting safety and regulations to staff members of Enbridge during their monthly safety meeting.

CO Jared Ferguson and Sgt. Marc Pomroy worked bear hound activity on the opener. They contacted several large groups and found compliance to be high.

CO Jared Ferguson is currently working a recreational trespass complaint in Dickinson County that has been a problem for the last five years. The investigation is ongoing, and a suspect has been developed.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling northern Dickinson County when he came upon a side-by-side operating on a two track. The CO contacted the vehicle operator and observed that his gun case was open and his shotgun was exposed. It was apparent to

CO Ferguson after he tried to close it that the case was not functioning properly. CO Ferguson gave the elderly man a warning and advised him to purchase a new case before his next hunting trip.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Shannon Kritz worked the waterfowl opener in Dickinson County. The officers observed one group continue to hunt past the closing time. Contact was made with the three waterfowl hunters and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman contacted a successful bear hunter as he was removing his bear from the woods. The hunter was using an unregistered ORV and had failed to validate and attach the kill tag to the field dressed bear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was catching up on paperwork at the Powers Weigh Station in Menominee County when an ORV passed by the front of his truck and continued to travel along US-2. CO DeLonge was able catch up with the ORV and conducted a traffic stop. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was approached by a group of criminal justice students from Northern Michigan University about giving a presentation to the group about the Department's hiring process and opportunities as a conservation officer. CO DeLonge then conducted the presentation for the group and had many interested attendees who asked several questions about how to plan their future in ways that would help prepare themselves to become conservation officer prospects. CO DeLonge was thanked for speaking to the group and asked to speak at future group meetings.

CO Brett DeLonge was on patrol when he observed a group of ORVs riding with passengers when the ORVs used were not designed to carry passengers. Contact was made with the group and enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Leadman, Elton Luce and PCOs Calvin Smith and Shannon Kritz worked a grouse decoy patrol. Several violations were witnessed including an uncased firearm in motor vehicle and hunt with no hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Leadman and PCO Calvin Smith observed several violations on the opening day of waterfowl season. Many groups were checked and many violations were encountered. Violations included hunt with an unplugged firearm, hunt waterfowl no waterfowl license, unsigned federal waterfowl stamps, hunt waterfowl with lead shot and hunt waterfowl with no federal waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken with each group.

DISTRICT 2

CO Rob Freeborn and a US Forest Service Officer were advised of a possible meth dump site at a popular camping location. The officers responded along with members of UPSET. Once on scene it was determined that the bottle was that of a "one pot" gas

generator used for the making of meth. The components were disposed of and the investigation is ongoing.

CO Rob Freeborn responded to a complaint of a hunter blocking a road with their parked vehicle. Upon arriving on scene, CO Freeborn recognized the truck as a bear hunter and noticed that just in front of the truck was a parking spot that would have allowed the truck to be completely off the road way. CO Freeborn made contact with the hunter who stated he didn't want anyone disturbing his hunt. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rob Freeborn was on routine patrol when he heard from local dispatch that a woman had fallen out of a moving vehicle and then was run over by the vehicle. CO Freeborn was only a mile from the incident and was first on scene along with a tribal officer. The officers provided medical assistance until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel arrived on scene.

CO Rob Freeborn checked several bear hunters over the past week. Overall compliance was good except one hunter who was hunting bear with a firearm and was not wearing hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

While working opening day of waterfowl season, CO Rob Freeborn contacted several hunters enjoying the unusually warm fall day. Overall compliance was good; however the CO encountered two hunters who were hunting with unplugged shotguns and another subject hunting waterfowl without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Michael Evink was working a complaint of bear hound hunters dragging roads in northern Schoolcraft County. Officer Evink was able to make contact with a large group of hunters camping and educated the group as to why the dragging law is in place and the damage dragging does to the roads. Officer Evink took photos of the drag and warned the group against using it.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and CO Michael Evink were working the Au Train Basin on a very warm waterfowl opener. The two officers contacted numerous groups of hunters, most of who were in compliance with the laws. The officers contacted one hunter who had decided to use "lead shot" to try and save some money. He was educated on the fact that lead is toxic to waterfowl when they ingest it, and was given a ticket to remind him in the future.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon while talking to a camper walking his dog in the campground observed another camper placing what appeared to be a bag of ducks into the garbage cans. Contact with the individuals revealed that they had hunted that morning, had cleaned their ducks and had just thrown away five breasted-out carcasses of the "teal" they had shot. Inspection of the birds resulted in an education on identification, as the birds were all wood ducks (not teal). The hunters were also educated on the requirement to leave a wing attached to waterfowl, and the tagging requirements for waterfowl hunters.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon taught hunter safety classes in Eben and Munising this past week.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon attended Agripalooza at the Chatham State Farm and gave a presentation about "the job of a Conservation Officer" to over 150 fifth grade students over the course of the day. Fifth grade classes from Alger and Marquette County schools attended and rotated through multiple presenters for 15 minute presentations. The day was attended by over 350 kids.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon taught waterfowl identification and enforcement techniques at the week-long Law Enforcement Division "Waterfowl School" in Bay City.

CO Jeff Panich worked in the Stalwart area of Chippewa County during the first and second bear seasons. CO Panich located numerous illegal blinds, tree stands and baits prior to the first season hunt. After numerous attempts to contact the hunters, CO Panich finally made contact with almost all of the suspects of the illegal activity on the opening evening on the second season. It was discovered after contacting the third hunter that one large hunting party was responsible for all the illegal activity. Enforcement action was taken for no hunter orange, no names on stands and illegal bait, along with numerous verbal warnings.

CO Jeff Panich was working in the Hessel area checking bird hunters on State land, when he ran across a yellow go-cart parked off the trail. CO Panich realized that the cart had been stashed off the trail in an attempt to hide it in the woods. CO Panich contacted area law agencies and the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office confirmed they took a report of a stolen yellow go-cart several weeks back. The property was turned over to the sheriff's office and returned to its original owner with only minor damage.

While on patrol in a remote area of Drummond Island, CO Jeff Panich happened across the scene of a car crash. The vehicle had hit several trees while attempting to turn around at the end of a gated road. CO Panich confirmed with Central Dispatch that no one had reported the crash and started to look for the operator of the vehicle. Concerned with the operator's well-being, CO Panich used resources available including Michigan State Police (MSP) K-9, Mackinac County Sheriff's Department and Border Patrol Agents in attempt to find the operator. Hours later in the middle of the night, the search was called off until daylight. Upon arriving at his residence, CO Panich heard radio traffic indicating that the two Border Patrol Agents who continued searching for the missing driver had found a remote cabin approximately two miles further down the road. While approaching the cabin, the Border Patrol Agents took gunfire from inside. CO Panich, MSP troopers and every other available agency responded to the Border Patrol Agents location. A long stand-off ensued through the early morning hours into the next afternoon when it was confirmed the suspect was deceased.

PCO Pat Hartsig and CO Brett Gustafson responded to a complaint of a 26 year old man who was bitten and scratched by a bear while hunting in the Seney area. When the subject was interviewed, it was found that the bear hound hunters had shot and

wounded a 400 lb. bear; the bear then grabbed one of the hounds. The houndsman reached to pull the dog from the bear's mouth when the bear bit his hand and scratched his arm. The patient received eight stitches and a rabies shot.

While patrolling the morning of the Upper Peninsula waterfowl opener, PCO Pat Hartsig and CO Brett Gustafson checked numerous parties in the Green Island area. While checking a group of six hunters, one individual was hesitant to make eye contact or answer questions. It turned out that he possessed an unplugged shotgun. A ticket was issued, and a makeshift plug was given to the hunter so he could continue hunting with his group.

COs Jon Busken, John Wenzel and Brett Gustafson taught a hunter safety class at the Engadine Consolidated School. More than 30 students attended the class. A field day was also conducted and students were able to shoot firearms, bows, pellet guns and learn how to safely set up a tree stand.

CO Jon Busken observed a vehicle towing a boat trailer without a license plate on US-2. A traffic stop was conducted and the operator was contacted. When approaching the vehicle the officer detected the strong odor of burnt marijuana. The operator admitted to smoking the marijuana just prior to the stop. The operator's driver's license was currently suspended. There was also no insurance on the vehicle and the registration was expired. The operator's field sobriety tests indicated he was operating under the influence. The operator consented to a blood test and was lodged in the Mackinac County Jail after the test. Charges are pending.

