

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Report
5/1/2021 – 5/15/2021**

DISTRICT 1

CO Ethen Mapes responded to a report of a suicidal subject in Ontonagon County. Upon arrival, CO Mapes talked with the subject about fishing and related regulations until his mood improved. The subject was transported to the hospital for a mental evaluation as well as to receive treatment for a broken foot.

COs Ethen Mapes and Zach Painter were patrolling a poaching complaint in Bergland when a vehicle entered the parking lot of the boat launch at a high rate of speed. The driver sped through the parking lot, coming to a screeching stop just before the gate to the fishing pier. The driver honked the horn for approximately thirty seconds before spinning the tires all the way out of the parking lot and blowing through two stops signs. COs Mapes and Painter ran to their patrol truck and were able to make a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was found to be intoxicated and irate that her husband was not fishing where he told her he would be. CO Mapes placed the driver under arrest for operating while intoxicated (OWI) as well as possessing open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.

CO Jenni Hanson attended a meeting hosted by Keweenaw Land Association (KLA) regarding resource damage and off-road vehicle (ORV) trespass issues on their commercial forest lands. Other attendees included a representative from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, a representative from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Trails Section, and board members from the local club, Gogebic Range Trail Authority. Numerous hot spot locations were addressed where KLA requested a more heightened patrol for damage and safety concerns.

CO Jenni Hanson received a call regarding an injured or diseased eagle at the Gogebic County golf course. CO Hanson was able to capture the bird and transport it to a raptor rehabilitation center.

CO Jeffrey Dell responded to a call from central dispatch of a male subject shoving a female into a vehicle and driving away. CO Dell was able to locate and stop the vehicle. It was determined that the male subject had assaulted his girlfriend while driving down the highway. The male subject was taken into custody by the Menominee County Sheriff's Department for domestic assault and violation of a Personal Protective Order.

CO Anna Viau assisted Iron River Police Department (IRPD) with a call about an ORV operator who had fled from IRPD Chief Bristol, then shortly after was involved in a hit and run crash. Along with several deputies from the Iron County Sheriff's Office and Caspian Police chief, CO Viau assisted in the search for the suspect, who had fled on foot after the crash. The officers were concerned for his safety as witnesses to the

crash had stated that the suspect had injured his leg in the crash. The officers were unable to locate the suspect at first, but later that morning, the suspect was located and taken into custody without incident.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Cody Smith travelled the western Upper Peninsula and posted State of Michigan flags at the gravesites of three COs (Arvid Erickson, Emil Skoglund, and Andrew Schmeltz) that died in the line of duty for National Police Week. The COs cleaned the gravesites and performed a small ceremony before posting the flags in memoriam.

COs John Kamps and Josh Boudreaux were patrolling Marquette County lakes for anglers the evening before walleye opener. The COs observed occupants of a camp set out some glow bobbers not long before sunset. After observing them all evening the COs contacted the group as they began reeling in their lines shortly before midnight. The pair stated they were just fishing for rock bass and a subsequent search of the area turned up no fish. A lengthy conversation was had with the group and the COs cleared the area. The following morning as the COs patrolled the same lake, they contacted a boat which contained the same two anglers and found them to be in possession of an undersized walleye. The individual stated he measured the walleye with his boot. The walleye was released back into the water and a citation was issued for possessing a short walleye.

DISTRICT 2

COs Cole VanOosten and Colton Gelinias were interviewing several suspects regarding stolen trail cameras. During this investigation, it was discovered that several of these suspects illegally harvested steelhead with a spear. A total of 27 steelhead were illegally taken from a small trout stream in western Mackinac County. A report is being submitted to the Mackinac County Prosecutors Office.

CO Colton Gelinias contacted Mackinac Island Public Schools inquiring about a possible hunter safety class on the island. COs in Michigan make every attempt to organize hunter safety classes and field days in their patrol areas each year.

CO Cole VanOosten was on patrol in Luce County when a vehicle passed him at a high rate of speed. Numerous motor vehicle violations were observed, and a traffic stop was conducted. Upon contact, it was determined that the operator was on parole and did not have a driver's license and one of the passengers had a felony warrant. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Olesen performed an aquatic invasive species (AIS) patrol of local boat launches to inform the public on the importance of keeping waters clean, explaining proper steps to take before and after each use of a boat launch. No violations were observed during this patrol.

CO Michael Evink was first on scene to a non-responsive elderly male on the floor of his home. Once on scene, CO Evink began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived. CO Evink and a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper alternated CPR while EMS worked on the individual. Unfortunately, the efforts to revive the patient were unsuccessful.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink conducted a patrol of Big Bay de Noc. It was the opening day of the 2021 walleye season. Fishing was slow on Lake Michigan, but the COs encountered quite a few boats. Most boats were in full compliance however, as the COs approached, it was obvious that one individual was frantically reeling in a rod. Once contacted, it was confirmed that he was fishing with too many lines. CO Evink recognized the individual as one who previously had been caught fishing with too many lines. He was issued a ticket for the violation.

While working on paperwork at her residence, CO Andrea Dani heard radio traffic reference a structure fire near Forest Lake Basin. The property owner stated he set some paperwork on fire outside in an open area and went into his house. When he came back out, the fire had spread. He was unable to put it out on his own and called 911. The fire resulted in complete loss of a shed on the property, as well as a lawn mower and four-wheeler, and melted the siding of the house. The point of origin contained plastic jugs, pails, cans, and even remnants of a camping tent. CO Dani advised the owner these were not legal to burn, and that there was an Upper Peninsula-wide burning ban that day. The property owner stated those items were from a previous burn in the same spot, and that he was only burning paper that day. The property owner was issued a citation for failure to take precautions to prevent fire escape and warnings for burning without a permit and unlawful disposal of solid waste.

