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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Byron Parks was off duty when he received a burning complaint on a day burning was prohibited. CO Parks responded to the complaint and upon arrival, he could see a large burn pile with a tree burning on top. CO Parks contacted the owner of the home and asked whether he checked to see if burn permits were available that day. The owner stated he did not and that he asked some neighbors if he could burn today. They told him that it would not be a big deal if he burned today. CO Parks explained to the owner how to check the status of burn permits each day and what he was able to burn. A citation was issued for burning without permit.

CO Brian Lasanen was driving on US-41 in a line of five cars. CO Lasanen looked into his rear-view mirror and noticed a van passing all five cars. When the van passed, CO Lasanen was able to get a radar read of 86 miles per hour (mph) on the van. The van nearly caused a head-on crash as it pulled back into its lane of travel. CO Lasanen was able to make a traffic stop on the van. When asked what the hurry was, the driver advised they are in a carpool and one of the regulars decided he was going to get a different ride home today and they wanted to beat him home. CO Lasanen advised him what he did was not a good idea and the driver was issued a ticket for violation of the basic speed law.

CO Ethen Mapes assisted a US Forest Service (USFS) officer who had stopped two side-by-sides traveling along the highway on M-28 near Bergland. After the USFS officer had issued citations, CO Mapes advised the riders to travel along the edge of the road until they got back on the trail in Bergland. A short time later, a 911 call was received about a vehicle traveling on M-28 that had just thrown a cup full of liquid at a side-by-side. CO Mapes met with the side-by-sides that he had just left, and was given a license plate number, which came back to a subject out of Ewen. CO Mapes traveled to the suspect's residence and made contact. Upon contact with the suspect, the man admitted to throwing a soda pop at the side-by-side. He stated that he had a "rough few days" and had two screaming children in the back seat. When his vehicle came up behind two side-by-sides riding along the highway kicking up dust, he admitted that he lost his cool. The subject felt bad about the incident and felt worse when CO Mapes advised him that the side-by-sides had already received tickets for what they were doing and were instructed to continue into town. Charges are being requested with the Ontonagon County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Anna Viau, along with Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers, Crystal Falls Police Department, and Caspian Police Department, assisted the Iron County Sheriff's Office with the running of a parade through the Iron County Medical Facility in Crystal Falls. The parade offered a chance for family members of facility residents to see loved ones they had not seen in several months due to COVID-19 visitor restrictions. Well over 100 vehicles took part in the parade, most decorated with signs and balloons. Facility residents were able to sit outside to wave to their loved ones passing by in vehicles.

CO Josh Boudreaux was patrolling the Dead River Basin over the holiday weekend and contacted a boat after watching a child excitedly reel in a small walleye. After congratulating the kid on his catch and explaining what a conservation officer was, the kid exclaimed, "Mommy and Daddy don't have life jackets!" CO Boudreaux laughed it off thinking the kid was referring to the fact that they were not wearing them, unlike the kids. Upon further inspection of their safety equipment, it was found that neither parent had a personal floatation device (PFD) for themselves. A citation was issued for failing to maintain/carry safety equipment on their vessel.

CO David Miller received a call of a fawn that was born in the middle of a busy roadway, and the mother had run off. The fawn had lain down in the roadway and would not move. Nearby property owners were slowing down traffic to keep the fawn from getting hit until CO Miller arrived. CO Miller removed the fawn from the roadway and placed it near the back yard of the property owner. The fawn reunited with its mother a short time later.

COs Cody Smith and David Miller participated in both the L'Anse and Baraga High School senior parades. The COs joined Baraga Police Department, L'Anse Police Department, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal police, MSP troopers, Baraga Sheriff's Department, Bay Emergency Medical Services (EMS) along with local fire departments with leading the seniors around their hometowns.

CO John Kamps was patrolling to West Bass Lake in the Gwinn area when a subject approached CO Kamps and advised they had witnessed a particular boat operating carelessly on several occasions. CO Kamps observed the boat on the lake for approximately half an hour. The boat was then observed operating carelessly around a paddleboat containing four subjects and eventually caused the paddleboat to capsize sending the four occupants into the water without PFDs. CO Kamps prepared to launch his patrol boat just as the suspect boat was returning to the launch site. CO Kamps waved the boat into shore as the operator stared toward the CO, then quickly motored off across the lake to a cabin and ran into the woods. CO Kamps interviewed the other passengers on the boat and received a positive identification of the operator. A multiple count arrest warrant is being reviewed by the local prosecuting attorney.

DISTRICT 2

COs Chris Lynch, Steve Butzin, and Mike Evink responded to a bear in a tree in a residential area in Escanaba. The COs and Escanaba Public Safety Department blocked off the intersection and conducted crowd control while DNR Wildlife staff worked on sedating the bear with a dart gun. After the bear was sedated and removed from the area, COs Butzin and Lynch assisted DNR Wildlife staff with releasing the bear. Within a week COs Butzin and Lynch responded to another bear in a tree in a residential area in Escanaba. The COs worked with Escanaba Public Safety Department on crowd control while DNR Wildlife staff worked on sedating the bear. After the bear was sedated it was removed from the area and released.

CO Chris Lynch responded to a call of an unresponsive subject near his location. CO Lynch and a Gladstone Public Safety officer first arrived on scene and rendered aid to the subject until EMS arrived on scene. EMS took over care and fortunately the woman recovered.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin were on patrol when a call came out for a brush fire that had escaped. Upon arriving on scene, the fire had begun spreading into the woods and the local fire department was attempting to suppress the fire. There was no burning allowed on this day. Upon interviewing the lone subject on scene, he confessed to starting the fire. Fortunately, the fire was quickly suppressed. The responsible subject received a citation for burning without a permit.

CO Michael Evink responded to a litter complaint just outside of Manistique. While on scene, CO Evink was tipped that a truck loaded with leaves and other debris was heading in his direction. CO Evink hid his truck and waited a few minutes. As reported, the individual arrived and began to unload the debris. CO Evink contacted the individual issued him a ticket for littering. He received warnings for driving without a license, no insurance, and unregistered vehicle. CO Evink had him clean up what he had dumped and obtain a proof of proper disposal.

CO Steve Butzin responded to a reported escaped forest fire. When CO Butzin arrived on scene, he observed that a small debris pile which an individual was burning near his property line had escaped and burned several neighboring properties. CO Butzin was at this residence approximately a year ago and warned the individual it was dangerous to be burning where he was as his fire was located near a dry grassy field. A report has been submitted to the Delta County Prosecutor's Office requesting charges for allowing a fire to escape.

COs Robert Freeborn and Michael Evink along with MSP were dispatched to a report of overturned kayakers on the Manistique River who then became lost on the river. The officers responded to the area and were able to determine a general location of where the kayakers were from to a cell phone ping. Due to the remote location of the river, COs Freeborn and Evink, along with two MSP troopers, proceeded on foot through the woods in an attempt to locate the kayakers. Once at the river, the officers split into two groups so they could simultaneously search both up and down stream. After walking through the thick uneven terrain for approximately a quarter mile, the kayakers were found. The kayakers were in good health and had only suffered numerous mosquito bites. The kayakers were assisted out of the woods by the officers and returned to the local canoe livery. The kayakers were advised they did the right thing and stayed put in one location and started a fire. This made locating them a lot easier.