CO Jon Busken received a phone call from an area resident in reference to an individual operating an ORV while intoxicated. The officer had recently arrested the subject for operating an ORV while administratively denied and revoked. The officer was not in the area but made contact with a local deputy who found the rider and initiated a traffic stop. The operator was visibly intoxicated but denied that he drank any alcohol that day. When asked if he would pass a PBT the operator indicated he drank some alcohol the night before. The PBT indicated a BAC of .27 – more than three times the legal limit for operating an ORV. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

CO Bobby Watson and Sgt. Mike Hammill were patrolling the waterfowl opener on a local river when they rounded a corner and were greeted by the strong odor of marijuana. Two hunters were found and a short conversation led to the admission of smoking marijuana just moments before the COs arrived. Two flasks of liquor were found, along with a container and pipe with marijuana residue. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was checking a local GEMS (Grouse Enhanced Management Site) area when he observed three ORVs approaching a main highway closed to ORV traffic. A quick check of the hunting party revealed that they had travelled along the highway in

order to access the hunting location. A conversation took place on the safety issues regarding ORV traffic along a busy highway and enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobby Watson was on patrol when he was dispatched to a motor vehicle versus ORV collision. The ORV had crossed the centerline, colliding with the passenger car before rolling over multiple times. Fortunately, nobody was injured in the collision. An accident report was taken.

DISTRICT 3

While working salmon fishing activity on the Bear River, CO Duane Budreau and PCO Brandon Hartleben observed a subject attempting to snag fish. Contact was made and a ticket was issued.

CO Duane Budreau was patrolling the Boyne River for salmon fishing activity when he observed a subject hook a salmon in the tail. The subject reeled the salmon to shore and placed it on his stringer and went back to fishing. While CO Budreau was walking to the subject's location he was noticed by the subject, who then quickly released the fish from his stringer. Contact was made and the subject was advised that any fish not properly hooked in the mouth needs to be immediately released back to the water and not just when you see the game warden coming.

While on patrol, CO Andrea Erratt responded to a complaint from Central Dispatch of subjects being shot at. The situation involved two subjects riding ORVs who had stopped on the side of the road to pick apples from a tree on the edge of a farm field. The landowner came out and yelled at the two subjects telling them the apples were on private property. The two subjects went down the road and around the corner and started picking apples from an apple tree on the outside of the fence of the same farm field. At this point the landowner came down to this location with a 9 mm handgun and discharged the gun emptying the magazine next to where the subjects were picking apples. CO Erratt assisted Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies by having the two subjects lay down in the back of her patrol truck and transported them from the scene and to an area of safety. Contact was eventually made with the shooter, who was taken into custody for felonious assault.

Patrolling back road two-tracks, CO Andrea Erratt came across a truck parked alongside the road. Upon approaching, a young kid quickly jumped out of the back of the truck while two adult males exited the cab of the truck. CO Erratt quickly made contact and discovered an uncased firearm and an untagged deer in the back of the truck. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Albert assisted the MSP and Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department Deputies with a Hemp enforcement flight in Charlevoix County.

CO Andrea Albert responded to a report of a bear hit by a car at around midnight. This is the second car bear accident in the county in two weeks. The driver of the vehicle did

not want the bear so CO Albert arranged for the meat to be donated to local families. The bear weighed 400 pounds dressed out.

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Adam LeClerc received a complaint of illegal ORV activity in the Jordan River Valley. After responding to the area, the suspects were located and advised that the valley is closed to ORV activity. A ticket was issued for the illegal operation.

CO Andrea Erratt reports increased activity on the Boyne River with the salmon finally beginning to show up in numbers. Numerous tickets were issued for having illegal hooks on the Boyne River and retaining foul hooked fish.

While conducting a salmon patrol on the Boyne River CO Andrea Erratt encountered two subjects in a canoe fishing above the dam in an area clearly posted as "No Trespassing". Upon making contact it was discovered that neither had fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in the Pigeon River Country state forest, CO Mark DePew and PCO Jim Zellinger observed an ORV operator without a helmet and without an ORV license. Upon contact, the subject stated he was out looking for elk. The officers quickly determined the subject was intoxicated. After field sobriety tests and a PBT that registered .21 BAC, the subject was arrested and lodged. He was charged with third offense drunk driving. His four-wheeler was impounded with the assistance of CO Matt Theunick and PCO Chad Baldwin.

While working the elk hunt, CO Matt Theunick and PCO Chad Baldwin assisted in the retrieval of a 6x6 bull elk in a restricted motor vehicle access area. The hunters were grateful for their help.

CO Mark DePew and PCO Jim Zellinger checked several bear hunters and bear taken in Otsego County. Several bear houndsmen recreational trespass complaints were received and dealt with.

CO Nick Torsky and Sgt. Greg Drogowski patrolled Bois Blanc Island for the north zone waterfowl opening weekend. On Friday evening, the COs checked an area where complaints had been received of hunting woodcock after legal hunting hours. The complaint had been received several years prior, and had been worked several times without success. This time, three subjects were observed standing in the roadway awaiting the evening flight. Officers got into position and watched them shooting at woodcock 25 minutes after legal hours. None were wearing hunter orange. After contact, three woodcock were seized and tickets issued for hunting woodcock after hours and failure to wear hunter orange.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Chad Baldwin assisted in an Enbridge pipeline exercise with the US Coast Guard and other agencies in the Straits of Mackinaw.

CO Matt Theunick and Chad Baldwin taught at a hunter safety class with approximately 75 individuals in attendance.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Chad Baldwin observed a dirt bike operating on a state highway with a small child on the front of the ORV and no ORV license. A traffic stop was made and enforcement action taken.

CO Mark DePew and PCO Jim Zellinger located several ORVs operating in closed areas on state land. One also had no helmet and was operating with a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Torsky attended a week long trapper's college in Indiana, learning trapping enforcement techniques and making contact with COs from all over the country.

CO Mark DePew and PCO Jim Zellinger contacted bear hunters who had a bear treed on state land and had an 11 year old attempting to shoot the bear. The situation was stopped and a warning given, with the officers educating the hunters on legal youth hunting ages.

CO Mark DePew gave a question and answer session on a local radio station last week, answering many conservation law questions.

CO Eric Bottorff handled a deer complaint, where the complainant reported a dead deer in Silver Lake and thought it had been poached. CO Bottorff retrieved the deer out of the lake and performed a necropsy, determining it had been hit by a car and then ran into the lake.

COs Brad Bellville and Kelly Ross responded to a complaint of a dead eagle and when the officers arrived on scene they saw skids marks on the road that appeared to swerve toward the eagle. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Report-All-Poaching (RAP) hotline.

COs Brad Bellville and Bobbi Lively were patrolling state land when an individual pulled over to talk with the officers about hunting in the area. The officers asked about his luck small game hunting and if they could check his firearms. The hunter stated he had not had any luck and when the officers checked his shotgun found that it was still loaded. He was issued a ticket for possessing a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

CO Brad Bellville assisted local deputies with a complaint of domestic violence where the wife was beating her husband with a baseball bat. When the officers arrived on scene they were able to separate the individuals and arrested the wife for the assault.

CO Tim Rosochacki was walking toward a vehicle when he saw the driver throw something out the window. Upon contact, the driver denied throwing anything. CO Rosochacki located an empty beer can in the woods and the driver admitted to throwing it when he saw the officer approaching. He was issued a ticket for littering.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted a hunter coming out of the woods on the opening night of bear season. The hunter was not wearing hunter orange and showed the officer a no-kill license. The hunter stated the employee at the store where he purchased it told him he had a bear license, and thought he was legally able to hunt. The officer then checked the hunter's bait site and found he was using illegal materials to construct the bait on state land. The hunter was given a warning for not wearing hunter orange and not having a valid kill tag, but was issued a ticket for the illegal bait site.

CO Kelly Ross contacted two individuals driving a vehicle behind a closed gate in the Pigeon River Country on a trail which is closed to vehicles. They admitted to camping and fishing at a nearby lake and drove on the trail to access the location. CO Ross discovered neither had a fishing license and gave them a warning for fishing without a license and issued a ticket to the driver of the vehicle for operating a motor vehicle in a closed area.

CO Bill Webster received a complaint of recreational trespass during the youth hunt. Upon arriving on scene CO Webster located a blood trail on the private property near a hunting blind and bait pile on the neighboring property. CO Webster contacted the landowner who admitted to putting the illegal bait out for his two sons. Both sons shot deer; one of which was on the neighbor's property when it was shot. The father was issued a ticket for baiting deer in a closed county. A few hours later CO Bill Webster and PCO Christopher Lynch received another complaint about a dead five point buck being found on the same property from the earlier complaint. The officers saw hunters in the blind who had been dealt with earlier. The COs contacted the dad and his two children in the blind and found no one was wearing hunter orange and no one had a license to continue hunting. The officers also detected the odor of marijuana and the dad admitted to smoking it in the blind. Charges are being sought through the prosecutor's office.

DISTRICT 4

While on patrol CO Rich Stowe was flagged down by citizen who had a dead turkey in their yard. The citizen was worried about possible influenza. CO Stowe conducted a quick necropsy which revealed the turkey had a broken neck from being hit by a vehicle. CO Rich Stowe assisted Wildlife Division staff with two Deer Management Assistance Permits (DMAPs) inspections of farms experiencing damage to pumpkins and corn.

CO Holly Pennoni and PCO Ben Weber encountered subjects harvesting wood on federal lands without a permit. They were also on restricted roads. The COs informed the individuals of the rules for harvesting wood on federal land and forwarded the information to federal officers.

