

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

Conservation Officers (COs) Dave Miller, Brett Delonge, Brian Lasanen and Doug Hermanson worked a joint patrol with the National Parks Service around Isle Royale this past weekend. The COs made several contacts and compliance was high with only a few minor violations noted. The COs also assisted national park rangers with removing a navigational hazard and locating a hiker whose family was trying to get a message regarding a medical emergency at home.

CO Brian Lasanen assisted the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) with a search for a missing 15 year old hiker who fled from the group after making suicidal comments. CO Lasanen, along with Ontonagon Sheriff deputies, Michigan State troopers, and USFS employees were able to determine the last known position of the missing hiker. CO Lasanen, two state troopers and a USFS law enforcement officer hiked into the last known position of the hiker to secure a perimeter for a responding K-9 unit. CO Lasanen heard an odd sound so he and the USFS officer followed the sound, yelled for the missing hiker and got a faint response. Eventually they located the hiker who was scared but in good health with only a twisted ankle. The hiker was transported out of the woods and turned over to medical personnel for further evaluation.

CO Denny Gast assisted Wildlife Division staff this week with the annual goose roundup, with over 300 geese captured for biological data and banding before releasing them.

CO Ethen Mapes was patrolling Lake Gogebic for late night boating activity when he found two set lines. Law enforcement action was taken for fishing with unattended lines.

COs Ethen Mapes and Nate Sink stopped an ATV for operating off trail and erratic driving in Ontonagon County over the weekend. A standard field sobriety test was ran on the individual who admitted to drinking and the subject was found to be under the legal limit. This was a very good educational experience for the rider and the effects alcohol can have on an individual.

CO Shannon Kritz was on patrol in Iron County when she observed two subjects fishing on Tamarack Lake. CO Kritz launched her patrol boat and made contact with the subjects. When asked for their fishing licenses, the subjects stated the licenses were back at camp and they had purchased the family fishing package. CO Kritz explained that was possible in Wisconsin but Michigan did not offer that license option. The subjects then stated that they had also purchased individual Michigan licenses but those were back at camp too. When CO Kritz told the subjects that they were going

back to the camp to get their licenses, they admitted to not having fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when he observed an individual fishing. When CO Sink arrived the angler set his fishing pole down and walked to his truck. CO Sink asked the angler if he had his fishing license, and the angler stated he did not need a fishing license because he was not fishing. After CO Sink told him he watched him make several casts, the angler stated that it does not matter anyways because it is free fishing weekend. CO Sink informed the angler that free fishing weekend was last weekend. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Nathan Sink assisted the Gogebic County Sheriff's Office when a prisoner escaped the jail the night prior. CO Sink assisted in securing a perimeter in the area. Initial searches did not locate the subject, but the subject was eventually taken into custody from a residence without incident.

CO Nathan Sink was on patrol when a call came across central dispatch of a vehicle stuck in the woods. CO Sink was able to meet up with the towing company who was lost and could not find the vehicle. CO Sink led the tow truck to the Gogebic County deputies who were with the stuck vehicle.

CO Jeremy Sergey and CO Jeff Dell noticed a large pile of debris burning on an individual's property. There was also a house cut in half on the property. Upon investigation, it was revealed that the owner had cut his house in half and burned it in his back yard. The owner claimed there was black mold growing in the house and he didn't want it becoming a health hazard so he burned the house. Law enforcement action was taken.

COs Mark Leadman and Jeremy Sergey worked a marine patrol over the holiday weekend covering inland lakes in the Gwinn to Ishpeming area. Numerous vessels and fishermen were contacted on several lakes with very few violations being observed. A boat that was preparing to launch at the Little Lake boat launch was found to be without any type of life jackets. The family was advised to locate the proper number of PFDs before heading out on the lake. During a check on Lake Angeline, two shore fishermen were found to be fishing without licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge took a complaint of an illegal camp established on a reservoir in Marquette County. CO DeLonge and CO Mark Leadman paired up and investigated the campsite. The COs made contact with the campers and explained that they were camping on private property and also addressed a large area on the shoreline that the suspects had removed sod to make steps to the water's edge. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeffrey Dell conducted a marine safety patrol of small inland lakes and rivers resulting in multiple life jackets, boat registration, and fishing license violations. Enforcement action was taken with all violations.

CO Jeffrey Dell was on ORV patrol when he stopped two side-by-sides for not wearing seat belts or helmets. The operators proved to be 13 and 15 years old. Neither juvenile had taken ORV safety and were miles from adult supervision. CO Dell escorted the youth back to their parents.

COs Jeffrey Dell and Jeremy Sergey attended a meeting with the Wisconsin DNR to discuss issues pertaining to enforcement of the boundary waters.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Mark Zitnik was on patrol working marine enforcement when he came across two vessels that had expired registrations and no life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik and Park Service Officer Amber Tembruell stopped three ORVs on H-58 for excessive speed of up to 60 miles per hour, not operating to the extreme right of the road way, and operating in a prohibited area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mark Zitnik along with Michigan State Police were dispatched to a domestic in progress. Upon arrival, the boyfriend was complaining that his girlfriend was beating on him. Further investigation revealed that the boyfriend had been striking his girlfriend. When the CO and trooper put the individual under arrest he stated, "Look at all the marks on my body from her." The trooper said to the boyfriend, "I do not see any marks on you." The boyfriend said, "I don't bruise like a peach for God sake."

CO Robert Freeborn assisted COs Christopher Lynch and Pat Hartsig with an illegal charter operation. After a brief interview with the charter operator, the COs were able to determine the fisherman was operating illegally. The charter operator received several citations.

CO Robert Freeborn assisted Sgt. Michael Hammill with a traffic stop. Both CO's had dealt with the driver the previous week on several motor vehicle, watercraft and other violations. The driver was still driving without a license plate and was issued another citation for operating without a valid registration plate.

CO Robert Freeborn responded to a PI accident on US-2. A passenger car was stopped at a construction stop sign in a one lane construction zone when an armored bank truck failed to stop and rear ended the car at highway speeds. The passenger car was slammed forward several feet while the armored truck went off the road and into the ditch just missing the tree line. Both vehicles were severely damaged and the armored truck sustained a major fuel leak. Luckily, only one person in the car sustained minor head injuries. The scene was turned over to Michigan State Police when they arrived.

While on patrol CO Robert Freeborn checked a small fishing boat. While talking with the fishermen, CO Freeborn noticed their boat did not have a current registration. While continuing to talk with the fishermen, CO Freeborn noticed a pellet gun with a scope

sitting in the boat. CO Freeborn asked the fishermen what the gun was used for. The fishermen stated they keep it in the boat in case they see a muskrat swim by. CO Freeborn explained to them that it was against the law to shoot a muskrat and that it wasn't even trapping season for them. CO Freeborn then proceeded to check for life jackets and fishing licenses. The fishermen stated they did not bring life jackets. Citations were issued for no PFDs.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn checked a local lake for marine and fishing activity. After checking several boats, the COs made contact with a small fishing boat. As the COs checked the fishermen it was determined that they did not have PFDs in the boat or valid fishing licenses. The fishermen received citations for fishing without a license and no PFDs. As the COs were leaving, one of the fisherman stated he told his buddy they didn't have fishing licenses and shouldn't fish but his buddy told him they would be alright for a night of fishing and wouldn't get caught.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn noticed a jet ski operating approximately 10 feet from a dock with kids standing on it. As the COs approached, the jet ski continued to whip fishtails, splashing the kids. The COs made contact with the operator and advised him of the 100' rule of operation. The operator stated he did not know there was such a rule. As the COs continued to talk with the operator, they noticed the jet ski had an expired registration. A citation was issued for the expired registration.

COs Michael Evink, Mark Zitnik, and Robert Freeborn, along with Forest Service Officer Dave Tembruell conducted a group patrol along the AuTrain River. While the temperature was below average, there were still several people floating the river. The COs made contact with several groups of canoes/kayaks. While overall compliance was good, the COs addressed several violations for no PFDs.

COs Michael Evink and Robert Freeborn were stopped behind a car attempting to make a left hand turn. While the COs were waiting, they noticed a pedestrian walk across the busy road. As the pedestrian crossed the road, another vehicle came up from behind and passed the COs along with another vehicle on the right shoulder over the white fog line. The COs stopped the vehicle and advised the driver that you can't pass on the right. When CO Freeborn asked for the operator's driver's license, registration and proof of insurance, the operator stated that he did not have insurance on the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig responded to an ORV accident where the operator was driving down a hill, lost control, and fell over his handlebars. The operator had a broken arm and leg and was stabilized before EMS could arrive.

CO Pat Hartsig patrolled Little Bay de Noc for marine safety after sunset. Numerous vessels were contacted for operating without any navigation lights. This was especially important as a Great Lakes freighter had come into the bay after sunset.

COs Pat Hartsig and Chris Lynch conducted several patrols on lakes in the Hiawatha National Forest for marine safety issues. Numerous boaters were contacted for issues such as having incorrect registration, no PFDs onboard vessels, no fire extinguishers, and safety zone issues. A few tickets were issued along with several warnings.