COs Robert Freeborn and Mike Evink responded to a recreational trespass complaint involving a subject picking asparagus. Since the COs were only a few minutes away, they arrived on scene shortly after the incident happened. After talking with the complainant, it was determined that a female subject was trespassing on farmland to

pick asparagus. When confronted by the landowner who advised it was private property and that he would call the DNR, the suspect stated, "Go ahead and call the DNR!" After getting the suspect's description, the COs knew exactly who it was since they had dealt with her a few years ago for the same thing and had been warned about trespassing. The COs located the female suspect at her house and she eventually admitted to the trespass. The suspect also recalled being talked to by the COs a few years ago as well. A report will be submitted to the prosecutor's office requesting charges for the trespass.

CO Mark Zitnik was on patrol when he came across a pickup truck that had rolled over on M-28 just minutes prior. CO Zitnik treated the injured occupants until EMS arrived. The driver had fallen asleep and drifted to the shoulder of the road. He reports that when he woke up, he jerked the wheel and sent the vehicle into a tailspin, then rolling over.

CO Mark Zitnik was dispatched to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore near Miners Falls to assist three hikers lost during a recent storm. They reported walking for three hours to find their vehicle. CO Zitnik drove them an additional 10 miles to the vehicle's location. The three hikers were happy and thankful.

CO Mike Olesen followed up with an individual that had a brush debris fire escape. The individual was burning on a day that was not allowed due to the dry conditions. A report has been submitted to the Chippewa County Prosecutor's Office requesting charges for burn without a permit and for allowing a fire to escape.

DISTRICT 3

While CO Andrea Erratt was taking an evidence picture of the Jordan River Valley rules and regulations sign, two Jeep Cherokees with no plates drove by her. CO Erratt stopped the Jeeps that had ORV licenses on the back. Both operators said they had never registered their Jeeps because they were only using them off-road, so they had purchased Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) licenses. CO Erratt explained that they were in fact on a county road that lead out to a state highway and that their Jeeps were not ORVs. Neither Jeep had insurance. CO Erratt ticketed both drivers for operating motor vehicles with expired registrations and warned them for no insurance.

CO Andrea Erratt observed a large column of black smoke and followed it to a field with two large piles of burning building materials. CO Erratt talked to two men tending the fire who said they owned the property and were burning the remnants from a collapsed shed. CO Erratt observed a chair, plywood, a bicycle, a tire, shutters, and other building materials burning in the pile. The men said they had not even heard of the burn permit hotline and did not know how to check for a DNR burning permit. CO Erratt issued a ticket for burning without a permit and warned them for illegal disposal of solid waste and failing to social distance from non-household members. CO Erratt called for the Star Township Fire Department to extinguish the fires.

CO Andrea Erratt observed a man tending a fire with building materials piled up in his yard. The man said he was trying to clean up his yard and was burning the contents from an old church and he had not checked the DNR burn permit hotline. CO Erratt observed particle board walls, several paint cans, and other building materials burning in the pile. CO Erratt ticketed the homeowner for burning without a permit and warned him for illegal disposal of solid waste. He agreed to put out the fire.

After leaving Fishermen's Island State Park, CO Erratt received a complaint from Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Central Dispatch about a boat taking on water at the Ironton access site. CO Erratt talked to the new boat owner who had launched his new boat without putting in the plug. When he tried to pull the boat back out of the lake, the axle on his trailer broke. CO Erratt called for a tow company who arrived on scene and was going to enlist help from a local marina to lift the boat.

Sgt. William Webster was out on the water in Lake Charlevoix early on Memorial Day morning checking boaters and anglers. One angler that was checked was from out-of-state and failed to purchase a fishing license. He advised Sgt. Webster that he buys licenses every year but had just forgot to get it this year. A prior check showed he had not bought a license since 2014. He was issued a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Eric Bottorff responded to a back-country area of the Pigeon River State Forest to help MSP and first responders locate a subject who had called 911 to report that her friend was overdosing on several different drugs. The subjects were hiking and did not know how to get out to the main road. The CO was able to guide responders to the nearest access road, which EMS used to locate the subject and transport him out to an ambulance.

COs Tim Rosochacki and Matt Theunick assisted the Tuscarora Township Police Department with a domestic violence complaint in Cheboygan County. It was alleged a suspect had thrown an axe in the rear passenger compartment of his ex-girlfriend's vehicle while she was inside it, he stated he was going back into the house to get a firearm. The COs set a perimeter around the residence while township officers spoke with the female who had left the scene. A short time later, the male subject was taken into custody without incident.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to Mackinac City in Cheboygan County to assist officers there with a domestic disturbance. An unruly and aggressive male was located with a large knife and barricaded himself inside a hotel room. After negotiations, the subject came outside unarmed and was able to be taken into custody. The subject also had a felony warrant for his arrest from a previous incident in another county.

CO Tom Oberg assisted Otsego County Sheriff's deputies and MSP troopers regarding a call of a suicidal man. The man had taken a bottle of stimulant medication and walked into the woods. CO Oberg arrived on scene with the other units and assisted in the search for the suicidal man. Shortly after, an MSP K-9 unit was able to locate the man without incident who was then transported to Otsego Memorial Hospital.

COs Tom Oberg and Kyle Cherry responded to a call of a driver who had gotten their vehicle stuck on a muddy two-track road and was lost in the Pigeon River Country in Otsego County. The COs responded to the area to assist. The vehicle was luckily not too far from the main road and was not severely stuck. The individual along with the car were safely removed and on their way and in good condition.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tom Oberg responded to a report of an ORV crash with injuries in Otsego County. COs Cherry and Oberg were able to meet the injured juvenile ORV rider and his mother, who was able to transport him to a nearby main roadway. COs tended to the juvenile and assessed his injuries which appeared to be a broken leg and arm. The COs remained with the youth, who was then transported to the hospital by Otsego County EMS.

COs Kyle Cherry, Tom Oberg, and Sgt. Mark DePew participated in multiple parade details involving those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Otsego County. The largest parade included multiple law enforcement, fire, and EMS departments honoring the courageous healthcare workers at Otsego Memorial Hospital.

CO Kyle Cherry and Sgt. Mark DePew responded to multiple 911 calls on I-75 in Otsego County. Calls included a vehicle that had erupted in flames and another vehicle that had become completely disabled in the middle of the freeway after hitting a deer. Both calls were handled with no reported injuries to either of the vehicle's occupants.

CO Tim Rosochacki was requested to assist the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department looking for a vehicle involved in a breaking and entering. CO Rosochacki located the vehicle at a nearby business and notified the deputies. The vehicle was then observed leaving the business and a traffic stop was made which resulted in finding numerous items associated with the breaking and entering. The suspects and vehicle were turned over to the sheriff's department for further investigations.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to assist Mackinac County deputies who were pursuing a vehicle across the Mackinac Bridge. The vehicle was involved in a domestic violence complaint and a two-year-old child was inside the car. Just prior to CO Rosochacki arriving, the vehicle crashed into a ditch and the driver was taken into custody. CO Rosochacki assisted multiple agencies in processing the scene. The two-year-old was uninjured in the crash.

CO Sidney Collins was launching her boat when a domestic in progress came out over the radio. CO Collins was close to the residence, so she trailered her boat and responded to the complaint. CO Collins was able to separate the two subjects before sheriff deputies arrived and assisted. The subjects were separated, and charges were submitted to the prosecutor's office.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz responded to a brush fire in Briley Township in Montmorency County. Upon investigating, it was determined that the subject was burning illegal

materials and the fire escaped the subject's control. A ticket was issued for failing to prevent the spread of fire.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz was patrolling Briley Township in Montmorency County when he observed a vehicle drive past him without a license plate. The vehicle then drove off the roadway and abruptly turned back onto the roadway. CO Liestenfeltz initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. After investigating, it was determined the driver did not have insurance on the vehicle and had a statewide warrant out of Ingham County. The subject was taken into custody and lodged at the Montmorency County jail for the warrant and was issued an appearance ticket for operating without insurance.

