

**Law Enforcement Division
Bi-Weekly Field Report
9/27/15 – 10/10/15**

DISTRICT 1

CO David Miller responded to a car vs. moose accident near King Lake in Baraga County. A small SUV occupied by five college students struck an adult bull moose. The moose went through the windshield, and took off part of the roof. Every air bag in the vehicle worked as designed, with no injuries to the occupants of the vehicle. The moose was salvaged and distributed to families in need.

CO David Miller gave a presentation to a group of home-schooled kids at the DNR office in Baraga. The kids enjoyed finding out what a conservation officer does in their daily activities. One young man who wants to become a conservation officer was very interested in seeing all of the tools that the CO carries on his duty belt and really enjoyed seeing his patrol truck.

CO David Miller handled a complaint of a dead eagle, which had been reported as possibly being shot. CO Miller is working with the Wildlife Resource Protection Unit detectives as the investigation continues.

CO David Miller assisted the Department of Environmental Quality in obtaining and serving a search warrant in Houghton County. The complaint behind this investigation was pertaining to a property owner filling in a wetland.

CO David Miller met with a property owner on a trespassing complaint. The owner showed the CO where someone has established an illegal blind and deer bait station on their property. The investigation continues to locate the suspect.

CO David Miller received a complaint on a group of bear hunters dragging the road near Tapiola. The purpose of dragging the dirt roads is to make the dirt soft and smooth so tracks can be easily seen in the freshly disturbed dirt when the animals cross the road. The act of dragging the road causes erosion issues which can lead to damage to the road surface. CO Miller located the bear houndsmen and their drags and advised them of the legalities of their actions.

CO Brian Lasanen assisted the Porcupine Mountain State Park Rangers in a search for a family that had been reported as missing/overdue hikers. After a 10 hour search involving multiple agencies the family was located safe and sound. The family got disoriented on one of the trails and left the trail to head cross country to get back quicker when they became lost.

CO Brian Lasanen received a complaint of illegal bear bait. CO Lasanen located the bear hunting location and upon making contact with the hunter CO Lasanen found the

subject hunting with a firearm and was not wearing any hunter orange. Enforcement action taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was on patrol in Ontonagon County when he observed an ORV on the roadway. CO Lasanen paced the ORV traveling at a high rate of speed. When CO Lasanen attempted to stop the vehicle the operator fled the scene and ended up going cross country and the CO was unable to continue the pursuit. CO Lasanen was able to identify the driver of the ORV and the investigation is ongoing.

CO Brian Lasanen stopped an ORV for failing to have a valid registration sticker affixed to the machine. When making contact with the operator CO Lasanen asked the driver if he had purchased an ORV sticker this year. The driver said he did but just forgot to put it on. As CO Lasanen was talking with the driver he noticed the passenger on the ORV trying to hide an open beer she had in her hand. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Lasanen was working a shining patrol in Ontonagon County when he observed a vehicle disobey a stop sign. CO Lasanen stopped the vehicle and made contact with its three occupants, at which time he found open intoxicants and marijuana in plain view. CO Lasanen then ran the driver through standard field sobriety tests. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Doug Hermanson responded to a complaint of duck hunters shooting after hours on Portage Lake. Shots were heard one-half hour after hunting hours had closed. CO Hermanson located the boat and two hunters and after a brief interview the hunters admitted to shooting one hen mallard after legal hunting hours. Also during the contact CO Hermanson determined that the watercraft the hunters were using had no marine safety equipment on board. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Eberly responded to a complaint from the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police of an individual tampering with a tribal fishing net off of the south entry of Portage Lake. CO Eberly was able to make contact with the suspect who pulled the net. The net had been dumped back into the water and most of the fish removed. CO Eberly is working with the tribal police to complete the investigation before turning the case over to the county prosecutor.

CO Denny Gast worked the Keystone Beach in Keweenaw County over the weekend and located a group of ORVs operating in a prohibited area, along with several of the operators not wearing helmets and one of the ORVs was not licensed. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jason Wicklund responded to a complaint involving a dead Trumpeter swan in Gogebic County. The swan was seen walking in town and died in a yard. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Jason Wicklund encountered a group of ORVs along the trail and saw that they were taking a break from hunting. Open intoxicants were observed in and upon the

ORVs. The CO reminded the group about the alcohol laws pertaining to ORVs and firearms.

CO Jason Wicklund encountered a local youth who successfully harvested a deer during the youth hunt. CO Wicklund congratulated the youth with a successful deer patch and assisted him with field dressing the deer.

CO Brian Bacon is investigating the complaint of trespass and larceny of trail camera. Multiple neighboring landowners and properties are involved. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Shannon Kritz checked a group of ORV operators operating along Trail #2 near Iron Mountain. A check of the five ORVs revealed all were unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Shannon Kritz conducted a grouse decoy patrol in Dickinson County. It did not take long until the first violation was found, and enforcement action was taken for failure to wear hunter orange.

COs Brian Bacon, Jared Ferguson and Sgt. Marc Pomroy responded to the complaint of a bull moose found dead in the Michigamme Reservoir. The officers called on the assistance of Fish Division staff with a shallow water boat to retrieve the dead moose. The investigation into the cause of death is ongoing, but no foul play is suspected.

CO Brian Bacon and PCO Shannon Kritz were on patrol when they came across a subject cutting firewood. A check of the subject found that the individual had not obtained a fuelwood permit. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received a complaint of a pheasant that was shot in Menominee County during the closed season. CO DeLonge was able to contact a Michigan State Police (MSP) trooper working near the area to assist by stopping the vehicle. The trooper was able to conduct a traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle that quickly fled the scene after dressing the bird. Upon arrival to the scene CO DeLonge and the trooper investigated the area where the pheasant was shot and conducted multiple interviews. After a thorough interview the suspect admitted to CO DeLonge that he shot the pheasant near his house, was not wearing hunter orange, and did not have a hunting license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Ryan Aho were working the archery deer season opener in Menominee County and made multiple positive contacts. While working a busy area of state land the officers took a complaint of an ORV that was trespassing on private land in the area. As the officers were working toward the complainant's property they observed an ORV that matched the suspect ORV's description. Upon contacting the driver of the ORV it was determined that the operator was in fact trespassing in an attempt to get closer to hounds that were chasing bear near the complainant's property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge and Sgt. Ryan Aho were wrapping up the archery opener when they observed an ORV without headlights being operated on a county road. Upon contact with the operator the officers noted that the operator was not wearing a helmet and had an uncased bow on the ORV. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge received a complaint of a pickup truck with a hound box in the bed dragging the edges of a county road in Menominee County. CO DeLonge was able to patrol the area of the complaint and conduct a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle. Upon contact with the driver CO DeLonge observed a handgun in the back seat of the truck. After interviewing the driver in regard to the handgun it was determined that the handgun was unregistered. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Brett DeLonge was patrolling back toward Menominee County from the Iron Mountain area when he observed an operator of an ORV not wearing a helmet along a busy road. CO DeLonge conducted a traffic stop on the ORV and after making contact with the operator the CO also found that the ORV was not registered and had inoperable brake lights. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson was on patrol when a call came in from central dispatch regarding a B/E and domestic in progress involving a felon on parole in possession of a knife. CO Ferguson was the first to respond to the residence and secure the scene along with protecting the witnesses. Later, CO Ferguson along with deputies and MSP troopers corralled the area looking for the suspect who fled on foot into the woods. CO Ferguson utilized his four wheel drive patrol truck and cut off the suspect's planned escape route on the powerline heading toward the city. The suspect eventually surrendered.