COs Andrea Dani and Mark Zitnik were on patrol when they received a complaint from Alger Dispatch of open burning of a shed during no-burn times in Melstrand. When the COs arrived, they observed a tractor about to dump more treated wood into the fire and stopped the driver from doing so. The property owner stated they were attempting to clean up the newly purchased property. The owner was issued a citation for burning without a permit and a warning for unlawful disposal of solid waste.

COs Robert Freeborn and Steve Butzin place a flag on fallen CO Thomas Mellon's grave site in honor of his service during National Police Week.

CO Robert Freeborn received a disposition back from the court from an illegal deer case from last fall where the subject killed an 8-point buck without a license. The subject was ordered to pay \$6,450 in fines and restitution, lost their hunting privileges until the end of 2026, and the firearm used was to be forfeited.

CO Steve Butzin was on patrol in Ford River Township when he saw a large amount of black smoke pluming into the air from a distance. CO Butzin located the source of the smoke and found that one individual was burning a portion of a dilapidated barn. Along with barn materials the individual was burning shingles, a couch, car parts, an air

conditioner, and various other toxic substances. The Ford River Township was requested to put the fire out. Along with the bill from the fire department the individual received a citation from CO Butzin for open burning prohibited materials.

CO Steve Butzin was doing some follow up from the 2020 deer hunting season. CO Butzin encountered one individual who shot a deer during bow season without a license. During this investigation, a set of 8-point antlers was seized from the individual. A report is being submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office requesting the charge of take deer without a license.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt of Antrim County observed a vehicle pulled over with the passenger door open on Sunday evening while patrolling in the Jordan River Valley. About an hour later, CO Erratt drove by where the vehicle had been sitting and observed two Busch Light cans. CO Erratt retrieved the cans and noted the expiration and lot numbers on the bottoms. CO Erratt located the same vehicle a short while later stopped down the road. When contact was made, she observed two full Busch Light cans next to the passenger, who denied leaving his other cans on the side of the road earlier. CO Erratt asked if she could look at the bottom of his beer cans, he consented, and she explained the lot and expiration numbers matched the cans she found by the road. CO Erratt asked him again where his empty cans were and he replied, "Probably in your truck." CO Erratt ticketed him for littering.

COs Andrea Erratt and Andrea Albert while on marine patrol on Torch Lake on Saturday, observed a pontoon boat so overloaded that the front pontoons were underwater. Members of a bachelor party had rented a pontoon boat, stopped at a restaurant, and invited a bachelorette party to join them. Twenty people were on the pontoon boat designed to hold 10 people and there were only 13 life preservers on board. CO Erratt issued a ticket for failing to provide enough life preservers for the boat and the operator of the vessel said they should have known something was up when two waves came over the bow.

CO Andrea Albert received a complaint of a bear cub about the size of a puppy that was running through traffic while crossing a busy highway near Mancelona. Further investigation found the cub was not accompanied by a sow, so the 8-pound cub was captured by hand and turned it over to the Wildlife Division (WLD) for further evaluation on its condition. WLD was able to successfully place the cub with a collared sow bear with cubs.

CO Andrea Albert observed two subjects fishing from a pontoon boat. Upon contact and checking for fishing licenses, neither angler, who were out-of-state residents, had purchased a fishing license. Their excuse for not purchasing fishing licenses was that the owner of the boat that they were borrowing owned property on the lake and therefore they did not believe they needed a license to fish. Tickets were issued for fishing

without a license and the anglers were advised how to purchase a fishing license on their smart phones to continue fishing for the day.

COs Chad Baldwin and Nathan Beelman completed an ORV Safety Class at the East Jordan Snowmobile Club. There were approximately 40 people in attendance, and they instructed students on ORV rules and regulations and answered questions from participants.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to assist the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department with a highly intoxicated subject who had crashed his bicycle along a sidewalk. The subject was uncooperative with the deputy on scene when CO Rosochacki arrived. Subsequently, the subject was lodged in the Cheboygan County jail for being drunk and disorderly.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to the Pigeon River Country for a reported truck that was submerged in a pond with four occupants, including a one-year-old baby, still in the vehicle. Upon arrival with several other responders, it was determined the road was not passable for the fire department's vehicles to get back to the truck. CO Rosochacki transported several firefighters and their equipment back to the stuck truck. The truck had attempted to cross a flooded portion of the county road and took water into the engine, causing it to stall. The truck was submerged in about three feet of water. All subjects were safely removed.

COs Tim Rosochacki and Matt Theunick were dispatched to assist an elderly female who had gotten lost while morel mushroom hunting. She was not from the area and had parked her all-terrain vehicle (ATV) along a road and traveled quite a distance on foot when she realized she did not know how to get back to her ATV. Using coordinates obtained by dispatch from the caller's phone, the COs and a Cheboygan County deputy were able to find the subject with a decent haul of mushrooms about two miles away from her ATV. She was relieved to have been found and was taken back to her ATV.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick were requested to assist EGLE with a complaint of a possible chemical leak in the Pigeon River State Forest at the prior Story Lake property. The COs and Pigeon River County Unit Coordinator Mark Monroe inspected the site and determined that there was no current leakage from the structures there and the "unnatural color" in the nearby creek was likely due to a large amount of blue clay on the creek bottom, discovered during the inspection. EGLE will be monitoring the site, and future removal of the structures is planned.