CO Michael Evink contacted an elderly gentleman fishing in a small boat on a remote area lake. The boat had an expired registration which prompted further investigation. During the contact it was discovered the man had an old warrant out of Mackinac County. Bond was taken on the warrant and a ticket was issued for the registration violation.

COs Jon Busken and Thomas Oberg were assisting the Straits State Park with the St. Ignace Car Show when a city officer called out a fight in progress at a local business. The COs responded and assisted with the battery investigation. One suspect was arrested and lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

COs Jon Busken and Thomas Oberg were assisting the Straits State Park with the St. Ignace Car Show when troopers pulled over a vehicle near the park. The COs responded and assisted with the DUI investigation. Sobrieties and a PBT revealed the suspect was over the legal driving limit. When placing the suspect in custody he attempted to get back in his vehicle. COs assisted with removing the suspect from his vehicle and placing him under arrested the suspect was lodged in the Mackinac County Jail.

Cpl. Shannon VanPatten and CO Jon Busken conducted multiple bait dealer inspections. No violations were observed but multiple dealer questions were answered.

COs Jon Busken and Brett Gustafson attended the Army Corps of Engineers' Engineers' Day at the Soo Locks. Close to 10,000 people attended the event. The COs answered multiple questions about conservation law enforcement.

CO Calvin Smith was about to launch his patrol boat when he observed two ORVs being operated on a state highway. A stop was conducted and enforcement action was taken for open intoxicants, registration violations and for operating an ORV on a state highway.

CO Calvin Smith helped with the annual Two Hearted river marathon and 50K race. Over 80 runners participated in this year's race. CO Smith was notified by one of the participants of the race that there was a runner suffering from a knee injury. CO Smith was able to quickly locate the injured runner and escort her to the race headquarters where she was offered medical attention.

CO Calvin Smith assisted Luce County sheriff deputies and the Michigan State Police with a stabbing incident that took place within the Village of Newberry.

While checking a popular shore fishing area, CO Calvin Smith observed two fishermen fishing as far as possible from the parking lot. CO Smith made contact and it was quickly found that one of the fishermen did not possess a current fishing license. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg and a Lake Superior State University intern were on patrol on Drummond Island when CO Oberg observed a vehicle roll through a stop sign. CO Oberg conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. After file checking the driver and passenger, it was found that neither of them had a valid driver's license in Michigan. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when a call from Central Dispatch came through advising that an individual had been electrocuted at work and was neither conscious nor breathing. CO Oberg was equipped with an AED and responded to the call. Upon arrival, the individual had regained consciousness and seemed to be doing well besides the fact of not being able to remember much about what happened. EMS arrived on scene shortly after to evaluate him.

### **DISTRICT 3**

Sgt. Mike Feagan and CO Chad Baldwin assisted on Belle Isle in Detroit for the Ford Fireworks. Many contacts were made and general assistance was given to citizens on the island.

COs Andrea Albert, Chad Baldwin and Steve Speigl assisted in a multi-agency, multi-county search of a reported suicidal person who reportedly had two handguns. The COs searched remote areas in and around the Jordan River Valley in Antrim County, occasionally getting locations of the person by cell phone communication. After expanding the search area, COs Baldwin and Speigl located the person driving down a gravel road and was able to make contact with the driver. COs interviewed the person roadside then turned him over to the originating agency for further questioning.

CO Budreau investigated the possible theft of a petroglyph (rock carving associated with Native American artwork) from state owned land in northern Emmet County. The petroglyph was reported to be one of two known petroglyphs in Michigan. Through CO Budreau's investigation, a possible third undocumented petroglyph may have been discovered at a private residence near the original location. Information has been shared with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians for confirmation.

CO Andrea Albert conducted a marine stop on a boat on Torch Lake over the holiday weekend during Torch Fest. It was immediately apparent that the boat operator was under the influence of alcohol. Sobriety tests were administered and the operator was arrested for operating while intoxicated. The driver stated his girlfriend was not drinking and was his designated driver, but unfortunately she did not know how to operate the boat.

CO Andrea Albert attended a fishing information class at the Elk Rapids Harbor that was put on by local fishermen who wanted to share their knowledge of fishing techniques with others. There were over 80 attendees. CO Albert discussed legal requirements for licensing, open seasons, bag limits and other fishing regulations.

COs Andrea Albert, Tim Rosochacki and Sgt. Mike Feagan stopped a vessel on Torch Lake during Torch Fest that was displaying a Michigan registration decal but an Ohio registration number. The owner of the boat who appeared intoxicated was onboard and had a sober person operating the boat, but he was short three life jackets for his passengers. Law enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County watched a man fishing from the end of the pier on the Pine River channel. When she asked to check his fishing license, he said he wasn't fishing even though he was holding a rod with his line in the water. CO Erratt ticketed him for fishing without a license.

While driving through Boyne City, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County observed a man capsizing his sailboat in Lake Charlevoix. She pulled into the boat launch and watched as he unsuccessfully tried to right his capsized sailboat. CO Erratt called a nearby marine deputy to assist since the man was struggling and not wearing a life preserver. The man drifted to the shopper's dock where CO Erratt and two Boyne City Police Department officers helped the man right his sailboat. CO Erratt ticketed the man for no PFD and warned him for not registering his sailboat.

While on Lake Charlevoix patrolling before the East Jordan Freedom Festival fireworks, CO Andrea Erratt and CO Duane Budreau checked a fisherman and his son in a canoe. His son was wearing a life preserver but the dad did not have a life preserver or his fishing license with him. CO Erratt ticketed the fisherman for failing to provide enough PFDs for the canoe and warned him for failing to display his fishing license.

Before launching her boat on Deer Lake, CO Andrea Erratt of Charlevoix County used her binoculars observing several fishermen in boats. CO Erratt caught up with one of the boats on the north end of the lake. As she approached, two fishermen in the bow of the boat slowly put their rods down. The two Tennessee residents had not purchased fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Baldwin and Steve Speigl conducted a patrol on and around the islands surrounding Beaver Island. The COs focused their patrol on the catch and keep opener for bass while checking on ORV damage on public property as well. The COs made contact with several anglers and campers in the area, encountering some minor violations.

CO Steve Speigl received a complaint of a land use issue on public property in Antrim County. Upon arrival of the complaint site, CO Speigl found an unregistered camper-trailer, litter strewn about, areas of torn up turf from cars peeling out and the suspects mowed over half an acre. With no camp card posted, CO Speigl made several attempts

to catch the 'campers' at the site. When contact was finally made, the responsible adult for the site was also found to be driving on a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick observed an ORV operator in Cheboygan County operating against the flow of traffic. As the COs got closer, in addition to the operator they observed two small children on the ORV. When the COs made contact, the driver stated he was unaware that he along with the children needed to have helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

Cheboygan County was hit hard with several thunderstorms, especially in the Black Lake area. CO Matt Theunick assisted with other first responders and reported numerous boats overturned from the high winds. Thankfully no personal injuries were sustained.

CO Tim Rosochacki worked Burt Lake in Cheboygan County contacting several boaters and anglers. Four anglers were located in a small fishing boat with no life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki contacted a boat in Cheboygan County that was violating the no wake law on the Indian River. Upon contact, the CO explained what the violation was; the operator stated he was unaware there was a no wake law. Enforcement action was taken.

While at the launch site on Burt Lake's Maple Bay, Sgt. Mark DePew observed a pontoon boat run aground on shore. The operator then attempted to exit the boat but fell onto the shoreline. Sgt. DePew approached the operator who was found to be intoxicated. He was lodged in the Cheboygan County Jail for operating a watercraft while intoxicated. The Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department assisted.

After completing marine patrol on Torch Lake in Antrim County, Sgt. DePew observed a vehicle approaching him traveling southbound in the northbound lane. Within seconds, Sgt. DePew had to make an evasive maneuver to avoid a head-on collision. He then made a U-turn and began pursuing the vehicle into the Village of Alden. He briefly lost sight of the vehicle due to the operator attempting to elude the officer. As he entered the village with his emergency lights and siren on, citizens began pointing and yelling in the direction the vehicle had gone. Thanks to the citizens, the vehicle and operator were located a short distance away. Upon contact, the driver attempted to flee on foot, but Sgt. DePew was able to apprehend the subject after a brief physical encounter. The driver was arrested for operating under the influence of a motor vehicle, fleeing and eluding a police officer, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and having a loaded handgun. Kalkaska and Antrim County Sheriff's Departments along with the Michigan State Police assisted. Charges are pending at the Antrim County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Adam LeClerc and Bill Webster, with the assistance of the Alpena County Sheriff's Department, taught an ORV safety course. Seventeen students passed the course and earned safety certificates.

CO Adam LeClerc and CO Brad Bellville taught a portion of hunter safety at the Alpena Sportsmen's Club. The students and parents in attendance were also able to ask the COs questions after class on a variety of topics.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling state land in Cheboygan County when he encountered a pile of household trash dumped on state land. A check of the trash revealed a name and address. CO Fox made contact with the subject at the address; the subject admitted to dumping the trash. A ticket was issued and the subject also returned to the site and removed the trash.