CO Jared Ferguson was patrolling northern Iron County when he discovered ORV tracks going in every two track road in the early morning hours. CO Jared Ferguson was able to track the ORV down and found him to be in possession of a loaded firearm, no helmet, and no ORV registration. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jared Ferguson came upon an individual on state land with a loaded shotgun and no hunter orange. CO Ferguson accompanied the person back to his ORV where he found the ORV was unregistered and no helmets. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 2

CO Robert Freeborn and Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon were on patrol when they came across a subject looking for firewood. When the COs pulled alongside the subject's truck, the subject became nervous. During the conversation with the subject, CO Freeborn asked if he had any loaded guns in the vehicle. The subject stated that he had two shotguns but they were unloaded and asked if the CO wanted to look at them. As CO Freeborn said yes and made his way to the rear passenger side of the truck to look at the guns, the subject uttered an obscenity and pointed to a shotgun that was lying in the back seat of the truck without a case. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Robert Freeborn along with CO John Wenzel and Corporal Marv Gerlach, conducted a joint patrol with MSP and the US Coast Guard (USCG) for drug interdiction in the local area. The COs conducted their patrol on the water while the others were on land and in the air.

CO Robert Freeborn received a complaint from Alger County Dispatch regarding four lost teenagers in the Munising area. CO Freeborn teamed up with Alger County Search and Rescue to join the search. After an hour and a half search, the teenagers were located. One of the teenagers had suffered a sprained ankle.

CO Michael Evink was on patrol when he received a burning complaint. Officer Evink responded to the scene and located two separate fires. The first was in an illegal burn barrel and the second was an open pit fire. Both were unattended. Officer Evink waited nearly 30 minutes and still the property owner made no appearance. Officer Evink eventually made contact with the property owner and enforcement action was taken.

CO John Wenzel received a complaint of a woman having “pet” raccoons in her home in Escanaba. An investigation revealed that she had baby raccoons this spring but had released them months ago when they became “too much to handle”. A warning was given with a reminder to leave nature where it belongs.

CO John Wenzel and Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon taught hunter safety classes at the Escanaba office and certified 13 students.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon and PCO Calvin Smith taught two hunter safety sessions for “internet course” students at the Escanaba office. Nine students were certified.

Sgt. Jerrold Fitzgibbon held a hunter safety class in Munising with the help of wildlife biologist Cody Norton and local volunteers. Thirty-one students were certified.

Sgt. Mike Hammill spoke with a group of Boy Scouts in the Newberry area. Topics such as hunter safety, marine safety, and snowmobile safety, trapping/hunting were all covered. The Boy Scouts had an opportunity to inspect Sgt. Hammill’s patrol vehicle and examine numerous furs.

CO Kevin Postma issued a ticket to a bear houndsman for hunting with no participation license. The hunter advised that he usually draws a third season kill tag but didn’t this year and it didn’t even cross his mind that he needed a participation license. The houndsman was also given a verbal warning for having several dogs not licensed properly.

COs Kevin Postma, Bobby Watson and Jeff Panich, as well as PCO’s Pat Hartzig and Mark Zitnik put on a Hunter Education class certifying 55 new hunters.

CO Jon Busken contacted the operator of a vehicle pulled off on the side of the road. While talking with the operator an open beer can was observed in the center console. A search of the vehicle revealed an uncased firearm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jon Busken patrolled the St. Ignace area during the first annual Trek the Mighty Mac ORV ride. More than 1400 ORVs crossed the Mackinac Bridge and rallied in St. Ignace.

CO Jon Busken picked up an injured Red-Tailed Hawk near Brevort Lake. The bird was transferred to a rehabilitator in Munising.

COs Jon Busken and Brett Gustafson searched for a lost hunter near Trout Lake. The search consisted of the COs, MSP troopers, US Border Patrol Agents and local residents. The hunter was found safely nearly eight hours after going missing.

CO Jon Busken contacted two ORV operators in Newberry. The riders had ridden close to 100 miles that day involving road and off-road riding. One of the operators did not have a helmet and stated that he did not know he was required to wear one. The officer pointed out that the other operator was wearing one. Enforcement action was taken.

While en route to assist with a Hunter Safety Class, PCO Pat Hartsig observed a vehicle blow through a major intersection at approximately 60 mph. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver stated, "I must have been distracted. I was talking to my friend." Enforcement action taken.

CO Bobby Watson was on routine patrol when he encountered a parked truck that was blocking a two track road. Upon inspection of the vehicle, it was apparent the owner was out bow hunting due to the empty bow case and some camo clothing on the floor. CO Watson noted that it looked like the individual had unloaded an ORV; however there was still a helmet sitting inside the truck, along with the bow case. CO Watson chose to wait for the individual to return to his truck after dark. Shortly after dark, an ORV could be heard approaching. CO Watson made contact with the individual who, as expected, was not wearing a helmet and was transporting an uncased bow. CO Watson then inspected the hunter's tree stand and bait pile, and observed the tree stand did not have the required name and address attached, also the bait pile was rather large compared to the legal limit of two gallons. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Jeff Panich and PCO Mark Zitnik were working waterfowl opener on Munuscong Bay. While approaching a pair of hunters, one was watching CO Panich and PCO Zitnik while the other hunter was working on something in the boat. Upon contact, one hunter gave PCO Zitnik his shotgun consisting of the receiver and stock of the gun. PCO Zitnik asked the hunter, "Where is the barrel for the gun," the hunter replied, "I saw you coming and was trying to put a plug into my shotgun with this spent 12 gauge hull." After having the shotgun reassembled it was found to be unplugged. Also, while checking the hunter's bag, PCO Zitnik found an unregistered handgun. Enforcement action was taken.

DISTRICT 3

CO Andrea Albert and PCO Adam LeClerc assisted with patrolling the salmon spawning run on the Manistee River near Tippy Dam and other Manistee County streams. Over the weekend, officers made several arrests for snagging, retaining foul hooked fish, possession of marijuana, and use of treble hooks on the Manistee River. Numerous warnings were also issued for various fishing and drug violations.

While working the salmon spawning run in Manistee County, CO Andrea Albert and PCO Adam LeClerc observed two subjects at 3:00 a.m. on the Pine River taking salmon on a closed stream with their hands. The subjects would scoop the salmon up with their hands and throw them onto the bank. Officers overheard the subjects commenting on how they should come back again tomorrow night and get more fish. The two subjects then walked back along the stream and picked up the salmon and put them on stringers. Upon contact, both subjects were ticketed for taking salmon from a closed stream. Seven salmon were seized and \$600 in restitution will be charged in addition to fines and court costs.

CO Steve Speigl received information of an archery hunter who violated the antler point restriction (APR) in Antrim County. CO Speigl investigated the complaint and found a four point had been taken on the opening day of archery season. The deer was seized and donated to a needy family and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Boyne River, CO Andrea Erratt observed a group of anglers who appeared to be attempting to snag fish. After observing the anglers for some time, she witnessed one subject catch and retain a fish not hooked in the mouth. She also witnessed a subject in the group fishing with a hook that was too large for the Boyne River and was unbaited. The anglers were contacted and enforcement action taken.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick took a complaint of a truck and boat trailer blocking the access site at Douglas Lake, actually being parked on the ramp. The COs contacted the wife of the truck owner and found out the subject has dementia and was not supposed to operate any type of machinery. The lake had two – three foot waves with high winds. Officers and citizens searched the lake and found the man lying in his boat, which had washed up on shore. He was taken to the hospital for exposure, but appeared to be ok. The truck and trailer were moved.

CO Nick Torsky found people who had gotten their passenger car stuck at the end of a long two-track trail, with no cell phone coverage in the area. CO Torsky was able to assist the citizens and get them on their way.

COs Matt Theunick and Eric Bottorff investigated a complaint of a bird hunter who believed a bow hunter had shot arrows over his head, apparently because he and his dog got too close to his hunting location. Possible suspects were identified and interviewed, denying any involvement. The complaint continues to be investigated.