PCO Ben Weber and CO Holly Pennoni met with a novice angler who self-reported taking two undersized smallmouth bass by mistake. The angler turned the fish over to the officers. The COs noted the angler's honesty and a warning was given for his actions.

While patrolling state land PCO Ben Weber and CO Holly Pennoni came across two hunters, one of whom was not wearing hunter orange. The other had a license for private land only, and was too young to hunt public land with a firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Ben Weber and CO Holly Pennoni responded to a complaint of dogs chasing wildlife. The dogs were observed chasing deer through multiple property sections. Investigation revealed the dogs had dug themselves out of their kennel and were still at large.

CO Holly Pennoni and PCO Ben Weber responded to a self-reported illegal deer. During the apprentice hunt, two individuals took a deer. Neither individual had a deer license. The first statement by the property owner was another individual was the one who hunted with the apprentice. Further investigation revealed that the other individual did not participate in the hunt and had not been to the property in over a month. The property owner then told the officers that he lied in his first statement and he was the one who had participated in the hunt. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO William Haskin worked a Tippy Dam patrol with CO Sam Kosciński. Although fish activity was slow, COs were able to clear up a lot of confusion on the new gear regulations for anglers. At one point, the COs witnessed three anglers fishing together, all attempting to snag using illegal fishing gear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO William Haskin were patrolling along the Platte River and noticed a kayak rental livery vehicle dropping off unregistered canoes and kayaks for clients. Contact was made with employees, and the owners of the livery were advised of the violation. The investigation remains open.

While conducting river patrol on foot CO Rebecca Hopkins observed several individuals partying with loud music and beer on the opposite river bank. Noting that none were engaging in any fishing activity she moved up river to continue patrol. About 200 yards upstream CO Hopkins heard gunfire from the party area. She returned back to the party area and observed one male subject explaining to a female how to operate a semi-automatic pistol then he tossed the pistol into a nearby vehicle. Upon contact with the subjects, CO Hopkins watched as the male hid the firearm under the tire of the vehicle. CO Hopkins, assisted by CO Justin Vanderlinde, determined all of the subjects were under the influence of alcohol, the pistol had been transported illegally upon the subjects arriving to the party, and the bullets discharged from the firearm earlier were shot into the river directly toward the bank where CO Hopkins had first stood to observe the subjects. Warrants for a variety of charges are being requested.

CO Sean Kehoe assisted with a Hunter Safety Class at Kingsley Sportsmen's Club. There were about 100 participants who received their hunter safety certification.

CO Sean Kehoe followed up on a complaint of a subject posting on Facebook that he had a successful Sandhill Crane Hunt. The investigation revealed that the subject on Facebook was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and allowed to do so. The US Fish and Wildlife Service approved a request from the tribe to establish a Sandhill Crane season and the hunter followed the regulations set forth by the tribe.

CO Justin Vanderlinde and Sgt. Robert Torres were on patrol in Benzie County. COs drove by a residence and observed a youth in the bed of a pick-up truck with two adults standing next to it. All were intently looking into the bed of the truck. COs continued past the residence observing what appeared to be blood on the tailgate. COs returned to the residence a few minutes later and observed the youth now out of the bed of the truck attempting to locate his deer hunting license. COs observed a six point buck in the bed of the truck, field dressed, with no tag attached. Interviews were conducted and several versions of why the deer was not tagged were given. CO Vanderlinde had also previously contacted the youth guardian years ago about a similar incident of failure to tag. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky and PCO William Kinney were working a fish patrol on the Pere Marquette when they observed a group of subjects snagging from shore and from vessels. The anglers were sight fishing and pulling a multi-fly rigs across gravel runs in an attempt to snag the salmon. Two subjects then got out of their boat and went onto an adjacent parcel of posted property. The COs contacted the anglers about their method of fishing and also checked the vessels for PFDs. Several tickets were issued for attempted snagging and failing to provide PFDs, along with warnings for the trespass violations.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky were operating on an M-route where the roadway split into two lanes. They noticed that there was a large group of motorcycles intentionally blocking both lanes of travel so nobody could pass them or separate their group, causing traffic to jam up. The COs stopped the cycles and discussed the infractions for impeding traffic and not keeping to the far right, and ran LEIN on the individuals. The lead operator told the officers that due to the fact that the roads were wet, they were trying to keep anyone from getting in front of them because they did not want to get sprayed. The LEIN check revealed that his operator's license was suspended and enforcement action was taken.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky stopped to check a vehicle that was parked along a two track on public land. They got out of their vehicle and saw two hunters afield with firearms without any hunter orange. The COs contacted the hunters and found they had 14 squirrels with the hair completely burned off in a grocery bag in their truck. The COs addressed the overlimit of squirrels and hunter orange violation and tickets were issued.

COs Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky received a complaint of an excess bait site in Mason County. The COs located the bait on private property and visited the site on the

opener of the youth hunt. When the COs approached the blind, they found a 15 year old hunter without any adult supervision. The COs waited for over 30 minutes for a parent to finally arrive. They discovered that the mother had been sitting in a second blind with a younger child, but now left him because she knew that the COs were on scene. When they went to check on the second child, they found that he was not only alone in his blind, but his mother had taken his hunter orange vest when she walked out to talk to the COs. The COs discussed the hunter orange violations with her as well as allowing minors to hunt unsupervised. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and Brian Brosky were at the Custer Weir watching subjects at the access site when they witnessed a subject as he got into the passenger side of a vehicle with an open beer. The COs quickly retreated to their patrol unit to follow and ultimately stop the suspect vehicle. The COs approached the vehicle and noted that the passenger had hidden the open container. They advised both the driver and passenger of the repercussions for possessing and transporting open alcohol in a motor vehicle and the passenger finally pulled the beer from in between the seats and handed it to them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski watched as a side-by-side ORV operated down on a county road and onto a closed forest service road. The ORV was displaying an ORV sticker from 2007 and had six large bags of bait on it. CO Publiski stopped the vehicle and had a discussion with the driver, who stated that he was not aware that he was operating in a closed area, but did admit that he hadn't acquired a permit for quite some time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky received a complaint from Central Dispatch of billowing smoke at a residence. CO Brosky responded to the scene and found a large pile of burning solid waste that included a mattress and other household debris. The subject claimed that he had a pile of leaves on fire at this location the day before and thought it was out. He then placed all the refuse on top that morning but did not have intentions of burning, but was going to bury it. CO Brosky advised him that either way he cannot dispose of solid waste by burning or burying it and a ticket was issued.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was working the Bear Season opener and contacted a hunter leaving the woods after dark. The CO had ascertained that the hunter was coming from a blind that had no name on it and that there were live trees cut down for shooting lanes. CO Killingbeck asked the hunter for his license and identification and the hunter advised that he had forgotten them. CO Killingbeck asked the hunter how he was planning on tagging a bear if he was successful and the hunter replied, "Oh yeah, I guess your right". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was waiting near an illegal bear bait that had been placed prior to the legal start of baiting season. The bait was full of plastic wrappers and also included a large amount of foliage taken from the surrounding area. There was no name or address on the tree stands that were associated with it. As CO Killingbeck continued to wait, a vehicle pulled in with two subjects who CO Killingbeck recognized from the night

before. CO Killingbeck followed the two individuals to the illegal bear bait and made contact with the subjects. They were identified as the same men that he had issued a ticket to the night prior for an early bait at another illegal site. The men told the CO that they were hoping he had not found this bait. Unfortunately he did and enforcement action was taken again.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River where trespass is frequently occurring on posted private property when he observed two subjects cutting through to fish and made contact with them. Initially the subjects said they had not seen any "No Trespassing" signs but after further talking with the subjects they admitted to seeing the signs and clearly knew they were on private property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed several juveniles and one adult fishing on the Pere Marquette River in a flies only, catch and release portion of the river. CO Killingbeck observed the subjects fishing with live bait and heavy tackle. The CO contacted the group and found the adult in the group did not have a current 2015 fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and Rich Stowe, along with Sgt. Carla Soper, were on patrol at Tippy Dam where they observed two subjects snagging with illegal gear. After observing the subjects for an hour the COs made contact with the subjects, who attempted to cut their lines when approached. The COs were quicker than the suspects and were able to ascertain that the gear they were using was made of lead, had treble hooks on it, and also was over two ounces. One angler began argumentatively pleading his case that he was "not using illegal gear" and "not a snagger." When the COs ran the subjects for prior violations, it was determined that the subject had been issued a ticket for snagging in 2011 by Sgt. Soper. Tickets were issued for second offense snagging as well as the use of illegal fishing gear.

