

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

CO Marv Gerlach responded to a complaint of a car-killed wolf along US 41 near Powers. When he arrived, the animal was gone. Follow up investigation revealed the "large black wolf" was a black bear that had been road killed.

CO Mark Leadman watched a group of anglers fishing on the bank of the Dead River near Forestville. As he observed everyone fishing, he saw one of the subjects catch a short pike, fillet it, toss the offal in the river and then quickly place the fillets in his cooler. Officer Leadman contacted the group and was told that one of them wasn't fishing and also that they had not caught any fish. When he asked about the fish that was just caught, the subject reached into his cooler and accidentally produced a baggy full of bass fillets instead of the pike. Enforcement action was taken on the multiple violations.

CO Mark Leadman reported that the subject who shot a bear early this spring ended up paying over \$2,000 in fines and costs. He also was placed on probation for six months.

CO Trey Luce and Sgt. Pete Wright contacted the operator of a jetski on Lake Superior that had no registration decal or numbers. It had also not been registered since 2007. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund and PCO Cary Foster were working a marine event when a subject on roller blades fell in front of them. The subject broke his arm and hit his head. The COs provided first aid until paramedics arrived.

CO Jason Wicklund and PCO Cary Foster were checking a local lake when the campground manager contacted them with a complaint. The manager told the COs that an individual had been approaching several campers asking them to smoke marijuana with him. The COs contacted the subject who claimed he was asking around but that he was drunk and stupid. The COs seized several pipes, drug paraphernalia, bags of marijuana and a vial containing marijuana seeds.

CO Brian Bacon contacted the operator of a boat that had double registrations and only one personal flotation device (PFD) for several passengers. Enforcement action was taken for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Brian Bacon contacted anglers in a boat who were in possession of two undersized bass. The subjects stated that they were going to put the bass in their private pond. The boat they were fishing from was also unregistered.

Sgt. Steven Burton investigated a crop damage shooting complaint in Baraga County. He found one of the shooters in possession of a loaded rifle in a motor vehicle. A ticket was issued.

DISTRICT 2

CO Gerald Thayer stopped a dirt bike riding circles around the shoreline of Dukes Lake. Upon contact, CO Thayer recognized the subject from an incident last year where the subject was operating his bike in a closed area. Again, enforcement action was taken.

CO Gerald Thayer utilized the assistance of CO Carl Vanderwall to hand deliver a litter ticket to a subject who had left a mess behind in Munuscong State Forest Campground (SFC).

CO Mike Hammill contacted a resort owner fishing on a local lake. The subject complained that several of his customers and other fishers were keeping undersized walleye. CO Hammill continued his routine check and discovered two undersized walleye on his boat. Enforcement was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski came across a subject emptying her trailer septic onto a dirt roadway near Search Bay. He didn't accept her excuse that the lid had come loose going down the road, as the lid was conveniently off and the spill was perfectly let out. Enforcement action was taken.

At the end of his July 4th patrol CO Derek Miller contacted subjects setting off illegal fireworks near a boat launch. One subject had an outstanding warrant. A second subject attempted to hide from the CO, as he had two outstanding warrants. Both subjects were taken into custody and lodged.

DISTRICT 3

On Friday night CO Andrea Erratt stopped a 60 foot yacht she had ticketed last year for being unregistered. The owner had claimed the vessel was foreign flagged and registered in the British Virgin Islands even though he docked it in Boyne City and stored it in Michigan. In December 2009, the district court judge found the owner, who admitted the vessel had never been to the British Virgin Islands, responsible for operating the unregistered vessel. The owner still had not registered the yacht. CO Erratt ticketed the driver for operating an unregistered vessel.

CO Andrea Erratt spoke to a man and his two sons who were walking on well posted property on the shore of Round Lake. CO Erratt issued a ticket for an unregistered pontoon boat and warned them for recreational trespass.