CO Jon Sheppard assisted MSP troopers in Alpena County with a vehicle crash. Upon investigation, it was determined that the driver of the vehicle was highly intoxicated. CO Sheppard assisted with traffic control and arresting the subject for Operating While Intoxicated (OWI).

CO Jon Sheppard assisted MSP troopers near the City of Alpena with a mentally unstable subject with a firearm. The subject stated he was hearing voices in his head and was chasing an AT&T employee around in a parking lot. After chasing the employee, the subject rammed his vehicle into the Alpena County Road Commission garage. The subject was taken into custody and turned over to MSP troopers.

CO Jon Sklba was on patrol near Grand Lake when he observed a vehicle speeding on US-23. Suddenly, the vehicle stopped in front of a residence and the driver exited his car, removed a bag of trash from the vehicle, and placed it in the driveway of the residence. CO Sklba conducted a traffic stop and inquired with the driver about placing the bag of garbage in front of the residence. The driver advised that he was up for the holiday weekend and had a full bag of trash that was starting to stink. The driver figured he would just place the bag in front of someone's house so their trash service would pick it up. The driver stated he did not know the homeowner and did not have permission to drop his trash in their driveway. CO Sklba issued the driver a ticket for littering and made the subject remove the bag of trash.

COs Jon Sklba, Paul Fox, Tim Rosochacki, MSP troopers, and Presque Isle Sheriff Marine deputies all responded to a distressed vessel complaint on Black Lake. A boat operator called 911 advising his engine quit working and his vessel was taking on water. MSP troopers and CO Rosochacki responded to the boat launch to get a visual on the vessel as the other units mobilized their patrol vessels. Fortunately, a passerby vessel saw the distressed boat and was able to pull it back to shore safely.

DISTRICT 4

COs Rich Stowe and Will Kinney were patrolling a Grand Traverse County lake and encountered a subject who advised that they thought they had purchased a current fishing license but did not have it with them. A check of the Retail Sales System found

that the subject had not purchased a fishing license since 2014. The subject was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Josiah Killingbeck responded to an accident where a dirt bike had collided with a tree on the Little O Trail system in Lake County. CO Killingbeck was the first to arrive on scene. The location required first responders to walk approximately one quarter of a mile to the patient who was in serious condition. CO Killingbeck evaluated the injuries and requested a helicopter due to the severity of the injuries. No helicopters were available. CO Killingbeck assisted with first aid and walking the subject out on a back board. The subject was taken to a trauma center for his injuries.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was sitting on a forest service road for illegal ORV activity. CO Killingbeck contacted an ORV that had seats mounted in the bed of the side-by-side. The driver told CO Killingbeck he had a plate on his side-by-side, so he was fine to drive on USFS roads. CO Killingbeck asked the subject about the seat and the subject said that he had made them so he can sit extra people in the back. CO Killingbeck explained the regulations pertaining to an ORV with aftermarket seats. CO Killingbeck then observed that the ORV had off road tires and was missing many components to be a street legal vehicle. CO Killingbeck began asking the subject about the equipment required and the subject soon admitted that he had taken a plate off his van and placed it on his ORV to make it look like it was street legal. Regulations were explained and a citation issued for Operating an ORV in a Closed Area.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Grant Emery were sitting stationary patrol for ORV activity when CO Killingbeck heard noise down the road. CO Killingbeck observed what appeared to be a rolled over vehicle. The COs responded and found an ORV that had rolled over in an intersection while attempting to do donuts. CO Killingbeck spoke with the driver who admitted to attempting to do donuts. CO Killingbeck could smell intoxicants coming from the subject and began sobriety evaluations. The driver failed the evaluations and was given a preliminary breath test (PBT) which showed the driver was nearly three times the legal limit. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County jail for operating an ORV while intoxicated and reckless driving.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and Sgt. Bob Meyers of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, were patrolling for ORV trespass violations when they observed an ORV trespassing on Consumers Energy property. CO Killingbeck and Sgt. Meyers contacted the driver of the ORV who was observed holding a can of beer. The subject told CO Killingbeck that he had no idea on any ORV regulations. The subject initially told CO Killingbeck that he had only consumed one beer. However, after failing sobriety evaluations, the subject admitted to having several beers. A PBT was given showing the subject was twice the legal limit. The subject provided CO Killingbeck a false name initially which showed a warrant for that person's arrest. CO Killingbeck asked the subject why he had a warrant and the subject then told CO Killingbeck that he had given a false name. The subject did not want CO Killingbeck to know his real name, as he was on probation. The subject was arrested and lodged in the Lake County jail for operating an ORV while intoxicated, possession of open intoxicants, and ORV trespass.

While patrolling Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski located two subjects fishing on a small inland lake. CO Publiski watched as both subjects packed up their fishing gear and headed towards the boat launch. CO Publiski waited until the subjects were at the boat launch to make his presence known. As CO Publiski pulled up, one of the subjects began throwing undersize largemouth bass into the lake. CO Publiski had the subject get out of the boat and dump his fish out onto the ground, revealing one undersize bass still in the bucket. CO Publiski then walked around to the side of the boat, reached down in the water and recovered the other undersized bass. CO Publiski issued a ticket for possessing under-sized bass.

Working Memorial Day weekend, CO Kyle Publiski doubled up with MSP Trooper Connor Crutchfield. While the two were working Lake County for ORV activity, they located two dirt bikes operating in a closed area. A file check of the two subjects revealed one of them had a suspended driver's license. While addressing that with the subjects, CO Publiski located the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) numbers on the dirt bikes and ran a Law Enforcement Information Network check on them. The subject that was operating suspended was also in possession of a stolen dirt bike. The dirt bike had been stolen out of Muskegon County almost a year ago and had the original plastic removed from it and replaced with a different color. Trooper Crutchfield and CO Publiski began asking the subject questions about the purchase of his bike. The subject stated he bought the bike from a "guy" on Facebook and only got a bill of sale with the bike. The dirt bike was recovered for the original owner and the subject was cited for operating with a suspended driver's license.

CO Steve Converse was on patrol at Tippy Dam checking anglers and asking about their success. While near the parking lot, CO Converse observed what appeared to be an undersized brown trout being carried up to a vehicle. CO Converse watched as the subject opened a cooler, pulled out a bunch of suckers, put the trout in the cooler and then put the suckers back on top. CO Converse walked over and contacted the subject and asked what kind of fish were in the cooler. The subject stated just suckers. CO Converse then explained what he had observed and asked the subject if he could look. The subject opened the cooler and stated, "See, just suckers." CO Converse then located two undersized brown trout under the 28 suckers that were in the cooler. CO Converse issued the subject a ticket for possession of the undersized trout.

CO Ben Shively responded to assist Newaygo County Sheriff's Office with a dirt bike personal injury accident where a subject had gone off the White Cloud Motorsports Trail and struck a tree. The subject broke his lower left leg and was a mile from the nearest road. CO Shively ferried firefighters to the scene with his ORV. The subject was transported out of the woods and to a waiting ambulance for transport to the hospital.

CO Ben Shively conducted a traffic stop in Oceana County on an ORV that was operating along the shoulder of the roadway with no helmet and no ORV license. CO Shively obtained identification from the subject and copied down the VIN number from the ORV. The ORV came back as stolen out of Toledo, Ohio, in 2017. The stolen ORV was confirmed with the Toledo Police Department and impounded. CO Shively

interviewed the subject and found that he had purchased the ORV on Craigslist in February and did not obtain a title or bill of sale for the ORV. The subject was cited for no helmet and no ORV license.