COs Josiah Killingbeck and Rich Stowe, along with Sgt. Carla Soper, were on patrol on the Big Manistee River when they encountered an angler tucked up in a quiet cove by himself after dark. The COs were able to get to a vantage point behind him and could hear that the bait he was throwing was quite substantial in weight. CO Stowe was able to get a good look at the tackle and realized that the subject was throwing an M-60 treble hook with lead attached. The COs got in behind the angler and grabbed his rod prior to him casting out and were able to retrieve the illegal hook. When the COs looked at the angler's tackle box, they discovered that he had nothing legal to use at this location and told him to leave until he could get appropriate gear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski was having breakfast at his residence when he spotted an unfamiliar vehicle driving up his property line. CO Koscinski got in his patrol vehicle and followed the suspicious vehicle to an oil well site on an adjacent parcel. CO Koscinski contacted the driver about the trespass and found that he was given permission to hunt at this site, but had used the COs property as an easy means to access it. While CO Koscinski

spoke to the driver, he realized that there was an uncased gun on the seat and also discovered the hunter had greater than two gallons of bait set out. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski was working a gravel stretch near Suicide Bend on the Manistee River after dark when he encountered three individuals who were obviously attempting to snag salmon. CO Koscinski also ascertained that all three anglers were using lead baits with treble hooks attached. CO Koscinski contacted the individuals and found one was a minor and two were adults. Enforcement action was taken and tickets were issued for snagging and for illegal fishing gear.

COs Sam Koscinski and Steve Converse were working a stretch along the Big Manistee River when they encountered an individual casting from shore. Although the angler was using legal fishing tackle, the COs witnessed him hook numerous fish in the body, ultimately losing them. After some time, the angler was finally able to keep one on and subsequently brought it to shore and netted it. Once the angler put the fish on the stringer, the COs made contact with him and advised him that they were privy to the location where the fish had been hooked. At first the angler tried to deny any wrong doing, but eventually admitted to foul hooking the salmon. Enforcement action was taken the fish was seized.

COs Sam Koscinski and Steve Converse were at Tippy Dam working a routine fish patrol when they witnessed a group of anglers who had all retained a foul hooked fish; two of which were salmon and one that was a five pound walleye. Two of the anglers were using legal gear, while one decidedly used an illegal lure composed of lead with treble hooks. Prior to making contact with the men, the COs also witnessed them smoking marijuana in public. Enforcement action was taken and their fish were seized.

CO Steve Converse was sitting on a small creek in Manistee County when he spotted four individuals quickly exiting their vehicles with fishing poles and nets, heading to the creek. The anglers went down the riverbank and were immediately able to see the fish in the shallow water. The anglers threw aside their poles and began netting the salmon and had four in their possession before CO Converse could get from his vantage point to make contact with them. CO Converse was able to catch up to them as they were heading to their vehicle. Enforcement action was taken and all four fish were seized.

CO Steve Converse was checking a small tributary of the Big Manistee River checking for illegal activity when he heard a loud diesel vehicle pulling up, and then witnessed a subject quickly appear with a fishing rod. Within seconds, the man snagged a salmon. CO Converse was across the creek from the subject and unfortunately lost sight of him. The CO was heading toward the road to try to cut him off at his vehicle when he heard the vehicle start up and pull away. CO Converse got to his vehicle as quickly as possible and tracked the suspect for over five miles, ultimately finding him and stopping him. When CO Converse contacted the driver, he exclaimed, "You saw me snag that fish, didn't you?" CO Converse confirmed that he had and then seized the live fish and issued a ticket for snagging.

CO Steve Converse was checking on a camp that he has historically had problems with during the salmon season. Upon arriving, he set up a vantage point and immediately found multiple subjects snagging and throwing heavy tackle. CO Converse contacted visiting COs Jason McCullough and Joel Lundberg and PCOs Christopher Maher and Michael Haas for assistance. The COs were able to identify that the individuals fishing were throwing weighted hooks, commonly referred to as M-60s, as well as snagging and grabbing salmon by hand. The COs contacted the anglers and their investigation revealed that they had snagged over 50 pounds of salmon and were in possession of 50 M-60 snag hooks. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively of Oceana County was the closest car to respond to a report of a vehicle used in a theft of returnable cans at a local convenience store. CO Shively was able to locate the vehicle leaving the store and ran the license plate, which returned as being stolen a day earlier. A traffic stop was conducted and although the driver was not the suspect in the earlier theft, he was arrested for possession of a stolen license plate, expired license, improper plate, and no insurance. Drug paraphernalia located in the car will be sent to the MSP Lab to be tested for the presence of heroin.

CO Jeff Ginn of Newaygo County and PCO Ethan Gainforth responded to a complaint where an 18 year old male was supervising a youth during the youth firearm season when he decided to take an antlerless deer. The suspect was confronted by family and friends reminding him there was not an early antlerless season in this particular area. It was later reported to the RAP hotline and the officers were dispatched. The COs located an untagged deer, and an unvalidated kill tag, as well as the illegal deer. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Lebel and Angela Greenway of Mecosta County investigated a trapping complaint. The officers located two live traps baited with hotdogs and vegetables. The COs observed a subject exiting the woods with a firearm and wearing blaze orange. Upon making contact with the hunter, the COs determined it to be the trapper they were looking for. The subject had not taken hunter safety, had failed to purchase a small game (base license), had no tags on his traps and was targeting animals with the live trap that were out of season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Angela Greenway from Mecosta County responded to a complaint in Lake County of a safety zone violation. CO Greenway was able make contact with the squirrel hunters and confirm that one of the hunters shot at a squirrel within the safety zone of the complainant. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 5

COs Steve Lockwood and Nick Atkin were patrolling state land during youth deer hunting season when they checked a vehicle parked along a two-track. Officers observed blood on the tailgate of the vehicle and waited for the hunters to return. When the two hunters walked out of the woods they were not wearing the required hunter orange. While talking with the father and son, it was learned that the child had already

killed a deer during the morning hunt. According to father, the duo decided to recycle the kill tag and were out looking for a 'second' deer. Enforcement action taken.

While patrolling State Forest Lands in Gladwin County during the opening day of small game season, CO Mark Papineau observed a vehicle parked along a two-track. Exiting the patrol vehicle and walking on foot, CO Papineau was able to observe the small game hunter attempt to shoot at several grouse. After a period of time, the subject returned to his vehicle and placed the loaded, uncased, shotgun in the passenger seat. When the subject began to drive away, CO Papineau stepped out and stopped the vehicle. The driver attempted to hide the loaded, uncased shotgun but realized it was too late. The subject advised CO Papineau that he had been hunting state land in Gladwin County since the 1970s and has never been checked by a CO. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson responded early one morning to the area of a suspected deer poaching incident. After a long foot patrol, there were no signs of illegal deer activity. However, while scouring the area, CO Hudson discovered numerous large marijuana plants. The Arenac Sheriff's Department was contacted to handle the investigation. CO Hudson assisted the agency with harvest and removal of the plants.

CO Steve Lockwood responded to a request for assistance from the Gladwin County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department had received a complaint from small game hunters about some marijuana plants that were growing on state land. CO Lockwood responded and was able to locate only a handful of plants. CO Lockwood re-contacted the hunters to try and obtain better information. After receiving better information, the CO was able to locate numerous large marijuana plants. CO Lockwood assisted at the scene and turned the investigation over to the local deputies.

While patrolling State Forest Lands, CO Mark Papineau made contact with a subject operating an ORV in a prohibited area. In addition to illegal operation, the subject was not wearing a helmet and the ORV had not been registered since 2004. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nick Atkin responded to a safety zone complaint in northern Arenac County. The officer was able to find the blind, which was unoccupied at the time. Investigative work led to finding blood near the blind. Further information from the complainant led CO Atkin to the suspect residence. As it turns out, a youth was out hunting with a 23 year-old subject during the youth hunt. The youth successfully killed a deer, but unfortunately, did not tag the deer. In addition, the duo quickly processed the deer and took the carcass out and improperly disposed of it on state land. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau assisted the MSP at the scene of a fatal traffic accident in Gladwin County. The accident involved a subject operating a farm tractor on a county road. The tractor appeared to operate too far off the shoulder of the roadway which forced the

tractor into a large ditch. The operator was ejected from the cab of the tractor. The MSP continue to investigate.

CO Mark Papineau received a complaint from the RAP hotline in regard to a subject illegally cutting standing timber on Gladwin County State Forest Lands. CO Papineau responded to the area and made contact with the individuals. Almost immediately, CO Papineau was advised by the subjects that they did not have a required fuelwood permit and that they were only trying to stockpile wood for the upcoming winter months. CO Papineau provided verbal warnings and advised the subjects to obtain a fuelwood permit and educated the subjects about cutting live standing trees. The following day, CO Papineau began seeing "Firewood for Sale" signs with a familiar telephone number and address. CO Papineau inquired about the signs and discovered that the same people he had contacted and warned the previous day were actually selling the illegally harvested timber. Contact was again made with the responsible parties and confessions were obtained for illegally selling wood cut under authority of a firewood permit. Numerous arrest warrants are being sought.

Sgt. Jon Wood responded to a complaint from the DNR Forest Resources Division (FRD) of a subject who was dumping loads of brush and tree clippings on state land in rural Clare County. Timing could not have been worse; FRD staff was at the location inspecting the area after a massive clean-up that involved bringing in dumpsters and utilizing community volunteers. The volunteers had spent numerous hours cleaning garbage and debris from the state land just days prior. Sgt. Wood was able to track the suspect down using the information gathered by witnesses. The suspect stated that he knew better than to dump on state land but he happened to be going through the area and thought it would be convenient. A ticket was issued for dumping on state land and the suspect was ordered to clean up all materials that he had dumped.