CO Matt Theunick and PCO Chad Baldwin took a complaint that involved a person who was deer hunting when a man approached him and stated that this was his hunting area and that he'd better be gone soon, brandishing a knife. The investigation continues.

CO Mark DePew and PCO James Zellinger investigated a dead bull elk, determining the cause of death to be goring by another bull elk.

CO Mark DePew and PCO James Zellinger investigated a complaint of excessive baiting, locating the bait behind a pole barn, with a light set-up and shooting window in the pole barn. The suspect was ticketed for excessive baiting, and habitual offender charges are being sought due to the subject's multiple prior offenses.

CO Mark DePew taught at a hunter safety class, with about 80 people attending.

Sgt. Greg Drogowski took a complaint of marijuana plants found on state land. Several plants were found, and after consulting with SANE (local narcotics team), the plants were pulled. The investigation continues.

Working off a tip, CO Mark DePew staked out an area where a habitual poacher was apparently shining. A traffic stop was made on the suspect vehicle while shining. No weapons were in the vehicle; however, the suspect was arrested for fourth offense driving while license suspended, and lodged. His vehicle was towed.

COs Brad Bellville and Tim Rosochacki investigated a complaint of subjects hunting over bait. The officers located two hunters with crossbows hunting over bait piles in a closed county. A search of the area revealed three gut piles. Two of the gut piles belonged to a family member who had already gone home. A follow up interview was conducted and tickets were issued for baiting deer in a closed county.

CO Paul Fox investigated a land use complaint where a subject placed a vehicle and a dumpster on state land. The subject was advised to move the vehicle and given a couple weeks to remove the dumpster. The subject immediately removed the vehicle, only to return the vehicle days later. The dumpster had also not been removed. CO Fox returned and issued a ticket for leaving property on state land.

CO Paul Fox has contacted multiple subjects fishing in the Ocqueoc River weir. Tickets have been issued for the violation.

CO Paul Fox was patrolling the Ocqueoc weir at night when he observed two subjects fishing next to a sign that said "No Fishing Within 100' of the Weir". Using night vision, CO Fox was able to observe the subjects. The two anglers started smoking marijuana, then proceeded to snag with illegal gear in the weir. One of the anglers became impatient due to the fish not cooperating. He ran up to their vehicle and obtained a gaff. The subject jumped in the weir and proceeded to gaff a salmon, then hid the salmon along the river bank. CO Fox walked up behind the anglers, who were

unpleasantly surprised to see him. CO Fox located a marijuana cigarette on one of the anglers and found additional marijuana in their vehicle. A file check revealed one of the subjects had an outstanding warrant. Tickets were issued for the violations and one subject was arrested and lodged on the warrant.

DISTRICT 4

COs Sean Kehoe and Steve Converse observed an angler wading along the Manistee River who was attempting to snag fish. When the COs made contact, they informed the angler that they had watched his continuous attempts at snagging. The angler informed the COs he was just trying to stay warm. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sean Kehoe worked a complaint in Grand Traverse County where duck hunters were reportedly in violation of a safety zone. Further investigation revealed they were just outside of the safety zone, however, they were advised that their choice of locations probably wasn't the best due to the close proximity of houses that surrounded them and the amount of people that were complaining. One of the hunters violated the lake's local watercraft control law by high speed boating while another hunter in the group did not have a state waterfowl license. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling in Benzie County, PCO Ben Weber and CO Rebecca Hopkins stopped a vehicle with no license plate displayed. When contacted, the driver did not have a license. According to the unlicensed driver the vehicle had just been purchased. The driver was informed of the rules of driving with a proper title when just purchasing a vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Patrick McManus and PCO William Haskin found a livery that was using kayaks that were not properly registered. Contact was made and the COs discovered that the livery owner was out of town but a friend was helping out. Turned out the friend was using kayaks and canoes from the wrong pile for rental to the public. The livery was advised of the violation and the report was turned over to Benzie County Sheriff's Department.

CO Holly Pennoni responded to a complaint of squirrels being shot within the City limits of Cadillac. No suspect information was given but CO Pennoni conducted a neighborhood canvass and located several dead squirrels. Wildlife Division staff is assisting with the investigation. In addition to being shot the squirrel is suspected to have been poisoned and was sent to the lab for testing. The investigation continues.

While patrolling late at night CO Holly Pennoni stopped to investigate a vehicle on the side of the road. Upon contact another vehicle pulled up alongside and CO Pennoni could tell the driver, later identified as a minor, had been drinking. There was another passenger who was passed out in the back seat. An investigation was completed at the scene and enforcement action was taken. Adults were also notified and responded to the scene to take custody of the minors.

CO Rebecca Hopkins received a complaint that three subjects were seen entering the woods with a tree stand, a bow, and a rifle. The complainant stated that none of the subjects were wearing hunting clothes or hunter orange. Locating the subjects in the woods, CO Hopkins discovered that one subject was setting his tree stand and the other two subjects were carrying small caliber rifles and indicated they were small game hunting. One subject did not have his base license present but RSS confirmed he did have one. Neither of the hunters was wearing the required hunter orange garment. However, the unarmed man setting the tree stand was wearing an orange hat. Enforcement action was taken.

Responding to a complaint on the Manistee River, CO Steve Converse located six subjects onshore snagging with weighted hooks. A boat directly in front of this group was occupied by two individuals using in treble hooks with weights below, who were also snagging salmon. CO Converse made contact with all the anglers and found them in possession of 153 weighted treble hooks also known as "Spiders". Upon checking the fishing vessel, CO Converse discovered that there were no personal flotation devices (PFDs) aboard. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse began his shift by checking a very small stretch of the closed portion on the Betsie River and found over 10 anglers who were fishing illegally by snagging, using illegal gear, and fishing in closed waters. Numerous tickets were issued.

COs Steve Converse and Sam Koscinski worked a routine river patrol with the jet boat on the Big Manistee River. The COs ran into numerous violations that included illegal gear, snagging, and retaining foul hooked fish. As they were making their way back to the launch after dark, they came upon a group of anglers that had just netted a foul hooked fish. The COs discovered it was hooked with a "lead minnow" with an "M-60" built into the rear treble hook and bare treble hooks above and below that lure. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Steve Converse was walking a section of river downstream from Tippy Dam when he encountered nine subjects with various violations that included in-line hooks, bare hooks, and weighted lures. The Ohio anglers admitted that they knew about the new fishing regulations and were aware of the fact that they were not supposed to be snagging, yet they still chose to do so. CO Converse took enforcement action and seized over 90 pounds of salmon from that group.

COs Joel Lundberg and PCO Christopher Maher were working on the south side of Tippy Dam and encountered a group of subjects that were snagging fish in front of them. While they were making contact, the COs were standing behind several individuals who were also snagging. COs Steve Converse and Sean Kehoe witnessed the anglers stating, "We are fine snagging here, it looks like the COs are working the other side today," as they continued to snag. Unfortunately for the anglers both sides of the river were covered this date and they too received tickets for their violations.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski were checking waterfowl hunters on a private lake in Mason County when they encountered a hunter with an unplugged gun. The hunter claimed he had borrowed the gun and when asked how many shells he put in the gun, he replied that he didn't know. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Andrew Monnich got in behind three anglers who were using heavy rods along the Pere Marquette River and decided to sit and watch them. The COs were able to witness all three smoking marijuana, trespassing, littering as well as snagging salmon with an oversized two ounce spoon. When the COs announced their presence, one subject quickly cut his line allowing the illegal lure to fall into the river. CO Publiski waded into the river and was able to retrieve the lure along with a beer can tossed into the river by the subjects just prior to their contact.