CO Ben Shively was on patrol in Oceana County when he observed three motorcycles approaching him at a high rate of speed and displayed a speed of 95 mph on the in-car LIDAR unit. CO Shively turned around on the motorcycles which were now picking up speed and almost out of sight. As CO Shively was about to call out a Be on the Lookout (BOL) on the motorcycles, he observed in the distance two of the bikes had collided with each other at an intersection when attempting to turn and were laying in the roadway. CO Shively activated his emergency lights and blocked the intersection and tended to the subjects who were injured. CO Shively was assisted by an off-duty Newaygo County deputy, who tended to one of the patients as CO Shively dealt with the subject who was in the roadway and bleeding from the lower leg. The rider had a puncture in his lower leg which was from the foot peg resulting in a broken leg and possible arterial bleeding. CO Shively applied his tourniquet to the leg as there was no way to place pressure on the wound and monitored the subject until EMS arrived on scene. Both subjects were transported to the hospital for treatment.

COs Tim Barboza, Jeff Ginn, and Sgt. Mike Bomay assisted the Evert Fire Department in well-being checks on people who were stuck in their homes due to the flooding and the evacuation of a man who was asking to be evacuated. The COs also tied up propane tanks that had come lose and turned off gas lines on unsecured tanks. The COs contacted multiple people on the river who did not have a chance to leave their homes before the flooding but decided to wait at their residences until the water receded.

Sgt. Mike Bomay was responding to a Bald eagle hit by a car on US 131. As Sgt. Bomay approached the expressway, he observed large amounts of smoke covering the roadway and several people frantically running in and out of the smoke. Sgt. Bomay utilized his department issued fire extinguisher to contain two separate grass fires on the expressway overpass. The citizens were asked to return to their vehicles and clear the area due to the busy roadway and concerns of someone being hit by a vehicle. Sgt. Bomay monitored the area until the fire department responded and directed traffic until the fire was extinguished.

DISTRICT 5

CO Charlie Jones was on ORV patrol near Bear Lake Township in Kalkaska County when he observed a motor vehicle backing up perpendicular to traffic on M-72 causing dangerous travel conditions. CO Jones conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. Upon contact, CO Jones observed a highly intoxicated driver. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) were conducted, and the driver was given a roadside preliminary breath test with results of four and a half times the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The driver was placed into custody and transported to Kalkaska Memorial Health Center

for a blood draw and evaluation. The driver was later cleared and released from medical staff. The driver was lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

CO Ben McAteer and Sgt. Brian Olsen responded to a two-vehicle accident on West Cameron Bridge Road in Crawford County. A side-by-side ORV rear ended a van that was dropping off canoers at the river. CO McAteer performed SFSTs on the driver at the scene. The driver was found to be over the legal limit and was arrested for OWI.

CO Casey Pullum was requested by local law enforcement to assist with the search of two lost hikers in the Huron National Forest in Oscoda County. Upon obtaining GPS coordinates from dispatch, CO Pullum was able to instruct the responding deputies to the closest roads and trails. Upon arriving in the area, CO Pullum located a two-track that was not on the map and quickly found the subjects. He was surprised to see these "hikers" standing near a vehicle stuck in the sand. CO Pullum detected the smell of alcohol on the driver, and upon completing SFSTs, the driver was arrested for OWI.

CO Jesse Grzechowski received notification from Alcona County Central Dispatch of two lost girls. They were hiking with their father when they separated and became lost for several hours before calling 911. CO Grzechowski arrived at the trailhead and patrolled the area of their last known location on his ORV. He traversed many deadfalls and navigational hazards while continuing his search. CO Grzechowski located the lost girls before sunset and transported them several miles back to their parent at the trailhead. The girls did not have any water, hiking gear, and were wearing flip flops. They were in good health and no medical attention was needed.

COs Craig Neal and Phil Hudson assisted with rescue and evacuation efforts in Arenac County due to flood conditions. The COs utilized patrol boats to rescue numerous citizens and their pets from flooded residences along the Rifle and Pine Rivers.

District 5 COs responded to the City of Midland to assist District 6 with rescue and evacuation efforts when the Edenville and Sanford Dams failed. Responding COs brought patrol boats and ORVs to reach victims in areas that were not accessible due to flood waters. Many days were spent working with other agencies in a team effort to protect lives and preserve property.

DISTRICT 6

CO Joe Myers and Sgt. Robert Hobkirk located an abandoned vehicle on state land in Midland County. The vehicle's ignition had been removed and the VIN was removed from the dash area and door. The COs were able to locate a hidden VIN on the vehicle and learned that it had been stolen from a business in Midland. The car was towed and turned over to the Midland County Sheriff's Department who had taken the original complaint.

CO Kyle Bucholtz responded to an out-of-season bass complaint. CO Bucholtz arrived on scene and observed the subject fishing. When CO Bucholtz asked how the subject

had been doing, the subject stated he had caught four bass and was keeping them in a nearby bucket. CO Bucholtz located the bucket with five bass. In addition, the subject could not tell CO Bucholtz what the size-limit for bass needed to be for possession. All five bass were released back into the water and swam away. The subject stated he had been fishing his entire life and thought bass could be kept on the Great Lakes year-round. A citation was issued for possessing bass out of season.

CO Mike Haas was patrolling in western Isabella County when he received a fishing complaint. A complainant stated he had witnessed a gentleman fishing from shore along the Chippewa River and he appeared to have been keeping undersized walleye. CO Josh Jackson was in the area and met CO Haas at the complaint location. The COs contacted an angler matching the complainant's description and the gentleman admitted to retaining undersized walleye. The COs were able to release the fish back into the river and the man received a citation for possessing undersized walleye.

While patrolling southern Isabella County, CO Mike Haas encountered a four-wheeler operating towards him in the wrong lane of the roadway while driving around a large curve. The operator of the four-wheeler had to quickly maneuver his machine out of the way of the CO's truck to avoid an accident. CO Haas turned his truck around and caught up to the machine and conducted a traffic stop. The operator had a young child on his lap; neither he nor his passenger had on a required crash helmet, and the machine lacked a valid ORV license. The man was educated on the various safety concerns and issued a citation to address the violations.

CO Dan Robinson responded to a complaint in northern Isabella County. An individual located a pile of car parts and boxes including two headlights, a radiator, a dashboard with the VIN number still attached, and a bag of trash. CO Robinson located an address on one of the boxes and was able to track down the individual responsible, who at first said that he put the items out by the road at his house, but later admitted that he put "some of the stuff" out there. A citation was written for littering.

While working back from a complaint, CO Dan Robinson saw two loose cows in the roadway. CO Robinson contacted central dispatch who advised that they had several calls about the animals throughout the day but did not have an animal control officer on duty. CO Robinson stopped at a residence and an individual there offered his pasture to house the cows until the owner could be located. CO Robinson and the group herded the cows a quarter mile through the field to the individual's residence where they were successfully penned.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas responded to the Midland flooding. While in route they were directed to the area of Homer Road where the Carrow Creek Drain crosses the road. Rescuers were attempting to help people who were stranded on the opposite side. Together with other COs and local rescue personnel, approximately 120 people and their belongings were helped across the rising water, as well as a dozen large livestock, several goats, numerous dogs, and one donkey.

Late on a Saturday evening, CO Josh Jackson received a call from a local fire department. The fire chief stated they had received a call of a house burning several things in the back yard, creating a plume of black smoke. CO Jackson joined the fire fighters on scene and took several pictures of the fire. Items being burned included tires, mattresses, PVC tubing, and many other unidentifiable materials. CO Jackson interviewed the homeowner who stated she had started the fire. CO Jackson issued a citation and gave the homeowner an appearance date at the Montcalm County court.