On a separate litter complaint, Sgt. Wood received information about a pile of household litter that had been dumped at the end of a dead end road. While searching through the pile, Sgt. Wood located a package with a shipping label attached. The package led to a nearby residence. The occupants of the residence informed Sgt. Wood that the suspect was a previous tenant and no longer lived at the address. After making several phone calls and checking numerous databases, Sgt. Wood was able to track down the suspect at a different address about 20 miles away. After interviews, the suspect was issued a ticket for the littering violation.

Sgt. Jon Wood investigated a suspected bear attack in rural Clare County. The male victim was hunting porcupines when the suspected attack occurred. The victim was treated and released for minor injuries. The investigation is ongoing.

COs Brian Olsen and Bobbi Lively, and PCOs Matthew Zultak and Sam Schluckbier investigated a complaint of a family who had taken a deer illegally during the youth hunt. While responding to the area, COs Lively and Schluckbier observed the family's vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. A search of the vehicle located deer parts and processed

venison for two deer. The family was only able to produce one hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bobbi Lively and PCO Sam Schluckbier contacted a 19 year old subject driving around near the Oscoda County line. The officers observed a tree stand and bait in the back of his vehicle along with a crossbow on the passenger seat. Further investigation revealed there was also a loaded shotgun behind the driver's seat. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Olsen and PCO Matthew Zultak assisted an Arenac County Sheriff's Deputy on a complaint involving an untagged antlerless deer. The deputy initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign and while talking with the driver, he noticed a dead antlerless deer in the backseat area. When the COs arrived, they confirmed the deer in the backseat was untagged and checked the hunting rifle used in the incident. The officers located a baggie of marijuana inside the firearm case. They obtained confessions from the driver for taking a deer without a license and possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader and PCO Josh Wright observed three dirt bikes riding on state land near Dunham Lake. The COs were able to contact one of them at the next intersection. The driver had an out-of-state plate and no ORV trail sticker. When the other two machines were eventually contacted, the officers determined that one had a Michigan cycle plate that was two years expired and no ORV trail permit; the other had no ORV stickers at all. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jonathan Warner received a tip on a subject who had been obtaining hunting and fishing licenses fraudulently. The subject was claiming to be a 100% disabled veteran to qualify for free hunting and fishing licenses. Further investigation by CO Warner determined that the subject was not even a veteran. All hunting and fishing licenses were seized by CO Warner and charges are being reviewed by the Iosco County Prosecutor's Office. The subject could face 14 counts in two different counties for providing false statements to obtain a license.

CO Warren MacNeill and PCO Ben McAteer investigated a complaint of a subject who had illegally harvested a nine-point buck. The officers contacted the subject who claimed the deer was shot under a disease control permit; however, there was no license affixed to the deer and the subject was unable to provide one at that time. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Craig Neal assisted Roscommon County Sheriff's Deputies on a felonious assault with a knife. The subject was taken into custody without incident.

CO John Huspen received a complaint of a subject clearing brush out of his yard and dumping it on state land. When the officer contacted the subject, he stated that he had been the one who dumped the brush. Enforcement action taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was patrolling the Deadstream Swamp during the second day of the Red Oak Bear season when he encountered three vehicles hunting bear with hounds. Upon making contact with the houndsmen, CO Liestenfeltz observed a loaded shotgun and an uncased loaded handgun in the vehicles. Tickets were issued for transporting loaded firearms in a motor vehicle.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was returning home at the end of his shift when he observed a vehicle leaving the roadway and crossing the centerline. After stopping the vehicle, CO Liestenfeltz contacted the female driver who was highly intoxicated. The female driver was arrested for OUIL second offense enhanced after a BAC of .23 and lodged in the Missaukee County jail.

Several arrest warrants and juvenile petitions have been authorized by the Kalkaska County Prosecutor relating to a case from back in July. CO Mike Hearn investigated multiple suspects who were involved in attending and organizing a party on state land in Kalkaska County. The attendees removed barricades from an area that was recently rehabilitated by volunteers donating their time to the State of Michigan. Several trees were run over and destroyed, and the area was left littered with debris, including burned furniture.

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Casey Pullum were patrolling near Kalkaska when contacted by Sgt. Jeremy Payne about a complaint in Crawford County regarding bear hunters with dogs. The complainant said he notified the group of hunters that it was private property. A verbal confrontation took place between the property owner and the hunters. A short time later the complainant heard a gunshot near his home. Officers Hearn, Pullum and Sgt. Payne responded. Contact with the hunters revealed no recreational trespass violation and could not determine if a safety zone violation occurred. Within minutes of clearing the contact the officers heard multiple shots from the group. Officer Pullum and Sgt. Payne responded on foot through the woods and again contacted the group as they were standing near the dead bear. A few houndsmen were leashing their dogs. A total of 11 dogs were counted by Sgt. Payne and PCO Pullum. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chris Bowen, Chuck McPherson, John Huspen, Phil Hudson, and Brian Olsen, and PCOs Matt Zultak and Craig Neal hosted a Hunter Safety Field Day for students who had taken the online Hunter Safety Class. Eighteen students in total were certified.

DISTRICT 6

CO Dan Lee and PCO Jill Berry while on patrol in the Maple River State Game Area (SGA), pulled into a parking lot to check three subjects camping. Upon contact it was determined that they had no camp card displayed, minors in possession of alcohol, and a dog off of a leash. Education and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson made contact with several youth hunters during the early youth hunting weekend. The COs also received a safety zone complaint from

Station 20 and responded. They found one youth hunter and his mentor hunting on private land across the road from a house, well within the 150 yard safety zone. The COs advised the hunters that even though they are on their own property they must still have permission of the other residents if they are hunting within the safety zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson were contacted by a local farmer who found a dead eight point buck in his field. He was concerned that the buck had been killed by poachers and not retrieved. The animal looked healthy and showed no signs of trauma or disease from the outside. The COs performed a necropsy on the animal and found some bruising, but nothing that led them to believe that the animal had been shot or poached.

COs Ken Lowell, Kris Kiel, and Dave Schaumburger, along with PCOs Dan Robinson and Jacob Griffin executed a search warrant of a house in connection with two deer and one turkey taken illegally. The animals were seized along with the firearms used to take those animals. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and PCO Robert Slick were patrolling in Saginaw County and came across an ORV that had two people on it with a rifle slung across one of their backs. The violations were unregistered ORV, uncased firearm on ORV, riding double, and no helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and PCO Robert Slick attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle that was traveling almost 100 mph. After the COs activated their emergency lights and siren the suspect vehicle slowed down to about 60 mph and put their four way flashers on but failed to stop and refused to pull over. The COs followed the vehicle for approximately six miles to the next exit where the female suspect got off and pulled into a gas station. Upon contact, the driver advised that due to all the talk on the news about police officers, she did not stop and just called 911 to tell them what she was doing. The COs educated her on how she turned a civil infraction into a possible felony and that she had no option of not stopping her vehicle when the COs activated the emergency lights and siren. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and PCO Robert Slick stopped an ORV with an expired registration sticker. The driver had no helmet and also had open intoxicants in the vehicle. While the COs wrote out a ticket, they looked up and saw the passenger flick her cigarette onto the shoulder of the road. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Justin Muehlhauser worked game areas in Tuscola County for the youth hunt. Several hunters were contacted. The COs observed a group of hunters attempting to locate a deer in a private field. Only one of the hunters (the youth) was wearing hunter orange. When the COs made contact with the group, the father admitted that he was taking part in the early antlerless season and did not bring any hunter orange with him. Enforcement action was taken and the COs assisted in attempting to locate the youth's first buck.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Justin Muehlhauser assisted state and local law enforcement in Operation HEMP in Tuscola County. The operation was successful in eliminating roughly 82 mature marijuana plants throughout the County.

CO Joshua Wright was assisted by CO Seth Rhodea on a tip that a person had shot a buck during the early doe season. When they arrived at the suspect's residence they saw someone dragging a deer. Contact was made and the suspect admitted that he had shot the deer, which was about a seven inch spike. The suspect gave an explanation that the release on his bow accidentally went off when he was trying to see if it was a buck or doe. To make matters worse for the hunter he had not even purchased a deer license this year. Charges are being sought.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted the operator of an ORV after observing the driver and passenger not wearing seatbelts. Upon making contact it was also discovered that the ORV had not been licensed in several years. A ticket was issued.

CO Seth Rhodea was patrolling when he observed a large amount of black smoke coming from behind a residence. When the CO stopped to investigate he located a burn pile with tires, large plastic items and the remains on an old outbuilding being burned. A ticket was issued for illegal disposal of solid waste and the homeowners extinguished the fire.

CO Seth Rhodea received a complaint of a large amount of litter on state land. After locating the pile of trash CO Rhodea was able to locate numerous names and addresses in the pile. After several interviews the responsible party was located and ticketed for the litter.

