

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
4/22/2018 – 5/5/2018**

DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officer (CO) Mark Leadman received a complaint of a subject shooting two turkeys on private property within a safety zone. The suspect had shot the birds and quickly returned to his vehicle and tried to leave the area when confronted. The suspect's vehicle became stuck in the mud allowing the complainant to get the license plate number and call the local police. Local police arrived and gathered suspect information before allowing him to leave the scene. CO Leadman arrived a short time later and gathered evidence. Both birds were located several feet apart and were determined to be well within the safety zone. One of the turkeys was a nice tom and the second was a hen. CO Leadman was able to determine the location the hunter had been using to shoot the birds and found that to be in the safety zone of two residences. CO Leadman followed up by questioning the suspect at his residence. The suspect admitted to shooting the birds and stated he did not intend to shoot the hen. The suspect was educated about shooting in safety zones and about shooting into a flock of birds. Enforcement action was taken and the hunter's turkey license was confiscated.

CO Mark Leadman and CO Brett DeLonge were both dispatched to a brush/grass fire in the Perkins area. Firefighters asked for assistance as the landowner was not being cooperative with them when they arrived to fight the fire. COs Leadman and DeLonge arrived and located several areas where the land owner had been burning brush this spring. The land owner explained that a spark from his wood stove had ignited the grass fire. Local officers are conducting a follow-up investigation with Michigan State Police and firefighters that were on scene.

CO Mark Leadman received a call about a road killed moose in the early morning hours after it was struck by a minivan. The vehicle received extensive damage and the occupants were unharmed. CO Brett DeLonge arrived to assist loading the approximately 800 pound animal onto a trailer where it was turned over to local biologist for examination. The animal was then taken to a local meat processor where the meat will be salvaged and then donated to a needy organization.

CO Dave Miller was sitting on a creek on posted private property when three individuals appeared on the stream with spears. Enforcement action was taken for possession of prohibited devices on a trout stream.

COs David Miller and Kyle McQueer responded to a 911 call of a 26-year old woman who slid down a cliff and was holding onto tree roots over Lake Superior. The COs located the woman then utilized a tow strap tied to a tree to rescue her. With CO Miller lifting from below the woman, and CO McQueer, MSP, and KBIC Tribal Police pulling on the strap, they were able to lift her up and out of harm's way.

CO Brett DeLonge responded to another road killed bull moose on the Marquette and Baraga County lines. The animal had been killed earlier this year and was just becoming visible as the snow and ice melted in the ditch. The head of the animal was retrieved for biological purposes.

CO Ethen Mapes checked a group of anglers dipping for smelt in Ontonagon. The group was struggling so CO Mapes suggested that they dip at a better spot. The next night CO Mapes checked the group at the better spot and found that the three individuals were over their limit of two gallons per person. When CO Mapes looked in the back of their truck, he found grocery bags, a backpack and a rain coat made into a bag, full of smelt. CO Mapes asked if there were any more smelt in the truck and one individual pointed to the tool box where CO Mapes found a pair of hip boots and another grocery bag full of smelt. One of the individuals had sacrificed his hip boots to hide smelt in and continued to dip in the 43-degree water. In all the group was estimated to be over their limit by 15 gallons. Law enforcement action was taken for taking an over limit of smelt.

CO Ethen Mapes responded to an ORV accident north of Ontonagon. The individual was on a memorial ride when he lost control of his four-wheeler and ended up face down in a deep puddle. The subject left the scene before the ambulance arrived and checked himself into the emergency room. An investigation is ongoing with the Michigan State Police.

COs Ethen Mapes, Brian Lasanen, Douglas Hermanson and Sgt. Grant Emery made up the security detail for Wildlife Division's public meeting on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Houghton.

COs Brian Lasanen and Ethen Mapes worked smelters at a local creek with the land owner having trouble with recreation trespass. Contact was made with a few smelters and after a brief discussion about recreation trespassing laws the smelters were given warnings.

COs Shannon Kritz, Jared Ferguson, Jeff Dell, and Jeremy Sergey attended a DNR CWD meeting at Bay College in Iron Mountain.

CO Shannon Kritz was first on scene to a barn that was fully engulfed in flames. CO Kritz confirmed that noone was trapped inside the barn. The family had been burning some grass when they went into the house and the fire escaped to the barn. The fire department arrived and successfully extinguished the fire.

CO Shannon Kritz taught the law portion of a hunter safety course in Iron River. The class was attended by more than 30 students.

CO Shannon Kritz patrolled the Wisconsin boundary water trout opener with Wisconsin Warden Kelly Crotty. They also used this opportunity to follow up on complaints from the previous bear season involving both states.

CO Jared Ferguson attended a hunter's safety course at the Sagola Sportsmen's Club. CO Jared Ferguson patrolled area streams on the opener of trout season. Due to high water levels and poor road conditions, activity was low.

CO Jared Ferguson was traveling on a state highway when he observed an ORV and a UTV operating in the roadway. Further investigation found that one of the drivers did not have a valid license. The other operator was operating without a seatbelt. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson patrolled the Felch Grade ORV Trail in attempt to address prior complaints of excessive speed. Several warnings were given for failure to yield and riding double.

CO Jeffrey Dell and CO Jeremy Sergey were patrolling the Menominee River when they observed two individuals come up from underneath a train bridge. Each subject had a walleye and fishing rod. The COs went down towards the bank and observed the two individuals pause a short distance away and discuss something for some time. One individual then took possession of his partner's walleye and fishing rod while the other headed back towards the bridge. CO Dell went underneath the bridge where he observed two more walleyes flopping on the ground. COs Dell and Sergey then contacted the individuals who claimed they were returning to retrieve some lost pliers. The individuals could not explain why they were searching for pliers with their light turned off, both claimed multiple people had passed through the area in the last ten minutes and that they had no idea the fish were there. The COs explained that no one had been in the area but them for over half an hour. All the fish were seized, and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeffrey Dell and Sgt. Marc Pomroy patrolled the Menominee River for illegal fishing activity. Several fishermen were observed releasing walleye that were foul hooked. CO Jeffrey Dell and Jeremy Sergey checked a fisherman with an expired license. The man stated he thought the license was good for one year from when he purchased it. The COs pointed out that the expiration date was printed on the license. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Bobby Watson conducted multiple patrols for late night fish runs. Contacts were made and some warnings were given for various violations.

CO Michael Evink received information that someone had been spearing walleye in the Manistique River late at night. CO Evink conducted a foot patrol of the area and watched during the reported time frame. Late into the surveillance he observed two individuals in the water with lights. One individual was clearly attempting to spear fish. This activity went on for over an hour. As the individuals left CO Evink identified himself and ordered the driver of the vehicle to stop, he did not. CO Evink was able to identify

the driver, and with the help of Manistique Public Safety locate the vehicle and driver. Charges are being sought in connection with the incident.

CO Michael Evink assisted with a local hunter's safety class in Manistique and assisted with the adjoining field day.

COs Calvin Smith and Mark Zitnik attended a career fair for the Alger County Parks and Recreation. Students from Munising High School, Superior Central High School, and Grand Marais Schools attended the career fair.

Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon, COs Rob Freeborn, and Mark Zitnik attended an Alger County ORV meeting to discuss local ordinances and trail updates for people operating ORVs in Alger County and surrounding areas.

COs Bob Watson and CO Mark Zitnik patrolled opening day of trout season on their snowmobiles. The COs rode over 80 miles on their snowmobiles checking their local trout ponds/creeks with little activity due to the 16 inches of snow still on the ground, making it difficult to fish.

Forest Service Officer Dave Tembruell and CO Mark Zitnik worked a late-night patrol checking smelt fishermen.

CO Chris Lynch received a complaint of a subject that failed to prevent the spread of a fire. CO Lynch responded to the complaint area and contacted the subject. The subject was found to be burning without a permit, failed to prevent the spread of a fire, burned prohibited materials, and was using an improper burn barrel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Lynch successfully served a 3-count warrant on a subject without incident. The warrant was for a bear hunter who shot an over limit of bear, hunted bear without a license, and used a kill tag of another.

CO Tom Oberg was on patrol when he received a call from central dispatch regarding an injured bald eagle. CO Oberg drove to the location and found the eagle on the side of the road where it was observed to have an injured wing and was unable to fly. CO Oberg was able to get close enough and secure the eagle with a blanket. The eagle was brought to a rehabber in Sault Ste. Marie where it received treatment until healed and able to fly.

CO Tom Oberg and a Mackinac County Sheriff's Deputy checked fishermen on the pier in Hessel. Before making contact, CO Oberg from a distance used his binoculars to see who had a pole in their hand and was fishing. When the officers made contact, CO Oberg asked an individual if he was having any luck? The subject stated that he was not fishing, however, quickly confessed when CO Oberg explained to him that the officers watched from a distance and saw that he had a pole in his hand and was casting and reeling. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Colton Gelinus was on patrol in Mackinac County when he came across an abandoned vehicle. CO Gelinus followed the footprints for several miles before contacting two individuals who stated their vehicle had broken down. CO Gelinus assisted the individuals in contacting a wrecker and removing their vehicle from state land.