COs Paul Fox and Brad Bellville were on patrol near Atlanta in Montmorency County when they observed an ORV operating on the roadway without an ORV license. The operator was contacted and issued a ticket for the unlicensed ORV.

CO Kelly Ross worked several ORV patrols over the holiday weekend and issued tickets for numerous safety violations. In addition, enforcement action was taken with several subjects who were operating ORVs while their driver's licenses were suspended.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling on Lake Huron in Alpena County checking walleye anglers. As he approached a vessel occupied by one person, he could see the individual reeling frantically while trying to hold a pole below the side of the boat. As CO Webster came alongside the boat the pole was lying in the floor of the vessel. The angler said he wasn't catching any fish and wanted to better his luck with another line. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster investigated a dumping complaint at a target range area in Alpena County. The area has become a dumping zone and trash has been left behind from the people using the area. CO Webster located a piece of mail with a name and phone number and contacted the individual. The man admitted to bringing the box out to shoot and said he must have forgotten it. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster assisted P.F. Hoeft State Park and local residence volunteers doing a cleanup project near the ORV trail loop in Alpena County. A dumpster was brought out and one resident brought his personal tractor to help with the cleanup. After only one day the dumpster was almost full, and the area far more appealing.

CO Bill Webster received a Report All Poaching complaint about a live fawn in captivity in Alpena County. As CO Webster was pulling into the driveway, he observed the fawn in a small fenced in area. The people at the residence stated they had just picked the fawn up two days before and didn't know what to do with it. The fawn was transported

from Sandusky, Michigan to Alpena and they had been bottle feeding it. The fawn was removed and placed with a rehabilitator and enforcement action was taken.

CO Bill Webster was patrolling on Hubbard Lake in Alcona County when he pulled up next to a vessel that had four fishing lines in the water. When CO Webster asked to see the subject's fishing licenses only one angler claimed to be fishing. The other subject stated they were just along for the ride. The subject fishing admitted to using four lines. Enforcement action was taken.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Colton Gelinis participated in a group patrol with the National Park Service on the Platte River. Numerous contacts were made during the patrol. Safety was a big concern on this patrol due to the recent drownings in Lake Michigan.

CO Colton Gelinis participated in Leelanau Kid's Fish Day. Over 3,500 blue gills were stocked in a small pond in Leelanau County. The weather held off and allowed close to 600 kids to participate in the event.

CO Colton Gelinis was on patrol on Lake Leelanau when he observed a boat trolling for walleye. CO Gelinis observed four fishing poles in the water prior to making contact. When CO Gelinis made contact with the boat, it was determined that only the captain had a fishing license for 2017. Enforcement action was taken for fish more than three lines.

CO William Kinney was patrolling the Mesick area in Wexford County. CO Kinney was in route to a complaint when he observed an ORV operating illegally on a closed USFS road. CO Kinney stopped the ORV for the operating in the closed area. During the course of the stop, CO Kinney found the operator was suspended and numerous other violations were present. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney received an anonymous complaint of an individual who was rehabbing a whitetail fawn without a permit. CO Kinney went to the home to question the homeowner about the complaint. The homeowner initially denied having a fawn in her possession. She did, however, lead the CO to believe the deer was currently in the home. She stated several times, she knew how to raise a deer and if she did have one it would be well taken care of. Eventually, after several minutes of questioning, the homeowner admitted to CO Kinney she did in fact have a fawn and allowed the CO to come inside. The homeowner stated she had rescued the fawn after finding the adult doe hit along the road. She knew she wasn't supposed to have it and apologized for lying to the CO. The fawn was seized from the homeowner and taken to a wildlife rehabilitator.

CO Ryan Andrews was on patrol along the Pere Marquette River in Lake County when he checked an angler who was fishing from the bank in a gear restricted area of the

river. The contact revealed that the angler was fishing with live bait in an artificial lure only area. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ryan Andrews was on marine patrol in Lake County when he observed two anglers fishing from a 14 foot aluminum boat. The boat also had an expired registration sticker so contact was made with the anglers. Once contact was made the CO also found only one PFD was on the boat. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews witnessed a PWC travelling in a careless manner, coming very close to his patrol boat. The PWC was followed back to shore and contact with the operator was made. At this time the operator was identified as a 12 year old male with no supervision. The parents were then contacted.

While on patrol in Lake County, CO Ryan Andrews and CO Josiah Killingbeck, along with several officers from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, responded to an emergency call of an overturned canoe with people trapped in the Pere Marquette River. Without an exact location, the officers searched the area and were able to locate the stranded individuals. The officers helped them back to shore where they received medical care.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and a Lake County Deputy were on patrol when they observed the driver of a truck not wearing a seatbelt. CO Killingbeck stopped the truck and the driver immediately began telling CO Killingbeck that he was not far from home and said he would just go home. CO Killingbeck asked for identification and found out that the driver was suspended, uninsured, and had no valid plate for the truck. Seeing a different plate attached to the vehicle, CO Killingbeck asked the driver whose plate was on the truck. The driver said that he did not necessarily know because it was on the truck when he bought it ten plus years ago. The driver told CO Killingbeck that he has never seen law enforcement in the area before and was not worried about being caught. The driver was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol when he saw a vehicle disregard a stop sign and fail to signal before pulling onto a busy roadway. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle, and while speaking with the driver, he observed a gun stock sticking out of the back seat. CO Killingbeck asked the driver why the gun was not in a case and the subject said that he was not familiar with Michigan gun laws. CO Killingbeck asked the driver if he had any other weapons in the vehicle and the driver said there was a pistol. CO Killingbeck located a loaded and uncased handgun within reach of the driver. The driver did not have a concealed pistol license, nor a permit for the handgun, and was arrested and lodged in the Lake County Jail. The firearms were seized.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was directly involved with a young child who had a near drowning experience on the Pere Marquette River. CO Killingbeck responded to a 911 call of two subjects clinging to an overturned canoe. CO Killingbeck's knowledge of the river allowed him to quickly find the victims. With the help of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, CO Killingbeck was able to crawl out on a log in a very high and fast

moving current and grab onto the young child who was reported to have been trapped under water and under a canoe for four to five minutes. CO Killingbeck also assisted an adult out of the river. The child was taken to a local hospital and later transferred to a down state hospital, but is expected to survive.

While working Lake County, CO Kyle Publiski was watching a section of roadway closed to ORV traffic. CO Publiski watched as three ORVs entered the closed section of the roadway and proceeded to ride wheelies down the entire stretch until stopped. All three were cited for careless operation.

While patrolling Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski passed a side-by-side ORV on a county road. CO Publiski was not able to see a registration displayed on the rear of the ORV. CO Publiski turned around and stopped the ORV. While walking up to ORV, the driver and passenger both jumped out of the ORV and started walking back to talk with CO Publiski in an attempt to keep him from looking inside the ORV. CO Publiski asked the occupants of the ORV if they had open alcohol containers in the vehicle and both occupants stated yes. CO Publiski also asked the driver why they were driving around with the tailgate of the ORV down as it was full of stuff that could have fallen out. The driver stated they he had expired registration stickers and figured that tailgate would conceal them. Enforcement action was taken.

Working in an area in Mason County with significant illegal ORV operation, CO Kyle Publiski passed a large group of side-by-side ORVs coming off a closed federal road and also noticed some of them were not registered. While attempting to turn around on the ORVs to stop them, CO Publiski noticed beer cans were being tossed from inside the cab into the tall weeds along the ditch of the road. CO Publiski stopped the group of ORVs and advised them of the long list of violations that now included littering. Enforcement action was taken.

Working a small lake in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski stopped a couple of boats showing expired registrations that were in front of a large party onshore. While dealing with the expired registrations and no lifejackets on board the boats, the DJ of the party started to blast the theme song from "Cops" over the speakers for the duration of his contact. After he cleared his stop, the party goes waved and thanked CO Publiski for his service.

CO Brian Brosky was at his residence when he heard a single shot come from an area west of his home. After calling dispatch and learning that no one called to report that they were shooting under a crop damage permit, CO Brosky headed to the location to investigate. After locating a vehicle parked on the roadway where the shot was heard, CO Brosky watched as two individuals walked through the woods tracking a deer. After watching for a short time, CO Brosky saw two individuals cross the road and enter on to private property. CO Brosky recognized one of the subjects as an individual that he had advised to stay off the property before. CO Brosky and an MSP Trooper made contact with the two individuals who admittedly told the officers that they did not call to advise law enforcement prior to shooting which is a condition of their permit. They also

admitted that they knew they shouldn't have trespassed. Enforcement action is pending review by the prosecutor.

Working Round Lake in Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski made contact with a group of individuals fishing. One of the anglers had no license and told CO Publiski that he didn't think he needed a fishing license to fish if he wasn't going to keep any fish. CO Publiski asked if he had purchased a license in the past and the subject stated he had, but was planning on keeping fish the last time. To compound the matter, the pontoon being operated had a two year old expired registration displayed on the side and was short several lifejackets. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn were on patrol at the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they saw four individuals in distress. Recently, heavy rains have brought high water levels and added many obstacles to the river that are proving dangerous for people enjoying the Muskegon River. The four individuals were dislodged from their tubes by a broken willow tree while floating the Muskegon River. CO Varriale and CO Ginn used a flat bottom boat to pull the four individuals from the river and bring them safely to shore.