CO Kyle Bucholtz was first on scene to a personal injury accident. Upon arrival, CO Bucholtz learned the driver had run off into a nearby corn field leaving an injured loved one in the wreck. Responding deputies, officers and emergency personnel searched the corn field for over an hour before CO Bucholtz located the injured subject a mile from where the accident occurred. It was discovered the driver had made an attempt to kill both occupants of the vehicle by purposely crashing the vehicle while at a high rate of speed. When the attempt failed, the driver ran into the corn field to further attempt self-harm. Both subjects survived and sought treatment.

CO Kyle Bucholtz received a complaint of recreational trespass. The suspect had knowingly entered the property of another to collect mushrooms. CO Bucholtz spoke with the cooperative suspect who admitted fault. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bucholtz assisted Harbor Beach Police Department with a Hunter Education course. Thirty-plus children took part in the course. Later in the week CO Bucholtz spoke to another group regarding the upcoming hunting seasons. CO Bucholtz spoke with multiple children from the first hunter education course that had recognized CO Bucholtz from the previous week.

While at an area gas station, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed a young subject drive into the parking lot on an ORV. The young subject was unsupervised and had been riding on a state highway. CO Bucholtz made contact with the young subject's parent and explained the child should not have been unsupervised, should not have been riding on a state highway and needed to take an ORV safety course prior to riding. Enforcement action was then taken.

CO Chad Foerster was working ORV patrol in Bay County when he observed a dirt bike operating down a state highway. The cycle was not street legal and the operator was not wearing a helmet or eye protection. Further investigation revealed the operator had a suspended driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chad Foerster was patrolling rural Bay County when he observed a Harley Davidson motorcycle turn onto the road in front of him. The driver nearly lost control of the motorcycle as he sped up very quickly. The CO paced him at over 100 mph before getting him to stop. Further investigation revealed the cycle was not registered nor insured. Enforcement action was taken and the cycle was hauled away on a wrecker.

CO Chad Foerster assisted local police officers with a personal injury accident involving a four month old child. The child was transported to a local hospital before ultimately being flown by helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital for more critical care.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Michael Haas worked a large tract of state land in Midland County. They came across a truck that was stuck in a large mud hole. The occupants had been drinking, had cased shotguns and a cooler in the bed of the truck. Upon searching the vehicle and cooler, the officers discovered a freshly killed mallard duck. The occupants admitted to shooting the duck during the closed season because they hadn't seen any geese while goose hunting. One of the subjects also did not have a federal waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Michael Haas assisted COs from another district on a weekend long group patrol at Tippy Dam. The pair alone wrote 21 tickets for various violations including snagging/attempt to snag salmon, take/possess illegally taken deer, possess illegal fishing gear, littering, possession of marijuana, and retain foul hooked fish. Several warnings were also given.

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Benjamin Weber worked a Labor Day Weekend patrol and encountered several mud-bog trucks and a huge "flash party" that was posted on Facebook. The officers wrote 29 tickets for multiple violations including operating trucks in a closed area, minors in possession of alcohol, disorderly person, littering, and possession of marijuana. The officers also lodged two subjects on outstanding warrants.

DISTRICT 7

CO Justin Ulberg investigated a complaint of a subject who shot a deer without a license in 2013. The subject had posted a picture of the deer on social media a day prior to having purchased his license. CO Ulberg interviewed the subject, who at first claimed that he always tags his deer after shooting them. After CO Ulberg showed the subject the evidence, the subject stated that he might have made a mistake and forgot to purchase his license that year. Enforcement action was taken.

While working in Kent County, COs Dave Rodgers and Justin Ulberg spoke with four anglers who had just finished fishing at Millennium Park. A check of the anglers' coolers revealed that the four anglers were in possession of 230 bluegills (130 bluegills over their limit). The fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

While working in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg contacted four subjects fishing on the Thornapple River. CO Ulberg discovered that none of the anglers had a valid fishing license and the anglers were in possession of an undersized walleye and an undersized smallmouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While working the early teal season, CO BJ Goulette and PCO Ethan Gainforth observed a subject shoot at five wood ducks, shoot before legal shooting hours, and flagrantly toss an empty cigarette pack in a nearby marsh along the Grand River. Contact was made with the hunter after his hunt was over. It was discovered that the subject had been warned last season about shooting ducks during the closed season and for littering. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Simpson and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers attended the Sportsmen for Youth event in Muskegon County. Numerous contacts were made with area youth.

CO Greg Patten responded to a complaint of two subjects taking water from the Muskegon River. Contact was made and it was identified that they were removing the water to use for their legal medical marijuana grow. It was also determined that both subjects had outstanding warrants for their arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten contacted two subjects riding double on an ORV in the Muskegon SGA, without helmets and no ORV license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Greg Patten located two juveniles operating ORVs in a closed area without supervision and safety certificates. CO Patten made contact with the juveniles' parents and enforcement action was taken.

CO Bob Crisp and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth responded to a complaint in Barry County from the driver of a vehicle where the side window shattered unexpectedly as if it had been shot out. The officers assisted local deputies in securing the area, interviewing neighbors and checking for evidence. The investigation is ongoing and being handled by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

CO Mike Mshar and Sgt. Kevin Hackworth conducted a marine patrol on the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County and contacted numerous vessels and anglers. Several anglers were fishing without fishing licenses and also keeping undersized northern pike. One vessel was being operated without registration and had not been registered since 2008. The angler advised the officers that he didn't have time to register it but intended to. The officers also observed a large pleasure craft operating at full throttle between a dock and a small fishing vessel coming within 25 feet of both. Upon contact the owner of the vessel stated he was lining himself up to head up the channel to his lake. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Mshar conducted a foot patrol at the Allegan Dam along the Kalamazoo River. While checking anglers CO Mshar observed one angler fishing with two separate cast nets. Another angler was using four rods; three still rods and casting the fourth. Upon contact both subjects claimed they did not think they were breaking the law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Mshar responded to the Echo Point Range in Allegan County several times over a three day period in reference to numerous complaints of subjects not following the posted range rules. CO Mshar observed violations each time at the range. The majority of the subjects claimed they did not see the large 4 foot by 8 foot sign with the posted rules. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Mshar made contact with a father and son fishing for salmon on a small tributary in Allegan County. Both the father and his 14 year old son were using large, unbaited treble hooks with a weight suspended below the hook. The father had been ticketed the previous fall for snagging fish. Both subjects claimed they were using spawn bags but they must have fallen off prior to the CO's arrival. Enforcement action was taken with the father and education on proper fishing techniques was given to the juvenile.

CO Mike Mshar assisted local deputies and the MSP in reference to a suspect at a residence brandishing a handgun and threatening his spouse. CO Mshar was first on scene as he was conducting a shining patrol in the immediate area. The situation was diffused and has been turned over to the Prosecutor's office.

CO Mike Mshar conducted several ORV patrols in the Allegan SGA, checking for vehicles going off road in closed areas and causing extensive damage to forest and wetlands. During these patrols numerous persons operating mud trucks were encountered. CO Mshar also reposted signs in areas of closures only to return the same day and discover most of the signs had been torn down or run over. Several tickets were issued for violations.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Isaac Tyson stopped at the Sturgis Dam to check anglers and as they walked past a parked vehicle, they detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. They looked in the window of the vehicle and observed approximately a pound of marijuana on the passenger seat. PCO Tyson secured the

vehicle as CO Brewer made contact with the subject who was fishing. During the contact, CO Brewer observed the angler in possession of marijuana. CO Brewer placed the subject under arrest for the marijuana and subsequently began searching the vehicle. During the search, methamphetamines were found inside the vehicle along with an active methamphetamines lab. CO Brewer and PCO Tyson requested assistance from the MSP and the Methamphetamines Lab Response Team responded for safe cleanup of the lab. The subject was subsequently lodged in St. Joseph County Jail with charges of operating a methamphetamines lab, possession of methamphetamines, possession of marijuana and a number of lesser charges.

CO Andy Bauer received a call at his residence of two subjects keeping undersized fish at the Pucker Street Dam. CO Bauer responded and made contact with two anglers, who showed CO Bauer a legal sized Coho, and denied catching any other fish. CO Bauer located a cooler owned by the subjects and, hidden underneath drinks, food and ice, located two undersize walleyes. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Isaac Tyson were observing anglers when PCO Tyson observed a subject catch what appeared to be an undersized walleye. The subject kept the fish. Upon contact, it was discovered that the fish was a 13 ½ inch walleye and that the subject had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was ticketed for the undersized walleye and posted bond for the warrant.