COs Tom Oberg, Colton Gelinus, Sgt. Jerry Fitzgibbon, and acting Sgt. Calvin Smith attended a public meeting at Newberry High School for CWD. The public was informed/educated on CWD, as well as answering questions.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Erratt received a nuisance bear complaint in the Boyne Falls area. A man let his beagle out on a cable at 4:30 a.m. and returned a few minutes later to bring him in. The man observed a bear running up his driveway. When his beagle barked at the bear it circled around and swatted at the dog as the owner frantically tried to pull him in only to have the lead get tangled. The dog owner kicked the bear while trying to untangle his dog. When the bear came back and bit the dog, the owner punched the bear in the nose and it retreated enough for him to shut the door. CO Erratt advised the homeowner to remove all his bird feeders, clean up all the sunflower seed husks, spread some moth balls, and stop feeding corn to the deer and turkeys in the backyard. The beagle received several stitches in its side and rear end.

CO Andrea Erratt pulled into a gas station where a man asked her if Deer Creek was opened for fishing yet. When CO Erratt responded, "No, not until Saturday", the man said, "I thought so" and then he told her he just saw two guys running down to the creek with fishing rods. CO Erratt patrolled to Deer Creek and talked to a man sitting in his truck. He said his two 16-year-old friends were fishing. When they came up from the creek carrying fishing rods, both lied about their ages and dates of birth and then one claimed his dad had bought him a fishing license a couple of days ago. CO Erratt talked to the dad who said he had not bought his son a license, but he had told him to go buy one before they went fishing last weekend. The 17 and 19-year-olds stated they lied about their ages because they were worried about getting arrested. CO Erratt advised them that furnishing false information to a police officer was a more serious charge than fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt received a text complaint about two fishermen spearing and netting fish at Medusa Creek. While driving to Medusa Creek, CO Erratt observed the suspect truck pull over and stop on the side of the road. The driver said he and his buddy had been spearing and netting suckers, which is legal on Medusa Creek, except he did not have a fishing license. He had a bucket of suckers and an uncased rifle and bow in his truck. A ticket was issued for fishing without a license.

CO Andrea Erratt checked several fishermen on the Boyne River. One fishermen had two brown trout in his creel that were both under the legal-size limit. He said he had

been warned last year for the same offense. He was ticketed for catching and keeping an undersized brown trout.

CO Andrea Erratt observed a black column of smoke coming from behind a house. As she drove in the driveway, the homeowner came out and said he was burning brush and stuff. CO Erratt asked him if he had called for a permit and if she could check out the fire. He said he did not know he needed to call the DNR for a burn permit. CO Erratt checked the pile which consisted of months of trash, diapers, a tow strap, and lawn furniture. CO Erratt explained she did not observe anything in the pile that was legal to burn. Law enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt observed an ORV traveling down the middle of a road. CO Erratt clocked him traveling over 50 MPH. She initiated a traffic stop and the ORV operator traveled over a mile before he finally looked over his shoulder and pulled over. The ORV operator who had a very loud exhaust with no spark arrestor stated he did not hear her siren until right before he pulled over. He stated he would not have been driving like a maniac if he knew she was behind him. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Andrea Erratt contacted central dispatch just as they were paging out a brush fire near East Jordan. CO Erratt patrolled to the fire and observed the grass fire slowly creeping toward a neighbor's house. CO Erratt followed a lady into the driveway and asked if she had a hose. The woman gave CO Erratt two hoses and said she would have her husband turn on the outside water. CO Erratt helped hook up the hoses and assisted the East Jordan Fire Department as they extinguished the fire. CO Erratt talked to the neighbor who said he had been burning grass on property he did not own next to his house when he went inside for about 15 minutes to have lunch. He stated a neighbor knocked on his door telling him his fire had spread. He had not called for a burn permit and CO Erratt explained that permits were not being issued due to the high fire danger. He was ticketed for failing to take precautions to prevent the spread of fire and warned about burning without a permit.

CO Andrea Erratt made a presentation to 5th and 6th graders from Atlanta who were staying at Camp Daggett about DNR laws and how conservation officers protect our natural resources and catch poachers. CO Erratt displayed deer antlers and pelts from past cases explaining why she has them and not the illegal hunters.

CO Duane Budreau attended a hunter safety field day at Harbor Springs Outdoor Club. CO Budreau talked with over 40 students and parents regarding the rules regulating safe hunting practices as well as ethics and fair chase laws.

COs Nathan Sink and Kyle Cherry worked an undercover fish patrol in Cheboygan County. No issues were discovered.

CO Nathan Sink attended E Free Church to teach a class on how night vision works and how conservation officers utilize equipment.

COs Eric Bottorff and Tim Rosochacki presented law enforcement support for proposed DNR fishing regulation changes at the NE Michigan Fisheries advisory council meeting in Indian River.

COs Tim Rosochacki, Kyle Cherry and Nate Sink assisted the Michigan State Police and the Otsego County Sheriff's Department with a barricaded gunman. The officers helped to set up a perimeter around the residence as well as ensure the safety of the public. The COs remained on scene until the MSP Emergency Services team arrived to relieve the officers.

CO Tim Rosochacki was first on the scene to an EMS call in Cheboygan County where an individual was cutting down a large tree when it fell in an unexpected direction. The tree fell across both legs of the individual, severely breaking at least one leg. CO Rosochacki provided first aid to the individual and assisted EMS upon their arrival.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to several wildfires in Cheboygan County during a period of exceptionally dry weather when burn permits were not being issued. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Tim Rosochacki presented at the Alanson Public School's career day. COs Tim Rosochacki and Kyle Cherry assisted with hunter's safety at the Northland Sportsman Club. Over 60 kids were in attendance.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tim Rosochacki responded alongside Michigan State Police and Tuscarora Township Fire Department to a residential fire. Upon arrival, the house was fully engulfed in flames. The COs assisted the fire department with setting up a perimeter. The fire remains under investigation.

Sgt. Mark DePew and CO Kyle Cherry were on patrol in Otsego County when they observed an ORV travel by them at a high rate of speed. In addition, neither of the occupants were wearing helmets. A traffic stop was made on the ORV. Further investigation revealed the operator was intoxicated. The operator was arrested and lodged in Otsego County Jail for operating while intoxicated.

Sgt. Mark DePew was patrolling Otsego Lake and contacted several anglers who were utilizing the last ice on the lake for fishing opportunities. Upon contact with two anglers, they were found to be in possession of two over-limits of pike along with keeping several undersize pike. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mark DePew was working turkey enforcement in an area of Otsego County where turkey poaching has occurred in the past. The sergeant observed a vehicle driving in a suspicious manner and a traffic stop was made. Upon contact with the operator, they were not turkey hunting; however, he did not have a valid license to drive. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster and Probationary Conservation Officer (PCO) Charles Jones were patrolling near Lewiston in Montmorency County. The officers observed two side-by-sides at the car wash. Neither of the ORVs had ORV stickers. The officers contacted the operators and discussed the law. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones received a complaint of walleye carcasses dumped at the south boat launch of Hubbard Lake in Alcona County. The COs observed 10 walleye on the ground with some trash. The investigation is continuing.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones observed a resident of Alpena County feeding deer in their back yard on Facebook. PCO Jones went to the residence to interview the subject. The resident still had feed in the back yard. PCO Jones educated the resident on the importance of not feeding and baiting in a closed county. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Webster and PCO Charles Jones received information from another CO that anglers were taking over-limits of walleye on Black Lake in Presque Isle County. The COs conducted a patrol and observed an angler catch and keep seven walleye. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Adam LeClerc and PCO Charles Jones presented to Alpena Community College biology class on the job functions of a conservation officer, the academy, and the route each CO took to obtain their career. The COs answered many questions from the class.

CO Adam LeClerc responded to a complaint of two turkeys shot from the road in Presque Isle County. Two dead turkeys were in the field; one bearded tom and one hen. An eye witness description of the vehicle, occupants, and direction of travel were obtained. The birds were left in the field hoping the violator would return to the scene which they did not. A field necropsy of the birds was completed, and more evidence was recovered. Additional information has led to a subject and a warrant has been requested thru the prosecutor's office.

CO Adam LeClerc was responding to a turkey hunting trespass complaint in Alpena County when the suspect's vehicle drove in front of him in an intersection. A vehicle stop was conducted on the vehicle and the occupants identified. The subjects remained adamant they were not trespassing and never left the road. After interviewing the subjects, running files, and checking the vehicle for other evidence CO LeClerc advised the occupants that if the evidence proved they were trespassing charges would be filed with the county prosecutor for recreational trespass. CO LeClerc then went to the area in question and interviewed the complainant. The subjects had never entered the complainant's property but did leave the roadway and entered a neighboring private property they did not have permission to hunt on. The landowner allows a friend to hunt, and this was a relative of that friend. After consideration from the landowner, and an apology from the suspects in person, no charges were filed by the landowner.

CO Jonathan Sklba contacted a side-by-side that was operating down a state highway in Presque Isle County. When stopped, the driver stated that he was just running to the bar to buy some beer as he was out. Thankfully, the subject had not started drinking yet. The subject also stated that he didn't have his ORV decals. The subject stated he knew that he needed them, but since it was a nice day out he decided to risk it. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Paul Fox, Jon Sklba, and Adam Leclerc conducted a group patrol on Black Lake in Presque Isle County. Various vantage points were taken up with surveillance and ran for several hours. Late into the night, the COs observed a couple people fish the Rainy River which is closed due to walleye spawning. Contact was made, the walleye was seized, and enforcement action taken for fishing in a closed stream.