CO Kyle Publiski and PCO Andrew Monnich checked four anglers who appeared to be fishing legally along the Pere Marquette River. When contacted they were found in possession of a marijuana grinder and over 300 "roaches". One person was able to produce a medical marijuana card but three others could not. During the contact officers also educated the one card holder that use of marijuana in public remains illegal.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski watched anglers on the Pere Marquette that were trespassing. One angler was bringing in a fish snagged in the back as the second angler helped net the fish and place it on a stringer. When the COs approached, they detected a strong odor of marijuana and questioned the anglers about it. The men gave the COs a small amount of marijuana and some other controlled substances that they had in their possession. Enforcement action was taken for the fishing violations, trespassing and narcotics violations.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski received a complaint of four individuals snagging and using a cast net to capture salmon on the Pere Marquette at Maple Leaf. When the COs arrived on scene, they located several females acting as "crows" in the parking lot. The COs sent the women back to their vehicles so that they would not alert the suspects of their arrival. Once on the river, the COs found four anglers with oversized hooks and weights below hooks, snagging fish. The anglers had been using a cast net as well, but had packed it up prior to their arrival. Two of the anglers were borrowing fishing licenses from the women in the parking lot and two had outstanding warrants out of Detroit. While the COs were handling the complaint, another angler completely unrelated to the incident began fishing right in front of CO Brosky and foul hooked fish. That angler decidedly kept the fish and put it on a stringer, oblivious to the fact that COs were standing in plain sight. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski pulled in to a private drive to overlook a spot on the Pere Marquette River when they observed a person snagging with illegal gear. The man caught a glimpse of the COs and then attempted to bite off his line. The COs were able to stop him and obtain his tackle, but then found a second subject approaching from downstream who was also fishing with the same illegal gear. After issuing tickets,

the COs continued downstream and found two additional individuals who were both fishing without licenses. One angler had not purchased a license since 2013, while the second subject had never purchased a fishing license in Michigan.

CO Kyle Publiski responded to a snagging complaint on the Big Manistee River and was able to locate two subjects who had been snagging and retaining foul hooked fish. They were using illegal gear, and both anglers said that they “knew better.” When run through DNR priors, it was discovered that at least one had been ticketed in the past for retaining foul hooked fish. The fish were seized and tickets were issued.

CO Kyle Publiski went to a remote area on the Big Manistee River and located three subjects who were fishing with illegal lead baits with small rubber eggs attached. When CO Publiski questioned the anglers, they responded that they had just “found the lures” and decided to try them out. Unfortunately, their tackle box was wide open and was full of the same type of lures as they claimed they had just found with similar rubber eggs. Enforcement action was taken. As CO Publiski was walking out, he watched an angler reel in a salmon that was hooked in the pectoral fin. The angler then placed it on a stringer, and tied it off to a log. The CO asked the angler about the foul hooked fish and the subject claimed that he “wasn’t going to keep it.” There was some discussion about the definition of immediately returning the fish to the water and ultimately a ticket was issued.

CO Brian Brosky was walking along the Pere Marquette River in Mason County when he encountered a subject who was snagging with a bare hook. CO Brosky watched another angler in the group and witnessed him retain a fish that was hooked in the side, stating “this is awesome” as he was placing it on a stringer. CO Brosky contacted the anglers and issued tickets for an un-baited hook and retaining foul hooked fish.

COs Brian Brosky and Kyle Publiski worked an area where there has been a historic issue of trespass and found a vehicle parked in between two “No Trespassing” signs. The occupant of the illegally parked vehicle had exited and walked into the posted property, crossing a wire-strand fence, to access the South Branch of the Pere Marquette. When the COs asked the subject why he was trespassing, he said that he didn’t see any signs and had no idea that the property was private. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Brosky and PCO William Kinney were the first on scene of a domestic violence call dispatched in Mason County. The COs secured the scene until local law enforcement arrived and took over the investigation.

While checking the Baldwin River on a portion that recently closed, CO Josiah Killingbeck observed several vehicles parked at the access site. CO Killingbeck walked in and located seven subjects that were all fishing closed waters and trespassing. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was patrolling along the Pere Marquette River on posted portion of private land when he observed a subject wade across the river and walk directly past "No Trespassing" signs. The subject told CO Killingbeck that he should not receive a ticket because he comes to Michigan once a year to fish and donates money to the economy by coming here. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on patrol along the Big Manistee River when he was sent to deal with a large group of anglers that were snagging. CO Converse was on the other side of the river and was able to relay information reference the group from his vantage point. Numerous violations were addressed, including retaining foul hooked fish, snagging, and use of illegal fishing gear. One subject told CO Killingbeck that he was taught to cast his illegal tackle past the salmon and to "jerk" as it was a really effective way to get fish. CO Killingbeck advised the angler that it truly was a great way to get the salmon, but that it will also land him a ticket for snagging. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was talking with a deputy when a vehicle passed them on the roadway whose occupants were not wearing seatbelts. The officers stopped the vehicle and found that the subject in the back seat was holding an uncased bow. The hunter said that he had shot a spike horn earlier in the morning and was just getting out of the woods, but was unable to find his deer. CO Killingbeck then asked the subject if he was aware of the Antler Point Restrictions (APRs). The subject claimed he had no knowledge of the APRs. CO Killingbeck and the deputy escorted the subject back to his deer stand to locate the deer and it was also determined that the hunter didn't have a name or address on his tree stand, had an overlimit of bait, and did not have his hunting license in his possession. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck observed an ORV operating in a closed area just after dark. CO Killingbeck stopped the ORV and found that the subject had no helmet and had failed to license his ORV. The operator also had a loaded crossbow on his lap with the buttstock of the crossbow on the subject's leg while the bolt was almost pressing up against the subject's face. CO Killingbeck asked the subject if he had thought about his personal safety when he decided to carry a loaded crossbow with the bolt directly in line with his head and he replied had not considered the danger involved. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josiah Killingbeck pulled into a public access site on the Baldwin River along a stretch closed to fishing. The CO observed a single parked vehicle and attempted to locate the subject who he assumed was fishing. CO Killingbeck was able to locate the subject and found that the angler was fishing with weight suspended below his hook. The CO watched the angler catch two salmon by the tail but then release them after stating that the fish were "turning white." CO Killingbeck decidedly made contact with the subject while he was taking a break and while approaching, the angler purposely broke off his legal gear and let it drop into the river. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Sam Koscinski responded to a Report-All-Poaching (RAP) complaint of illegal fishing activity on Pine Creek in Manistee County and found a male and female duo chasing fish and attempting to snag. The CO stopped the pair and issued tickets for attempt to snag.

Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Angela Greenway of Mecosta County patrolled the opener of waterfowl season and contacted a group of duck hunters. One hunter had a homemade plug in his shotgun and was still able to hold three rounds in the magazine. The other hunter had no base license, no waterfowl license, an unsigned federal duck stamp, an unplugged gun and was in possession of lead shot. The hunter admitted to hunting ducks for years. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Angela Greenway were checking duck hunters and contacted a group of hunters. One subject was a distance away from the group and was taking a nap when the COs attempted contact. The sleeping hunter had a loaded shotgun on his lap and a second loaded shotgun under his right hand. The officers carefully removed both firearms prior to waking the hunter. The COs then secured both firearms and woke the hunter who admitted to making a bad decision and admitted knowing that the use of more than one weapon was prohibited. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Michael Bomay and CO Angela Greenway contacted a group of duck hunters who were packing up for the day. A quick check of their equipment revealed that one of the subjects had hunted all morning with no plug in his firearm. The father of the 17 year old hunter took responsibility and admitted to knowing there was no plug in the firearm. While checking the shells used for the morning hunt, three plugs were located in the shell bag. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy Mueller responded to a complaint of illegal ORV activity on the White Pine Trail system. CO Mueller located the ORV operating with a passenger with no helmets and two uncased bows. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Ethan Gainforth, COs Jeff Ginn and Ben Shively were assigned to the Tippy Dam area working fall fish runs when they encountered four men who were actively attempting to snag fish. Upon making contact with the suspects they were using illegal gear and had retained six foul hooked fish. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGelderren and PCO Andrew Monnich were checking waterfowl hunters after hunting hours had closed. While checking the family of hunters another group of hunters were heading into the marsh to hunt past legal hunting hours. The officers contacted the group and advised them of the waterfowl regulations prior to them violating the law.