CO Adam Schiller responded to a complaint of a fawn stranded on an island in the Honeywell Creek after a night of heavy rainfall. On the way to the complaint, the CO observed a vehicle halfway in the ditch facing the wrong direction of travel with one occupant. The CO activated the emergency lights on the patrol truck and quickly noticed that the subject driving the vehicle was unconscious slumped over the steering wheel. The CO notified dispatch to send an ambulance to the location. When the CO approached the vehicle, the subject would not answer to knocking on the window and the vehicle was still in drive. The CO noticed the door was unlocked. Once inside the vehicle the CO attempted to wake the driver, but the subject was unresponsive. The CO tilted the seat back and began chest compression on the driver while standing in two feet of water in the ditch. After two minutes of compressions, the driver was responsive again but very confused. Medical personnel arrived on scene shortly after the driver regained consciousness and they took over medical response. The subject was loaded into an ambulance and taken to a nearby hospital for evaluation.

DISTRICT 7

CO Jeremy Beavers and Sgt. Jeff Rabbers conducted a covert patrol in the Saranac/Lowell SGA in response to past complaints of target shooting after posted hours. Three citations were issued for the violations observed over the weekend.

While on marine patrol in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg checked a couple of anglers fishing on an inland lake. One of the anglers did not have a current fishing license and the proper safety equipment was not being carried on the vessel. A citation was issued for the violation.

While travelling on US 131 in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg had a vehicle pass him at a high rate of speed and was observed weaving in and out of traffic. CO Ulberg used his issued radar unit and determined the vehicle was traveling 113 mph. A traffic stop was conducted as the vehicle exited the expressway. The driver admitted to being "stupid" and stated he was racing another vehicle on the expressway. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Anna Cullen was on her way to a complaint in Muskegon County when she observed an individual illegally riding an ORV on the side of a public roadway. The rider was not wearing a helmet or protective eyewear and did not have the proper stickers on the ORV. CO Cullen initiated a traffic stop on the individual. Through further investigation, it was determined that the individual had recently purchased the ORV and

had a suspended driver's license. CO Cullen issued a citation for the safety violation while warnings were issued for the rest of the violations.

CO Anna Cullen was monitoring marine activity on an inland lake in Muskegon County when she observed a vessel entering the boat launch. CO Cullen contacted the vessel and the two individuals who were operating the boat. Both individuals advised they were fishing and showed CO Cullen a net full of bluegill on the floor of the vessel. CO Cullen began her marine checks and determined there were no PFDs on the vessel. Along with this, there was not a fire extinguisher and one of the individuals did not have a fishing license. A citation was issued for the PFD violation, while warnings were given for the rest of the violations.

CO Anna Cullen was checking vessels coming off a small boat launch on an inland lake in Muskegon County when she observed a small vessel come off the water with two anglers exiting the vessel. CO Cullen contacted the individuals and asked if they had any luck fishing. One of the individuals advised they only had one bluegill but threw the rest back in the water. CO Cullen walked around the vessel and noticed a smallmouth bass on the hull of the boat, connected to a stringer. CO Cullen asked about the fish, and the individuals advised they did not know what it was. The fish measured about 12 inches. A citation was issued for possessing a short bass.

CO Sam Schluckbier was checking a bayou connected to the Kalamazoo River and located two subjects fishing but not in possession of fish. The male subject stated that he was not fishing but dropped his hat in the water and had to "fish" it out. The female subject claimed she was not fishing but helping him. CO Schluckbier refuted the story by checking the fishing hooks and lines. Both lines were still baited and wet. After further questioning, the subjects admitted they did not have a fishing license. The male subject was found to have a felony warrant for his arrest out of Van Buren County. The subject was advised of his warrant and then issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Sam Schluckbier stopped a vehicle for passing him in a no passing zone on a curve. The driver claimed that his patrol boat was dripping oil and it was getting on the hood of his car. CO Schluckbier inspected the hood and the patrol boat engine and confirmed that no oil was present anywhere. A citation was issued for improper passing.

CO James Nason was parked in a boating access site when he witnessed a large plastic cup being thrown from a vehicle and land on the edge of the water. The vehicle then immediately pulled out of the access and onto the road. A traffic stop was conducted and, upon contact with the driver, the two occupants denied having thrown the cup. After further questioning the two subjects, the passenger admitted to having littered because she was, "just making room in the cupholders." A littering citation was issued.

CO Richard Cardenas was heading home after assisting Parks Division at Holland State Park when he was passed by a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed. CO Cardenas

activated his radar and recorded the vehicle traveling at 103 mph in a 70-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and a citation issued for the violation.

CO Zach Bauer was on patrol assigned to Warren Dunes state park when he noticed a vehicle parked in a non-designated area. CO Bauer contacted the driver who was also possessing alcohol illegally in the state park. A citation was issued for the violation.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer observed a boat trolling with what appeared to be too many lines. Upon further investigation it was determined that the three anglers upon the boat were trolling with 12 lines. When asked how many fishing poles they were using the owner of the vessel stated, "Too many." A citation was issued for fishing with too many lines.

CO Travis Dragomer responded to a BOL for a stabbing suspect out of Niles Township. CO Dragomer drove by the suspect's last known address and observed a vehicle parked in the driveway matching the BOL description. He then spotted two individuals, one male and one female, in front of the van. The male subject had a bloody nose and was holding a bloody paper towel. CO Dragomer ordered the suspect into the arrest position and took him into custody. The suspect was turned over to MSP.

DISTRICT 8

CO Katie Baker was contacted by Owosso Police Department regarding an arrestee who was found in possession of approximately 80 turtles. With thoughts that there may be a commercialization issue, CO Baker contacted a detective for assistance with the case. Together, CO Baker and the DNR detective interviewed the suspect at the Shiawassee County Jail. A home inspection was also conducted. The turtles all appeared to be in good health and of legal possession. A reptilian specialist was contacted to inventory and identify the specimens. No enforcement action was needed at the time. Follow up will be conducted on the number and species of turtles identified.

CO Pete Purdy participated in a no spectator Memorial Day Parade. CO Purdy, Livingston County Sheriff's Department, and a Hartland Area fire truck were the parade participants along with a veteran who led the parade. The veteran has led the Hartland Memorial Day Parade since the 1970s.

CO Todd Thorn was patrolling the Grand River in Lansing by boat and contacted a couple of men who were shore fishing. The older male stated that he did not have a fishing license and did not think he should have to have one because he was taking the younger male fishing to get out of the house. CO Thorn attained the man's name and date of birth and then the men ran to a vehicle and took off. CO Thorn discovered the suspect had three warrants for his arrest and had a suspended driver's license. Later that evening, CO Thorn sat in his patrol truck near the angler's residence and saw him drive the vehicle from earlier to that residence. Contact was again made, and the man was lodged at the Ingham County Jail on his warrants. He was also issued tickets for fishing without a license and driving on a suspended license.

CO Todd Thorn observed a group of three anglers who were fishing. CO Thorn made contact and found that one of the anglers did not have a fishing license. Almost immediately, all four males began to accuse CO Thorn of being racist and became very disrespectful and belligerent about the officer and the DNR. A citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Nick Wellman's years of farming experience came in handy when a trailer load of pigs fell out of the trailer onto northbound lanes of I-69. CO Wellman helped locate and re-load the livestock. The pigs were a little banged up but are expected to survive.

DISTRICT 9

CO Keven Luther assisted the Huron Township Fire Department with a brush fire along I-94 near metro airport, assisting with traffic control.