COs Matt Theunick, Sidney Collins, Dan Liestenfeltz, Tom Oberg, and Sergeant (Sgt.) Mark DePew attended a "Blue Mass" conducted by St. Mary's Catholic Church in Gaylord. In attendance was the entire St. Mary's School students, who thanked the officers for their service to the community. Also, in attendance were United State Marshal Services, MSP troopers, Otsego County Sherriff's deputies, Gaylord City police officers, and many retired police officers from various agencies.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz was patrolling Albert Township in Montmorency County when he observed a group of ORVs travel past him at a very high rate of speed down the center of the roadway. CO Liestenfeltz caught up to the operators and initiated a stop on three quads. After talking with the lead operator, CO Liestenfeltz observed many signs of intoxication. CO Liestenfeltz conducted standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) on the subject, and it was determined that the subject was operating above the legal alcohol limit. CO Liestenfeltz placed the subject into custody and transported him to the Montmorency County jail. At the jail, the subject refused to properly give breath into the data master. A blood draw was given, and the case will be pending with the Montmorency County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Jessie Curtis was patrolling Alpena County in Wilson Township when she observed a vehicle leave the roadway twice. After further investigation and SFSTs, it was determined the driver was operating under the influence of drugs. The operator was lodged, and the case is pending with the Alpena County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Sidney Collins was on ORV patrol in Montmorency County when she came across two lost subjects on ORVs. The operators had become lost and were almost out of gas and without any cell phone service to call for help. CO Collins assisted the ORV riders out of the woods and made sure they were able to make it to a gas station.

CO Jon Sheppard was on patrol near the Black River in Cheboygan County when he received a tip that there was someone fishing on the Black River near the Kleiber Dam. CO Sheppard observed two subjects from the top of the dam. One of the subjects was fishing on the closed section of the Black River. CO Sheppard made his way down to them and advised them that this section was closed to fishing due to the sturgeon spawning. The suspect who was fishing did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action taken.

DISTRICT 4

COs Rich Stowe, Will Kinney, Patrick McManus, Amanda McCurdy, and Sgt. Dan Bigger attended a first responder workshop held by the United States Coast Guard Traverse City Air Station. This inter-agency workshop consisted of several law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency managers, and dispatch center directors. The goal of the workshop was to increase collaboration, and therefore streamline communication and response time during crisis situations. It was a valuable opportunity for agencies to share their capabilities which will lead to more effective collaborative efforts during rescue and recovery missions.

CO Troy Ludwig responded to a wildfire near the Manistee River. The individuals who claimed they had found the fire burning and used the fire to warm themselves in the early morning hours, were found to be in possession of methamphetamine (meth). Charges will be sought through the Wexford County Prosecutor's Office for possession of meth.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, observed a vehicle that was illegally operating up a hill on a Consumers Energy right-of-way. CO Killingbeck drove around the hill climb to where he observed the vehicle re-enter the roadway without stopping for traffic. CO Killingbeck contacted the subjects, who advised they had just recently purchased the vehicle. There was no plate or insurance on the vehicle. While speaking with the subject, CO Killingbeck observed a container of open intoxicants hidden underneath the passenger's legs. The passenger admitted to drinking the alcohol. After addressing the legalities of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, CO Killingbeck asked if there were any firearms in the vehicle. Both subjects were slow to admit that they were concealed pistol license (CPL) carriers and were both carrying firearms. CO Killingbeck determined that the passengers CPL had been revoked. Numerous violations were addressed, and citations were issued for the violations.

While on patrol for illegal ORV activity in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews located several trucks operating on a utility right-of-way (ROW) closed to motor vehicle operation. While investigating the situation, CO Andrews discovered the operator of one vehicle was driving with a suspended license and had an active warrant. It was also determined the passenger of another vehicle had several outstanding warrants. Both individuals were taken into custody for their warrants and taken to the Lake County jail. At the time of their arrests, one truck was stuck, and the other was having mechanical issues. A wrecker service was called for assistance to remove the vehicles from the closed area. Citations were issued for operating in the utility ROW and driving with a suspended license.

COs Jeff Ginn and Ben Shively assisted DNR fire officers with an investigation on a wildfire which consumed nearly 100 acres. The investigation revealed a small cooking fire on federal land which was not extinguished properly and later rekindled. The investigation led CO Ginn to a nearby residence which provided the names of the subjects who had camped at the location the day before the blaze. CO Ginn conducted interviews and obtained a confession from the suspect who had started the fire. A report was forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office seeking prosecution.

While on patrol in Newaygo County, CO Tim Barboza heard EMS ask for assistance with a woman who had fallen down a hill while hiking. As a result of the fall, the woman had broken her knee and was stuck in the river at the bottom of the steep hill. CO Barboza responded to the scene and assisted EMS and the fire department in loading her in a Stokes basket and carrying her up the hill to a waiting ambulance.

CO Ben Shively responded, along with DNR fire officers, to a large fire in Muskegon County. Five local fire departments had been dispatched to the fire, which consisted of large trees which had been piled together to be chipped. CO Shively assisted with fire suppression and assisted CO Jackie Miskovich of Muskegon County, and the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department, with investigating the source of the fire.