Area COs Andrea Erratt, Duane Budreau, Andrea Albert, Carl Vanderwall and PCO Jon Warner conducted marine patrols on Friday and Saturday over the holiday weekend on Lake Michigan and provided crowd control for the Traverse City Cherry Festival Air Show which included the Blue Angels. The COs made numerous contacts with boaters, issued several warnings for marine safety violations and were very busy keeping the congested boating traffic out of the safety zone area during the show.

A boater was acting very nervous when contacted by CO Carl Vanderwall and PCO Jon Warner at a local access site while launching his boat. The COs' suspicions paid off when they ran the subject's plate and found there was a warrant for his arrest. Contact was made with the subject at his campsite and he was arrested and lodged on the warrant.

CO Duane Budreau ticketed a boat operator for a watercraft registration that expired in 1994. The operator still believed he should get a warning even though he failed to register the boat for last 16 years.

After observing a personal watercraft (PWC) almost run into a dock while playing a game of "catch," using the wave runner to chase down a tennis ball being thrown from the dock, CO Duane Budreau contacted the operator and ticketed him for violating the 100 foot rule.

CO Duane Budreau responded to a complaint of seagulls being shot at a local business because they were considered a nuisance. An employee had shot two gulls with a BB gun. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Speigl worked the south end of Torch Lake over the July 4th holiday. He issued several tickets to PWC operators for the 100 foot rule, careless operation and safety equipment violations. He contacted a 21 foot bass boat that had 12 people onboard. When asked if he had enough life jackets, the operator said yes. When asked to show the life jackets, the operator stated he did not have enough. The operator could only produce three life jackets for his 12 passengers. A ticket was issued.

While working Torch Lake over the busy holiday weekend, COs Steve Speigl and Andrea Albert assisted with several fights on the sand bar, and assisted the local sheriff's department with transporting numerous arrested subjects to shore for alcohol related violations. CO Speigl transported one subject who almost drowned in seven feet of water to medical personnel. Officer Speigl also provided first aid and transported a subject with a fractured ankle to medical personnel. CO Albert gave eight marine safety verbal warnings, provided first aid to a subject with a severely cut foot and assisted deputies with several alcohol related arrests on the water.

CO Carl Vanderwall and PCO Jon Warner ticketed an angler in possession of two short walleye. The angler swore that the size limit was 14 inches and had his ruler marked at 14 inches to measure the walleye. Unfortunately the two undersized walleye were not even 14 inches long.

While observing four PWCs, CO Carl Vanderwall and PCO Jon Warner observed one operator spraying the other PWCs by buzzing closely around them at a high rate of speed. Contact was made and three of the operators gave false names and false information about obtaining their boaters safety permits. Proper identification was made and law enforcement action was taken.

COs Mike Feagan and Eric Bottorff responded to an assault complaint while on marine patrol on Burt Lake. The COs assisted a marine deputy with the investigation and arrest of a boater who swung and struck another boater with an anchor during an altercation. The COs administered first aid to the subject struck with the anchor, which punctured his arm and caused severe bleeding. The incident occurred during a "sand bar" party.

CO Richard Stowe investigated an incident in which a juvenile burned a mattress and proceeded to drag it and dump it onto state forest land. After locating and receiving a confession, CO Stowe had the youngster pick up the mattress and a significant amount of other trash on state forest land in lieu of a ticket.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling Long Lake when he observed two individuals bow riding on a pontoon boat. After contacting the driver of the pontoon it was discovered he had two felony warrants and five misdemeanor warrants all from different counties throughout the state. When the counties were contacted they were all interested in having him back in their custody. The subject was arrested and lodged on the warrants.

CO Joe Molnar was patrolling Fletchers Pond when he saw a small boat overloaded with passengers. When contacted there were six passengers in a 14 foot boat which was rated for four passengers, there were no PFDs, three of them were fishing without licenses, and two were minors who had been drinking beer. The violations were addressed and tickets were issued.