During fisheries patrol, CO Dan Walzak contacted an angler who stated that he and his two partners caught some fish, but the fishing was not great. Looking in the vessel, CO Walzak observed several fish on the floor of the boat in front of a large cooler. When CO Walzak asked how many fish were on the floor of the boat, the owner answered that there were "probably a dozen." A quick count of the fish revealed that there were at least 20 visible. CO Walzak then asked what was in the cooler and the boat owner replied that there were fish inside. Counting the fish, it was found that there was a total of 90 white bass – 15 fish over the limit. The owner was issued a citation for possession of over-limit of white bass.

CO Christopher Knights was covering Holly State Park when he received a shots fired complaint off Jossman Road and Grange Hall Road. CO Knights drove to the area and then drove south on Jossman Road until he found a parking lot with multiple cars. CO Knights parked and heard a couple shots in the distance, then the complainant approached and stated he was just over the hill target practicing. As CO Knights got over the hill, he observed the individual wading down the path towards him. CO Knights walked him back to his vehicle where the individual showed him the firearms and the targets he was using. CO Knights advised him of the laws pertaining to target shooting. CO Knights issued a citation to the person for target shooting in a non-designated area. CO Knights also informed him of areas in the county where he could target shoot as well as what type of targets could be used.

CO Christopher Knights was finishing up his shift in Oxford, Oakland County, when he decided to check the ITC powerlines off Granger Road. CO Knights drove the power lines and noticed a vehicle parked at the bottom of the connecting pit. CO Knights met the individuals at their truck and asked if they knew they were trespassing. One person from the group stated yes, because he used to come to that spot as a child. CO Knights advised all four of them the laws pertaining to trespassing as well as the consequences. CO Knights issued all four individuals' tickets for recreational trespassing.

COs Tom Peterson and Jacob Griffin were patrolling Dodge #4 State Park to help park staff during layoffs. While within the park, the COs heard ORVs operating within the day use area. The COs were able to contact the group of individuals operating minibikes off-road within the park. Two of the individuals were minors accompanied by one adult. After gathering information, it was confirmed that the adult had two misdemeanor warrants out of Oakland County. After confirming the warrants, Oakland County did not want the individual, so he was advised and released on those charges. The adult was issued two citations and two warnings. They were given the opportunity to transport the bikes by trailer out of the park. The COs then educated the juveniles how to operate legally within the state of Michigan.

CO Ben Lasher worked an early morning shift to address walleye fishing activity. While watching numerous anglers fishing from shore, CO Lasher observed one angler land a walleye and then another pick it up and put it on a stringer. During the license check the angler who caught the walleye already had his six walleye in a bucket. A ticket for taking an over-limit was issued.

CO Ben Lasher was checking boats coming in from the morning trip in St. Clair County and one angler had his limit of fish in the back live well and further checking of the other front live well another walleye was found. A ticket was issued for possession of an over-limit of walleye.

CO Bob Watson responded to a local hot spot for target shooting located at a state game area. As CO Watson pulled into the parking lot, a young man and two young females were seen throwing beer cans in the woods as they approached their vehicles. CO Watson contacted the suspects and confronted them about throwing their cans in the woods. The suspects stated they would go pick up their cans. After they returned with their empty beer cans, CO Watson asked if they had brought back any used targets or empty shell casings with them since they had been shooting. The young man stated that they had brought back their garbage. When CO Watson requested to inspect their targets and empty shell casings, the man stated he had been lying and they did not bring back any garbage. CO Watson issued a citation for litter and lectured the group on the importance of safe shooting.

CO Raymond Gardner and a Lapeer County Sheriff's Office Marine Deputy conducted a joint agency marine patrol on the Holloway Reservoir. During the patrol CO Gardner and the deputy contacted the two anglers on their boat. During the check, CO Gardner found that the anglers were in possession of an undersized walleye. A citation was issued for possessing the undersize walleye and the walleye was confiscated.

COs Jaime Salisbury and Ray Gardner worked with other local agencies in the search for a missing four-year-old child in Lapeer County. The COs were able to provide a search vessel and check an area where the girl could have been. Fortunately, the missing child returned home after being missing for over an hour.

CO Breanna Reed received an internet complaint of an individual possessing a bass out of season. CO Reed and Sgt. Chris Maher went to the subject's house to interview him; the individual admitted to catching the bass and keeping it. He stated that he was unaware that the bass was out of season until he posted the picture and received several negative comments. The COs informed the subject that a report would be submitted to the prosecutor's office seeking charges for bass out of season.

CO Jaime Salisbury was patrolling Lapeer SGA and came across a man cutting down trees in the game area. CO Salisbury issued a citation for destroying, damaging, and removing trees on state land.

CO Joseph Deppen was traveling down 26 Mile Road when he noticed an orange Dodge Challenger in his rearview mirror passing in a no passing zone. The vehicle passed CO Deppen and he was clocked slowing down at 101 mph in a 55-mph zone. CO Deppen conducted a traffic stop. The driver was upset that people were only doing 55 mph. CO Deppen reminded the driver that the speed limit was 55 mph and they were obeying the posted speed limit. The driver was warned on expired plates and passing on a double yellow. The driver was cited for speeding 101 mph in a 55-mph zone.

CO Joseph Deppen received a complaint of smallmouth bass out of season. CO Deppen responded to the area and observed an angler fitting the description given. CO Deppen observed the angler fishing and place fish on a stringer. CO Deppen contacted the angler and had them pull up their stringer. On the very bottom were two smallmouth bass. The angler said she caught those earlier in the day. CO Deppen took the stringer from the angler. The angler was given several general warnings but was cited for possession of smallmouth bass during the closed season.

CO Joseph Deppen was on marine patrol checking launches along Lake St. Clair. CO Deppen observed a group of anglers fishing and placing fish into individual buckets behind their chairs. CO Deppen made contact and started checking fishing licenses. The anglers had quite a few sunfish and rock bass. One angler said someone gave him a pike and it is in his bucket as well. CO Deppen asked if he measured it and the angler said no. The pike was of legal-size, but CO Deppen counted the angler's other fish. Two of the four anglers were over-limit of panfish. CO Deppen asked the anglers if they know what the limit was for panfish. The anglers responded they had last year's guide but did not look at it. CO Deppen handed the anglers citations for over-limits of panfish and a new fishing guide. CO Deppen explained the limits on panfish had not changed, it was still 25.

CO Joseph Deppen was checking two anglers. One angler said he had his fishing license on his phone. The angler showed CO Deppen a digital copy. CO Deppen asked the second angler for his fishing license, but he said it was in his vehicle. CO Deppen allowed the angler to walk to his vehicle to get his license. The angler walked back and showed CO Deppen a digital copy. CO Deppen noted that the digital copy looked like the digital copy shown by the other anglers. CO Deppen asked for his driver's license and checking with Station 20, it revealed the angler did not have a fishing license. CO

Deppen asked if they just sent a screen shot of his buddy's license to him to pass off as his own and he said no. CO Deppen asked to see the angler's phone and the angler consented to a search. The last text message between the anglers said, "What do I do, what do I tell him?" The response was, "Here, show him this." It was a screen shot of the other angler's fishing license. The next text read, "LMAO, okay." After the angler's little scheme was busted, CO Deppen had the anglers return to their vehicle. Citations were written for use, borrow, loan a license to another, and fishing without a license. The anglers apologized and CO Deppen cleared the scene.