CO Andy Bauer received a complaint of subjects in a boat in Townsend Creek fishing for salmon with treble hooks. The complainant observed the two subjects catch and keep six cohos with the illegal lures. Another angler yelled at the subjects that the stream was only open to lures with single hooks and the anglers quickly left. CO Bauer subsequently launched his patrol boat and located the subjects bass fishing. After being told by the subjects that fishing was slow and failing to mention the salmon fishing incident, CO Bauer asked about the prior salmon fishing activity. The subjects admitted to fishing in the creek with lures that had treble hooks and it was also noted that the size of the treble hooks was larger than 3/8 inch point to shank, which are illegal to fish with this time of year for salmon and trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Brewer and PCO Isaac Tyson worked an area of private property directly adjacent to the Three Rivers SGA. The landowner had been having problems with ORV operators trespassing on his property and also illegally operating in the game area. The officers contacted two ORVs that were being driven on the road in front of the property and the subjects had trespassed on the private property. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Chris Reynolds observed two hunters along a field edge, neither were wearing hunter orange. When contact was made the hunters said that they had dropped the ball this year because they had forgotten their hunter orange. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds responded to a RAP complaint involving an overlimit of deer during the youth season. During the investigation it was found that the subject had taken two antlered deer. An interview was conducted and a full confession was given for taking the overlimit. Enforcement action was taken and the deer seized.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Christopher Maher assisted MSP troopers with a trespass complaint. Three subjects wearing all camouflage were contacted leaving the complainant's property. The subjects were driving a vehicle with an expired plate, in possession of marijuana and in possession of an uncased loaded firearm stuffed behind the seat. Upon further investigation it was determined the three subjects were hunting deer with centerfire rifles during the closed season in the limited firearm zone. Enforcement action was taken.

PCOs Mike Haas and Chris Maher were observing anglers in the dark when they started to smell the odor of burning marijuana. The COs were able to locate two subjects tucked below the river bank. After watching one subject smoke for approximately five minutes the COs made contact. The subject became distraught when the COs asked about the marijuana. They were able to locate additional narcotics on the smoker and enforcement action was taken.

PCOs Chris Maher and Mike Haas and COs Joel Lundberg and Jason McCullough had observed a subject sitting with his juvenile son in the dark along the banks of the river. The COs had passed by the two subjects multiple times over a three hour period contacting different groups of anglers. Around 2:30 a.m. the father started fishing in the dark about 30 yards upstream from where they were sitting. The COs observed the father showing the son how to snag fish illegally. After watching the father for several minutes the COs made contact. The father explained he was just taking his son fishing for his birthday. The father was also in possession of illegal fishing gear. The COs explained the importance of teaching kids the right way to fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Mendez received and responded to a 911 complaint of two untagged deer hanging in a barn. CO Mendez contacted the complainant at his residence, who stated his wife was jogging near an abandoned farm and heard what she believed to be a dog howling like he was caught in a trap. The complainant's wife returned home and got the complainant, who went to investigate. While at the barn, the complainant observed a small dog in a cage, some emaciated horses and two untagged deer. The complainant called 911 immediately. The CO then went to the complaint area and observed two deer, one hanging and one lying on the ground. CO Mendez also observed a vehicle with the windows down and no one around it. CO Mendez activated his horn to draw attention to his presence. A few minutes later, he observed a man and a little girl walk out of the woods. As he got closer, CO Mendez observed the man had bloody hands. CO Mendez asked the subject if he had any firearms on his person and if he had shot the deer in the barn, and if so did he have tags for them. The subject stated he had brought his niece and nephew to hunt the day before for the youth hunt and that the kids shot the deer but he did not have tags for the kids. CO Mendez explained the

consequences of poaching deer and what the result of his actions would be. CO Mendez forwarded the information regarding the domestic animals to Animal Control.

CO Al Mendez investigated a RAP complaint in Ingham County in reference to baiting. He was assisted by CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer in locating the bait pile and the subjects. The subjects were located at their residence in Stockbridge. They were interviewed and admitted they had put down the bait, which consisted of apples and corn. One of the subjects also admitted to shooting a doe during the early antlerless hunt. They were advised of the consequences of their actions and that a warrant would be sought for the incident.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King were first on scene of a single car injury accident dispatched by Clinton County Central dispatch. The elderly driver drove about 150 feet in a ditch before hitting a brick retaining wall sending the vehicle airborne for about 30 feet. There were only minor injuries.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King conducted a patrol by vessel on Lobdell Lake in Genesee County. Numerous marine safety and fishing checks were conducted. The COs made contact with a subject that was in possession of an undersized largemouth bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and Sgt. Troy Bahlau met up with the Michigan Operation Freedom Outdoors group in the Sharonville SGA and looked over the new Pierce Road Hunt Area. The COs met with several disabled hunters participating in the hunt. Six track chairs were on site and custom blinds built for their use. Opening morning already had three successful hunters who were very excited about their experience.

CO Shane Webster, PCO Joshua Jackson, and Sgt. Troy Bahlau were given information about a subject hunting on state land. According to the information, the subject was not a youth and did not appear to be a disabled veteran and yet he was hunting deer. The officers conducted a long foot patrol and set up on the subject, who was located and contacted. The subject admitted to hunting the state land for deer and claimed he did not realize the season was for private land only. Further, the COs found beer cans scattered throughout the area that matched beer cans in possession of the subject. Also located in the back of the subject's pickup truck was a set of antlers in velvet which he claimed he cut off a roadkill deer that he did not report nor obtain a permit to possess. Investigation continued and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Josh Jackson received a complaint of a deer carcass being dumped on state land. Upon investigation, they made contact with the complainant and determined a possible suspect. The individual admitted to dumping the carcass, which had been a roadkill deer rotting in his yard. The officers educated the subject on proper disposal methods and the subject agreed to properly dispose of the carcass.

After receiving a complaint of an illegally taken deer in August, CO Shane Webster, PCO Josh Jackson and Sgt. Troy Bahlau made contact with the subject. When presented with the evidence, the subject confessed to shooting the deer with his new .17 cal. rifle and also turned over the venison from his freezer. The subject also brought the officers to the location of the deer carcass. A written report will be submitted to the prosecutor.

While on marine patrol, CO Todd Thorn located an abandoned boat in the Grand River near Onondaga. The boat was blocking a portion of the river channel and was caught against a fallen tree. CO Thorn was able to contact the registered owner. Enforcement action was taken and the boat was removed from the river.

While returning from training, CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer received an anonymous RAP complaint of an untagged deer found lying in a walk-in freezer on Michigan State University campus property. The COs responded to the complaint immediately and were able to locate the deer, as well as possible suspects. The deer was untagged and had been field dressed. Furthermore, the deer was found in the CWD core zone and the head had not been submitted for analysis as required. According to witnesses, the deer had been in the freezer for nearly three weeks.

CO Pete Purdy received a RAP complaint of a subject harvesting wild ginseng to sell. The complainant also advised the subject had a spotted fawn pelt. CO Purdy made contact with the subject, who denied harvesting any ginseng. However, he turned over the spotted fawn pelt and advised it was a road kill he found, skinned and tanned. The pelt was seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler followed up on information provided by CO Pete Purdy where one subject was suspected of trespassing on Washtenaw County Nature Preserve property to hunt deer. CO Drexler responded to a complaint in progress of shots fired and made contact with a male subject leaving private property next to the preserve. The subject stated he shot at a doe but missed. CO Drexler checked the retail sales license system and learned the hunter did not possess the proper hunting license. The check also revealed an outstanding warrant from Kalamazoo County for animal cruelty/neglect. Bond and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Brandon Hartleben checked a group of waterfowl hunters as they were coming off the water. Two of the hunters they checked were in compliance of all laws, outside of a verbal warning for having an unsigned federal waterfowl stamp. A third hunter in the boat first had a problem when he forgot his hunting licenses and driver's license at home. The COs then learned that he had been hunting waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun. After a computer check revealed he did purchase hunting licenses, enforcement action was taken along with several verbal warnings.

DISTRICT 9

While patrolling north on I-75, CO Christopher Knights conducted a traffic stop on the way to Holly State Park. CO Knights was slow rolling in traffic due to construction, when he detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from a vehicle driving in front of him. After driving a little further CO Knights witnessed a car with three males in front of him exchanging what looked like a small cigarette back and forth to one another. CO Knights conducted a traffic stop on the car. He spoke with all three individuals for a few moments and asked if anyone was smoking marijuana. The front seat passenger immediately admitted to smoking marijuana, and stated he already had smoked it all before he was stopped. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker was on his way home from a Belle Isle shift when he observed a vehicle speed by him traveling well over the posted speed limit. CO Becker caught up to him and determined that the driver was driving 100 mph. CO Becker conducted a traffic stop and educated the operator on safe driving.