CO Brian Lebel worked the waterfowl opener and located a group of hunters traveling with a motorized boat with loaded firearms. CO Lebel also discovered an unplugged gun and possession of lead shot.

COs Troy Mueller and Brian Lebel, and PCO Ethan Gainsforth worked a complaint involving the late shooting of waterfowl that has been going on for a number of years in Osceola County. CO Gainsforth was able to work his way into the area on foot and observe two different groups on two different adjoining properties. CO Gainsforth relayed the information to CO Mueller who was able to contact one of the parties hunting waterfowl after the published hours. The COs then moved in on the other party and watched them shoot at ducks until nearly dark, one half hour beyond the legal hunting hours. A wood duck was shot but not able to be retrieved because of the low light conditions. The subjects possessed lead shot as well as a protected Red Winged Black Bird. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County received a complaint of an illegal tree stand on public land. He met with the complainant whom took him to the location. Inspection of the site revealed an overlimit of deer bait, screw-in tree steps, and no name and address on the blind. CO Wells checked the stand on opening morning of the archery season and located the owner hunting. CO Wells asked the hunter if he understood why he had been contacted and the hunter immediately replied "probably because of my bait". CO Wells advised him of the other two violations and enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Wells was on patrol during the morning of the waterfowl opener when he received a complaint of waterfowl hunting eight miles into the south zone on a Newaygo County lake. CO Wells responded and set up surveillance on two subjects who had a spread of decoys out and were sitting in a boat blind. CO Wells observed the subjects shoot and call from the blind for over an hour. When the hunters packed up and returned to the launch CO Wells made contact and determined they had taken three ducks. The hunters were correctly licensed and when asked what zone they were in they responded they were in the middle zone. When CO Wells advised them they were in the south zone and hunting out of season both subject stated that a friend had told them this area was open. CO Wells asked if they had checked the waterfowl digest. Both subjects stated they had not. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Brian Lebel and Angela Greenway were the closest unit to a suicidal subject walking down the road in Mecosta county. The COs arrived on scene and talked with the subject and kept her calm until the MSP other Law Enforcement units arrived.

CO Angela Greenway received information from CO Dave Rogers of a subject trapping during the closed season. CO Greenway was able to locate the trappers while the suspects were checking their traps. CO Greenway watched them for over an hour check and reset traps. CO Greenway overheard the trappers say "wouldn't it be funny if a CO checked us." The subjects dragged their boat out of the water and CO Greenway made contact with them. CO Greenway asked "how many muskrats did you get?" The trappers stated, "Two". CO Greenway addressed all the violations and received consent to go back to their residence and see what was in their freezer. They admitted

to taking nine muskrats and four raccoons before season. They had untagged traps, and one subject did not have a fur harvester license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Troy VanGeldereren of Oceana County and PCO Andrew Monnich were checking anglers in Pentwater when they heard an explosion. The COs ran to the location on foot and were the first to respond to a vehicle fully engulfed in flames and that was catching the adjacent business with living quarters above on fire. The vehicle that was on fire was next to a large propane tank. The COs contacted dispatch and advised them of the fire and then proceeded to wake the individuals who were sleeping in the building. The COs continued to monitor the fire and provide fire personnel of the seriousness of the burning vehicle. The COs continued to evacuate the condominium next to the business and confirmed that all the residents were evacuated. At this point the officers received information that an elderly individual was still in the condominium. The officers were able to locate the elderly woman's son and safely remove her from the threatening fire.

CO Troy VanGeldereren of Oceana County and PCO Andrew Monnich investigated a subject who shot a DNR collared female bear with cubs in the Baldwin unit. The COs were able to obtain admissions from the hunter and located the bear being processed in another county. A warrant was requested for taking a sow bear with cubs and was authorized by the Oceana County Prosecutor's office. The suspect in this case has turned himself in and is awaiting arraignment at this time. Information provided to COs by citizens proved critical in this investigation.

CO Mike Wells of Newaygo County and PCO Ethan Gainsforth were assigned to patrol the Tippy Dam area due to the fall salmon run. During this patrol several tickets were issued for attempting to snag, possession of illegal devices, and undersized trout.

DISTRICT 5

CO Mark Papineau assisted with a Cub Scout Fishing Derby at Camp Rotary in Clare County. CO Papineau was able to teach water and fishing safety to over 100 young scouts from across the state.

CO Atkin was working the waterfowl opener when he heard a volley of early shots. CO Atkin was able to make contact with the two hunters a short time later. Both hunters admitted to shooting early and further admitted to killing two ducks during that early volley of shots. CO Atkin took enforcement action.

On another waterfowl check, CO Atkin contacted a large group of hunters on Saginaw Bay. The officer's investigation led to numerous violations, including unregistered vessels, unsigned federal stamps, toxic shot and one hunter who was in possession of two firearms. Enforcement action was taken to address the violations.

CO Atkin responded to a complaint about an ORV that was running in a prohibited area of state land on the opener of archery season. The information included the fact that

the suspect was bragging about riding illegally and felt immune to any laws regarding ORVs. When CO Atkin located the suspect, he recognized him from having given him verbal warnings for the same offense in the same location a couple years prior. When the suspect began to give the officer excuses, CO Atkin even recognized the excuses as the same ones that were used during the prior contact. This time however, it ended with a different outcome. CO Atkin issued the suspect a ticket for operating an ORV in a prohibited area.

COs Phil Hudson, Nick Atkin and Steve Lockwood responded in the middle of the night to a missing person report on Saginaw Bay. Officers assisted the USCG in searching the waters for an angler that did not return from fishing that evening. The vessel was located in the wee hours of the next morning, but without the angler on board. Officers assisted the sheriff's department with photographing the scene and documenting the location. The Arenac County Sheriff's Department continues to investigate.

CO Steve Lockwood received an anonymous complaint the day before the archery opener about a possible gunshot deer that had been illegally harvested. The officer made contact with the suspect and his adult son at their residence. Both subjects denied any wrongdoing, even though one had multiple drops of blood on his clothing. After getting nowhere, CO Lockwood left the residence and drove a short distance away where he could watch the suspect residence. After only five minutes, the officer observed one of the suspects hustling from the residence over to the pole barn. The suspect had a surprised look on his face when he saw that CO Lockwood was standing at the barn waiting for him. The suspect, realizing he had been caught, went back into the barn and brought out an untagged gunshot antlerless deer. The deer was seized and enforcement action was taken.

COs Josh Russell, Bobbi Lively, and Kyle Bader, and PCOs Sam Schluckbier and Josh Wright worked a group patrol during the opening day of waterfowl season in Iosco County. The COs contacted approximately 100 hunters and issued three tickets and seven verbal warnings.

COs Brian Olsen and PCO Matthew Zultak contacted a bow hunter who had just reached his vehicle after the evening hunt. The subject was sitting inside smoking a marijuana cigarette and thought the COs were friends coming back to check on him. The COs seized the marijuana and discovered that the subject also had a warrant for dangerous drugs out of Crawford County. He was arrested and lodged in the Ogemaw County Jail.