CO Casey Varriale and CO Jeff Ginn were on patrol at the Muskegon River in Newaygo County when they received a call that an individual went under the water and never came back up. CO Varriale and CO Ginn were the first to arrive on scene and began the search for the individual. Newaygo County Sheriff's Department, Newaygo City Police Department, and Newaygo Fire Department eventually arrived to the scene to aid in the search. Approximately two hours after the call was received, the missing person was spotted by officers from the Newaygo Police Department. CO Varriale and CO Ginn arrived to assist the Newaygo Police Department. The body was recovered and brought to EMT units on shore.

CO Casey Varriale was on Hick's Lake in Osceola County where he witnessed a man in a row boat taking a nap. CO Varriale contacted the individual and noticed his row boat was filling up with water. CO Varriale asked if the individual had a PFD, and the individual said he did not. The individual was towed safely to shore and was told he needed to have a life jacket on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren, CO Casey Varriale and Sgt. Mike Bomay were monitoring the Muskegon River due to unseasonably high water levels. All the canoe and tube liveries had cancelled their trips for everyone's safety. The COs were first to respond to a call of tubers in distress along the Muskegon River. Four tubers from the group lost their tubes as they attempted to swim with the rest of the group to the boat access. The group had passed the access ramp and was fortunate to finally make it to shore a half a mile downstream. This group also had a toddler with them and were warned by Sgt. Bomay prior to launching to seek an alternative outdoor activity that day. The frightened tubers were quick to tell Sgt. Bomay that he was right when they made it back to shore.

While working Silver Lake State Park ORV area, CO Brian Lebel observed a quad-runner operating in an area open to pedestrian foot travel only. The subject was stopped for the violation. While on the stop, a Park Ranger stopped and told CO Lebel he had just tried to catch up to the subject driving recklessly on the beach but was unable to because of his excessive speed in a 25 mph zone. CO Lebel issued the subject a citation for the violation. CO Lebel noticed a different Park Ranger had the same subject stopped about 30 minutes later in the parking lot. It was found the subject was operating reckless in the crowded parking lot and throwing gravel by spinning his tires. The subject was issued another citation for his continued reckless actions.

CO Brian Lebel stopped a dirt bike operating at a high rate of speed on a county road. Once stopped, CO Lebel discovered it was a subject who he had stopped the past winter on a snowmobile for operating on a suspended license along the White Pine Trail system. Enforcement action was taken for the suspended operation.

## **DISTRICT 5**

Charges were filed on a 24-year-old Kaskaska woman for unlawful disposal of solid waste. CO Mike Hearn investigated a complaint of multiple trash sites found on state land. Evidence from the scene led to a suspect who was interviewed. A report was submitted to the Kaskaska County Prosecutor's Office and an arrest warrant was obtained. The woman has turned herself in at the Kaskaska County Jail to face the charges.

COs Ben McAteer and Chuck McPherson conducted a marine patrol on Higgins Lake in Roscommon County for Operation Dry Water. Operation Dry Water is a multi-state enforcement effort to promote safe boating practices with a strong focus on boaters operating under the influence of alcohol. During the patrol, a vessel made an abrupt turn in the path of the COs and nearly caused a collision. The operator of the vessel was contacted and the COs observed many indicators of impairment. Standard field sobriety tasks were administered and confirmed that the operator was impaired. Enforcement action was taken for boating under the influence of alcohol.

COs Sam Schluckbier and Ben McAteer conducted an ORV patrol in Crawford County. Multiple contacts were made throughout the patrol. A citation was issued to one individual for attempting to climb a large hill with his ORV. When questioned by the COs, the driver claimed he was unaware of the law and thought he could drive anywhere he wanted. Enforcement action was taken and the man was educated on the laws pertaining to ORVs.

CO Kyle Cherry was driving on I-75 to Belle Isle to work the Detroit Fireworks in Wayne County when a vehicle traveling in front of him suddenly crashed into the concrete barrier in the median. CO Cherry initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. After an investigation, it was determined the driver was operating under the influence of alcohol, had a warrant for his arrest, and did not have a valid driver's license. This was not the

driver's first offense for operating while intoxicated. He was arrested and charges are pending in the Wayne County District Court.

In March of 2017, CO Jon Warner received a complaint of an ice fishing shanty falling through the ice on Tawas Bay in Iosco County. The owner of the ice shanty was not able to be identified due to unsafe ice conditions. In late June, the same ice shanty washed up on shore and the owner was identified. CO Warner made contact with the owner and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Lake Ogemaw after the annual fireworks display, CO Kyle Bader stopped a vessel that was not properly displaying navigation lights. While checking the vessel's safety equipment, CO Bader observed that the driver was reacting slowly and slurring his words. CO Bader had the driver perform a number of sobriety tasks, after which he determined the driver to be boating under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Ogemaw County jail. The driver was charged with boating under the influence of alcohol, refusal to take a chemical test, and failing to provide a type IV PFD.

While patrolling Secord Lake during Operation Dry Water, COs Josh Wright and Phil Hudson observed a vessel after sunset operating without navigation lights. The COs conducted a stop on the vessel and checked for safety equipment. CO Wright smelled a strong odor of intoxicants and began interviewing the operator. Several signs of intoxication were observed from the operator. CO Wright noticed blood-shot and watery eyes, slurred speech and the subject stumbling as he looked for his safety equipment. After further investigation and field sobrieties, it was revealed that the man was highly intoxicated. The subject was arrested for operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor and lodged in the Gladwin County Jail.

COs Ethan Gainforth and Chuck McPherson were on marine patrol for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday at South Higgins State Park. Many contacts were made and compliance was high for marine regulations. CO McPherson observed a pontoon with an expired registration and stopped the vessel. CO Gainforth contacted the operator and checked the registration and safety equipment. During the vessel equipment inspection, it appeared to the COs that the operator was possibly intoxicated. CO Gainforth put the operator through sobriety tasks. The subject was ultimately arrested for operating a boat while under the influence of an intoxicating substance and lodged in the Roscommon County Jail.

COs Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Jon Wood took part in an Operation Dry Water group patrol on Secord Lake in Gladwin County. Just before midnight, a pontoon was stopped for using improper navigation lights while underway. During the contact and safety check, CO Lockwood was able to detect signs of possible intoxication. A field sobriety task was conducted which resulted in the operator being arrested for having double the legal limit of alcohol in her system. The operator was lodged in the Gladwin County Jail and the vessel was turned over to a sober passenger.

While working a group patrol on Secord Lake in Gladwin County, CO Steve Lockwood and Sgt. Jon Wood observed two anglers fishing from a dock. As the COs approached the dock, the anglers saw the patrol boat and quickly reeled in their lines and began to walk away from the water. The COs were able to make contact with both anglers before they disappeared. When asked about their fishing licenses, one of the anglers stated that it was "in his truck." The second angler admitted to not having a license. The first angler was unable to locate his license in his truck and told the COs that he must have misplaced it. A quick check through the Retail Sales System (RSS) revealed that the angler had not purchased a current fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson received a complaint that a subject was shooting deer using a crop damage permit and was just leaving the deer to rot in the field. During the course of the investigation, CO Hudson caught the suspect shooting a young buck that was in velvet. Antlered deer are not legal to shoot under crop damage permits. Charges are being sought through the Arenac County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Steve Lockwood and Joshua Wright were filling their patrol vehicle with fuel when they noticed what appeared to be an intoxicated subject stumble out of the gas station and drive away. The COs immediately stopped pumping gas and caught up to the vehicle. The operator was swerving all over the road and crossed the center line more than once. A traffic stop was made and an investigation ensued. In the end, the man was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated. The operator's blood alcohol content was over twice the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle in Michigan. He was transported and lodged in the Gladwin County Jail.

## **DISTRICT 6**

COs Joe Myers, Ken Lowell, Josh Russell, Mike Haas, and Lt. Jeremy Payne assisted Isabella County in response to heavy flooding. The COs helped keep the public safe by coordinating with local and other state level agencies. The COs were able to give resources to the effort and support public safety. Later that night, COs Myers and Russell were clearing city parks in Mt. Pleasant when they came across two female subjects who refused to leave. The two subjects became verbally combative, refused to obey the COs by leaving the park and were highly intoxicated. The two subjects continued to be combative when they advised the COs they were going to drive out of the park and the CO advised that they were not driving anywhere. During the arrest the subjects started kicking the COs and attempted to get away. In addition to being charged and lodged for disorderly conduct, the two were also charged for resisting arrest and assaulting a police officer.

A Saginaw County man arrested by CO Joe Myers was fined heavily, ordered to serve jail time, probation and community service, and had his hunting privileges revoked when he was sentenced recently for deer hunting violations he committed during the fall 2016 firearm deer hunting season. The defendant had placed an estimated two tons of illegal bait on his hunting property.