DISTRICT 4

COs Brian Lebel and Mike Bomay contacted an angler on Hardy Pond in Newaygo County who had seven walleye in his live well. CO Lebel asked the angler to pull the walleye out of the live well believing that some of the fish would be undersized. The angler pulled all seven fish out of the live well. The angler, realizing that he had an overlimit, threw one of the walleye back into the water. CO Lebel seized the remaining walleye and issued a ticket for possession of an overlimit. Three of the walleye were also undersized. The angler was also given verbal warnings for no Type IV PFD, improper display of registration and no fire extinguisher.

CO Mike Wells was working ORV problem areas in Newaygo County and contacted the operator of an ORV on the roadway riding double with no helmets or ORV license. The passenger had two outstanding warrants for his arrest and was lodged. The operator was ticketed for riding on the roadway and given verbal warnings for the other ORV violations.

CO Mike Wells was working the Muskegon River and observed an angler catch a trout and walk back into the woods with the fish and then return to the river to fish. CO Wells contacted the angler inquiring if he had any luck. The angler stated no. When CO Wells informed the angler that he had observed him catch a trout and take it to the woods, the angler admitted to having a 12 inch rainbow trout in his tackle box.

CO Wells determined the angler was hiding the fish because he had not purchased an all species fishing license. A ticket was issued.

CO Mike Wells contacted an angler who had six trout on a stringer. Two of the trout were undersized and the angler stated that he measured them with his hand and his hand is eight inches. CO Wells informed the angler that he was also in possession of an overlimit. A ticket was issued for possession of undersized trout.

CO Troy Vangelderren of Oceana County assisted the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) on a drowning that occurred on the 4th of July at Silver Lake Sand Dunes. CO Vandgelderren worked through the night but was unable to locate the body. The body of the teenager was recovered the next day.

CO Mike Wells contacted the operator of a vessel in Newaygo County and determined that the registration was expired. Two anglers were on board, neither of whom could provide a fishing license. The vessel also did not have a sufficient number of PFDs for the occupants. CO Wells issued a ticket for failure to provide sufficient number of PFDs and gave verbal warnings for the other marine and fishing violations.

DISTRICT 5

COs from District 5, along with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) law enforcement officers, Oscoda County deputies, and a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper, conducted a joint patrol on the main branch of the Au Sable River to address marine safety issues, alcohol and narcotics related violations, and public disturbances.

COs John Huspen and Chuck McPherson conducted an investigation of several suspicious forest fires that occurred within the same area over a period of time. Their investigation led to a subject who admitted that he was responsible for intentionally starting those fires.

Several District 5 COs worked a joint patrol with Gerrish Township Police Department, MSP, and local sheriff's deputies at South Higgins Lake State Park over the 4th of July holiday weekend to address marine safety and alcohol related problems in the park. Numerous tickets were issued and subjects were either evicted from the park or jailed.

COs Warren MacNeill and Brian Engelhard responded to two separate distress calls from vessels on Lake Huron, one of which was in very rough water. The COs, along with the USCG, were able to assist both vessels and return them safely to shore.

CO Becky Hopkins, assisted by emergency medical personnel, responded to a call regarding a man with a broken leg at a remote campsite on USFS property off Loud Pond. CO Hopkins was able to locate the individual, who was intoxicated, and get him in the patrol boat and back to civilization where he received medical treatment.

CO Becky Hopkins assisted in the search for an elderly man lost in the woods. The subject was located more than 36 hours after having been reported missing.

On July 4th, CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Glenn Gutierrez arrested a drunken boater on Wixom Lake. The subject had his wife and two small children on the boat with him. The wife was also too drunk to drive the boat. The COs were able to return the family safely to shore and turn them over to a sober relative. The operator was lodged in the county jail.

COs Steve Lockwood and Jason McCullough teamed up for a late night boat patrol on Wixom Lake. They stopped a PWC being operated without lights at 11:30 p.m. The operator, who was intoxicated, was lodged in the county jail.