Sgt. Jason J. Smith was patrolling the Holly SGA when he observed two anglers fishing. Sgt. Smith made contact with the anglers and learned that not only was one of the anglers fishing without a license but they were also in possession of 17 panfish over the limit. Sgt. Smith advised them of the law and the angler stated that she knew she needed a license because she had been ticketed for not having one in the past. Enforcement action taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Brad Silorey were on patrol checking a local fishing spot in Kimball Township Park. Upon entry into the parking lot of the park, a male subject was observed walking back to his truck with a fishing pole in hand, even though he had been spotted fishing with it. PCO Silorey made contact with the subject and asked him how the fishing had been. The subject stated he was not fishing and that his girlfriend's nephew was fishing. Through a sequence of questions PCO Silorey was able to obtain a confession from the subject that he was indeed fishing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Brad Silorey were on patrol when they received a complaint from DNR Wildlife Division staff regarding subjects building permanent structures on state land. Upon arrival at the location, three subjects were loading up their vehicle and getting ready to leave. The COs contacted the subjects, who stated that they were just taking items back to their camp. PCO Silorey asked the subjects to show the officers the location of their camp. After a 45 minute hike back to the camp many violations were found, including failing to place ID tags on tree stands, littering, and using screw-in tree steps. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Brad Silorey were out on night patrol looking for activity on state land. The officers observed a parked car on state land, and drove over to investigate. After a brief search of the immediate area, four minors were found camping nearby. Upon making contact with the minors PCO Silorey observed an empty bottle of alcohol on the ground. After questioning the subjects a confession was obtained that they were drinking. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Brad Silorey were patrolling the Port Huron SGA looking for a permanent camp set up on state land. The camp's rough location was given through a complainant. After traveling on foot for about an hour, the two COs spotted a young man attempting to build a lean-to shelter. The officers asked the subject if he had seen the camp nearby. The young man stated that he had seen the camp and was willing to guide the COs directly to it. Upon arriving at the camp, it was clear that a lot of time had been put into building the camp and it had been at that location for quite some time. The investigation continues in search of the owners of the camp.

CO Christopher Knights heard a call over the radio regarding a missing child. After contacting MSP directly, they stated a 14 year old boy jumped out of a moving car and ran away from his dad in the Holly Township area. CO Knights met MSP at the location where the boy was last seen running into the woods. CO Knights advised MSP he would conduct a sweep in the woods and work his way back to the command post around the lake. CO Knights covered a lot of area surrounding the lake, but didn't locate the boy. After waiting for the MSP K9 to arrive, CO Knights waited in a different section of the woods in case the boy went in a different direction. The K9 team arrived and they announced over the PA the K9 was coming in, after a few seconds the young boy walked out of the woods. He was not hurt, but did have a couple scrapes and scratches from the dense brush he had been walking through. Due to the boy physically assaulting his father before he jumped out of the car, he was placed into custody.

While on patrol in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers and Sgt. Jason Smith checked anglers fishing in the Flint River. During one check, CO Beavers contacted a subject who was fishing along Branch Road. At the time of contact the subject was in possession of four yellow perch. After checking fish and equipment, CO Beavers asked the subject for her fishing license. She stated that she did have a license but it was on her father's boat. CO Beavers obtained the subjects ID and looked up her information in order to verify that she had a license. After checking the angler's information it was discovered that she did not have a fishing license and has not purchased a fishing license since 2013. Enforcement action taken.

CO Jeremy Beavers and Sgt. Jason Smith checked anglers fishing the Blue Gill Boat Launch on Mott Lake. During the check, contact was made with an angler who was fishing from the dock. As CO Beavers and Sgt. Smith approached, the subject quit fishing and began to walk away, leaving behind a cooler and bait. CO Beavers made contact with the subject and Sgt. Smith checked the cooler for fish. CO Beavers asked the subject for his fishing license and ID. The subject stated that he did not have a fishing license and his ID was in his vehicle. At that time, Sgt. Smith stated that the angler had four largemouth bass in the cooler. The Sgt. took the cooler over to the subject and explained that the fish were too small, ranging from four to eight inches. The subject explained that he was just fishing for fun and intended on throwing them back. The angler was told that the fish need to be returned to the water immediately when they are too small. The officers went on to say that his story seemed unbelievable, as all but one of the fish were dead. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker received a RAP complaint of a subject without a license who shot a turkey during the spring turkey season. CO Becker, along with CO Jeremy Beavers, conducted an interview with the suspect and obtained a full confession. Enforcement action taken.

On the opening day of small game season CO Jason Becker received a RAP complaint that a hunter shot another hunter's dog in the Holly Recreation Area. CO Becker met CO Chris Knights at the scene. The hunter stated that he thought the dog was a rabbit. CO Becker reminded the hunter that he needed to be sure of his target before firing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker responded to a RAP complaint that a hunter was carelessly shooting while waterfowl hunting. CO Becker listened to the hunter fire several shots after legal shooting hours. CO Becker made contact with a man and his two sons. The man stated that they were goose hunting, but didn't see any geese. CO Becker asked what they were shooting at, and the man stated they were shooting at the trees. While checking licenses, CO Becker noticed that the gentleman did not have a federal waterfowl stamp in his possession. CO Becker pulled out the waterfowl guide to show the man goose season dates and that it was currently closed. Enforcement action taken.

CO Dan Walzak was first on the scene when a man riding a bicycle took a fall while riding on pavement that was being prepared for re-surfacing. The rider, already on uneven pavement, hit a ledge of concrete that caused him to take the fall. When CO Walzak rolled up on the rider he had just fallen and was trying to get up but was experiencing quite a bit of pain in his right hip. An off duty nurse also stopped and determined that the man – a former judge of one of the local district courts – had a possible hip injury. Emergency Medical Service was called and the gentleman was taken to the hospital for examination.

COs Mark Ennett and David Schaumburger attended a special youth event that took place at the Point Mouillee SGA on September 26th. Cabela's sponsored the National Baptist Congress Youth Outdoor Event, in which an estimated 250 urban children were in attendance. The children rotated between learning how to fish on the Huron River, made s'mores over a campfire, and learned how to shoot a bow. When the final events concluded, there was a raffle for prizes from backpacks to tents. Also, a real surprise took place when every child present was given their own fishing pole and rig to take with them. This was the first such event in Michigan, as it has already rotated through several other states.

CO Ennett attended a hunter safety class at the Temperance Sportsman's Club, in Temperance. Fifty-seven students were present, from children all the way to adults. CO Ennett was able to show several pieces of equipment that he uses to patrol for hunting activity. A night-vision scope, camouflage gear, optics, and a thermal imaging device were among the items shown. Also demonstrated was a simple pump-action air rifle that was used many years ago to unlawfully take waterfowl by a subject in Monroe. It was

used to show that it is capable of being used as a hunting device. It was also shown to be capable of firing while the action is open and the pump handle is loose. Displaying that "every gun is always loaded" and can fire when unexpected.

BELLE ISLE

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King were working a shift on Belle Isle and were advised of a possible suicidal subject in the area. After a sweep of the Island, the officers conducted a property inspection on Milliken Park. While checking the park, CO Nickols and PCO King came in contact with two subjects in the park after hours. A LEIN check revealed that one subject had a warrant for his arrest for failure to appear. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer worked a shift on Belle Isle where they made over 60 contacts. They also had three warrant arrests, and arrests for fishing without a license and DWLS.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer were checking anglers and working general patrols on Belle Isle and Milliken State Park and contacted three individuals with warrants. Two of the persons were lodged on their warrants at the Detroit Detention Center. Between the three persons, there were a total of 15 warrants.

CO Larn Strawn worked a shift on Belle Isle Park. While patrolling the Island after the posted closed hours, CO Strawn discovered a vehicle parked on the Strand. Upon approaching the vehicle he found a woman sleeping in the driver's seat. CO Strawn contacted the woman and advised her the park was closed. After identifying the woman, it was confirmed she had two felony warrants out of Wayne County. CO Strawn arrested the fugitive and transported her to the Detroit Detention Center.

While patrolling Milliken State Park after the posted closed hours, CO Larn Strawn discovered 17 vehicles in the parking lot. The CO activated the flashing emergency lights on his patrol vehicle and announced over the PA system that the parking lot was closed. The vehicles then left the area.

While patrolling Milliken State Park after the posted closed hours, CO Larn Strawn discovered a vehicle parked in the parking lot. CO Strawn contacted the driver and a passenger in the vehicle and found that the pair were drinking alcohol in the vehicle. CO Strawn identified both subjects and found one of the subjects had three outstanding traffic warrants from the 36th District Court. After confirming the warrants, CO Strawn advised and released the fugitive under the direction of the Detroit Police Department. The DPD was not available to pick up the fugitive.

While conducting a foot patrol of Milliken State Park after the posted closed hours CO Larn Strawn discovered a man sleeping under some bushes on the access path to the lighthouse. CO Strawn advised the subject that the park was closed and gave him a warning for the violation, also requiring him to leave. The subject left without incident.

CO Jeff Goss worked a shift on Belle Isle when a call came out of a suicidal subject on the MacArthur Bridge. CO Goss was in the area and first on scene. Upon checking the area it was discovered that a man had climbed up on the railing of the bridge while his girlfriend took pictures.

Sgts. Ron Kimmerly and Zach Doss, while patrolling Belle Isle, made traffic stop on a vehicle where the driver apparently had no idea what the speed limit was. When Sgt. Kimmerly asked the driver for his driver's license, the driver provided a Michigan ID card. When the Sgt. pointed out that he asked for a driver's license, the driver said that everything was alright and that is what he uses as his driver's license. The Sgt. advised that everything was not alright. A check through LEIN showed the driver to be suspended along with having a warrant for his arrest on drug charges. Enforcement action was taken.