COs Josh Russell and Joe Myers were patrolling Crystal Lake when they spotted two kayakers that immediately darted into some private docks when they saw the COs. The COs made contact and asked them about their trip. When the COs asked to see life jackets, one of the subjects stated they didn't know they needed them where they could touch the bottom. The COs explained they saw them out in deep water prior to contacting them and that anytime they are kayaking they need life jackets. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Will Brickel were patrolling Crystal Lake when they saw some anglers fishing near the Island. The COs made contact to check the fishing activity. The subjects stated all they had was a bass and a sunfish. When asked how big the bass was they stated right at 14 inches. The bass was measured and only measured 13.25 inches. The subjects stated the 13 year old had caught the fish. Other violations were found on the boat and enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell and Will Brickel were patrolling Crystal Lake after dark and noticed a pontoon without navigation lights. The COs made contact and advised the group they needed to have their lights on. The COs then checked life jackets and other safety equipment. The pontoon was two life jackets short and did not have a throwable device on board. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Will Brickel, Jay Person and Sgt. Ron Kimmerly used their jet boat to assist with evacuations during the recent floods in Midland County. The COs dropped the boat on the water covered roads just off Saginaw Street in downtown Midland. The COs evacuated 12 subjects and four dogs from their homes. The COs assisted with a number of other calls for rescues throughout the county.

While on patrol in Huron County, CO Kyle Bucholtz observed an ORV with two occupants riding without helmets and without an ORV registration sticker. The ORV was stopped and the driver was educated on the issues. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Seth Rhodea contacted two subjects on an ORV that were not wearing helmets, operating the ORV in the middle of the roadway, and did not have an ORV license on the machine. Upon contacting the people on the ORV, CO Rhodea recognized one of the men as a person he had cited less than three weeks earlier for other ORV violations. Citations were again issued to address the violations.

COs Seth Rhodea, Kyle Bucholtz and Chad Foerster conducted a marine patrol on the Saginaw River in Bay City during their fireworks. Throughout the patrol the COs made almost 200 contacts, issued 10 citations for marine violations, and assisted with two missing boater complaints.

While conducting an ORV patrol in Sanilac County, CO Mark Siemen made contact with a large number of subjects and gave multiple warnings for a number of ORV violations. During the patrol, CO Siemen observed a side-by-side ORV pull to the side of the road and the operator leave the ORV and walk into a field. As CO Siemen drove closer to the

side-by-side he observed an uncased rifle in the front area of the side-by-side. The operator then walked back to the side-by-side and advised CO Siemen that he was hunting woodchucks in the field. CO Siemen asked the subject if the uncased rifle was loaded, in which the subject stated it was loaded with a round in the chamber. The subject stated he keeps it loaded because the woodchucks are very fast and he does not have time to shoot them if he has to uncase and load the rifle. CO Siemen educated the subject on the laws of transporting a loaded/uncased firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Sanilac County, CO Mark Siemen was stopped by two kayakers on the Black River. The two kayakers stated they saw a small buck tangled up in a fence along the river bank. After getting a GPS location from the subjects, CO Siemen was able to locate the deer. The deer appeared to be very tired and wore out from being tangled in the fence and hanging upside down. With assistance from a neighboring property owner and off duty Deputy, CO Siemen was able to cut the deer from the fence. The deer had an injury to its leg from the fence but was able to swim and run away.

CO Mark Siemen, while conducting marine patrol in Lake Huron during the holiday weekend, had contact with a large number of boaters. During these contacts numerous warnings were given and multiple citations were issued. During this patrol, CO Siemen was waved down by a small paddle boat with an elderly lady and her grandson in the boat. CO Siemen made contact with the subjects and she stated she could not get her trolling motor to work on the paddle boat. CO Siemen advised her that the small paddle boat was not made to have a trolling motor on it. The lady advised CO Siemen that she was aware of that and due to the windy off shore breeze they could not get back in and needed help. Due to the elderly women's condition and rough waters CO Siemen was assisted by Lexington Fire/Recue and both subjects were loaded in the boat and taken to shore. CO Siemen advised the lady that if a boat has a motor it needs to be registered and she needs a life jacket while in the boat. CO Siemen gave the lady a warning for not having the boat registered and was issued a citation for not having a personal flotation device.

COs Joshua Wright and Jay Person checked three anglers in a boat on Sanford Lake and all of them said that they left their licenses at the cabin. The COs went to their cabin with them to get the licenses, however, only one of them had purchased a license. While inspecting the vessel it was discovered that the registration was expired and that the fire extinguisher was not functional. A citation was issued.

CO Joshua Wright was patrolling a section of the Deford State Game Area that has had a lot parties lately. CO Wright followed a vehicle in that area and made a traffic stop for failing to stop at a stop sign. During the stop CO Wright discovered that the operator did not have his license with him, the plates on the vehicle belonged to another vehicle, there was not insurance on the vehicle, and open beer and marijuana was found in the vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Huron County, Sgt. Scott Brown observed an ORV traveling on M-25 near Port Austin. As Sgt. Brown pulled to the side of the road to make contact with the ORV, the operator turned around and headed down a county road. After turning his patrol truck around, Sgt. Brown began catching up to the ORV when the operator left the road onto a private driveway and drove through several backyards in the area. Sgt. Brown located the dirt bike stashed in a clump of raspberry bushes in an abandoned yard area. After a search of the area for the operator, a call to 911 came in from another neighbor about an individual that had showed up to their garage telling how the DNR was after him and he was hiding out in the corner of their garage. Contact was made with the operator who said he originally fled the area because of his expired ORV registration. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chad Foerster, Josh Russell and Mike Haas worked a marine patrol on the Saginaw River for the KCQ Country Music Festival. Thousands were in attendance on Ojibway Island with approximately one hundred vessels on the water. Several minor marine violations were encountered with enforcement action taken. Overall, the event was a success with no major incidents.

CO Chad Foerster worked a joint operations patrol with the United States Coast Guard on their 45' patrol vessel for the Walleyes for Warriors Tournament on the Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay. Approximately 130 vessels were registered for the event and more than 300 veterans. Weather conditions were not favorable causing three rescue operations on the Saginaw Bay and several vessels became disabled in the high winds/waves causing them to take on water. With the help from other good samaritan vessels (also in the tournament) and Tow Boat US, all vessels returned to the launch without further incident or injury. The veterans were treated with donated prizes, dinner and recognized for their service.

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Mike Haas received a recreational trespass complaint near Lake Isabella. The complainant stated that there was a group of anglers fishing from shore on private property along the Chippewa River and Lake Isabella. CO Haas made contact with four anglers and determined they had permission to be fishing from the property, however only two of the anglers had fishing licenses. Citations were issued for fishing without a valid fishing license.

During a marine patrol on Stevenson Lake, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas observed a personal watercraft operating at high speeds too close to a paddle boat and swimmers. The operator of the PWC was doing circles around the swimmers and speeding towards them while turning at the last moment to splash them. The COs stopped the man on the PWC and explained the numerous safety violations. The man stated he was just trying to splash his buddies and make waves for them, but admitted it was probably not a good idea. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas performed a marine patrol on Lake Isabella during the recent holiday weekend. Numerous contacts were made and overall law

compliance was good. Multiple citations were issued to boaters for operating too close to docks and rafts at high speeds and expired registrations.

While working the flood detail in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson made contact with two individuals getting ready to kayak the flooded Chippewa River. CO Robinson gave the individuals several reasons why they should not go on the river, most of them related to the high water and swift current from the heavy rains. Later in the day, CO Robinson spotted the individuals' vehicle at a county park. It appeared the subjects had gone down the river despite the warnings. After checking the area and interviewing the person at the pick-up site, it was discovered that three of the four people in their group were unaccounted for. CO Robinson was assisted by a Michigan State Police helicopter that was in the area already, two local fire departments and MSP troopers. All three subjects were located but three of their four kayaks were lost in the river as all four had capsized during their trip.

COs in District 6 out of the Bay City Customer Service Center participated in the nationwide Operation Dry Water initiative over the Fourth of July holiday weekend. The initiative targeted on water patrols for boating under the influence violations. Several hundred contacts were made with several citations and verbal warnings being given for marine safety violations. Two arrests were made for Boating Under the Influence (BUI).

CO Joel Lundberg began his Operation Dry Water patrol on Wixom Lake on the Sunday of the Fourth of July weekend at around 6:00pm. Within an hour he had arrested a drunk boater. Shortly after returning back to the lake from the jail to continue his patrol, he was on his way to the jail with his second drunk boater. The boat operators had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 and .15 respectively. Both boaters were lodged in the county jail and had their boats impounded.

## **DISTRICT 7**

CO Zach Bauer and Sgt. Zach Doss were on patrol in their marked patrol vehicle driving on a two lane county road. A motorcycle passed them in a no passing zone with a blind hill ahead at very high speed. The COs were able to catch up to the motorcycle and initiate a traffic stop. A citation issued.

COs Jeff Robinette and Zach Bauer were on marine patrol in St. Joseph County. The COs observed a vessel going in a clockwise direction on the lake with four individuals sitting near the bow of the vessel with their legs hanging over the side. The vessel was towing a person and its speed increased to a greater than slow no wake speed. The COs contacted the vessel operator and also found that the operator did not have a Type IV PFD on board. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling area lakes in Cass and Van Buren counties, COs Tyler Cole and Matt Page made numerous contacts with boaters out for the holiday weekend. Violations found during the patrol included fishing without a license, operate unregistered vessel and failure to provide required lifejackets.