CO Jason McCullough wrapped up a six month investigation involving two subjects and an illegally killed bobcat. The subjects pled guilty to the illegal killing of the cat and borrowing/loaning hunting licenses.

DISTRICT 6

COs Holly Pennoni, Josh Wright and Sgt. Tony Soave conducted marine patrols on the Saginaw River during the three nights of fireworks festival in Bay City. The COs made numerous contacts for failing to display navigation lights. One boater was stopped and arrested for boating under the influence. The boater informed the COs during the marine safety check that he was too drunk to drive back to the marina and the other passengers had also been drinking. It was also discovered that the boat operator was a CPL holder and failed to disclose to officers that he had his pistol with him aboard the boat. The driver was arrested for boating under the influence, his pistol was seized for possible CPL charges, and the boat was towed back to the marina.

CO Seth Rhodea, along with local deputies and local fire department personnel, responded to the report of a missing person in the Minden State Game Area (SGA). A teenager became lost after walking into the game area to try and find a shortcut to his house. After several hours, the teenager was able to call Sanilac County 911 dispatchers who were able to get a GPS location. The teen was located unharmed and turned over to his guardians.

While checking anglers off of Port Hope, CO Seth Rhodea contacted one angler who was trolling by himself with a total of six lines. When CO Rhodea contacted the subject, he told the CO that it had been about 20 years since the last time he got caught with too many lines. The angler was again ticketed for fishing with too many lines.

CO Joshua Wright was on patrol in a remote area of state land with his ORV when he encountered three individuals operating their ORVs on the road and without ORV licenses. After stopping the ORVs and checking the status of the individuals, CO Wright arrested one of the subjects on outstanding warrants and took further enforcement action on the rest of the operators.

CO Joshua Wright contacted an angler who showed him a Personal Identification Card. A short time later CO Wright observed the person drive off in a vehicle. CO Wright initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and arrested the operator for driving while license suspended second offense and operating under the influence third offense.

CO Jay Person was called to the Tittabawassee River in downtown Midland to confirm an unusual catch. Upon arrival, CO Person observed a fish lying on the sidewalk that resembled a piranha. The teeth were pretty convincing, but some checking on the internet confirmed a red belly piranha was caught on a jig head and nightcrawler. CO Person took the fish and intends to follow up with Fisheries Division. Most likely case is someone dumped it in the river from their personal fish tank.

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin investigated a PWC/jetski accident over the holiday weekend where the PWC operator was transported by helicopter to the hospital. The operator of the jetski had not taken a boater safety course and collided with another boat after panicking while operating the PWC. The operator of the PWC was expected by doctors to make a full recovery from her injuries.

COs Phil Hudson and Nick Atkin were contacted by a local canoe livery in reference to two campers who were lost overnight on the Rifle River. The COs canoed the river and located the subjects. The lost tubers were found to be in good health.

While working a marine patrol between Port Austin and Caseville on the 4th of July, COs Scott Brown, Robert Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea checked numerous vessels and encountered a number of marine violations. As they were leaving the Port Austin Harbor, two PWCs entered the harbor violating the slow, no-wake area. When the PWCs were stopped, it was discovered that one of the operators had never taken a boater safety course. A ticket was issued for the boater safety violation. Later, a 12 foot vessel was checked because the registration numbers were not legible. The vessel was unregistered and had registration stickers belonging on another vessel. Enforcement action was taken and the boat was towed to shore since the operator could not get his motor started after the contact. Once the COs arrived in Caseville, two PWCs were observed operating carelessly in shallow water. When the PWCs were stopped, it was discovered that they were both unregistered. Tickets were issued for the registration violations.