COs Paul Fox and Bill Webster conducted a patrol on Black Lake in Presque Isle County. The fishing was very active and a nearby boat was catching several walleye. So much so, that it was evident they caught more than their limit. The anglers did not know they were fishing right next to a couple of COs. The COs identified themselves and asked to check the successful angler's fish. Both anglers were over their limit with 17 fish. Tickets were issued for taking an over-limit of walleye.

DISTRICT 4

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson attended a hunter safety class at the Carl T. Johnson Center. The COs spoke to approximately 40 students and parents about the importance of laws and safety regarding hunting regulations.

CO Rebecca Hubers and PCO Jennifer Hanson responded to a wildfire on the west side of Cadillac. The COs were tasked with investigating the origin of the fire. This investigation is ongoing.

PCO Jennifer Hanson was returning from court in Jackson County when she was requested by Clinton County Sheriff's Department to assist with traffic control at a fatal crash on US-127.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO James Garrett were checking perch fishermen in Northport with numerous fishermen having nice catches of perch. Some of the violations addressed were expired marine registrations, lack of personal floatation devices (PFDs) and fishing without current fishing licenses.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO James Garrett were on routine patrol when a call from Leelanau County central dispatch indicated there had been a domestic violence situation on National Park Service property near Glen Arbor. The COs contacted the female half, obtained statements, and were joined by a Michigan State Police trooper on scene. The COs were able to locate and contact the subject and learned that he had two outstanding warrants out for his arrest. The subject was taken into custody and turned over to MSP for lodging at the Leelanau County jail.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO James Garrett were on routine patrol down on public land near Maple City, when they observed a vehicle slowly driving in their direction. When PCO Garrett contacted the three occupants of the vehicle, he noticed an unzipped firearm case in the backseat where one of the individuals was sitting. The group indicated they were hunting turkey earlier that morning. After checking hunting licenses, PCO Garrett checked the firearm inside the open case, which ended up being loaded. The owner of the firearm was also the driver of the vehicle, who didn't possess a driver's license at all. Enforcement action was taken.

CO William Kinney closed several investigations of illegal tree stands found throughout Wexford County. CO Kinney conducted several interviews for tree stands that had not been removed prior to March 1st. During one interview, the hunter admitted to leaving his tree stand up for the past several years. Several citations were issued during these investigations for various state land violations found.

CO Richard Stowe, PCO Jennifer Hanson, Sergeant Dan Bigger and Corporal Sean Kehoe worked perch fishermen in Leelanau County. One subject was found to be fishing without a license and an over-limit of perch was found in the same vessel. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Brosky was working an area of Mason County that has had problems with ORV trespassing and illegal operation. CO Brosky reached an intersection and noted several vehicles parked in the roadway, blocking traffic, and one pickup truck that was stuck in a mud hole. When questioned about the operation, the driver said he just happened to get stuck in a deep mud hole. CO Brosky noted an open beer in the driver's console and two open beers in the rear passenger console. The driver admitted to driving around with open intoxicants and he was cited for the offense.

CO Ryan Andrews assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department and several area fire departments in a search for an elderly man with advanced dementia. The man had left his property on an ORV and CO Andrews followed the ORV tracks on foot for approximately a mile through the woods until the tracks made it to an ORV trail. At that point, CO Andrews and the Irons Fire Department chief then followed the tracks in the COs patrol truck for about ten miles. After actively searching for several hours, and the man missing for over five hours, he was finally located three counties away in Leelanau County.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis conducted a marine patrol on Lake Michigan between Ludington and Pentwater. While checking anglers, they came across a familiar fishing boat they had issued a ticket to the day before for fishing too many lines. Contact was made and again the subject was fishing with too many lines. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis were patrolling the boardwalk in Pentwater checking anglers. They contacted an angler who became very nervous, stating his mother was supposed to buy him a fishing license. After checking through the retail

sales system, they confirmed that the 21-year old did not have a current fishing license, nor had he ever bought a fishing license in his life. The angler was given a citation for fishing without a license.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis were patrolling Lake County for ORVs when they saw a vehicle operating with a cracked windshield. The COs conducted a traffic stop and while walking up to make contact, the COs noticed the passengers moving around in the cab as if they were trying to hide items. Upon further investigation, one of the passengers had hidden an open 16 ounce can of Busch Light and another was in possession of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken for the possession of marijuana and open intoxicants.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis responded to an ORV accident in Lake County where the victim hit a recently cut tree stump with his ATV. The rider was thrown off the ATV and hit several other tree stumps. When the COs arrived, the male subject was awake and alert but had lost consciousness on impact had compound fractures in his arm and severe lacerations on his legs and face. Along with the Lake County deputies, the COs provided medical attention and helped the ambulance crew with preparing the subject for transport. The subject was flown to the hospital for treatment.

While patrolling Mason County, CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Jessica Curtis observed an ORV driving on the side of the road with an expired ORV registration displayed. After conducting a stop, CO Publiski located marijuana in a soft cooler strapped to the back of his ORV and found the operator was intoxicated. The COs performed field sobriety tests on the subject and determined he was operating while intoxicated and lodged him for ORV OWI and possession of marijuana in the Mason County Jail.

CO Josiah Killingbeck and a Lake County Sheriff's deputy were first on scene of an ORV crash where a juvenile was operating too fast and failed to negotiate a curve. The operator lost control and struck several trees and was ejected from his ORV. CO Killingbeck provided first aid and communicated with the responding EMS crews to get a helicopter started for the juvenile due the severity of the injuries. CO Killingbeck assisted EMS with getting the patient out of the woods and to the landing zone where the victim was flown to a downstate trauma center.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol in Lake County in an area known for heavy turkey hunting, observed a truck go by with an expired license plate displayed. CO Killingbeck stopped the vehicle and discovered an uncased shotgun laying in the passenger seat. The driver told CO Killingbeck that he was going turkey hunting but had forgotten his case. CO Killingbeck explained regulations pertaining to weapons in motor vehicles to the turkey hunter and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol in Lake County when he stopped to check two turkey hunters who had just pulled off the roadway. CO Killingbeck asked if they had been successful and checked hunting licenses. CO Killingbeck also asked the hunters if their guns were unloaded. One hunter told CO Killingbeck that he was not sure if his

gun was unloaded or not. CO Killingbeck discovered the shotgun was lying on an open case, loaded. Regulations were explained to the subjects about possessing a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint of a subject self-reporting that he had shot two turkeys. CO Killingbeck responded to the location given and made contact with the hunter. CO Killingbeck found out the subject was turkey hunting and had called in numerous birds. The hunter had decided on a tom to shoot but a jake was standing nearby when he shot, and the hunter killed both turkeys. The hunter admitted to CO Killingbeck that he should not have taken the shot since the turkeys were standing so close together. The subject was educated on turkey hunting regulations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck received a tip that several subjects were spearing fish in a branch of the Pere Marquette River in eastern Lake County. CO Killingbeck contacted CO Ryan Andrews and found out that CO Andrews was closer and would check the area. CO Andrews soon located a vehicle crashed into some trees that advised they had been ran off the road by a vehicle matching the description of the suspect vehicle. A short time later, the suspect vehicle returned to the scene and CO Andrews and CO Killingbeck made contact with the occupants. The COs observed several spears inside the car and obtained consent to search the vehicle, locating three steelhead in the trunk with spear marks. The COs interviewed all of the subjects who confessed to spearing the fish on a designated trout stream. CO Killingbeck also discovered a heavy lead fishing device with large treble hooks permanently attached. The illegal gear and fish were seized. Reports are being sent to the prosecutor's office for charges.

CO Scott MacNeill observed heavy boat traffic on the Manistee River near the downtown area around dark. CO MacNeill observed several whose navigation lights were in disrepair. CO MacNeill made contact with those anglers and enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Shively was checking vessels on Silver Lake in Oceana County when he observed a vessel in the lake with an expired registration. CO Shively attempted to make contact with the vessel from shore, but every time the vessel saw CO Shively it would quickly leave to the other end of the lake. After thirty minutes of attempting to contact the vessel, the vessel quickly ran to the other end of the lake and ran up a channel to a residence. CO Shively made contact with the vessel operator who stated he was trying to avoid CO Shively because he knew his vessel was expired. The subject was cited for expired marine registration and no lifejackets.

CO Casey Varriale was on ORV patrol north of Ewart in Osceola County where he witnessed an ORV driving in an unsafe manner on the road. A traffic stop was conducted and a driver's license check revealed the driver did not have a valid driver's license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Casey Varriale was on ORV patrol near Consumer's Power land in Mecosta County where he witnessed an individual operating an ORV without a helmet. A traffic stop was conducted and a further inspection revealed that the ORV did not have proper decals. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells and PCO Tyler Sabuda were patrolling for turkey hunters when the COs observed a truck parked on the side of the road. The COs checked the vehicle and saw evidence of hunting activity. The COs tracked the hunter for a distance before observing some turkeys ahead of them on the trail. The COs waited for the turkeys to move on when they heard a gunshot close by. The COs waited for the hunter to come to them. They then followed the hunter to the location of the turkey. At the location, the COs determined the turkey had been taken over bait and was untagged. Enforcement action was taken.