While patrolling the Crane Pond State Game Area, CO Tyler Cole came across an individual operating an ORV on the county road. Upon making contact, it was found that the operator was in possession of a snapping turtle shell that she had found on the side of the road. It was also found that she had two outstanding warrants for her arrest. Enforcement action was taken for operating an ORV on a public roadway and the operator was advised and released on her outstanding warrants.

CO Matt Page encountered a family with young kids enjoying the day fishing when he observed an intoxicated subject lying in the weeds. The subject began complaining about some jet skis that were operating near the launch; however, it was clear that no jet skis were on the lake at the time of the contact. As CO Page began to leave, he was flagged down by the intoxicated individual as the jet skis had returned. At this point the individual jumped into the lake and began yelling at the subjects on the jet skis for no apparent reason. The family left the area as CO Page began to deal with the situation. The subject was cited for disorderly person and subsequently picked up by a family member.

COs Matt Page and Jeff Robinette were patrolling on Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft (PWC) operating without any registration displayed. The COs contacted the PWC operator and determined the PWC registration had expired in 2015. The COs also discovered that the PWC operator had not taken a boater safety class as required based on the operator's age. The operator was issued a ticket for operating a PWC without a safety certificate and a warning was given for the expired registration.

While patrolling the Barry State Game Area CO Richard Cardenas located an illegal camp site. CO Cardenas made contact with the subjects and discovered multiple violations at the camp site. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Sager Road near Dagget Lake, CO Richard Cardenas made contact with subjects on an ATV who were not wearing helmets, had no ORV registration sticker, and were riding double. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Fine Lake in Barry County when he observed a personal watercraft violate the 100-ft rule. CO Cardenas stopped the vessel and made contact with the subject. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas received a Report All Poaching complaint about a personal watercraft being operated recklessly on upper Crooked Lake in Barry County. CO Cardenas responded to the complaint and located a subject towing a tuber without an observer. CO Cardenas stopped the personal watercraft, made contact with the operator, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Barry County when he contacted multiple people fishing on the Thornapple River at the McCann Road Dam. Subjects were found to be fishing without a fishing license and possessed fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Pine Lake in Barry County for the annual fireworks show. CO Cardenas made contact with multiple subjects who violated the 100 foot rule. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck Towns responded to a complaint of an illegal camp in the Allegan State Game Area. The camp was located and found to be occupied by two subjects who had recently become homeless. One subject was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant and the other was given information on local available resources for assistance.

While observing anglers along the Grand River near the Webber Dam in Ionia County, CO Cary Foster located two subjects using cast nets, which is illegal on inland waters. Further investigation revealed one walleye, twenty-one undersized largemouth bass and five bluegill were among the 59 fish taken illegally. Enforcement action was taken.

District 7 COs conducted a group patrol on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Grand Haven State Park alongside Parks & Recreation Division staff to provide a safe environment for the hundreds of beach goers and campers. Arrests were made for drunk and disorderly conduct, possession of drugs with intent to deliver, and possession of marijuana. Additionally, 39 tickets were issued for alcohol violations, loud music, and minor in possession of alcohol.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO Brandon Hartleben was patrolling Washtenaw County when he came across a hit-and-run accident at North Territorial and Sutton roads. CO Hartleben relieved the Northfield Township officer on scene to allow him to pursue the other driver. CO Hartleben conducted traffic control at the intersection to keep the busy rush hour traffic moving until a wrecker could respond and remove the disabled vehicle from the intersection.

While checking anglers at a park in Adrian, CO Andrew Monnich was stopped by a few people walking who stated that they saw a man catch and kill an undersized largemouth bass. CO Monnich located the individual who was fishing and, while checking his license, heard what sounded like a fish flopping in his tackle box. CO Monnich asked the angler to open his tackle box and found an undersized bass and a channel catfish. CO Monnich advised the man that he was fishing in a catch and release body of water and that he also had undersized fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrew Monnich was checking anglers on a county pond when he noticed a group of fishermen on the other side of the pond. While walking towards the group one individual set his fishing rod down and started walking back to the parking lot. CO Monnich made contact with the individual who stated that he saw him coming and he has not bought a license for the year, but usually remembers to buy one since he fishes every year. CO Monnich ran the individual through the retail sales system and found out that he has never bought a license. CO Monnich also discovered that the individual

also had a warrant for his arrest. The individual was arrested for his warrant and cited for fishing without a license.

CO Andrew Monnich was launching his patrol boat when he observed one of the security guards of a local association walk out on a dock and start fishing. CO Monnich launched his boat and motored over to the individual and asked to see his license. The individual said he was on private property and didn't need one. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were on marine patrol on Sand Lake during the fireworks when they noticed a boat operating at a high rate of speed through the crowded lake without proper navigation lights on. The COs made contact with the operator who couldn't understand why his navigation lights were not working. The operator also could not provide any sort of registration for the vessel. During the contact the COs noticed that the operator of the boat had problems walking around his boat. CO Monnich conducted sobriety tests on the subject and he was placed under arrest for boating under the influence and lodged in the Lenawee County Jail.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were walking to their patrol truck after marine patrol on Devils Lake when they were flagged down by a pedestrian who stated that an intoxicated individual was stealing Kiwanis Club American flags that lined the roadway. The COs located the individual less than a half mile away standing in the middle of the road waving one of the stolen flags. The individual stated he didn't take the flag, that his buddy did, and that he wouldn't give his name up. He was also reluctant to give his own name. The COs obtained his name and discovered he had a felony warrant out for his arrest in Lenawee County. He was arrested and lodged in the Lenawee County Jail.

CO Mike Drexler was off duty at his residence when he heard a motor vehicle crash occur at a nearby intersection. CO Drexler responded and discovered an elderly man who was having a diabetic emergency had crashed into a vehicle towing a motor boat. CO Drexler and an off duty emergency room nurse stood by until EMS arrived.

Sgt. Jason Smith was patrolling Portage Lake when he responded to a call from central dispatch of a female that had a large cut on her leg. Sgt. Smith responded and administered first aid until Huron Valley ambulance arrived. The parents were thankful for the quick response.

COs Josh Jackson and Isaac Tyson were on marine patrol in Branch County when they noticed a few people fishing from shore. They watched them for about 10 minutes and contacted the group. One provided a valid fishing license, one admitted to fishing without a fishing license, and one tried telling the COs that he hadn't been fishing. The COs explained they had been watching for a few minutes and the individual hung his head and admitted to fishing, apologized for lying, and was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Isaac Tyson gave a short presentation at the Litchfield District Library summer reading program. About twenty elementary-age students were in attendance. CO Tyson talked about conservation and protecting the State's natural resources. CO Tyson displayed a fur kit and the students enjoyed learning about wildlife and getting to handle the various furs.

CO Tyson observed two fishermen on a pontoon and contacted them to check their fishing licenses. The subject on the front stated that she did not have a license and the subject on the back stated that he was not fishing. CO Tyson told the subject that he had watched him fish. The subject insisted that he was not fishing and stated that he did not have a fishing pole. CO Tyson used his telescoping boat pole to search the bottom of the lake and pulled a fishing pole from the bottom. The subject hung his head and apologized for lying. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chris Reynolds and Carter Woodyk observed two motorcycles operating at high rates of speed and doing wheelies down a roadway leading into a Hillsdale County park. The motorcyclists were stopped and neither of the riders had cycle endorsements. Drug paraphernalia was found on one rider and one cycle had an improper plate. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Chris Reynolds and Carter Woodyk, while on marine patrol in Hillsdale County, observed a group of teenagers swimming in a local lake. They noticed one teenager struggling to swim and yelling for help. The COs quickly responded and grabbed the teen as he was going under. They also assisted a friend who was trying to help him. The COs lifted the struggling swimmer onto the boat and took him to his home. The subject's parents were appreciative for the COs' assistance.

COs Carter Woodyk and Chris Reynolds were patrolling a lake in Hillsdale County and observed a boat operating at high speed well after the local "slow, no wake" period. Upon contact with the vessel operator, there were clear signs of intoxication present. The COs arrested the operator for operating while intoxicated and he was lodged at the Hillsdale County Jail.

COs Jason McCullough and Jeff Goss contacted a boat operating late at night without navigation lights on a Calhoun County lake. The investigation revealed the operator was operating the vessel while impaired by alcohol. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Rich Nickols and Daniel Prince were on marine patrol on Portage Lake in Livingston County when they observed a pontoon boat being operated at greater than slow-no-wake speed between vessels at a sand bar. As the COs approached the vessel the subject who was observed operating it casually switched places with a female passenger on board, and was observed setting down a can of beer. When contact was made, the subject originally operating the vessel was having a hard time keeping his balance and was instructed to put on a life vest. It took several minutes for the subject to figure out how to put on the PFD. The subject was placed in the officer's

patrol boat for further investigation and was arrested for BUI. He was lodged in the Livingston County Jail.