DISTRICT 5

CO John Huspen came across an ORV accident in Crawford County involving a young man who had been thrown from his ORV. After being ejected, the ORV ran over the operator. CO Huspen knew the young man from coaching him in football. As CO Huspen approached the victim on the ground the young man said, "It's my football coach!" This helped calm the victim's nerves. CO Huspen called for emergency medical technicians and held C-spine until their arrival. The young man was transported to a local hospital and airlifted to Traverse City for further evaluation.

CO Charlie Jones was on patrol in Blue Lake Township of Kalkaska County when he was dispatched to a grass fire near Manistee Lake. On arrival, the homeowner had put the fire out with a garden hose. During CO Jones' investigation, it was determined that the homeowner was burning yard waste. When the fire managed to escape from his firepit, he attempted to shovel up the waste and throw it across the street into wetlands. Grasses and fuels were still dry enough to catch fire. Education on the importance of not burning during high fire danger was given.

COs Breanna Reed, Chuck McPherson, and Matt Zultak conducted a group patrol on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County. The COs contacted an unsteady kayaker who was fishing and asked if he had a personal floatation device (PFD). The kayaker stated he did not know that it was required. The COs followed the kayaker back to shore to ensure he made it there safely. The man stated that he been out fishing all day and had around 10 to 15 fish. The COs counted the panfish located in the bottom of the kayak; it was determined that the angler had an over-limit of panfish. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 6

COs Jay Person and Jason King were requested by the Midland County Sheriff's Office to assist in the search for an 82-year-old female that was reported missing. The woman's car was located at a dead-end road at the Tittabawassee River by the Midland County Sheriff's Department. As the COs were getting their boat ready, a K-9 officer with the MSP located the victim hung up on a log in the middle of the river. COs Person and King launched the boat and recovered the body from the river. The female had been reported missing at 1:00 PM the day prior by her husband.

CO Chad Foerster received a RAP complaint about an individual fishing from shore and keeping every fish he caught, including undersized walleye. Upon contacting the angler, he was found to be in possession of numerous undersized walleye as well as a largemouth bass that was not yet, in season. Citations were issued to the angler for the violations.

While patrolling areas of the Stanton State Game Area (SGA), CO Mike Haas heard central dispatch call out information concerning missing individuals. Two gentlemen had left an assisted living facility approximately four hours earlier and had failed to return, staff was worried since it had been a long time and it was getting dark outside. CO Haas was close to the facility and diverted from his state land patrol to help with the

search. CO Haas located one of the subjects on a back road not far from the facility and was able to guide him back to the home. The gentleman stated he was walking with his friend but had gotten tired and turned back to walk home and gotten lost. CO Haas continued searching the area and located the second man about five miles away. The second man was tired and frustrated and told CO Haas he was trying to walk to the store to buy a soda pop. CO Haas assisted the man by giving him a ride to the store so he could buy his pop and then returned him to the assisted living home.

CO Dan Robinson was working state lands in Midland County where there have been ongoing issues with ORVs operating in closed areas. Operating on his assigned patrol motorcycle CO Robinson stopped and talked with a group of individuals constructing a paintball course. The group had dropped off a large pile of pallets a few days prior. The group opened the gate and drove their trucks into the closed area to get back to the area they set up the course. The group was cited for operating vehicles in the closed area and several verbal warnings for constructing on state lands and for holding an event without a permit.

DISTRICT 7

CO Jeremy Beavers assisted a private property owner with ongoing trespass issues. The property owner explained to CO Beavers that subjects have been riding ORVs on his property and he has been unable to keep them off, even when the property was posted. In the latest incident, a subject rode his ORV on his property and cut and removed wood. CO Beavers walked the property and located an ideal spot to place a trail camera. CO Beavers checked the camera twice in a span of a week and a half and was somewhat surprised by how many people were captured on camera. In total, seven ORVs and two people walking a dog were captured on camera during the day and night. During a weekend patrol, CO Beavers sat on the property to monitor activity. In one incident, two side-by-sides and a three-wheeler were caught turning on to the property from a closed portion of the road. CO Beavers informed the subjects that they were on private property that they did not have permission to be on. CO Beavers examined the ORVs and found additional violations on all three. The subjects were cited for not having the proper ORV stickers and warned for the additional violations. During a later incident, CO Beavers stopped three, four-wheelers on a closed portion of the road next to the property. None of the subjects were wearing helmets and did not have an ORV sticker. One subject was transporting a passenger on a machine not designed for that use. All subjects were cited for no helmets and were warned for the additional violations. CO Beavers explained to all subjects that they were also operating on a closed portion of the road which was a violation as well.

CO Casey Varriale received a complaint about a turkey dumped in a ditch on private property with half a kill-tag still attached to it. The turkey was found in Algoma Township in Kent County. CO Varriale located the turkey and discovered only the beard, fan, and spurs had been removed. All edible portions of the turkey were still intact. CO Varriale located the owner of the turkey tag who denied dumping the turkey. The suspect stated the meat on the turkey went bad, but he was able to salvage the

“trophy” parts of the turkey. The suspect also stated the turkey fell out of his truck and must have rolled into the ditch. CO Varriale lectured the hunter about hunting ethics and what the public assumes about hunting when someone kills a turkey for no other reason than to gain a “trophy”. A citation was issued to the suspect for littering.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling Muskegon County when she was requested to assist fire at a nearby residence. The property owner was attempting to clean their back yard when they unintentionally ignited the entire area due to the high winds. Several trailers and other belongings went up in the blaze. CO Cullen responded and issued a citation for allowing a fire to escape.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling northern Muskegon County when she observed a dirt bike being operated on a public roadway. CO Cullen stopped the ORV and contacted the individual. It was determined there were no ORV stickers on the dirt bike. Following the contact, two more quads pulled up. One of the quads did not have ORV stickers, and the rider of the second was determined to have valid Muskegon County warrants and had a suspended driver's license. CO Cullen was instructed to advise and release on the warrant, but issued three citations for ORV stickers, and operating while suspended.