CO Joseph Deppen was traveling back from marine patrol when he was passed at a high speed by a minivan. The driver was pulled over and was very excited. He said he was speeding because he had to go to the bathroom. The driver was written a citation for speeding 101 mph in a 70-mph zone.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department responded to a report of two kayakers who had overturned in the 4600 block of the Huron River. The initial call came in at 3:13 p.m. and CO Ingersoll responded to the scene from Sterling State Park. CO Ingersoll, South Rockwood Police Department, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department arrived on scene at approximately 3:25 p.m. CO Ingersoll climbed down the steep embankment and was able to set up downriver from the kayakers. The Monroe County Sheriff's Department was able to set upriver from the kayakers and toss a throw disc to one of the kayakers. He was then lowered down the middle of the river to CO Ingersoll where CO Ingersoll was able to toss a throw rope to the kayaker and pull him to shore while keeping the kayaker calm and directing him safely to shore. Once that kayaker was safely on shore with CO Ingersoll and Berlin Township Fire Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department was able to toss a throw disc to the second kayaker and pull him upstream to where they were located. Luckily both kayakers were wearing their PFDs and were safely on land at 3:53 p.m. and were transported by Monroe County Ambulance to a nearby hospital to be checked out. Both kayakers are expected to make a full recovery.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll received a complaint that an individual had a coyote puppy. CO Ingersoll was assisted by CO Eric Smithers and interviewed a suspect in Lenawee County. The COs advised the suspect that they were there because of a Facebook post of him possessing a coyote puppy. The suspect initially lied to the COs and advised the COs that he had taken the coyote puppy to a nearby veterinary clinic. The COs gained consent to search the suspect's residence and, after searching the residence, the COs located the coyote puppy in the basement. Once the COs located the coyote puppy, the suspect advised he forgot that it was there. The suspect was issued a citation for possessing wildlife without the proper license. The coyote puppy was transported to a nearby rehabilitator to be released once old enough.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was checking anglers at Sterling State Park when he contacted two individuals fishing on the bass opener. One angler had two largemouth bass in his bucket one being 12 inches and the other 9 inches. The other angler had a 10-inch largemouth bass in his bucket. Both anglers stated they just wanted to take a picture

with them and then would release them. CO Ingersoll advised the anglers that they should have taken the pictures once they were caught and not kept them in their bucket with their panfish if that was the case. Both anglers were issued citations for undersized largemouth bass.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was sitting at the Sterling State Park boat access when he observed a personal watercraft (PWC) come back to the launch with the rider not wearing a PFD. CO Ingersoll asked the individual where his PFD was, and he stated he just bought the PWC and did not know he needed to have one. CO Ingersoll then asked the individual if he had taken the proper boater safety course and he advised that he did not. It was determined that the individual did not take the proper boater safety course and was advised he needed to take the course to operate a PWC. The individual was issued a citation for riding a PWC without a PFD.

CO Andrew Monnich was working on Loch Erin during the holiday weekend when he observed a jet ski pass him and the operator was not wearing a PFD. CO Monnich was able to catch up with the jet skier who stated he just bought the machine and was just testing it out. A citation was issued for no PFD on a jet ski.

COs Eric Smither and Andrew Monnich were checking a property for trespassing when they found a fawn that had gone into the flooded river and was stranded on a log in the high water. CO Monnich kept an eye on the fawn while CO Smither retrieved his kayak from his patrol truck and paddled toward the fawn. CO Smither was able to grab the fawn and put it in his kayak and bring it to shore to CO Monnich. The fawn was taken to a rehabilitator to be looked after.

CO Brandon Vacek was conducting a late-night patrol around Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (SGA) in Monroe County. The CO checked a group of anglers with two large coolers of white bass. When questioned about the quantity of fish the group possessed the anglers stated they had not been keeping a count. A further investigation revealed that the five anglers were in possession of 10 white bass over their legal limit. One of the anglers claimed responsibility for the over-limit and was issued a citation for possession of an over-limit of white bass. The other anglers were given verbal warnings and educated about fishing regulations.

CO Brandon Vacek was observing shore anglers at Sterling State Park in Monroe County. The CO observed one angler packing up gear and returning to a vehicle with a large cooler. The angler stated to the CO that the fishing was good and there were three largemouth bass and several other fish in the cooler. The subject was not aware of the season date for possessing largemouth bass and two of the bass were under the legal size-limit. The subject was issued a citation for possession of largemouth bass out of season and issued a verbal warning for the fish being undersized. An education was given about fishing regulations.

COs Ariel Young and Breanna Reed were patrolling Belle Isle and patrolled on foot into the old zoo where there has previously been issues with park goers trespassing. The

COs had just gotten to the top of the walkway when they encountered two subjects trespassing in the old zoo. The COs issued a citation for entering the property when it was posted against. COs Young and Reed then met up with CO Ray Gardner. The COs had just gotten through the gate and came upon a group of young adults who had come in through a hole in the fence. When the subjects made eye contact with the COs, they turned and attempted to run back to the way they came. The COs took off after them and managed to catch them before they slipped back out the hole. All the individuals were issued citations for entering the area when it was posted against. After getting the group back out of the zoo, the COs encountered several more trespassers and issued a few more citations for entering the property when posted against.

COs Ariel Young, Breanna Reed, Ray Gardner, and Mike Drexler were patrolling Belle Isle near Hipster Beach and found a group of young adults who were under 21 and drinking near the water attempting to catch some sun and hang out. The COs talked to the group and educated them on the fact that there is no alcohol allowed at the park, especially for them since they were underage. The COs had the subjects dump out all their alcohol and issued citations for minors in possession of alcohol.

COs Breanna Reed and Jaime Salisbury were patrolling Belle Isle when they contacted an angler who did not have a fishing license. The COs ran a file on the subject who was coming back no record. Upon further investigation, the COs were able to identify the subject as an illegal immigrant. US Border Patrol units were contacted, all information was handed over.

Cpl. Marvin Gerlach conducted patrols of the Menominee River system and waters of Green Bay, checking different access sites in Menominee county. Numerous sport fishers were contacted. All following the Governor's Executive Orders.

GREAT LAKES ENFORCEMENT UNIT (GLEU)

Corporal (Cpl.) Marvin Gerlach conducted a patrol of the Stonington Peninsula checking for sport anglers, tribal subsistence fishers, and tribal commercial fishers. Numerous sport anglers were contacted, and all were following the Governors Executive Orders.

Cpl. Marvin Gerlach responded to two car/deer collisions. In both cases there was substantial damage to the vehicles but no injuries to any passengers. The driver of the one vehicle said that she had just told her husband at breakfast that morning that she couldn't understand how he had hit so many deer over the course of their marriage when she has never hit one in over 30 years of driving while living in Menominee county. She was not looking forward to seeing her husband at home that evening.

Lieutenant (Lt.) Short, Cpl. Hammill and Cpl. Gerlach conducted a Memorial Day marine patrol of Little Bay de Noc and Big Bay de Noc checking for sport anglers, tribal subsistence fishers, and tribal commercial fishers. Numerous sport fishers were contacted. Two tribal subsistence nets were located along with one tribal commercial trap net.

Cpl. Marvin Gerlach conducted a patrol of the Menominee River system, checking different access sites in Menominee County. Numerous sport fishers were contacted. Two warnings were given regarding social distancing violations of the Governor's Executive Orders.

Cpl. DeLonge, Cpl. Hammill, and Cpl. Gerlach conducted a patrol on Lake Superior from Marquette to the Huron Islands checking for sport anglers, tribal subsistence fishers, and tribal commercial fishers.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge assisted Sgt. Mark Leadman and CO Jeremy Sergey with removing a road-kill moose from the roadway in western Marquette County.

Cpl. Nick Torsky participated in a District 24 meeting, providing a current overview of the commercial fishing and wholesale fish industry, and general Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) information.