While out on patrol, CO Mike Wells and PCO Tyler Sabuda located a vehicle parked on the side of the road. The COs determined the registered owner of the vehicle did not have a turkey license and noticed an empty gun case in the vehicle. The COs located the hunter and determined he was hunting without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells, CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Tyler Sabuda investigated many fires with the dry conditions. The COs obtained multiple confessions and closed many of the fire cases.

CO Jeff Ginn and PCO Tyler Sabuda received a complaint of an angry beaver in a yard without any water nearby. The COs located the beaver and captured it by utilizing a plastic tub as the beaver charged them. The COs relocated the beaver to an area known to support them.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze responded to a residence in Kalkaska County to investigate an illegal burning complaint. The investigation determined the suspect was burning unlawful material and was ordered to extinguish the fire. Upon checking LEIN, a warrant was discovered out of Macomb County for the suspect's arrest. He was arrested and lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

While patrolling Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Micah Hintze located a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a locked gate. The private property was both posted and gated with a designated trout stream also running through the parcel. After determining the vehicle was registered to a downstate subject with several prior DNR related violations, surveillance was set up and the area was checked. Subsequently, two individuals were found trespassing on the private property in order to access the stream. They were issued citations for trespass and ordered off the property.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin were patrolling the Manistee River in Crawford County when they observed an individual making his way from the river to his vehicle. The two COs contacted the individual who stated he had three brown trout. The angler had cut the heads off the fish, making them impossible to measure. Upon further investigation, the individual had an expired driver's license and did not have a valid registration for his vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin responded to a report of heavy smoke in Frederic Township. Further investigation found a local business was burning building materials, treated wood, and metal. The individual was also burning on a no burn day. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO Stephen Butzin responded to a reported grass fire in Beaver Creek Township. Upon arrival, they observed the fire had approximately 15-foot-tall flames and was traveling rapidly. The COs assisted in directing DNR fire personnel along with local fire departments to the scene. The fire burned right across I-75 forcing traffic to be shut down. The fire was able to be suppressed and the COs began to search for the point of origin when they were dispatched to another fire in Wexford County. CO Huspen, PCO Butzin, Sgt. Brian Olsen, CO Josh Wright and CO Craig Neil all diverted to Wexford County to assist. The COs staged at strategic locations in front of the fire in case an evacuation order was given. The fire was able to be suppressed before an evacuation was necessary.

Following up on a state land littering complaint in northwest Missaukee County, CO Matt Liestenfeltz was able to track two suspects back to the Lake City area. One suspect confessed to having dumped the litter on state land prior to moving into a new residence. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz contacted an angler on a remote section of a trout stream leading to the Manistee River in Missaukee County. CO Liestenfeltz surprised the man and found he was using two poles to fish. While trying to check a fishing license, the angler explained he was just on his way to buy one. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman were on patrol in Roscommon County when they observed several anglers at the West Shore Houghton Lake Public Access. While pulling into the launch, CO McPherson observed an individual returning from the back of a pick-up truck with an empty bucket as the pick-up truck drove away. Upon contacting the individual, he stated he hadn't caught any fish all day. After speaking with other anglers, the COs found that to be untrue and the individual had placed a bucket of fish into the pick-up truck just before the COs arrived. The COs went to look for the pick-up truck that had left while CO Craig Neil responded to the access site to keep an eye on the angler. CO McPherson and PCO Wellman were able locate the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Upon contacting the driver, consent was given to look in the back of the truck where 36 panfish were found in a bucket. The driver stated the angler had called her and asked her to come pick up his fish for him, so he could keep fishing. The COs seized the fish and headed back towards the access

site where CO Neil was still observing the man catching panfish. Upon arrival, the subject was interviewed and was reluctant to admit to what he had done. After a short while, he confessed. The angler had caught an additional 15 fish bringing his total for that day to 51 panfish. The extra fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman responded to a trespassing complaint on opening day of trout season in Roscommon County. Upon arrival, PCO Wellman walked into the property and observed the angler for several minutes before making contact. After speaking with the subject about recreational trespass laws, the COs checked his fish. The man was in possession of an undersized rainbow trout. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman conducted a marine safety check of a boat just finishing a trip on Houghton Lake in Roscommon County. Upon speaking with the angler and checking out his catch, a smallmouth bass was located. The subject stated he had no idea that it wasn't bass season. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman were checking anglers in Roscommon County when a resident stopped PCO Wellman and advised that he just saw a fisherman in his yard kick fish back into the water. Upon contact, the fisherman couldn't find his fishing license. PCO Wellman received his identification and ran the subject to see if he had a valid license. The man had five outstanding warrants for his arrest and no current fishing license. The subject later admitted to attempting to purchase the license while the COs were walking over. Enforcement action taken.

COs Craig Neal and Ethan Gainforth responded to a fire in Lake Township, Missaukee County. The COs questioned the owner on how the fire started. The owner stated that he had a small fire going, burning some wood and brush when it got away from him. CO Gainforth explained there was a burn ban which excludes all outdoor burning of brush and debris. A citation was issued to the man for failure to prevent a fire from spreading.

While patrolling Hubbard Lake after dark in Alcona County, on the evening before walleye season opened, CO Jeff Panich and PCO Josh Boudreaux observed a suspicious boat. The vessel motored past them completely "blacked out" in violation of the law. Shortly after passing the COs, the individuals on the boat began shining spotlights into the shallow waters near shore. The COs launched a kayak into the lake, and concealed by darkness, PCO Boudreaux slowly paddled towards the anglers. After actively fishing for a bit, the anglers started up their motor and unknowingly began driving their vessel right towards PCO Boudreaux's kayak. As they approached the kayak, PCO Boudreaux illuminated the vessel with his flashlight and announced, "Conservation Officer." The two young men nearly jumped out of their boat. Knowing they'd been caught, they followed PCO Boudreaux to shore where CO Panich was waiting. The individuals were educated on the navigation light requirements and questioned about a spear they possessed in their boat. When asked why they couldn't wait the couple hours to fish for walleye until the season opened, they replied, "we just couldn't wait." Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich and PCO Josh Boudreaux received a complaint of an individual who had been hunting wild turkeys over bait in Alcona County. The COs investigated the scene where they discovered a salt block and a large quantity of corn spread across the ground in front of a hunting blind. Behind the blind, they found two fresh turkey carcasses cleaned in nearly identical fashion. The COs contacted the suspect, who initially stated he "did everything legal." After poking multiple holes in the man's story, the COs obtained a confession revealing that he may not have "done everything legal". Enforcement action was taken for taking a turkey over bait and taking an over limit of turkey.

CO Jeff Panich and PCO Josh Boudreaux received a phone call regarding individuals snagging steelhead on Mill Creek in Harrisville, Alcona County. The COs responded to the City of Harrisville and PCO Boudreaux, who was not in uniform, but closest in age to the anglers fishing, contacted the group and tried to blend in. Within minutes, the anglers were sharing tricks of the trade and showing PCO Boudreaux the ropes on how to snag a fish as well as the best method to catch steelhead by hand without losing your grip on them. After observing multiple violations, PCO Boudreaux said his goodbyes and removed himself from the area. CO Panich and PCO Boudreaux contacted the anglers a short time later and enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Warner and PCO Keven Luther worked a late night/early morning shift in Iosco County which ended with the COs responding to a vehicle in a ditch complaint. As they were traveling to the scene of the accident, central dispatch informed them the driver was picked up by an SUV and fled the scene. Once the COs were on scene, they could see the taillights of a vehicle in the distance. They conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle, which led to the arrest of the driver of the vehicle in the ditch for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

CO Brad Bellville received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint in Ogemaw County of a turkey shot from a motor vehicle. A detailed description of the suspect vehicle and license plate was given. CO Bellville met the complainant at the scene, and with assistance from CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Nick Wellman, evidence was collected, and photographs were taken. The COs were also able to obtain a phone number for the suspects. CO Bellville contacted them via phone and arranged to meet them in person. CO Bellville and Sgt. Bobbi Lively conducted interviews of the two individuals that occupied the vehicle at the time of the complaint. The hunters confessed to shooting a tom turkey out the window of their truck. Charges are being requested through the Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office.

CO Kyle Bader responded to a report of a subject who had built a fire near a road in the Rifle River Recreation Area in Ogemaw County during an extreme fire danger day. When the complainant confronted the subject about the fire, he was rude and told her to call the police. When she returned, the man and fire were gone. With help from a local volunteer fire fighter, CO Bader located the fire location. It was directly under a large dead conifer tree with many low hanging branches. CO Bader located the suspect in Rose City and obtained a confession. The man stated his car had run out of gas and

he built the fire so the person bringing him gas would be able to find him easier. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Phil Hudson and PCO Justin Vinson attended a kid's fishing tournament in Au Gres and spoke to over one hundred kids. The COs also answered numerous fishing and hunting questions posed by the adults that were in attendance.

COs Joshua Wright and Ethan Gainforth responded to several complaints of illegal burning activity. A few of those illegal burns resulted in small wild fires. In a few cases, enforcement action was taken for burning without a permit and for allowing a fire to escape. Both COs Wright and Gainforth also spent time educating folks on the dangers of burning during dry conditions.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Justin Vinson checked the Edenville Dam in Gladwin County for fishing activity. While checking a group of anglers and their creel, PCO Vinson located a largemouth bass concealed within their cooler. Ironically, it was hidden next to a 2018 Fishing Guide. The fish was seized and a citation was issued for possession of a bass during the closed season.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Justin Vinson followed up on a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint of possible trespass and illegal turkey baiting in Arenac County. The COs located a vehicle parked in the area just after daylight and checked the area. They located two subjects hunting turkeys over bait. The hunters tried to claim they had placed the sunflower seeds and millet seed out for the deer. The turkey hunting regulations were explained as well as a discussion about property lines. A citation was issued for hunting turkey over bait.