CO Anna Cullen was checking boats at a launch on the Muskegon River when she observed a group of kayaks operating on the river. When she asked for all three vessels to hold up a PFD, two of the kayaks were unable to provide one. CO Cullen instructed the individuals to remain at the launch, and to provide a form of identification. When CO Cullen ran their names, both individuals returned with valid warrants. The warrants were confirmed but were advise and release. CO Cullen issued a citation for failing to provide a PFD on a kayak.

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling Muskegon County when she observed a dirt bike operating on a closed public road. CO Cullen stopped the dirt bike and contacted the rider. There were no ORV stickers on the bike, the rider did not have a valid driver's license, and was not wearing a helmet while operating. CO Cullen issued a citation for operating an ORV without a helmet and failing to register his ORV. Warnings were issued for ORV trespass, operating an ORV while suspended, and operating on a public roadway.

CO Jackie Miskovich was working Hilton Park Road, in the Muskegon SGA, when she noticed that a new sign that had been posted had been shot up and the posts were in two parts. CO Miskovich asked some people in the area if they knew anything about it and she was able to obtain some pictures of the suspect vehicle. CO Miskovich ran the license plate on the vehicle and went to the residence to interview the individuals. A confession was obtained, and a citation was issued for destroying state property.

COs Jackie Miskovich and Anna Cullen were patrolling around Muskegon County when a complaint came in about some vehicles on a piece of property that has been having a problem with trespassers. COs Miskovich and Cullen patrolled to the area and found

five vehicles in the back of the property. A citation was issued to each driver for ORV trespass.

CO James Nason provided back up support to Kalamazoo County deputies in reference to a domestic violence call. The suspect assaulted his mother multiple times in front of his two younger siblings and was arrested. CO Nason had dealt with the same subject a week prior on a separate call and he was arrested at that time for possession of meth. The arrested suspect was adamant that his wallet be left at his residence with his mother who he had just assaulted. With this previous contact in mind, CO Nason suggested that the man's wallet be searched thoroughly. Upon the search, a bag of meth was discovered in one of the folds of the man's wallet. The subject was lodged in the Kalamazoo County jail and is facing multiple charges.

COs James Nason and Kyle McQueer conducted an ORV patrol in Kalamazoo County. During their patrol, the COs conducted a traffic stop on a dirt bike operating illegally on the roadway in the City of Kalamazoo. Upon conducting the stop, multiple ORV equipment violations were discovered. Once contacted, the 16-year-old would not provide identification and refused to cooperate with the CO. A local officer arrived and was able to positively identify the subject. Throughout most of the contact, the officers were recorded by cellular devices by the suspect and other pedestrians who gathered in the area. A single citation was issued for the ORV violation and warnings were issued for multiple violations.

CO Sam Schluckbier responded to a RAP complaint of subjects dumping and burning pallets in the Allegan SGA. Upon arrival, he witnessed two trucks leaving the burn pile and driving in an area closed to vehicles. All five subjects were teenagers and four of them were intoxicated. Each parent was contacted and responded to the location to safely transport them home. The juveniles under the influence were issued minor in possession citations. All five agreed to clean up additional litter sites located in the game area to avoid additional citations for littering.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling Allegan County when he observed a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot near the Allegan Dam. The CO contacted the subject working on the vehicle and discovered he had a felony warrant. The subject was placed in handcuffs and his vehicle was impounded. Upon searching the vehicle, the CO located over 2.5 ounces of suspected marijuana as well as a bag of suspected meth. The subject was lodged in the Allegan County jail on the warrant. Charges for possessing meth are being sought through the Allegan County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Carter Woodwyk received a complaint of turkey hunters on private land hunting turkeys over shelled corn in Allegan County. After checking the area and confirming it was baited, he located a turkey hunter hunting the location about two weeks later. When he made contact, he located freshly scattered sunflower seeds about 20 yards out in front of the hunter. Even after the CO received consent to search the hunters backpack and located a bag of sunflower seeds matching the ones on the ground, the

hunter still denied placing or knowing the sunflower seeds in the bait pile were present. A citation was issued for hunter turkeys over a baited area.

CO Carter Woodwyk was patrolling the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County when he observed a charter boat coming in from Lake Michigan. The CO observed a registration violation and conducted a stop on the vessel. The charter captain indicated to the CO that he and his two occupants caught a three-person limit of lake trout (nine) and one chinook salmon. The CO requested to see the anglers' fishing licenses. Only two of the anglers could produce valid fishing licenses. The third angler was cited for possessing fish without a fishing license and three of the lake trout were seized.

CO Travis Dragomer observed an individual operating a PWC upon the St. Joseph River without wearing a PFD. CO Dragomer contacted the operator who did not have a boater safety certificate and the PWC was not registered. One citation was issued for failure to wear a PFD while operating a PWC and two warnings were given.

DISTRICT 8

CO John Byars and Corporal (Cpl.) Larn Strawn participated in memorial services during National Police Week, honoring fallen Conservation Officers. CO Byars and Cpl. Strawn honored CO Carlyle B. Smith at Gunnison Cemetery and CO Maurice C. Luck at Mount Rest Cemetery.