CO Jeremy Payne and PCO Jeff Panich patrolled Lake Isabella on the 4th of July to check compliance with water balloon issues. The year before CO Payne and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly issued approximately 300 verbal warnings for boaters throwing water balloons at each other and leaving them in the lake. After last year's water balloon issue the lake looked like a landfill with thousands of broken balloons floating on the water. This is not only a litter issue, but an environmental hazard to the aquatic species, birds and mammals. This year COs Payne and PCO Panich stopped at numerous homes along the lake with a friendly reminder that the law will be in full force this year with no verbal warnings issued. After the patrol this year the COs reported that not a single water balloon was thrown in the water.

While patrolling Littlefield Lake, CO Larn Strawn observed a PWC operator violating the counter clockwise operation law. The PWC operator was sharply turning and doing donuts in a congested portion of the waterway. The PWC operator was riding so wildly that he ultimately stalled and flooded his jet ski before the CO could cross the lake and contact him. Upon contacting the operator the CO discovered he was riding a borrowed jetski and was operating a PWC for the first time. The operator had never taken a boater safety course and did not have the required certificate. While investigating the incident the CO was notified by dispatch the man was wanted on warrants in multiple counties. The operator was arrested and taken to the Isabella County Jail and ticketed for the unlawful operation.

CO Vicki Goss waited in a downpour for a boat to come to shore at a local access site. When the soaked angler returned she found an undersized bass and pike in their cooler. Enforcement action was taken.

While working marine patrol on Big Whitefish Lake, CO Ken Lowell checked a pontoon boat with a couple of anglers. When the CO asked if they had any luck they held up a stringer with a few perch. The CO asked if they had any other fish and they stated they did not. One of the men was ticketed for fishing without a license. The CO then observed two women paddle by in a small paddle boat. The CO saw that they did not have fishing poles but had a stringer trailing behind the boat. The CO stopped and talked with the two women who advised they got the fish from the two guys on the pontoon boat that the CO just stopped. They were the women's husbands. The CO measured both of the bass and found both to be short. The CO contacted the operator of the pontoon and issued another ticket for short bass.

DISTRICT 7

CO Chris Holmes conducted fishing and marine patrols in Kalamazoo County and issued ten tickets for fishing and marine violations. During these contacts, he arrested six persons wanted on outstanding warrants. During one incident, a mother and father were found fishing with their children. Each was determined to be fishing without licenses and both were wanted on arrest warrants. CO Holmes took enforcement action and assured the safety of the children.

While on patrol in St. Joseph County, CO Ken Cerny contacted a subject catching turtles with a net. The subject did not have a fishing license, and has had numerous DNRE violation convictions in his history.

CO Ken Cerny responded to a complaint of a subject killing Canada Geese. Investigation revealed that an individual had gotten upset with geese on the lake and took his pontoon boat out and shot seven geese.

CO Mike Mshar investigated a complaint of a person operating a truck in a newly planted hay field at the Allegan State Game Area. A witness provided the CO with the number to a license plate of the vehicle which led to the identification of the young

driver. An agreement was reached and after admitting to the activity, the driver will provide one week of community service work to the game area for the damage created by his illegal operation.

CO Chris Holmes and Sgt. John Jurcich patrolled Silver Lake State Park and ticketed persons for careless driving and violations of the park regulations for ORV use within the dune directional travel areas. They were also first to arrive on the scene of a cycle accident in which the operator sustained a shoulder injury. COs assisted in removing the operator and equipment from the dune area.

CO Chris Simpson worked Grand Haven State Park over the Fourth of July weekend; CO Simpson assisted park personnel and Grand Haven Public Safety with two missing children on the busy beach. Both children were located safely. One was located playing in the water a short distance down the beach. The other was found several hours later by a concerned citizen.

DISTRICT 8

While working a group marine patrol over the 4th of July weekend, COs Dan Bigger, Jason J. Smith, and Jeff Walker provided first aid to a victim who severed his pinkie finger while jumping off his boat. The COs were able to stabilize the victim, recover the severed digit and transport the victim to a waiting ambulance.