COs Brian Olsen, Kyle Bader, Josh Russell, Kyle Bucholtz, Jason Smith, and Sgt. Brandon Kieft investigated a case involving a subject who had taken a bear out of season in Ogemaw County. Information was received that the hunter had shot the bear near Little Au Sable Lake and was travelling back to a residence in the Huron County area. CO Olsen was able to obtain a license plate number for the vehicle and information was relayed down to Huron County CO Kyle Bucholtz. The COs were able to locate the subject with the dead black bear and obtain a confession. Warrants were

sought through the Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office and the subject is awaiting court dates.

CO Kyle Bader and PCO Josh Wright were first on scene to a motorcycle personal injury accident in Ogemaw County. The COs cut the victim out of a barbed wire fence and rendered first aid until Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived.

COs Kyle Bader and Josh Wright received a complaint regarding gun shots during bow season at the end of hunting hours. They made contact with the residents at the property and began their investigation. The COs asked to see the blinds to determine if they could find any blood, shell casings, or other evidence. After finding a rifle in one of the blinds with a spent shell casing still in the gun, the COs narrowed down a suspect and interviewed him. Eventually, he confessed that he had shot at an antlerless deer the night before but couldn't find her. They were able to find a starting point for a blood trail and eventually located the deer in the edge of the tree line. Charges are being sought through the Ogemaw County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Josh Russell and Bobbi Lively were checking waterfowl hunting activity on Upper Foote Pond when they observed two individuals with firearms sitting on the ground. As the COs approached them, one of the subjects pointed at them and began to pack everything up. Upon contacting the hunters, they were found to be in possession of lead shot, an unplugged shotgun and unsigned federal duck stamps. While talking with the subjects, it was also determined that they were ticketed a few weeks earlier for other waterfowl violations by CO Jonathan Warner. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Josh Russell received a complaint from Iosco Central Dispatch regarding a safety zone violation on Cedar Lake. CO Russell responded to the residence and confirmed the waterfowl hunter was within the complainant's safety zone. CO Russell made contact with the suspect, who was also operating his vessel without navigation lights among other watercraft violations. Enforcement action was taken.

CO John Huspen and PCO James McAteer spoke at a Hunter Safety Class at the Grayling Sportsman Club. They presented to approximately 25 kids and adults about hunter ethics and hunting laws.

COs John Huspen, Chuck McPherson and PCO Craig Neal assisted at the Field Day for a Hunter Safety Class at the Grayling Sportsman Club. The COs covered the tree stand safety and archery stations. Approximately 25 students participated during the class.

COs John Huspen, Chris Bowen, Phil Hudson, Brian Olsen, and Chuck McPherson, and PCOs Craig Neal and Matt Zultak put on a Hunter Safety Class "Field Day" for students who completed the on-line course. Officers used the Hunter Education training firearms and crossbows to instruct the students on proper gun handling and firing of a crossbow. The class certified approximately 20 students.

While patrolling two tracks in Kalkaska County, CO Mike Hearn and PCO Casey Pullum observed a side-by-side ORV driving toward them. Contact was made with the operator when CO Hearn noticed multiple bags of bait in the back of the ORV. The hunter agreed to take the officers to his hunting spot. Upon arriving, it was obvious the ORV had been used to travel through the woods to the tree stand. At the tree stand multiple violations were noted. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz was patrolling Missaukee County at dusk when he heard one rifle shot coming from nearby private property. After waiting two hours, the officer entered the property and contacted two suspects standing outside the residence. CO Liestenfeltz conducted two interviews when one suspect finally admitted to having shot a doe with a firearm during closed season. Charges are pending.

CO Matt Liestenfeltz contacted three duck hunters leaving a lake in south Missaukee County. During the contact the officer found two unplugged shotguns and an insufficient number of PFDs. Tickets were issued.

While conducting a shining patrol, CO Matt Liestenfeltz and PCO Craig Neal made several contacts that resulted in tickets issued for shining after 11:00 p.m., littering, ORV violations and transporting open intoxicants.

While working shining activity, CO Chuck McPherson and PCO Craig Neal located a vehicle whose occupants were shining for deer. The COs made contact and found an uncased loaded .22 and a cocked and loaded crossbow. The weapons were seized and numerous tickets were issued.

CO Chuck McPherson was assisting STING narcotics enforcement on an illegal growing of marijuana plants. CO McPherson observed the suspect tending the plants. When CO McPherson contacted the suspect he fled on foot. The suspect got into his car and led Roscommon area police on a high speed pursuit. The subject was apprehended and warrants have been sought for resisting and obstructing police officer, maintaining a growing operation and flee and elude. The Roscommon County Sheriff's Department, Gerrish Township Police Department, MSP and Richfield Township Public Safety were involved.

While patrolling Boardman Township, CO Mike Hearn and Sgt. Jeremy Payne followed a suspicious vehicle operating slowly on the snowmobile trail after dark. The driver was observed exiting the vehicle and urinating along the trail. After witnessing the vehicle drive through a stop sign without stopping, a traffic stop was made on the vehicle. Upon investigation it was determined the operator was under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and lodged in the Kalkaska County Jail.

DISTRICT 6

CO Joel Lundberg and PCO Mike Haas were checking duck hunters coming in from the afternoon hunt on the opening day in the Shiawassee River State Game Area (SGA).

The COs made contact with a group of eight hunters each of whom had their limit of six, 48 total. One of the hunters appeared to be very nervous. After the COs conducted interviews it was determined that all eight of the hunters went duck hunting in the morning at the Maple River SGA, and all shot additional ducks. After following one of the hunters back to his residence, the COs found an additional 24 ducks at the one residence. The hunters ended up with 72 ducks between the eight of them on the opening day of the duck season. Along with the eight overlimit violations, there were also eight tagging violations, as the hunters left all the ducks shot in the morning with one hunter and failed to tag the ducks with all the required information. The ducks were seized and tickets were issued.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson contacted an archery hunter in the Stanton SGA. The hunter was just coming out of the woods. He stated that he went out to check his stand and all the straps were gone, but the thieves had left the platform. There was another issue at hand - the hunter was carrying a .22 pistol along with his bow. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson received a complaint of litter alongside a Montcalm County road. The COs investigated and found 28 bags of trash that appeared to be thrown from a vehicle as it moved down the road. The COs dug through the trash bags and found some receipts and mailings. The investigation is ongoing.

While patrolling a private lake for waterfowl activity, CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson received a complaint of hunters shooting out of a boat. As the COs walked between two water areas they walked past three subjects fishing out of a pontoon boat. The subjects waved and asked if the officers wanted to see their licenses. When asked if they were fishing, one of the subjects responded that he was duck hunting so the COs asked them to come to shore. The COs checked the subject's semi-auto shotgun, which was still loaded and found that they could not eject the shell. The subject advised that he had purchased three and one-half inch shells instead of the three inch shells his firearm was chambered for. He advised that the only way they were unloading it was to shoot it because the firearm would not cycle the longer shells. The COs could see that it was the first time they had tried waterfowl hunting and used the opportunity to educate the subjects on waterfowl regulations and firearm safety. Warnings were given and the subjects headed in for the day.