CO Matthew Neterer, while patrolling Michigan Center Lake in Jackson County, observed a man fishing from a dock. CO Neterer approached and asked to see the man's fishing license. The man exhaled loudly, got up from his chair and stated, "You made me spill my beer." The man produced his driver's license and stated that he had purchased his fishing license online. A quick check of the retail sales system revealed he had not. When confronted, the man stated that he was a law abiding citizen and began to name COs that he had encountered in the past. He went on to say that he had turned in a poacher that had illegally killed "one of the biggest bucks killed in 2016." CO Neterer tried to explain to the man that his retail sales system history showed a sporadic history of purchasing fishing licenses in the past ten years. The man cut CO Neterer off and stated, "You don't have to explain anything to me." After receiving his citation for fishing without a license, the man stated that he "Regretted turning in the poacher."

CO Matthew Neterer, while checking for fishing activity in the Lansing area, overheard radio traffic from the Michigan State Police advising that a suspect provided a false name and had just fled on foot from a traffic stop. CO Neterer was in the area and helped set up a perimeter for a K-9 search. As CO Neterer was taking up a perimeter point, he observed a subject matching the description walking down the sidewalk. CO Neterer approached him and asked for his identification. The suspect fled behind a building and CO Neterer gave chase. He pursued the suspect for several blocks before a Michigan State Police unit was able to cut him off. CO Neterer placed the suspect in custody and turned him over to Michigan State Police. It was later determined that he was wanted on felony warrants for resisting and obstructing a police officer and manufacturing and delivering of narcotics.

COs Matthew Neterer and Troy Ludwig were conducting a marine safety patrol on Michigan Center Lake in Jackson County for the Carp Carnival. Shortly after sunset, they observed a pontoon boat traveling across the lake at a high rate of speed without navigation lights. The COs stopped the vessel and observed two male subjects onboard that were highly intoxicated. The driver of the vessel was also unable to provide a Type IV PFD or a paper registration. CO Neterer performed sobriety tests and the driver consented to a preliminary breath test which showed a blood alcohol level of .195. The driver was placed into custody and lodged in the Jackson County Jail.

CO Matthew Neterer responded to a call in Meridian Township of a sick deer wandering the roads of a subdivision. Upon arrival CO Neterer observed a young buck lying in a driveway of a nearby home. The buck was unfazed by human presence and appeared to be very sick. CO Neterer was assisted by two Meridian Twp. police officers and they were able to move the deer to a safe location where it could be dispatched. CO Neterer fielded questions and concerns from the nearby residents about CWD. CO Neterer assured the complainant that the deer would be tested at the MSU wildlife disease lab and that they would be provided with a necropsy report.

## **DISTRICT 9**

After coming off shift, CO Joseph Deppen received a phone call from dispatch involving an injured juvenile bald eagle that fell out of its nest after a storm knocked a large tree to the ground. The caller reported the juvenile bald eagle may have a broken wing and the mother eagle may also be trapped beneath the fallen debris. CO Deppen contacted CO Brad Silorey and both COs launched their patrol boat on Lake St. Clair and proceeded to make the callers location on a nearby island. With the male bald eagle circling and watching, the juvenile bald eagle was located and rescued from the fallen tree. Using chainsaws, the COs cut their way through the rest of the tree and were not able to locate the mother eagle. The juvenile eagle was taken to a local rehabber. The following day, the juvenile eagle was sent to Michigan State University for surgery. Veterinarians hope to use pins, screws, and plates to stabilize the wing for the juvenile eagle and nurse it back to health.

While on ORV patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen and CO Brad Silorey encountered multiple ORVs trespassing on private property as well as operating on closed roadways. The ORVs were stopped and the riders admitted to knowing they were operating in a closed area, but they hoped COs would not be around. Multiple riders were cited and their violations included riding double, unregistered ORVs, ORV trespass, operating on a roadway, and no helmet. Each of the riders was educated on ORV laws and enforcement action was taken.

While on patrol in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen responded to a call from the local sheriff's department regarding complaints about a dead spotted fawn hanging from a tractor on the side of the road. CO Deppen made the location and photographed the deceased spotted fawn hanging from the bucket of a tractor with a sign attached. Residents soon came out and tried to explain they were hanging the deer to make drivers aware to slow down and stop speeding past their house. CO Deppen explained they could not be in possession of a spotted fawn and there were other ways to notify drivers to slow down without hanging up deceased wildlife. The residents claimed they were aware they could not possess the spotted fawn, but they still wanted to send a message to people driving by. The spotted fawn was taken down and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vessel reeling in a good number of walleye. A license check and safety inspection yielded two short walleye and the anglers did not have a fire extinguisher aboard. The walleye were photographed and enforcement action was taken.

While on ORV patrol, COs Joseph Deppen and Brad Silorey encountered ORVs trespassing on private property. The ORVs were stopped and none of the riders had permission to be on the property. Also, none of the ORVs were registered. Enforcement action was taken.

While on ORV patrol in Macomb County, COs Joseph Deppen and CO Brad Silorey noticed three ORVs traveling on the roadway at dusk without any lights on. A stop was conducted and none of the ORVs were registered and all were operating on a closed roadway. One of the riders was thirteen years old. The COs had the parents pick up the young rider and his ORV and explained the laws to his parents. The COs also spoke to the other riders and enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol on Lake St. Clair, CO Joseph Deppen pulled alongside a vessel that was fishing. After a license check, CO Deppen asked the anglers to hold up a life jacket for each one of them. The anglers held up the life jackets one at a time. CO Deppen thought he saw one particular life jacket twice. When asked to hold them up all at once, the vessel owner said he was short one life jacket. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Kris Kiel, Brad Silorey, and Joseph Deppen worked the annual Jobbie Nooner Marine event near Gull Island in Lake St. Clair which was fairly calm due to the cool temperatures. At 8:10pm, a Mayday call went out over the Coast Guard emergency channel 16 that someone was in the water from a vessel near Lake St. Clair Metropark and went under. The COs raced across the lake to help search. Unfortunately, the subject was found deceased the next day.

CO Ken Kovach assisted St Clair County Sheriff's Department deputies search for and apprehend a fugitive wanted for larceny of an automobile. The subject also had several outstanding felony warrants for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and lodged on the warrants.

CO Ken Kovach received a tip from CO Brian Lasanen of a pair of anglers in possession of an over limit of walleye. CO Kovach contacted the anglers at their boat and obtained a confession for taking too many walleye while fishing on the St Clair River. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Kovach conducted surveillance on a group of anglers fishing in the Port Huron area. After watching the subjects catch and keep several fish, CO Kovach contacted the group in possession of multiple short walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey worked on several complaints this week in reference to ORV trespass. One complaint in particular involved trespassers damaging Consumers Energy property. After speaking with the complainant, who is the land manager for Consumers, CO Silorey investigated the area and found that the suspects had built an ORV track on Consumers Energy's property. The suspects used heavy machinery to remove soil over an underground gas line, and eroded the banks of a stream. CO Silorey took photographic evidence, and has been patrolling the area to find the suspects responsible for the damage to property and the environment.

COs Matthew Zultak and Ken Kovach conducted an evening patrol on Lake Huron over the holiday weekend. Numerous marine and angler contacts were made. On one

particular vessel stop, three Canada residents were fishing in US waters. Upon further inspection, it was discovered that no one in the group possessed a Michigan fishing license. Enforcement action was taken. Later on in the patrol, the COs were flagged down by a vessel and advised that a particular boat of subjects had been catching and keeping several short walleye. The pair of COs contacted the suspected vessel and discovered three anglers on board to be in possession of eight undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Ben Lasher and Matt Zultak watched a PWC jump the wake of a vessel and the PWC came completely out of the water and both the male driver and female passenger came off the machine during the Jobbie Noonan event. The COs contacted the two subjects in the water to make sure they were not injured. Due to indications from the driver, field sobrieties were done and the male was arrested for driving while under the influence of alcohol on a vessel.

COs Ben Lasher and Matt Zultak checked anglers in the St. Clair River. While on patrol the COs found a husband and wife in possession of two short walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey worked on ORV enforcement this past week. While working in a very rural part of the county, CO Brad Silorey spotted an individual on a four wheeler approximately ½ mile down the dirt road. Using binoculars, CO Silorey watched the individual turn down a different road. Just as CO Silorey was about to activate his emergency lights, the rider, who was not wearing a helmet, made a sudden turn into an old abandoned farm. CO Silorey quickly followed the suspect. Moments later, the suspect spotted CO Silorey, and quickly evaded him by driving into a thick dense forest two track. CO Silorey contacted CO Kris Kiel who was nearby. CO Silorey set out on foot to track the suspect, while CO Kiel worked the perimeter of the wooded area. After following the fresh four wheeler tracks, it was conclusive that the tracks went straight across a farmer's freshly planted bean field. COs Silorey and Kiel pinpointed the home to which the tracks led. CO Silorey spotted a four wheeler on the side of the barn and directed CO Kiel to the location where he made contact with the suspect. The suspect immediately confessed that it was him and stated he had made a mistake. COs Silorey and Kiel explained to the suspect the seriousness of the violations, which included failing to stop for a peace officer, riding an ORV on a closed roadway, operating an unlicensed ORV, and failing to wear an ORV helmet. Additionally, any damages that the suspect did to the neighboring farmer's crops. Enforcement action was taken.