CO Steve Lockwood and PCO Justin Vinson patrolled the Rifle River in Arenac County to assist CO Phil Hudson with spawning walleye. CO Lockwood worked surveillance on the river and kept good notes on anglers and how many walleye they were keeping. Later in the afternoon, CO Lockwood observed one of the same subjects from the morning return to do some more fishing with a buddy. Due to the careful notes taken, CO Lockwood was able to identify the angler as having already taken his limit of walleye for the day. Then the COs observed the angler catch additional fish. When confronted, the angler confessed to taking an over-limit of walleye. Citations were issued for taking an over-limit of walleye and fishing without a license.

CO Mark Papineau was dispatched to an ATV on fire near the Gladwin Scramble Area. Upon arrival on scene, CO Papineau observed the remains of a burned Can Am ORV. CO Papineau was advised by the operator and witnesses that they had been driving the ATVs for approximately three hours when the one unit backfired and burst into flames. No one was hurt in the fire; however, the ORV was a complete loss.

DISTRICT 6

CO John Byars observed a family of anglers at the Alma Dam. When the anglers noticed the CO, they quickly packed up and left the area. CO Byars intercepted the family as they headed to their vehicle and discovered that none of the adults who were fishing had a fishing license. It was also discovered that one angler also had a traffic warrant. CO Byars issued one citation for fishing without a license and verbal warnings to the rest. The children were educated on the importance and reasons for purchasing a fishing license.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara responded to a two-car accident at M-66 and Stanton Rd. The accident involved a single occupant and family of four (two adults, two children). The COs assisted a Montcalm County deputy on scene by interviewing the driver of the single occupant vehicle. The driver admitted to being under the influence of many unknown narcotics and failing to yield, causing the accident. No serious injuries were reported, however, one child and the driver who caused the accident were transported to the hospital for further medical review.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara observed an ORV traveling down the middle of the road. A traffic stop was conducted. Upon contact, the driver admitted to not having the proper ORV license required. A citation was issued for failing to obtain an ORV license and a warning given for failure to operate to the extreme right on the shoulder of the road. A couple miles down the road, a second ORV was observed, and again, found to not have the proper ORV license required. A second citation was issued for failing to obtain an ORV license.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara were patrolling for anglers along Horseshoe Lake when they observed an angler preparing to fish along one of the lake's channels. The angler was observed dipping his bucket in the water and throwing his first cast. Within minutes, the angler caught and kept three fish. The COs continued to observe the angler as he caught his 25 sunfish limit and then some. When the angler gathered his gear to leave, the COs made contact and found an over limit of bluegills and crappie. A citation was issued for an over limit of fish.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Katie Stawara responded to a complaint of multiple deer carcasses found along a back wooded lane of a farm field. During their investigation, the COs discovered two giant piles of deer remains estimated to be around 50 carcasses. The piles consisted of does, bucks, and fawns, all decomposed. The carcasses did not appear to have been butchered and antlers were in tack. Further investigation continues.

PCOs Katie Stawara, Adam Beuthin, and CO Quincey Gowenlock, worked together on a group marine patrol along the Shiawassee, Flint, Cass, and Tittabawassee Rivers during the pike & walleye opener. After receiving a tip from undercover conservation officers, the COs made contact with an angler who was observed smoking marijuana. A confession was obtained, and a citation was issued for the possession of marijuana. Throughout the day, the COs also wrote a citation for possession of a short pike and multiple unregistered watercrafts.

CO Will Brickel received a call from a DNR Wildlife Division employee about a vehicle that appeared to be stuck in one of the food plots on the Shiawassee River State Game Area with two individuals nearby. CO Brickel was off duty at the time but responded to get information from the suspect's vehicle. Upon arrival, the suspects had fled the scene. The suspects were then located on a walking trail about a mile down the road. CO Brickel attempted to make contact with the suspects, but they fled into the nearby game area. At this time, CO Joe Myers and PCO Adam Beuthin arrived and helped with the foot pursuit. PCO Beuthin located the subjects in the woods nearly a mile away. The vehicle that they were in was stolen and the two individuals are suspects in at least 30 vehicle break-ins in the Saginaw County area. The suspects were turned over to Chesaning Police Department.

CO Jason King contacted a subject that was fishing along the Saginaw River at Veterans Memorial Park in Bay County. CO King discovered that the subject did not have valid fishing license. A file check through Station 20 also showed that he had a valid misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Arenac County. A citation was issued for fishing without a license and CO King lodged the subject at the Bay County Jail upon Arenac County's request until pick up.

In Saginaw County, COs Jason King and Dan Robinson came in contact with a group of anglers fishing along the Saginaw River. CO King recognized one of the subjects due to the fact he had an open fishing complaint against him. The suspect was suspected of fishing without a license, fishing for walleye during the closed season, and using artificial bait in a restricted area. After interviewing the suspect on scene, a confession was obtained. A citation for fishing without a license was issued.

CO Bob Hobkirk and PCO Cody Smith patrolled Harbor Beach for the "Can to Can" Fishing Tournament. While at the event, COs were able to answer questions from the public regarding fishing and other sporting regulations. With close to 70 teams in the tournament, the anglers had success catching coho, steelhead, chinook, walleye, lake trout and a good-sized whitefish was also seen.

While wrapping up their patrol in Huron County, PCO Cody Smith observed black smoke in the distance. CO Bob Hobkirk and PCO Cody Smith made their way to the source of the smoke and noticed it was coming from a farm. Upon making contact, PCO Smith asked the individual what he was burning that was making all the smoke. The subject stated that they were burning the plastic covering from a new mattress. PCO Smith asked the individual if that little bit of plastic was really making all the smoke to which the resident replied, "I don't think there are any inner tubes in there". Upon inspection of the fire, multiple used oil filters were being burned along with at least one inner tube. The problem was discussed with the resident and a ticket for unlawful disposal of solid waste was issued.

CO Mark Siemen received information about two subjects in Tuscola County who had been killing multiple turkeys during the April spring turkey season. CO Siemen investigated the complaint and was able to find photos of one of the suspects in multiple

photos with different turkeys. During contact with the first suspect, CO Siemen checked a turkey that was not tagged. The suspect was asked to produce his tag and in which CO Siemen noticed the tag was not validated and affixed to a piece of string. CO Siemen then interviewed a second suspect at a different residence where a dead turkey that had been shot earlier in the day also had a tag that was not validated. CO Siemen spoke with the second suspect who admitted to killing two turkeys this year. He stated he got the first turkey on opening day and shot the second turkey earlier on the present day. CO Siemen collected all evidence and photos. Enforcement action was taken for the three illegally killed turkeys and charges are pending.

While on his day off, CO Mark Siemen received a call from Station 20 asking if he could respond to the Port Sanilac area and try to find an excavator driving in Lake Huron. CO Siemen responded to the area and located the excavator in the lake. The machine was submerged up to the cab and the operator was moving large rocks. CO Siemen had the subject stop and drive the machine back up on shore. The operator stated he was moving the large rocks for the property owner so that his jet skis would not hit them. CO Siemen took all the information and photos and forwarded it to DEQ.

CO Chad Foerster received a call from DNR personnel for assistance of a wildfire inside Tobico Marsh. A brush fire from a neighbor sparked the wildfire which burned approximately two acres of marsh before crews were able to extinguish it without incident. The resident who caused the fire was educated about burning during the dry conditions and enforcement action was taken. Restitution will be sought for damages/equipment usage by DNR Fire Personnel.

While on patrol for the walleye opener, CO Jill Miller had many contacts while checking anglers in Saginaw and Bay County. While investigating a complaint for a possible over limit of walleye, CO Miller contacted a subject who failed to register his boat after 15 days of purchasing it and issued him a citation for an expired boat registration.

CO Mike Haas responded to a burn complaint in northern Isabella County. A subject had been burning items in a burn barrel and did not have the proper grating on top of the barrel. After igniting the fire, the man went into his cabin and minutes went by before he noticed the woods behind the cabin had started on fire. The fire was spotted by a DNR plane a few minutes before the subject called 911. Local firefighters and members with the DNR fire team responded to the area and were able to contain the fire after it had burnt approximately 25 acres. Charges are pending to address the failure to prevent the spread of fire and using an improper burn barrel.

CO Mike Haas received a complaint that an angler was possibly trespassing on a small creek and fishing the stream during the closed season. CO Haas responded to the stream but was unable to locate the angler. After CO Haas spoke to the complainant and other residents along the stream, CO Haas believed he knew who the angler was. A short time later the angler returned to the stream to meet with CO Haas when he heard the CO was looking for him. The man admitted to fishing for trout in the closed

stream prior to season, but he had accessed the stream legally. The gentleman received a citation for fishing for trout on a closed stream.