CO Ken Lowell and PCO Dan Robinson stopped two hunters that were loading bows into a truck. The COs asked the hunters for their licenses and were advised that they left their tags back at camp. The COs checked the subjects through the license system and found that one of them had not purchased a 2015 hunting license and was driving a vehicle with expired tags. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Joel Lundberg, Steve Lockwood, PCO Mike Haas and officers with the Midland County Sheriff's office responded to a large party attended by minors in possession of alcohol that was being held on Midland County state land. Upon contact with the group

around a bonfire, several individuals ran into the woods attempting to flee. Nine individuals were apprehended and enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Lee and PCO Jill Berry were on waterfowl patrol at the Kawkawlin River Flooding when they contacted four subjects getting off their boat from waterfowl hunting. One of the subjects did not have the required federal migratory bird stamp. The subject stated he could not remember if he bought one or not. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Lee and PCO Jill Berry were on waterfowl patrol at the Maple River SGA and contacted two subjects. They said they shot four ducks and they weren't sure what one of them was. Upon looking at the ducks it was identified as a pied-billed grebe. Education and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Quincy Gowenlock and PCO Robert Slick contacted a hunter walking down a road in the Gratiot/Saginaw SGA wearing camouflage and with a crossbow in hand. The hunter told the COs that he forgot his deer license and left it at home. The hunter told the COs that he would go home and get it before he went back into the woods. The COs transported the hunter back to his residence and asked to see his license and deer tags. The hunter then told the COs that he left it in his uncle's truck. The hunter was ticketed for not purchasing a 2015 deer license.

While on patrol in northern Bay County, CO Will Brickel located a marijuana grow and with the assistance of the MSP BAYANET Team, 53 plants were removed to be destroyed.

Sgt. Tony Soave received a RAP complaint of a tree stand placed illegally on private land without permission. Upon examining the stand and the illegal/early pile of corn late in the afternoon, Sgt. Soave photographed the site to check it on the second morning of the Youth Deer hunt. It was so late in the day he assumed the hunter would not be out to hunt it that night. The complainant called back to say he had heard two gunshots on the property and hung up. Sgt. Soave had the county dispatch send a MSP car to the location to hold it down until he could get there from home. Upon arriving on scene, Sgt. Soave contacted the hunter and his son at the tree stand. Sgt. Soave and the complainant walked the property and located two freshly killed bucks, both small six pointers. Upon interviewing the father and son, the 16 year old admitted to shooting both bucks with buckshot at the corn pile. The tree stand and the shotgun were both seized and tickets were issued to the father for allowing his son to take deer while trespassing and allowing his son to shoot more than the one deer limit for the youth hunt.

CO Jason A. Smith and PCO Mark Siemen contacted three anglers at Sunset Marina. After checking the anglers, one was ticketed for having an undersized nine inch largemouth bass and one was ticketed for not having a fishing license.

CO Seth Rhodea was patrolling in Sanilac County when he observed a semi fail to stop at a posted intersection, causing the CO to have to stop his patrol truck to avoid a

collision. A traffic stop was made and the driver was also found to have several motor vehicle violations, including expired registration on his truck. Enforcement action was taken.

While walking on state land in late August, CO Seth Rhodea located an illegal bait pile. CO Rhodea returned to the area on opening day of bow hunting season and contacted the hunter using the bait pile. The hunter admitted that he did put out the bait early and CO Rhodea also addressed tree stand violations. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Ray Gardner, along with COs Bob Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea, teamed up to check waterfowl hunters on Saginaw Bay on opening weekend. The COs issued tickets on numerous violations encountered during the patrol which included possession of lead shot while hunting waterfowl, taking overlimits of Redheads, operating motor boat with a loaded firearm and failing to have hunting licenses while waterfowl hunting.

CO Josh Wight and PCO Justin Muehlhauser conducted waterfowl patrols on the Saginaw Bay for the waterfowl opening weekend. Several checks were made. The COs contacted one particular group of hunters, three adults and two youths. One of the adults was in possession of an unplugged firearm. One of the others didn't have a federal duck stamp but claimed that he had purchased one. While the COs checked the men one of them decided to disappear into the phragmites. That particular subject was found to have nine outstanding warrants. Officers were unable to locate the subject. Enforcement action was taken for the unplugged gun. Warrants are being sought for the suspect who disappeared.

CO Josh Wright and PCO Justin Muehlhauser checked waterfowl hunters north of Fish Point. The COs watched a group of hunters shoot at a flock of birds; two of the birds fell. The COs watched for about 30 minutes while the hunters failed to make any attempt to retrieve the second bird. The COs made contact with the group and questioned them about the birds, although the hunters claimed that they didn't see them come down. The COs also discovered that the subjects were in possession of an overlimit of Redhead ducks. Enforcement action was taken.

PCO Raymond Gardner and COs Bob Hobkirk and Seth Rhodea went on a waterfowl patrol on Saginaw Bay along the west side of Huron County. Officers contacted a large numbers of hunters. Tickets were written for possession of lead shot, no federal duck stamp, transporting a loaded firearm in a watercraft, and taking an overlimit of Redhead Ducks.

PCO Raymond Gardner and Sgt. Scott Brown were checking waterfowl hunters at the Sumac Island Access Site. The officers contacted a large number of hunters coming in from hunting. The COs witnessed a boat with six passengers coming in from the water. While checking the boat the officers observed the boat only had four life jackets. A ticket was issued.

PCO Raymond Gardner and CO Bob Hobkirk were patrolling the Verona SGA prior to opening day of archery deer season. While on patrol and checking numerous campsites the COs observed a truck parked illegally in the game area. A ticket was issued.

PCO Raymond Gardner and CO Bob Hobkirk received a complaint of a deer carcass dumped at Finn and Feather Access Site. A deer license was located near the carcass. An interview with the subject resulted in a confession, and a ticket was issued.

DISTRICT 7

While checking a local deer processor in Kent County, CO Justin Ulberg located a buck that had been tagged with an antlerless deer license and was not validated. Further investigation revealed that the hunter had only purchased antlerless deer licenses for the 2015 hunting season. After checking the date and time at which the tags were purchased, CO Ulberg had suspicion that the subject had shot the deer and then purchased the tags afterwards. CO Ulberg interviewed the subject and received a full confession that the subject shot the deer and then purchased the deer licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Cary Foster received a complaint of a subject who recently posted a nice eight point buck on social media. A license check revealed he purchased his license 10 minutes prior to posting the picture. Contact was made with the subject who admitted to hunting and killing the deer before purchasing the license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Rodgers patrolled a local lake for the south zone waterfowl opener. One group checked had a severely overloaded boat with five hunters, causing the boat to be unstable as it was just barely above the water line. All subjects within the boat had loaded firearms while underway. Enforcement action was taken for the firearms violations and a warning was given for having an overloaded boat.

CO David Rodgers made contact with a group of waterfowl hunters during the south zone opening weekend. Enforcement action was taken with one hunter for using buckshot and a warning given to one subject for not having a state waterfowl license and to another subject who did not have their license in possession after proof was provided that they had purchased it.

CO Matt Page checked a group of hunters leaving the Keeler SGA. Upon checking the hunters CO Page asked to see if both bows were in a case inside the vehicle. The driver showed the CO one case in the back seat and when asked to see the other bow the driver stated that it was buried under a pile of stuff and that it would be too much of a pain to dig out. CO Page shined his light in the rear window and observed an uncased bow on the top of the pile. Through interviews CO Page found that the subject had shot an eight point buck on opening day of 2013. A check through dispatch indicated that the hunter did not purchase any kind of hunting license in 2013. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Matt Page observed a juvenile snagging in a closed stream. When contacted by the CO the subject stated that he only snagged because that's how he was taught to fish. The youth was given a stern warning for fishing in a closed stream and attempting to snag fish.

CO Matt Page responded to a trespass complaint where a doe had been shot on the complainant's land. The complainant texted the other people with permission to hunt the area and found that none of them were hunting that evening. A doe was located and an arrow was located inside the carcass. This investigation is ongoing.

COs Saykham Keophalychanh and Andy Bauer were called to a complaint where a deer had been shot with a gun and had been found in the yard of a summer cottage. When the officers responded they determined that the deer had been shot by a bow and arrow. The deer was seized and contacts were made in the area to attempt to locate the hunter. The next day the hunter was located and the deer was given to him. The hunter was extremely happy as it was the "biggest buck he had ever shot with a bow!"