While on a nighttime patrol checking shore anglers, CO David Schaumburger came across an angler who had taken a walleye. The CO asked if the angler measured it, and the angler replied, "Yes, with my 15 inch stick." The angler was unable to locate his "stick" and the CO found the walleye to be 13 inches, 2 inches too short. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Damon Owens and CO David Schaumburger located a ski boat with 12 adults and 3 children onboard. The COs asked everybody to hold up a life jacket for each occupant

and they were two life jackets short. The owner of the boat stated that he had the life jackets, but he left them on his pontoon boat. When the CO asked for the type IV as required, the operator produced a throw bag, which was not US Coast Guard approved. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol, Sgt. Damon Owens and CO David Schaumburger viewed an expired vessel being operated. The operator stated the boat was owned by his son-in-law and was quite upset that his son-in-law told him to "just take the boat out and have fun today." Enforcement action was taken.

COs David Schaumburger and Brad Silorey, while on marine patrol, approached a vessel with three occupants fishing for walleye. Upon making contact, the COs asked how many fish and what the smallest walleye they had was. One angler stated they had four walleye and two were 13 inches-legal for the St. Clair River. The COs measured the fish and found two to be undersized, 12 inches. The angler stated that one of the walleye had been floating down the river and they just picked it up, but did not have an excuse for the second undersized fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger conducted a fisheries patrol in the Toledo Beach Marina in Monroe County. During the patrol CO Zellinger made contact with several fishing vessels, both charter and recreational. CO Zellinger encountered three vessels in possession of undersized walleye; two charter vessels and a recreational vessel. One of the charter vessels was in possession of seven undersized walleye; the other was in possession of three undersized walleye. The recreational vessel was in possession of four undersized walleye. Enforcement action was taken in all three instances.

CO James Zellinger received a Report All Poaching complaint of a duckling being kept in captivity illegally. Once on scene CO Zellinger observed six ducklings in the driveway of the subject's residence near a dog crate and a kiddie pool. Contact was made with the subject in possession of the ducklings. The subject explained the hen mallard had abandoned a nest behind her house. The subject and her brother brought the eggs inside, let them hatch, and were giving them food and water until they were grown enough to fly away. Officer Zellinger explained to the subject the nest was most likely not abandoned and only state licensed rehabbers are allowed to possess wildlife for reintroduction purposes. The ducklings were seized from the subject and transferred to a local licensed rehabber. Due to the subject's intentions to help the ducklings; enforcement action was not taken. The subject is now looking into becoming a state licensed rehabber.

CO Jason Becker was checking anglers fishing from a boat in a canal connecting two local lakes. CO Becker waived them over to ask how the fishing was. The three subjects showed CO Becker three bass and several pan fish. When CO Becker checked the angler's licenses, only one of the three had a valid fishing license. While CO Becker was running a LEIN check, one of the subjects seemed to be very busy on his phone. CO Becker issued the two subjects citations for fishing without a license. While CO Becker was explaining how to contact the court, the subject that was busy on

his phone asked if the retail sales system showed he had a license as he was purchasing one as CO Becker was filling out his citation. CO Becker advised the subject that he did not have a license at the time CO Becker first contacted him, and he still needed to contact the court.

While CO Jason Becker was checking an area frequented by off road vehicles, he observed a pick-up operating on a trail in the gravel pit. CO Becker positioned his patrol truck to meet the subject as the trails converged. The subject pulled up to CO Becker's patrol truck and stated that he was showing his passenger the area. CO Becker asked if he had permission to enter the gravel pit, as it is private property. The subject stated he did not. Enforcement action was taken.

While on marine patrol in Oakland County, CO Jason Becker contacted two anglers that stated they were from Florida visiting family in Michigan for the Fourth of July weekend. CO Becker asked if they had fishing licenses. Both subjects stated they had Florida licenses, but forgot about purchasing a license in Michigan. A check of the retail sales system revealed that one of the subjects had multiple licenses in Michigan before moving to Florida. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Becker and Sgt. Steve Mooney were on marine patrol and contacted two anglers that were fishing from an unregistered boat. When the COs asked for fishing licenses, one of the subjects stated that he did not have one. CO Becker noticed that neither subject had a PFD in the boat, as required by law. The COs followed the subjects back to their residence to get identification and noticed that three other watercraft docked at the residence had expired registrations. CO Becker advised the subjects that the other watercraft were not legal to be operated without renewing the registrations. Enforcement action was taken for fishing and PFD violations.

CO Travis Dragomer and Sgt. Stephen Mooney located a vessel with three individuals fishing from it. The COs observed a northern pike caught by one of the individuals. The COs made contact with the group of anglers. Two of the three individuals did not have fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Travis Dragomer and Sgt. Stephen Mooney were on marine patrol on Lobdell Lake in Genesee County. The COs noticed a vessel pulling a person on a knee board without an observer. The vessel was in a high traffic area. The operator was taking photographs of the person he was towing and not watching where he was going. When the COs stopped the vessel CO Dragomer noticed that the individual that was on the wake board did not have on a PFD. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted two subjects in kayaks. As CO Griffin approached the two vessels, he noticed one subject was fishing. During a marine safety check, CO Griffin discovered that neither subject had a personal flotation device (PFD) on board. Furthermore, the subject that was fishing did not have a fishing license. CO Griffin escorted the subjects safely back to shore and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol when he spotted a PWC operating on plane within 25 feet of a pontoon boat. Moreover, the PWC was operated on plane from the water on to the shore of a state park beach. CO Griffin secured his vessel on shore to speak with the subject and discovered that the subject never completed a boater's safety class. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol when he noticed two subjects fishing from a pontoon boat that did not have any registration numbers or decals on the side of the vessel. During a safety check CO Griffin discovered that the boat was purchased over a month prior, but was not yet registered. Additionally, one subject never purchased a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jacob Griffin was on marine patrol in Oakland County when he spotted a PWC operating without any registration decals or numbers displayed. While CO Griffin had the PWC stopped to conduct a safety check, CO Griffin discovered that the PWC was purchased three weeks prior and was not yet registered with the Secretary of State. Additionally, the operator did not have a boater safety certificate. Enforcement action was taken.

## **DISTRICT 21**

Detective Trey Luce reports a Spalding man pled guilty to a hazardous waste violation stemming from a complaint regarding the illegal disposal of CRT glass. The subject illegally buried approximately 8 tons of crushed CRT glass at his former residence in Escanaba. Neighbors who witnessed the incident phoned in a complaint regarding the material being buried right next to their property lines. DEQ Waste Management Staff assessed the violation site and determined that the material buried was in fact crushed CRT glass containing lead. After the subject's property was foreclosed on, the new owner hired UP Environmental Service to conduct a full clean-up restoration of the site. The new owner was responsible for the cost of the clean-up, which totaled approximately \$56,000. As a result of the investigation, the subject was charged in the 94th District Court of Delta County with several Hazardous Waste counts. On June 20th, 2017, the subject was sentenced to 24 days in jail, along with \$54,884 in costs, fines, and restitution.

## **BELLE ISLE**

While working patrol on Belle Isle, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vehicle speeding down Central Avenue and weaving in and out of other vehicles. A traffic stop was conducted. The driver and passenger were not wearing seatbelts, the windshield was severely cracked, and the vehicle had a broken tail light. The driver had felony warrants out of Detroit and two other passengers had misdemeanor warrants. The subjects were taken into custody and lodged at the Detroit Detention Center.

While on patrol on Belle Isle, CO Joseph Deppen saw a motorcycle speeding and it had no visible license plate. The motorcycle stopped just before entering MacArthur Bridge.

As CO Deppen exited his patrol vehicle, the motorcycle started accelerating away. A pursuit ensued off of Belle Isle and into the city of Detroit. The motorcycle was weaving in and out of traffic, running red lights, and speeding in excess of 100mph. The pursuit finally ended when the motorcycle took a curve at a high rate of speed and crashed. The suspect was attempting to get back on his motorcycle and flee, but CO Deppen was able to get out of his patrol vehicle and apprehend the subject. The subject was tended to by medical personnel for injuries suffered in the crash and was lodged at Detroit detention center on felony flee and elude charges.

During a late night patrol around Belle Isle, CO Mike Haas discovered a man lying on the ground and half in the roadway. CO Saykham Keophalychanh arrived and assisted with the situation and the two COs attempted to wake up the man. When the man awoke, he became very agitated and aggressive and appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs. After some time, the man calmed down and it was discovered that he had an active felony warrant for aggravated assault against a police officer. The man was arrested, transported off the island and turned over to a neighboring police department.

While working Belle Isle, COs Jason Becker and Troy Ludwig received a complaint that a vehicle drove around the security guard onto the island at 2:00 am. The COs stopped the vehicle and asked why they drove around the guard. The subjects stated that they did not realize the island was closed. CO Becker advised them the barricades and the security guard blocking the entrance are there to let people know the island is closed. The COs asked why they were on the island. The subjects stated they heard about the fireworks and decided to check it out. CO Becker pointed out that they were about four hours late for the show. Enforcement action was taken.