CO John Byars assisted Michigan State University (MSU) Police and several fire department agencies in a barn and silo fire at the MSU Dairy Research Center. The fire was very large and spread to the grain silos near the barn. CO Byars cleared a road of over twenty vehicles and closed it to allow fire truck tankers a clear avenue of shuttling their tankers to refill with water. CO Byars stayed with the closed road until the road was opened back of by the MSU Police command.

CO Pete Purdy was first on scene for a 911 call of a shooting at Island Lake Recreation Area. A successful turkey hunter was leaving a wooded area with the head and neck of the turkey hanging out of his game bag. Another turkey hunter was stalking a turkey he heard in the same area. The hunter spotted the turkey in the other hunter's game bag and misidentified it as a live turkey and shot. The shooter called 911 and assisted the wounded hunter out of the woods. CO Purdy located them and administered first aid to the injured hunter. CO Purdy then directed fire, EMS, Police, and DNR Parks to the location. The injured hunter was transported to the hospital by EMS for non-life-threatening injuries.

CO Chris Reynolds received a call from a landowner who observed someone drive out onto his property. CO Reynolds responded to the area and located vehicle tracks going out onto the complainant's property. CO Reynolds followed the trespasser's tracks onto the property for quite a way with the tracks going onto another property. CO Reynolds called CO Ed Rice to assist watching the edges of the property while CO Reynolds

tracked the individual through the properties. It was found that the person trespassing had left the property. CO Reynolds followed up with multiple contacts in the area and has identified a suspect. CO Reynolds has tried to contact the individual with no luck but will continue to try to contact the suspect.

CO Chris Reynolds assisted a Hillsdale County deputy with an investigation on an individual who shot a dog on his property near his home. CO Reynolds attempted to track the dog from where the individual stated he had shot the dog, with no signs of the dog being shot in that location. CO Reynolds then located the dog's tracks going into a neighboring property and located the area where the dog was shot, which was nowhere near the individual's home. The deputy located the owner of the dog who was furious about the dog being shot. The deputy submitted charges for the dog shooting.

CO Chris Reynolds responded to a complaint in Jackson County of an individual keeping bass out of season. When CO Reynolds arrived, he observed the angler put something in a cooler near the area he was fishing. As CO Reynolds made contact, the angler tried to get CO Reynolds away from the cooler. CO Reynolds asked the angler what was in the cooler with the angler finally saying he had a few fish in it. The angler opened the cooler and inside were three undersized largemouth bass. CO Reynolds advised the individual of the season on bass along with size limits. The bass were seized, and a citation issued for taking bass during closed season.

CO Chris Reynolds while on marine patrol in Jackson County, observed a vessel with an expired registration towing a skier. A stop was conducted and found the vessel had no PFDs along with multiple other violations. It was also found that the skier was not wearing a PFD. CO Reynolds issued citations for failing to provide PFDs and one to the skier for not wearing a PFD.

CO Ed Rice assisted the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office with a domestic situation at a local motel. Both parties were separated and interviewed. No arrests were made. The sheriff's office will submit the report to the Hillsdale County Prosecutor for review.

CO Ed Rice received a necropsy report of a red-tailed hawk recovered in Jackson County. The report indicated the cause of death was due to a single gunshot wound. CO Rice continues to gather potential suspect information related to a trespass incident that occurred near where the hawk was recovered.

CO Nick Wellman swore to arrest warrants on six separate cases in Branch County this week. Charges were approved for several illegal deer cases from the 2020 deer season.

Sgt. Rich Nickols was requested to respond to an apartment complex in Dewitt Township to assist with a deer that had jumped through an apartment window. Sgt. Nickols was assisted by DNR wildlife biologist Chad Fedewa. The deer, a young buck, entered the first-floor apartment by jumping through a closed window and did significant damage in the apartment. Responding Dewitt Township police officers were able to

open a door that connected to a garage area and the deer was chased through the garage and out of the building.

DISTRICT 9

CO Keven Luther assisted the Outdoor Adventure Center's (OAC) staff with a youth fishing derby at Milliken State Harbor. The event's attendance was low due to the poor weather conditions. Nevertheless, the OAC and Wayne County Metro-Parks staff were willing and able to assist urban youths learn about Michigan's great outdoors.

CO Keven Luther presented at the Washtenaw Community College Police Academy encouraging possible employment opportunities. CO Luther provided guidance and answered questions regarding the benefits of working as a Michigan Conservation Officer.

COs David Schaumburger and Luke Robare were on marine patrol in the middle of the night on the Detroit River when they approached a vessel fishing for walleye. The anglers had four walleyes between the four of them, however, one of the walleyes measured only 14 inches. A citation was issued for possessing an undersized walleye.

COs David Schaumburger and Luke Robare were on a late-night marine patrol on the Detroit River when they located a vessel operating near Grosse Ile without navigation lights. A stop was initiated, and contact was made with two anglers under the age of 21. Located on the deck of the vessel were both opened and unopened cans of alcohol. CO Schaumburger remembered the operator because he gave him a warning for minor in possession of alcohol almost a year ago. The owner of the vessel was given a citation for minor in possession of alcohol and improper navigation lights.

COs David Schaumburger and Luke Robare were on a night-time marine patrol on the Detroit River when they came upon a pair of anglers fishing for walleye. When contact was made, the angler stated they "Just counted 12 walleyes." CO Schaumburger boarded the vessel with permission and counted the walleye again, locating 14 instead of 12 walleye. The angler stated they "counted wrong". Unfortunately, the anglers were over-limit, and a citation was issued for possessing over the daily limit of walleye.