In the town of Winn, residents were complaining of a home that was burning items and emitting bad smelling smoke. CO Mike Haas located a large bonfire behind a residence and spoke with the people sitting around the fire. A gentleman admitted to throwing numerous unapproved items onto the fire while cleaning his yard. CO Haas instructed the man to remove the large plastic containers, furniture, and metal scraps from the fire and issued him a ticket for the improper disposal of solid waste.

While on patrol in Isabella County, CO Dan Robinson stopped an individual on an ORV. The subject was driving down the middle of the road at a high rate of speed and was not wearing a helmet. CO Robinson stopped the subject, who admitted he knew right way why he was stopped. In addition to the ORV violations, the subject said that he had put corn out for the turkeys when CO Robinson asked him about the corn on footwells of the quad. He said that he planned to hunt turkeys tonight. After some radio work, CO Robinson realized the subject was new to turkey hunting as he had said. The subject was issued a citation for the helmet violation, and CO Robinson visited his camp to make sure that all the bait was cleaned up and told the subject that he would need to hunt a new location this season.

CO Dan Robinson was returning home from a patrol in Saginaw County when he saw dark smoke near the Midland/Isabella County line. Knowing there was a burn ban in place, CO Robinson located a pile of burning material near the road where there was one tire visible. CO Robinson advised the property owner that he could not burn on no-permit days, and that tires were not allowed to be burned anytime. CO Robinson initially told the subject to remove the tire from the fire and put it out. Several hours later, CO Robinson was called back out there by the local responding fire department; they advised that the fire was called in by a passer-by. Further investigation showed that there were at least five tires that were in the pile and the burn bin next to it. The subject did not put out the fire as requested, appeared to have added additional tires and left the fire burning unattended for the night. The subject was issued a citation for improper waste disposal.

DISTRICT 7

CO Greg Patten received a Report All Poaching (RAP) complaint of subjects hunting turkeys with bait. The caller reported that the suspects shot turkeys over bait the weekend prior and were out again. CO Patten responded to the scene and located a minor who was hunting without supervision in a baited area. CO Patten also located the minor's father who was hunting in a baited area with his other minor son. The father and son had two shotguns in the blind with them although the father did not have a turkey license as he shot a turkey the weekend prior. The son sitting with him had not taken hunter safety training. Enforcement action was taken for hunting turkeys with the aid of bait and allowing a minor to hunt unsupervised.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Shaw Trail in the Barry State Game Area and observed multiple jeeps driving on the trail. CO Cardenas followed the jeeps and observed one of the jeeps stop in a wet area of Shaw Trail and accelerate quickly. This action caused mud and dirt to be thrown onto CO Cardenas' patrol truck and caused erosive damage to the road leaving two tire grooves in the road. CO Cardenas continued following the jeep and observed it pull off the road, come to a complete stop, and accelerate rapidly. Mud and dirt was being thrown in the air by the vehicle and long grooves were left on the side and in Shaw Trail. A traffic stop was made and enforcement action was taken.

CO James Zellinger responded to a manure spill into the Coldwater River. CO Zellinger investigated the cause of the spill and assisted DEQ personnel at the scene.

CO James Zellinger responded to a RAP complaint of a subject keeping smallmouth bass on the Thornapple River in Middleville during the closed season. CO Zellinger located the subject and two smallmouth bass on a stringer. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Zach Bauer and Jeff Robinette were patrolling when they located some anglers fishing at an access site. Contact was made with the anglers and further investigation revealed the anglers were in possession of a bass during the closed season. A citation was issued for possessing the bass out of season.

While patrolling the Rogue River State Game Area, CO Justin Ulberg observed two ORVs operating in a closed area. CO Ulberg contacted the operators of the ORVs and discovered that both were juveniles several miles away from their residence. CO Ulberg followed the juveniles back home and addressed the violations with the juvenile's parents. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Cary Foster and Justin Ulberg responded to the City of Grand Rapids to assist the Grand Rapids Police Department on a call of a black bear roaming around in the city. Upon arrival, the COs discovered that the bear had gone up a tree in a highly residential area of the city. Members of the DNR Wildlife Division were also called out to assist. The bear was eventually tranquilized, transported further north, and released.

While checking streams on the trout opener, CO Justin Ulberg contacted a subject who was fishing. The subject stated that he fishes this particular stream every year on the trout opener. The subject also stated he and his friend got a later start than normal because the store they stopped at the previous night was out of bait. When asked for his fishing license, the subject stated he hadn't purchased it yet, but was going to get it as soon as he was done fishing. CO Ulberg questioned the subject on why he didn't purchase his license the previous night when he was at the bait shop. A record check revealed that the angler had not purchased a fishing license for a few years. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 8

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek were conducting fishing checks on Ford Lake. While PCO Zubek was checking an angler for a fishing license, CO Drexler noticed another angler who was several yards away and acting suspiciously. While approaching the angler, CO Drexler commanded the angler to stop what he was doing but the angler continued what he was doing. PCO Zubek continued to yell commands at the angler while watching the angler's movements with binoculars and watched the angler throw a smallmouth bass into the water. As CO Drexler made contact, a smallmouth bass was seized that the subject was still actively trying to get off of his stringer and throw back into the water. In addition to possessing bass during the closed season, the angler was also fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek were contacted by a dispatcher at station 20 with a complaint of a sick raccoon near the Green Lake Campground. The complainant was concerned that animals in the area were being poisoned. Against the dispatcher's advice, the complainant took action into his own hands and dispatched the raccoon. The COs followed up with the complainant, located and examined the raccoon, and educated the subject on how future incidents should be handled. Warnings were given for several law violations that had taken place.

While patrolling the Huron River in Ypsilanti, CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek contacted a couple of anglers after a short surveillance. One of the anglers was trespassing in an old paper mill to fish next to the dam. Another angler who was found to be criminally trespassing was wanted on an outstanding warrant. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds assisted the Adrian Fire Department in rescuing a man who had tipped his kayak in high water and became stuck in the middle of the Raisin River.

COs Andrew Monnich and Chris Reynolds were heading to a complaint when they heard a call of a suicidal individual with a gun broadcast over the radio. The COs made their way to an area the individual may have headed to. The COs were able to locate the individual walking in a back yard and detained the individual until Michigan State Police troopers arrived.

CO Daniel Prince conducted a spring turkey hunting presentation at the Livingston Conservation and Sports Association in Brighton Michigan. Seventy-two hunter education students and parents attended the class. CO Prince talked about the basics of turkey hunting safety, spring turkey hunting laws, shotgun patterning, hunting tactics, calling, blind and decoy uses, and the history of turkey hunting in Michigan.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Sidney Collins were at a local city park to check anglers and noted one angler acting suspicious. Further investigation revealed marijuana in his jacket pocket and a pistol in the vehicle. It was determined the subject did not have a medical marijuana card. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Sidney Collins were checking anglers when they witnessed a juvenile subject take a largemouth bass and put it in a vehicle. When confronted about the situation, the COs also found a small bass in his bucket. The juvenile admitted he knew he could not keep the bass because they are not in season. He stated he knew this because he talked to the COs two weeks ago and asked them when the season opened. He also remembered CO Goss warning him last year for having bass out of season. The bass were confiscated, and a citation was issued.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Sidney Collins were working the Kalamazoo River for angler activity when Calhoun County dispatch reported a deadly crash on I-94 Westbound near their location. An eyewitness claimed that a passenger of the suspect vehicle had fled the crash scene into the woods. CO Goss and PCO Collins responded to the area and were checking a local field with night vision when a K-9 officer noticed a car sitting on an overpass. The COs were able to assist the deputies and K9 unit in locating the vehicle that was believed to be picking up the suspect. Upon stopping the vehicle, it was discovered that the occupants were just gawkers. It was later determined that the driver of the vehicle fled the scene and returned to the vehicle before authorities arrived causing confusion with eyewitness accounts.

CO Jeff Goss and PCO Sidney Collins were able to follow up on a litter complaint of a boat filled with trash left on private property. The individual was cited for the incident and was told to remove the boat from the property. Soon after the incident, the boat was set on fire. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Sam Schluckbier was patrolling Eaton County when he observed several ORVs operating on a public roadway. Once stopped, CO Schluckbier found that none of the operators had an ORV license or were wearing helmets. The subjects claimed they didn't know the law in Eaton County. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Schluckbier participated in a youth fishing event at Hawk Island Park in Lansing. During the event CO Schluckbier presented to over 65 kids and over 40 adults about rules and ethics pertaining to fishing. After presenting, participants were able to fish in the nearby lake for various species including bass, sunfish and pike.

CO Troy Ludwig had just returned to the boat launch after a marine patrol of Michigan Center Lake when he was approached by an angler who came to look at the CO's new boat. Just before the man made his way to the launch the CO had observed him fishing with his girlfriend further down the shoreline. When the CO asked for the angler's fishing license he advised that he did not have it with him. A check with dispatch showed that the angler had not purchased a 2018 fishing license and had only ever purchased one fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Reynolds responded to a complaint in Hillsdale County of an individual who was shooting geese. The CO arrived in the area and observed the suspect still in the yard. Upon contact, he immediately dropped his head and confessed to shooting at the geese in his yard. Upon further investigation a goose was found shot and deceased on

the neighbor's property. The CO contacted the neighbor who was extremely upset and wanted to prosecute for trespassing. A citation was issued for taking a goose out of season and recreational trespass.