While working a local hydroplane race event, COs Dan Prince and Shane Webster assisted at an accident scene where one of the competitors severed a toe. The COs were able to stabilize the victim, recover the severed digit, and transfer the victim to a waiting ambulance.

CO Pete Purdy assisted the local police department on a marine accident investigation. A female subject and her four year old child were approaching a dock on a PWC when the female subject let go of the throttle to reach for the dock. As the female subject was reaching for the dock, the child, seated in front of the female, grabbed the throttle and the PWC crashed into the dock at a very high rate of speed. The female subject sustained very serious head injuries while the child suffered only minor injuries. CO Purdy assisted in getting the subjects to the waiting ambulance.

While working a fireworks event, COs Rich Nickols and Brian Fish provided assistance to a boat that lost all power including navigation lights. The COs provided assistance to the vessel operator while the problem was being repaired and until the vessel was underway.

While contacting anglers along the Portage River, COs Damon Owens and Shane Webster contacted a subject fishing without a license who was wanted on six outstanding arrest warrants. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau and CO Damon Owens worked a remote lake and contacted numerous individuals who failed to register their vessels, did not have the proper safety equipment and PFDs on board their vessels, and were fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken in over a dozen instances.

CO Pete Purdy checked a subject fishing without a license. The subject provided CO Purdy with incorrect identification. CO Purdy's investigation showed that the reason the subject didn't want his identity known was because the subject was wanted on a felony arrest warrant out of Ohio and a second misdemeanor arrest warrant out of Texas. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster contacted the operator of a PWC who was towing two young children on tubes without an observer. CO Webster explained the reason for the safety laws and enforcement action was taken.

CO Shane Webster checked two subjects fishing off a bridge who stated that they had not caught any fish. CO Webster's investigation produced a bucket with a few bluegill and one undersized bass. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Bader assisted local deputies in searching for a subject who may have been tending an illegal marijuana growing operation on state land. The subject was not located and the site was cleaned up.

CO Brad Brewer provided law enforcement for the annual Baw Beese Lake powerboat races. Two subjects decided to ignore the buoys and barricades and fish in their unregistered boat during the race event. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rick Villerot was the first on the scene of a vessel that got swamped and began sinking. CO Villerot rescued four persons on board the vessel and transported them to shore. CO Villerot was assisted by a local deputy and the vessel owner in towing the crippled vessel back to shore.

DISTRICT 9

CO Mark Papineau stopped two ORVs illegally operating on the roadway in Burton. Neither subject was wearing a helmet and the ORVs were not registered or titled. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau was just around the corner when a call went out in Argentine Township of a man with a gun walking down the road. The local police department and CO Papineau responded; however, the officers could not locate the subject. They talked to a local resident who informed them the subject was a local man who was exercising his "right to carry".

While on marine patrol, CO Papineau observed a subject violate the slow, no-wake rule within 100 feet of a dock. The subject then circled two swimmers and attempted to