COs David Schaumburger and Luke Robare were on marine patrol in the middle of the night on the Detroit River when they came upon a boat with three people on board fishing for walleye. One of the anglers stated they had 13 walleyes, so the COs asked for all three fishing licenses. The person at the helm stated that he was only the driver today because he tried to get a fishing license and was unsuccessful. The other two anglers provided fishing licenses, but with only two valid fishing licenses, the anglers were over their daily limit of walleye. A citation was issued for the owner of the vessel for possessing over the daily limit of walleye.

CO Bob Watson was on patrol and driving through a construction zone when a vehicle backed out of a driveway and forced CO Watson to slam on his brakes. The vehicle then did a burn out in front of CO Watson, reaching speeds 10 miles per hour (mph) faster than the posted construction zone speed limit. CO Watson conducted a traffic stop. The man failed to provide a valid driver's license. CO Watson issued the man a misdemeanor citation for no operator's license on person.

CO Bob Watson was on marine patrol in Muscamoot Bay and contacted multiple bass anglers. One pair of anglers were on a charter fishing trip and had visited the area from Ohio. One of the men failed to purchase a 2021 fishing license. The man was issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

COs Jaime Salisbury and Ray Gardner patrolled the Holloway Reservoir for marine and fishing activity. During the patrol, citations were issued for failing to provide PFDs and taking bass out of season.

CO Brad Silorey received a text-to-RAP complaint for DNR dispatch regarding an individual keeping bass out of season at a local park. CO Silorey was able to respond from the opposite side of the county and contact the subject who was still fishing. CO Silorey found the angler's stringer with one 13-inch smallmouth bass on it. The angler stated that he was going to release it but did not want to do it immediately and spook the other fish. CO Silorey explained to the angler that he was in possession of the bass and most likely killed it by putting a stringer through the gill plate. A citation was issued for possession of bass out of season.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking anglers fishing along a boardwalk in St. Clair County. CO Deppen saw three lines casted out on the river in rod holders and a lone angler casting for walleye nearby. CO Deppen asked if they were his rods. The angler responded, "Yup, all three of those are mine and this is my fourth," while smiling. CO Deppen asked if these are your three, then why are you casting for walleye with a fourth line? The man shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know, but thanks for giving me a warning on this one." CO Deppen told the angler, this was not a warning type of situation, especially since he knows the law and is purposefully breaking it. A citation for fishing with more than three lines was issued.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking anglers along Lake St. Clair. CO Deppen saw one angler fishing with live AIS. The angler said he thought the goby was dead when he casted it out. CO Deppen asked the angler for his fishing license, and the angler said it was in his vehicle. CO Deppen walked the man to his vehicle and checked with dispatch for his license. Dispatch advised the angler has never purchased a fishing license. The angler came back from his vehicle and said his fishing license must be at his house. CO Deppen explained he has never had a fishing license per our licensing system. The angler responded, "I know, but I only fish a few times a year." The angler was cited for using live AIS and fishing without a license.

During a group patrol on the Detroit River, CO Joseph Deppen observed a subject place more than 30 white bass into a vehicle and leave. CO Kris Kiel stopped the Chicago resident and found he was in possession of 92 white bass. The subject also had not purchased a fishing license. The fish were all confiscated, citations were written for possessing an over-limit of white bass and possession of fish without a license. Reimbursement will be sought. Many of the fish weighed over two pounds each.

COs Brad Silorey and Dave Schaumburger worked surveillance on a known hot spot for illegally taking bass out of season. COs Silorey and Schaumburger observed multiple anglers from a distance catch and keep smallmouth bass and hide them in their vehicles. After seeing multiple violations, COs Silorey and Schaumburger attempted to catch one angler who quickly left with multiple bass in his vehicle. After attempting to catch up with him, the COs were unable to locate him in the busy streets of Detroit. The COs then entered the park to confront the other subjects. Multiple by-standers were yelling "5-0, 5-0!" to alert the rest of the anglers. COs Silorey and Schaumburger found the other suspect who was still fishing. After several minutes, CO Schaumburger was able to get the subject to admit that he had hidden the bass in his van. The man pulled one bass out of the vehicle, and after further questioning, it was discovered that the subject had five other smallmouth bass hidden throughout his vehicle. Two additional, unclaimed stringers were found with bass attached. The suspect was cited for possessing out of season bass, and over the limit. The angler was in possession of a total of six smallmouth bass.

CO Brandon Hartleben was on marine patrol on Ford Lake when he contacted a subject fishing from a motorized kayak. Initially, CO Hartleben did not think the vessel was registered since it did not have any numbers, letters, or a validation decal on the port side. Further investigation revealed that the vessel was in fact registered and was only displaying the registration on the starboard side. Unfortunately, the vessel registration was expired, and the subject did not have a PFD on the kayak. A citation was issued for failing to have a PFD and warnings were issued for the expired registration and missing numbers and letters on the port side.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was checking anglers at Luna Pier during the evening hours. CO Ingersoll received a tip earlier in the afternoon of anglers keeping undersized walleye. CO Ingersoll checked the anglers on the pier and located the anglers that he had received a tip on. After checking their fish, it was determined that one of the anglers did not have a 2021 fishing license and the other angler was in possession of an undersized walleye. Citations were issued to both anglers for keeping an undersized walleye and fishing without a license.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were heading back from a patrol on Belle Isle around midnight when they observed a vehicle almost hit several vehicles on I 94. The vehicle wove in and out of lanes in heavy traffic making for hazardous conditions. The COs conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon contacting the driver, who had a toddler sleeping in the back seat of the car, the subject appeared to be impaired. Sobriety tests were conducted, and it was determined that the driver was at almost

twice the legal blood/alcohol limit. The subject was arrested for driving under the influence. The child was transported by CO Keven Luther to the MSP detachment in Taylor where relatives were able to pick him up.