COs Chris Reynolds and Andy Monnich responded to a complaint in Hillsdale County of an individual road hunting who shot a turkey from the roadway. The officers contacted the complainant who showed the officers where the vehicle went after shooting at the turkey. The officers went to the home and interviewed the homeowner. The homeowner stated his friend had shot at a turkey just down the road. He also said that when his friend arrived at his house the friend hid a shotgun in his garage. The officers also found the hunter had shot and killed a hen turkey. The officers spent some time tracking down the suspect and eventually found him at another friend's house. The suspect immediately confessed to shooting the turkey from the roadway and not having permission to hunt the property the turkey was on. Multiple other violations were uncovered during the investigation. A report will be submitted and charges sought on all offenses.

While checking anglers at the Brenke Fish Ladder in Ingham County, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Amanda McCurdy observed two individuals fishing who did not have 2018 fishing licenses. After running file checks, one subject was found to have two outstanding warrants from Ingham County for failing to appear on traffic violations. After Station 20 confirmed the warrants, the subject was arrested, and the COs transported him to Ingham County jail. A verbal warning was issued to the other angler for fishing without a license.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Amanda McCurdy were checking anglers at the Webber Dam in Ionia County and observed three individuals fishing who did not have valid 2018 fishing licenses. The COs also located three suckers and two additional fish that could not be identified as they had been scaled and cut in half. The subjects were uncooperative and initially failed to produce valid identification. Citations were issued for fishing without a license as well as possession of mutilated fish.

While on marine patrol on Thompson Lake in Livingston County, CO Rich Nickols and PCO Amanda McCurdy observed an individual operating a PWC while towing someone on an inner tube without an observer. The COs contacted the operator and discovered that the subject had not taken boater safety and also did not have the vessel registration on board with him. In addition, the subject had been operating in shallow water close to shore greater than slow-no wake. A citation was issued for failing to take boater safety and verbal warnings were issued for the other violations.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jeremy Cantrell were called to assist with a 40 acre grass fire in Jackson County. The COs were able to contact DNR fire and have heavy equipment brought out to assist the local departments in ensuring they had gotten the fire completely contained and put out. No injuries or loss of property occurred.

CO Shane Webster and PCO Jennifer Hanson appeared at an informal hearing at the 12th District Court in Jackson. The defendant was refuting a careless driving ticket that he had been issued. The defendant was ultimately found responsible for the infraction and the magistrate informed the defendant he was lucky the COs had not cited him further.

CO Matthew Neterer was first on scene of a drunk driving incident that occurred on US-127 at the Barnes Rd exit. CO Neterer was flagged down by concerned motorists that had blocked a suspected drunk driver from exiting the highway. The motorists had followed the driver from Jackson to where he attempted to exit the highway near Mason. Upon arrival, CO Neterer secured the scene and took witness statements. Medics were called to the scene to ensure that the driver was not suffering from a medical condition. After being evaluated by medics, the driver agreed to a preliminary breath test (PBT). The PBT showed that the driver's blood alcohol was over twice the legal limit. The driver was turned over to Ingham County Sheriff's deputies and was lodged for OWI.

While conducting a marine safety patrol on the Grand River in Lansing, COs Matthew Neterer and Todd Thorn observed a man and woman fishing from a nearby boat. Upon inspecting their catch, the COs noticed two smallmouth bass mixed in with some panfish. When questioned, the woman claimed the bass were hers. One of the bass was less than 14" and both were taken out of season. The COs recognized the woman as they had caught her fishing without a license two years prior and gave her a verbal warning. At that time, the woman had several panfish in her bucket but stated that she was just trying out her new fishing pole. The woman was cited for possessing a smallmouth bass less than 14" and keeping bass during the closed season.

CO Chris Maher was on patrol during the spring turkey opener in Jackson County when he came across a vehicle rolled over on the side of a county road. After examining the scene, CO Maher noticed the car keys were still in the ignition with no subjects around. CO Maher determined the father of the driver picked her up and took her to school. The state police came to take an accident report and no injuries were reported.

COs Chris Maher and Chris Reynolds worked a Law Enforcement Day at Baker College. The COs spoke to over 100 high school students from various schools about the roles and responsibilities of a Michigan Conservation Officer. The students were engaged and asked numerous questions regarding DNR laws and the career of a Michigan Conservation Officer.

CO Chris Maher was on patrol in Jackson County when he witnessed two individuals fishing. As CO Maher stopped his patrol truck, one of the individuals set his pole down and walked over to CO Maher stating he was not fishing. CO Maher questioned the man about the fishing pole but the man continued to deny that he was fishing. After a long conversation, the individual stated that he was in fact fishing and apologized to CO Maher for lying. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in Shiawassee County when he noticed black smoke in the distance. CO Slick located the fire and found ceiling tiles and other household debris being burned. When CO Slick contacted the individual and asked why he was burning the ceiling tiles, the subject replied, "Didn't think they would burn. I tossed one on and it took off so I dumped the rest on." Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 9

CO Jason Becker was checking an area along the Huron River in the Proud Lake Recreation Area and observed three subjects fishing in a closed area. CO Becker observed the subjects catch a fish and then hide it in the brush along the river. CO Becker contacted the subjects and informed them they were fishing in a closed area. The subjects stated that they did not know it was closed. CO Becker advised them that the regulations are printed in the fishing guide as well as online and also indicated to the subjects that Parks and Recreation Division also has posted the regulations on a large sign that the subjects were standing next to. CO Becker retrieved two trout from the brush. A license check revealed that one of the subjects did not have a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Jason Becker, Chris Knights, Jacob Griffin, and Raymond Gardner were requested by the Atlas Township Fire Department to assist with a wild fire in the Ortonville Recreation Area. The COs were asked to assist with ATVs to move equipment to the fire. The fire consumed approximately eight to ten acres. Because of the collaboration efforts of multiple local fire departments, Law Enforcement Division, and Parks and Recreation Division, the fire was put out quickly.

While on patrol in Oakland County, CO Christopher Knights was checking the boat launch at Lake Oakland in Waterford. CO Knights saw a boat next to the dock with three individuals inside of it. A few moments passed by and one of the passengers was holding onto the dock with his hand and had one foot on the boat. The boat began to move away from the dock and the individual was stuck when his leg became caught on one of the boat cleats. CO Knights ran to the dock, one of the other passengers got his leg free and he dropped into the water. CO Knights grabbed his hand and pulled him back to the dock. After CO Knights got the individual to shore and on the dock, he saw a large cut on his leg about five inches in length. CO Knights got his first aid bag and wrapped the wound enough to get the bleeding stopped. CO Knights contacted emergency services and the individual was taken to a local hospital.

CO Justin Muehlhauser worked a complaint on Lobdell Lake where a beaver was found in a trap. It was unknown how long the beaver had been in the trap and trapping season was closed. The complainant allowed the CO to use his row boat to access the location. CO Muehlhauser inspected the trap and the beaver which appeared to be in poor condition and appeared to have been trapped for some time. As there was no tag on the trap and none of the neighbors knew who the trapper was, the residents were advised to contact the CO if they were able to identify the trapper. The trap and the beaver were removed from the location.

While conducting a fishing patrol along the Flint River, CO Justin Muehlhauser encountered an angler at the Mt. Morris Rd. Bridge along the Holloway Reservoir. As the CO approached, the man stated that he caught one crappie and he wasn't sure what the other fish was but he thought it was a walleye. CO Muehlhauser checked the bucket and noticed a small pike. As the CO was verifying the angler's fishing license the angler tried to grab the fish out of the bucket and put it back in the water and stated he just caught it and would put it back. The CO photographed and measured the pike which was 22 inches. CO Muehlhauser advised the fisherman that once he placed the fish in his bucket he was in possession of it. The angler was cited and after a few minutes in the water, the fish was able to swim off under its own power.

While checking anglers in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen was checking a vessel and speaking with the angler aboard. The angler remarked that "this has been the best fishing in ten years." Upon inspecting the angler's fish, it was discovered that the angler was in possession of an over limit of walleye and some of the walleye in his possession were undersized. CO Deppen informed the angler of his violations and the angler seemed surprised. The angler started quoting the fishing guide and believed that there must have been a misprint. CO Deppen grabbed a fishing guide and showed the angler his mistakes. Enforcement action was taken.

While conducting surveillance at a local park, COs Brad Silorey and Joseph Deppen noticed one angler catching a smallmouth bass out of season. The COs observed an angler catch a smallmouth bass and was assisted by another individual in netting the smallmouth bass. The anglers tried to hide the smallmouth bass in a plastic bag underneath a vehicle and resumed fishing. The COs contacted the angler and when asked about his fishing success, the angler denied catching anything that day. When the COs picked up the bag the angler said, "That is not mine, I am not fishing." During license verifications, it was discovered the angler did not have a fishing license and the angler who helped net the fish had misdemeanor and felony warrants for his arrest. Enforcement action was taken.

While entering a local launch in Macomb County, CO Joseph Deppen noticed a vehicle pulling a boat out of the water. The anglers pulled out and started driving out of the gate. CO Deppen stopped the vehicle and asked the anglers for their fishing license and to check their fish. The angler said "I just buttoned up my live well with a board so that it's ready for transit, it's very difficult to open. We got our limit and that's it." CO Deppen told the anglers he needed to verify their catch, licenses, and safety equipment. The anglers started to get anxious and started giving excuses that they were not sure exactly how many they had, but if they were over they would put the fish back into the water. The anglers had four fish over their limit, expired boat registration, and safety violations. Enforcement action was taken.