Cpl. Nick Torsky took part in a District 3 group ORV enforcement patrol in Emmet County to address illegal operation, erosion, and trespass complaints. Cpl. Torsky provided vehicle support to several officers operating various ORVs. During the patrol, several tickets were issued to address a problem area with numerous contacts and warnings issued throughout the patrol.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe was able to contact Sixth Street Drugs, a pharmacy in Traverse City, and discard a large coffee can container of needles that Cpl. Kehoe recovered from state land while looking for turkey hunters.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe and CO Rich Stowe conducted a marine patrol on West Grand Traverse Bay on Memorial Day. The water is still too cold for most recreational boaters; however, a lot of fishermen were contacted. No violations were found.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe helped area 4-1 by assessing flash flooding damage to the Traverse City area and passed the information on to Lt. Molnar. Kids Creek experienced massive flooding; however, minimal property damage was expected. Most of the water caused inconvenience in travel until it receded. No injuries were reported as far as Cpl. Kehoe knew.

Lt. Feagan participated in a Zoom meeting on Preventing Aquatic Invasive Species through Clean Drain Dry. The presentation was presented by the Canadian Council on Invasive Species and was attended by US and Canada natural resource partners.

Cpl. Troy VanGelderren attended a Zoom meeting for the Mason/Oceana Water Safety Coalition that included area law enforcement, dispatch, and Emergency Managers.

Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren took a complaint from a local wildlife rehabber of a raccoon in a subject's possession. The suspect was found in Newaygo County. The raccoon was released, and education on wildlife in possession was given.

Cpl. Postma respond to two different wildfires just a couple miles apart. On one fire, Cpl. Postma was the first one on scene and assisted the homeowners with preventing the spread of the fire any further until fire department personnel could arrive on scene. Enforcement action was with the responsible party for failure to prevent spread of fire.

Cpl. Postma partnered up with Mackinaw County CO Todd Sumbera for a Memorial Day patrol. Weather conditions were not favorable for boating; however, several recreational fishermen were contacted.

Cpl. Nick Atkin patrolled Arenac and Bay Counties during the flood emergency to assist when needed.

Cpl. Nick Atkin patrolled from Mackinaw Straits Harbor south on a net patrol. During the patrol, many harbors and miles of shoreline were patrolled conducting state facility property checks, angler checks, AIS boating checks, and both state and tribal commercial fishing activity.

Lt. Dave Shaw, Lt. Mike Feagan, Cpl. Nick Atkin, Cpl. Sean Kehoe, Cpl. Craig Milkowski, Cpl. Kevin Postma, Cpl. Nick Torsky, and Cpl. Troy VanGeldereren provided on the water security for the Peace March on the MacArthur Bridge to Belle Isle. At the conclusion of the detail, one of the GLEU patrol boats assisted a disabled sailboat that became stranded due to being out of gas. The vessel owner was returned to the Belle Isle Yacht Club.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe assisted CO McManus and CO McCurdy with livery and charter boat inspections at Center Point Marina in Leelanau County.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe checked local pet stores for marbled crayfish. None were found.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe patrolled local boat launches and educated anglers on AIS topics and the new laws surrounding AIS issues like weeds on your trailer and water in your live well.

Cpl. Sean Kehoe stopped two juveniles operating an ORV past a sign that said "No ORVs." The juveniles did not want to ride on the roads to get back home because they thought it was illegal. Cpl. Kehoe advised them of the county ordinance allowing for road operation and gave them a verbal warning.

While patrolling a closed state forest campground, Cpl. Sean Kehoe contacted a family that had just driven around the barricade to get into the campground. After explaining the obvious as to what barricades mean, the family was given a warning and escorted out of the closed campground.

Cpl. Kevin Postma assisted Kinross PD with response to a domestic violence call. The suspect was no longer at the venue and several residences were checked for his whereabouts. The suspect was located and arrested by KPD later in the day for DV.

Cpl. Troy VanGelderren was patrolling in Ottawa County when he found numerous vehicles and boat trailers parked at Lloyd's Bayou in the afternoon. Cpl. VanGelderren stayed and checked fishermen coming in and discussed AIS regulations with them regarding weeds on trailers and pulling plugs as the fishermen kept coming to the dock.

Cpl. Troy VanGelderren was in Ludington checking on a tribal boat when he was flagged down by a Mason County Sheriff Deputy. The deputy informed him of a sighting of a wanted suspect out of Cadillac possibly in the city park. Cpl. VanGelderren assisted Ludington PD and Mason County Sheriff Department search the city. The suspect was not located.

Cpl. Troy VanGelderren was called by Station 20 about a wounded sow bear in the Pere Marquette River with her three cubs nearby in a tree. Station 20 said that they could not get ahold of any local COs and inquired on his availability to help. Cpl. VanGelderren travelled to the scene and called CO Killingbeck and wildlife biologists on the way. Cpl. VanGelderren found the sow in the river unable to move her back legs. The complainant said that the bear had been in the water for at least 30 hours. After the biologist arrived, it was determined that the sow had to be euthanized. One of the cubs was caught as it tried to come down, and the other two were taken when tree climbers arrived with a boom lift. The biologists took the cubs and the dead sow. It was later determined that the reason the bear could not move her back legs was because she had recently been shot with bird shot. Follow-up investigation will proceed in an attempt to identify a suspect in the shooting.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge met with the Marquette US Coast Guard northeast of Marquette and assisted with vessel approach training. The US Coast Guard crew was training a new coxswain who conducted several stationary and moving vessel approaches to the "Smith" with their 45 ft. response vessel.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge took a complaint of campers occupying Gene's Pond State Forest Campground in Dickinson County. Cpl. DeLonge responded and contacted over 20 people camping in the closed campground. Cpl. DeLonge explained to all the parties that the campground was closed until June 10th per the COVID-19 Emergency Orders and issued several warnings. The parties involved understood and were advised to remove their gear from the campground within 24 hours.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge worked boat access sites around western Marquette County for the AIS Boating Initiative and contacted several anglers who were having success catching crappies, perch, and bluegills.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge patrolled several remote trout lakes in northern Marquette County near the McCormick Wilderness area and the Baraga County line for the AIS Boating initiative. No boats or anglers were contacted during the patrol, but recent illegal ORV operation activity was observed near a walk-in designated trout lake.

Cpl. Brett DeLonge conducted a commercial fish patrol from Marquette to the Shot Point area (Alger County) and checked multiple state commercial trap nets.

Cpl. Marvin Gerlach responded to a complaint of a goose that was entangled in a bunch of discarded fishing line near Cedar River. The goose was located and freed of the fishing line without apparent injury.

Cpl. Marvin Gerlach conducted an AIS patrol of local fishing launches in Menominee county. Many anglers/boaters were contacted, and most were aware of the laws concerning aquatic vegetation on boat trailers and the draining of live wells before leaving the launch.

Cpl. Mike Hammill assisted an ambulance that responded to an unconscious male but breathing. The individual was loaded up and brought to the hospital.

Cpl. Mike Hammill responded to Dispatch calling for any available DNR unit for an illegal burn. The burn was out when Cpl. Hammill arrived, and a VW was issued.

Cpl. Nick Torsky has been compiling information on wholesalers of crayfish for the aquarium industry and school classroom supplies as part of a project for the Great Lakes Fishery Commission Law Enforcement Committee.

Cpl. Nick Torsky viewed a webinar providing information on implementing AIS boating inspections and outreach initiatives during COVID-19 concerns and social distancing.

Lt. Short attended a Great Lakes Fisheries Commission Law Enforcement Committee planning meeting for the fall basin meeting. The decision was made to attempt to hold the meeting online due to the uncertainty of being able to meet in person in the fall.