splash them. CO Papineau stopped the operator of the PWC and while talking with him another subject came out from shore on a PWC to see what was going on. That subject also violated the slow, no-wake rule. Both PWCs had expired registrations. At this time, the owner of the PWCs came out of a house, down to shore, and started yelling at the CO. She felt because it was the Fourth of July the CO should just be giving warnings. The CO also found that the owner had never transferred the paperwork into her name for either PWC. After an explanation of the multiple violations and the seriousness of the dangerous operation, enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau was checking anglers along the Linden Mill Pond and observed an angler catch a fish, rip the hook out of the mouth, drop it on the ground, and start walking away. The CO attempted to contact the subject who advised the CO that he was going back to get his fishing license. The CO stopped him and they walked back to the fish. The subject admitted he did not have a license and was trying to get back to his car so he could leave. The subject also had five other bluegills in a bag nearby. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Papineau responded to a trespassing complaint on Lobdell Lake where a couple of subjects climbed a fence to fish. CO Papineau contacted the pair, who admitted they did not have permission to be there. One of the subjects was in possession of a 12 inch bass. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Holloway Reservoir, CO Linda Scheidler observed a subject operating a vessel and towing another subject without an observer. When CO Scheidler contacted the operator she saw that the registration was expired. The operator admitted that she knew she was in violation but since it was a weekday and boating traffic was slow, she thought she could get away with it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher and Sgt. Tom Wanless conducted a marine patrol in northern Lake St. Clair. Several underaged subjects in one area were contacted and were in possession of alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, COs Jon Sklba and Mark Ennett contacted the operator and passengers on a vessel that yielded numerous fishing and boating violations. The vessel was short some PFDs and a couple of the passengers had multiple fishing violations. Enforcement action was taken. The COs encountered the same vessel two days later. The captain showed the new PFD; however, an angler on board was fishing without a fishing license and had two warrants out for traffic violations. A ticket was issued.

CO Mark Papineau and Sgt. Tom Wanless responded to an armed robbery in progress at a bank in Grand Blanc where the subject had a gun inside the bank. The COs were the second unit on scene. The victims were secured and the building searched. After reviewing the bank's surveillance cameras, it was determined the subject had left the building. A description was broadcast and evidence collected at the scene. It appears

the subject got away with an undetermined amount of money. Grand Blanc Township Police are investigating the robbery.

While on marine patrol on Lake Ponemah, CO Mark Papineau observed a subject sitting up on the bow of a vessel while the vessel was operating at a high rate of speed. This subject had no apparent concern for his safety as he was not holding on. Instead, the subject was playing "paddy cake" with another subject who was sitting on a seat in the front of the vessel. When the CO stopped the vessel, the subject justified his lack of concern for safety to it being so hot and he wanted to be up in the breeze. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Linda Scheidler and Dan Bigger were conducting a marine patrol on Holloway Reservoir when they observed a pontoon boat being operated with two subjects sitting on the deck of the bow, outside of the railing. The vessel was operating at a high rate of speed. The COs stopped the vessel and informed the operator and all occupants of the safety issues with "bow riding". Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Ennett was part of a multi-agency search for a missing swimmer at Sterling State Park. The search party included boat and air units from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, US Coast Guard, Monroe City, and DNRE. CO Ennett used a PWC to search the area and to transport persons and equipment between shore and the various boats. Unfortunately, the 16 year old boy was recovered by divers after being underwater for two and one-half hours.

CO Lacelle Rabon contacted an angler who was fishing at Newburgh Lake in Livonia. The subject had two undersized smallmouth bass in his possession and his vehicle was parked on the grass with the radio playing very loud. The subject displayed his license to fish as requested and at that same time a Wayne County Sheriff Deputy stopped and inquired about the vehicle being parked on the grass and the volume of the radio being so loud. The subject was ticketed for possession of the two undersized bass and also received a ticket from the deputy sheriff for parking on the grass.

CO Kristopher Kiel and intern Britton Simon conducted a marine patrol on the south end of Lake St. Clair. They contacted 20 vessels and 33 anglers. Two subjects who were fishing stated they needed one more bass for their limit. One angler showed intern Simon the bass in the live well. After measuring all nine smallmouth bass, only six were returned to the live well. When asked if the anglers had measured their fish, one angler stated that they "guesstimated". Both anglers were issued tickets for take / possess undersized bass.

CO Todd Szyska issued a ticket to a subject for possession of an eight inch largemouth bass in Ford's Cove off of Lake St. Clair. The bass was attached to a stringer of blue gills. The subject also informed CO Szyska that he had written him a ticket several years back for fishing with too many lines.

CO Todd Szyska was working with intern Britton Simon when he issued a ticket to a subject for fishing without a license. The subject was in a vessel with his girlfriend and her parents. The parents had fishing licenses but the subject and his girlfriend did not.