While on fisheries patrol in St. Clair County, CO Joseph Deppen was checking an angler coming into a local launch. CO Deppen asked the single angler how he did fishing. The angler indicated he and his buddy had both caught their limit. The only problem was that he was the only angler in the boat. The angler claimed he dropped his

friend off earlier at another launch because he had to go to work, but could not produce his friend's name or phone number. The angler was in possession of double his daily limit and enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger used an unmarked vehicle to sneak into a popular ORV trespassing site in Macomb County when he spotted a jeep operating in the area. CO Schaumburger radioed CO Deppen who was approximately fifteen minutes away. As CO Deppen neared the location, the jeep began to make its way to the exit. The jeep spotted CO Schaumburger and they began to chat about the area. In the midst of talking, the driver admitted that even though his friends had gotten tickets for trespassing in this area, he wanted to see it himself. The jeep operator then told CO Schaumburger, "I am glad you are not the cops. Did I look cool splashing in all those mud puddles?" As the driver made his way to the exit, a traffic stop was conducted by CO Deppen. The driver had multiple violations including trespass and not having an operator's license on person. Enforcement action was taken.

While on a group marine patrol in St. Clair County, COs Joseph Deppen, Patrick Hartsig, and Sgt. Todd Szyska contacted multiple anglers throughout the day. Anglers and boaters were contacted and found in violation of life jacket requirements, unregistered vessels, over limits of walleye and fishing without licenses. Each angler and boater were educated and enforcement action was taken.

CO Raymond Gardner was on patrol in Almont Township when he noticed an ORV traveling toward him. CO Gardner did not see a 2018 ORV license and stopped the ORV. When CO Gardner asked the operator why he did not have a 2018 ORV license, the operator stated that he was using the ORV for farm use. CO Gardner noticed that the operator had bags full of groceries and asked the operator why he had groceries in the ORV if he was using it for farming purposes. He stated that he just stopped quickly to pick up a few things. When CO Gardner asked the operator for his driver's license, the operator replied that he didn't have a driver's license because it was revoked and that he only had a Michigan ID. CO Gardner explained to him that it was illegal to operate an ORV outside of private property if your driver's license has been revoked. Enforcement action taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers at the Alter Road boat launch on the Detroit River. The COs observed a vessel coming down the channel towards the launch and continued past once they saw the officers. PCO Painter stopped the boat further down the channel to do a check. There were two anglers on board the vessel and they stated that they had caught their limit of ten walleye. A check of the boat revealed another six walleye hidden under the front deck of the boat. Enforcement action was taken for the over limit of walleye.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers coming off the St. Clair River at the Marine City Access Site. The COs conducted a check of one vessel coming off the water with three anglers. The three anglers had their limit of walleye. One subject did not have a fishing license. PCO Painter asked the subject how many fish she had

caught and she stated she had caught three or four. Another subject on the boat stated that he had caught the rest of her limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Zach Painter were checking anglers along the St. Clair River at the Marine City Access Site. The officers checked a vessel coming off the water that had five anglers. The anglers could not provide any PFDs. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ben Lasher investigated a turkey hunter who has been hunting over bait last spring and put bait out again this year, just days before the season opened in St. Clair County. On his way home from training, CO Lasher found the suspect's vehicle parked on the road in the state game area, walked in and found the suspect in his blind overlooking the baited area. The suspect was also found to be a felon in possession of a 12-gauge shotgun. Enforcement action taken.

CO Ben Lasher received information about a turkey hunter using bait. CO Lasher located the bait and found fresh feathers near the bait site and blind. CO Lasher responded to the owner's house in Macomb County. The owner's father had taken a bird that morning from the baited blind. CO Lasher was able to get a full confession and the meat from the bird from the father. Enforcement action taken.

CO Ben Lasher observed two subjects fishing from private property where he knew the property owner has had problems with trespassers. Upon contacting the subjects, it was found they did not have any PFDs for the kayak they had used to get into the property. Enforcement action taken.

CO Pat Hartsig was patrolling the St. Clair River when he noticed an angler on shore in an area posted as no trespassing. CO Hartsig contacted the individual and found that he was fishing with too many lines, had no fishing license, and was trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig was checking anglers on the Detroit River when he observed an angler slide a cooler under his boat seat when he noticed CO Hartsig. When asked about what was in the cooler, the angler stated "walleye". A check of the cooler revealed walleye that were not of legal possession size. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig was busy patrolling the Detroit River and checking anglers. Upon contacting one angler, he stated that he had his limit of walleye, but was looking to replace the smaller fish with something bigger. When CO Hartsig checked the angler's cooler, five walleye were found sitting on ice, with no water in it. CO Pat Hartsig pointed out that the fish caught earlier couldn't survive being released without being in water. The angler seemed confused. A brief lesson in how fish breathe was given to the confused angler.

CO Pat Hartsig was patrolling the North Channel of Lake St. Clair when he contacted a boat with two anglers. When asked how they did, the anglers stated that they had their

two-man limit. However, a quick count of the fish revealed that the pair was over their limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Patrick Hartsig was checking anglers on the St. Clair River and was speaking to a group of anglers who stated they had caught their limit of walleye. A count of fish in their live well showed that they had their limit, plus a few extra walleye. The fish were seized and enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig and Sgt. Todd Szyska were checking anglers on the St. Clair River in Marine City when a boat with expired registration was contacted. The vessel's owner admitted he didn't realize it was expired. A quick check of the registration revealed the owner also purchased the boat last year but never transferred the title to his name. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Pat Hartsig checked anglers in Algonac coming off the St. Clair River. The anglers stated they believed they had their limit, but couldn't be sure due to how well and quickly the walleye were biting. A check of the fish revealed that they were over their daily possession limit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brad Silorey was on patrol checking anglers at a local DNR access site along Lake St. Clair. While checking anglers, CO Silorey was approached by a man who wanted to chat for a few moments about where the fish were biting the best. After suggesting a few places to try, CO Silorey turned to leave when the man stopped and stated that he should do a check at a park a few miles south of their location. The man told CO Silorey that he had just come from that park and observed an angler catch and keep a largemouth bass. CO Silorey thanked the citizen for the information and headed towards the park in question. Upon arrival CO Silorey spotted the angler still fishing. CO Silorey contacted the angler and asked to see his fishing license and what he had caught that day. The angler stated that he had only caught several perch which were in a basket and on a stringer in the water. In the basket were several nice sized perch, a rock bass, and a 12-inch largemouth bass. Not only was the angler in possession of a bass out of season, but it would have been undersized if it were in season.

Sgt. Todd Szyska and CO Patrick Hartsig were patrolling the St. Clair River by boat when another vessel was observed driving parallel to the patrol boat, then stopped and switched drivers. The original driver got on his hands and knees in front of the live well. The COs observed the duo switch positions again and then sped back into a boat launch. Sgt. Todd Szyska contacted the occupants of the vessel and asked how the fishing had been. The anglers stated it was a good day. Sgt. Szyska asked a few times how many fish they had caught and received answers like "we did good" and "we have what we need". Sgt. Szyska then asked to board the vessel and look at the fish. One of the anglers then stated, "I think I need to throw some of the walleye back". Sgt. Szyska observed that they were in possession of 13 walleye, one fish over the daily possession limit. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Damon Owens was returning from Camp Grayling when he encountered an elderly couple in distress where the female had taken a fall and could not get up. Sgt. Owens assisted the woman to her feet and applied first aid treatment to her wounds without incident.

CO David Schaumburger walked up to a boat with two anglers who started laughing and assured CO Schaumburger they had their limit and the fish were of legal size. The CO checked their licenses and then investigated the live well where he found ten fish. The CO measured eight legal walleyes and two undersize walleyes, each one was an inch short. The CO asked to see what the anglers were measuring with and they said they did not have anything to measure with, they just "eye balled" them. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger sat in a park observing anglers fishing before he started to check licenses. About halfway down the pier, he came upon an angler standing back about 15 feet from his pole and bucket. The CO asked for his fishing license and he stated that he wasn't fishing. The CO pointed out his truck to the angler and told the angler he had been sitting there for ten minutes watching, and he asked the angler again if he was fishing. The angler dropped his head and admitted to fishing. The angler stated he did not have time to get a license in the morning, however, CO Schaumburger pointed out that he had time to get minnows. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger observed an angler fishing and approached her to check her license. The angler stated that she was "not really fishing" however the CO observed her make many casts and retrievals. The angler was from out of town and did not think she needed to buy a license. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

CO Josh Jackson was fueling up a Belle Isle patrol vehicle when he noticed a car with a flat tire. As he approached, a distressed woman came out of the gas station. She explained that the tire had gone flat while she was at work and attempted to fill it at the gas station, but the air pump was not working. CO Jackson was able to assist the woman by putting on the vehicle's spare tire.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Danielle Zubek worked a fairly busy afternoon Belle Isle shift. The COs teamed up with MSP Troopers working the island to check a remote area of the island where they contacted a male and female engaged in a heated argument. The male subject was in possession of alcohol which is against park rules. Further investigation into the subject revealed he was wanted on several outstanding warrants. Enforcement action was taken.