CO Brandon Vacek was contacted by CO Ariel Young about a group of anglers with a potential over-limit of white bass at a local park in Wayne County. While conducting surveillance on the suspects, CO Vacek observed a different group of anglers returning to a vehicle with a large cooler of fish. The subject carrying the cooler was checked for a fishing license and the second individual denied catching any fish. The subject's cooler contained 46 white bass, which is 21 fish over the daily possession limit for a single person. The subject was issued a citation for possession of an over-limit of white bass.

Belle Isle;

CO Keven Luther patrolled Belle Isle Park with fellow District 9 COs conducting a saturation patrol on the beginning of the summer second shift patrols. The island was very busy with visitor attendance hovering near capacity for most of the afternoon. The patrol focused on alcohol use, traffic violations and zoo trespassing issues. Approximately 30 citations were issued for a variety of offenses ranging from game law, fishing without a license, unrestrained children within a moving vehicle. Approximately six illegal vehicles were impounded. One individual was transported and lodged for a weapons bench warrant. Numerous verbal warnings were issued for alcohol and other minor offences.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Keven Luther and Sgt. Jason Becker observed subjects that drove their vehicle off-road to access a remote part of the island. The subjects were contacted and warned for several fishing and park rule violations and evicted from the park. Several hours later, Sgt. Becker observed the same three subjects fishing in the same spot. Sgt. Becker contacted the anglers and addressed several of the same violations he addressed earlier. The three subjects were issued citations for returning to the park after being evicted and were once again evicted from the park.

Great Lakes Enforcement Unit (GLEU)

Cpl. Brett DeLonge observed a post on social media regarding tadpoles being sold for fish bait at a local bait shop. Cpl. DeLonge conducted a bait inspection on the shop and found 3-4 dozen tadpoles in a cooler being offered for sale. Cpl. DeLonge inquired about the tadpoles and the owner explained that he thought it was legal to trap and sell them for bait. Cpl. DeLonge pointed out in the Michigan Fishing Guide the regulations for amphibians. The owner was informed that amphibians could not be sold commercially, that they were out of season, and that he was well over the legal daily limit. The tadpoles were seized and released into the local body of water from where they were trapped. A citation was issued for offering tadpoles for commercial sale and multiple verbal warnings were issued.

Cpl. Mike Hammill contacted a boat fishing for Smallmouth Bass. One of the individuals onboard advised that he is a Co-Host of a popular fishing show in Wisconsin. Cpl. Hammill checked both anglers for licenses, the Co-Host had failed to buy a 2021 fishing license. A ticket was issued.

Cpl. Jon Busken and Cpl. Pat Hartsig conducted multiple wholesale fish dealer inspections in Wayne and Oakland counties. Warnings were issued for delinquent wholesale reporting.

Cpl. Craig Milkowski and Cpl. Nick Torsky patrolled the Straits Area, checking several nets, boarding one vessel, and marking a floating mooring line at a shipwreck site that was difficult for boaters to see.

Cpl. Nick Torsky began contacting Michigan-based, online sellers of prohibited aquatic species in all or parts of the Great Lakes Basin, to advise them of current regulations and possible violations. These businesses have been identified through the Great Lakes Detector of Invasive Aquatics in Trade (GLDIATR), a cooperative effort amongst the various jurisdictions coordinated by the Great Lakes Commission.

Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren was on patrol when he saw thick black smoke coming from a field. Cpl. VanGeldereren drove to the top of a hill and saw a subject on a bulldozer pushing a burning tractor tire into a large brush pile. Cpl. VanGeldereren walked up to the bulldozer and contacted the driver. The driver informed Cpl. VanGeldereren that the tire was already half burnt, so he figured he would burn the rest of it along with his brush pile. There were two more tractor tires on the back of a truck nearby that the subject claimed he was going to bring to the tire recycle center. The suspect was given a citation for illegal disposal of a tire. The suspect was told to pull the tire out of the fire, and it was obvious that it was never half burnt.

Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren and Conservation Officer Micah Hintze spoke to two Hart Middle School "Health Sciences and Life Skills" classes about their professions along with an introduction into hunter safety.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe assisted a volunteer of the Grand Traverse County Drain Commission with a drain that was being regularly plugged with decaying vegetation. It was originally believed that muskrats were causing the issues, but it was later determined that a beaver was the culprit. The issue was resolved.

Cpl. Kehoe patrolled around N. Manitou Island and checked compliance with state licensed commercial nets and patrolled along the south end of the Lake trout refuge looking for illegal nets in that area. No nets were found in the refuge and all state nets were marked well and in compliance.

Cpl. Nick Atkin contacted a state licensed commercial fisherman to discuss a few deficiencies located on his commercial fish nets during a net patrol. The fisherman

advised he would make the corrections. The nets will be checked in a future patrol for compliance.

Cpl. Nick Atkin and Senior Chief Ken Mize with the USCG Saginaw River conducted a joint patrol with a local state licensed commercial fisherman where a net was set, and multiple nets were lifted.