COs Saykham Keophalychanh and Andy Bauer conducted a marine patrol on the St. Joe River targeting salmon anglers. Salmon fishing continues to be slow, and the officers made many contacts with anglers. Tickets were written for fishing without licenses and a marine safety violation.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Tyler Cole worked Donavan Lake on opening day of waterfowl season. They located a group of hunters and observed them for approximately 45 minutes. The hunters were actively calling 30 minutes after hunting hours. The officers made contact and met the group at the boat launch. Upon inspection of gear and licenses, a federal duck stamp was not signed and no PFDs were on board the vessel. Enforcement action was taken for hunting after hours.

CO Steve Mooney and PCO Tyler Cole were patrolling Lions Park in Bangor, and observed three individuals fishing in a closed stream. The COs also observed one of the individuals attempting to snag salmon. While attempting to make contact, two individuals hid in the bushes after hiding their fishing pole, while the third was found to be at his car getting ready to call it a night. PCO Cole eventually found the two subjects hiding in the bushes and escorted them out to their car. Both subjects adamantly denied fishing. While PCO Cole collected IDs and licenses from the three subjects, CO Mooney searched for the stashed fishing pole. When CO Mooney found the hidden fishing pole, the two subjects quickly changed their story about not fishing. Enforcement action was taken for fishing a closed stream and attempting to snag.

CO Jeff Robinette observed an operator without a helmet on an ORV driving on a county road near the Crane Pond SGA. CO Robinette made a stop on the ORV and issued the operator a ticket for operating an ORV on a public roadway.

Sgt. Kevin Hackworth was patrolling Barry County when he received a report of a person hunting deer with a firearm. It was reported that the subject had gone out to his

deer blind with a rifle, a handgun, and a 12 pack of beer at 2:00 a.m. the previous evening after having a serious argument with his wife. Over 12 hours later the next day he still refused to come out of the woods. Sgt. Hackworth eventually located the subject sitting in a hunting blind. The subject was tested by an assisting MSP trooper and found to be sober while Sgt. Hackworth secured the firearms. The situation was determined to not be hunting related.

CO Robert Crisp was patrolling the Middleville SGA in Barry County when he located three youths in a parked vehicle. As CO Crisp approached the vehicle on foot, the driver rolled down his window and greeted the officer with a cloud of marijuana smoke. After a brief investigation, CO Crisp recovered a Mason jar full of marijuana. Enforcement action was taken and the parents of all three youth responded to the scene to pick up their children.

CO Chris Holmes followed up on the complaint of a dead duck in a kayak on the Western Michigan University campus in Kalamazoo County. Officer Holmes responded to the scene and found six dead ducks in a kayak in the back of a truck. CO Holmes interviewed the owner of the vehicle and found that he had shot the ducks in the UP during the opening weekend of waterfowl season. After investigating further it was found that the suspect had never taken a hunter safety class and had been purchasing licenses illegally for a few years. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes has been reviewing records related to hunters who have had their hunting privileges revoked. While conducting this review CO Holmes found that the fiancé of a hunter who had recently had his privileges re-instated had killed an antlerless deer but had never taken hunter safety. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes received a complaint of a subject who had been trespassing on private property to bow hunt. The property owner had caught the suspect hunting on the property and told him to remove his hunting stand and not return. The suspect was caught again leaving the property with archery equipment. CO Holmes contacted the hunter and issued him a ticket for recreational trespass.

COs Chris Holmes, Brad Brewer, Jason McCullough and Jeff Goss conducted a shining patrol in Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Calhoun Counties. During the patrol a vehicle was stopped in St. Joseph County after the occupants were observed shining after 11:00 p.m. COs Brewer and Holmes found an uncased shotgun in the vehicle. CO Holmes also determined that one of the Indiana residents in the vehicle had purchased resident Michigan licenses. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Chris Holmes responded to a trespass complaint in Kalamazoo County that also involved a possible felonious assault. CO Holmes arrived on scene and took statements from the suspect and victims. It was alleged that two children were on an adjoining neighbor's property playing in his tree stand and that the owner had pointed a handgun at the children and made them leave the property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Mshar was observing the Echo Point DNR shooting range due to numerous complaints of subjects not following the posted rules. CO Mshar observed two individuals pull into the parking area several minutes after the range had closed. CO Mshar listened as the subjects asked several people who were leaving what time the range closed. The group told the two that the range had already closed. CO Mshar watched as the two subjects quickly unloaded numerous firearms and boxes of ammo from their vehicle and began firing. Contact was made with the subjects who stated they knew the range was closed but were just going to take a few quick shots. Enforcement action was taken for several different range rule violations.

DISTRICT 8

Sgt. Dan Bigger and PCO Brandon Hartleben patrolled a local chain of lakes for waterfowl activity. While checking a hunter, Sgt. Bigger observed small pieces of water grass floating down the cut in the stream. Thinking this may be due to activity further upstream, the officers sat and waited as waterfowl were moving in. After the legal shooting hours closed, Sgt. Bigger and PCO Hartleben heard three more shots. Contact was made with the group of hunters and after checking their gear and licenses, found that one of the hunters did not possess a waterfowl stamp. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Brandon Hartleben received a tip from a park ranger the day before the archery season opener of over-baiting on state land in the Pinckney Recreation Area. With the assistance of the ranger, the COs located the stand on opening morning and contacted the hunter. There were five separate bait piles near the hunter's stand, with at least three gallons of bait in each pile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Brandon Hartleben investigated several complaints of illegal dumping at the Waterloo State Recreation Area. The officers will be following up with Recreation Area staff who obtained additional information on continued illegal dumping activity.

CO Todd Thorn swore to charges, including two felonies, against two individuals involved in a case from last firearm deer season. A hunter who had warrants, and was not supposed to be in possession of a firearm, ran from CO Thorn and hid his shotgun on state land. The firearm was found by CO Thorn, and the man was arrested, and now faces further charges.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer responded to a RAP complaint where a man claimed that two men had stolen his 14 year old grandson's 12 point deer head and antlers. The COs were shown the carcass of the deer, which clearly had its head cut off. The grandfather also informed the COs that he knew who had taken the antlers...a neighboring farmer. The COs contacted the subject and his friend, and were able to obtain confessions that the friend had cut the head off and taken the deer to a

taxidermist. The case became more interesting as the friend was someone who had been charged by CO Thorn two years prior for having untagged deer in the bed of his pickup truck. Furthermore, the COs were able to locate and seize the untagged antlers from a taxidermist who was unlicensed and operating illegally. Enforcement action is being taken against the taxidermist and the man who possessed the head illegally.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer received a complaint of a tree stand on state land in the CWD management zone that had bait placed in front of it and had no name/address on it. The COs were able to locate the site and tracked a path back to private property where they found a bag of deer corn matching what was placed in front of the tree stand. The COs then found another tree stand nearby with bait in front of it. After a couple of return trips to the location, CO Thorn contacted two men in a raised blind who were hunting over the bait pile. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Todd Thorn and PCO Matt Neterer interviewed two men accused of violating deer damage permits that they received from the DNR. The case resulted from a complaint of an untagged deer found left in a cooler for nearly a month. Confessions were attained and charges will be sought through the local prosecutor's office.

CO Todd Thorn responded to a complaint in Jackson County of a man trespassing and possibly hunting without a license. CO Thorn observed three individuals in camo walking out of a wooded area and each carrying a compound bow. Two of the individuals had licenses, but the third did not. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Larn Strawn received a complaint of a sick looking deer in northwest Clinton County. CO Strawn responded to the complaint location and contacted the complainant and several concerned community members. CO Strawn located the deer and was able to dispatch it. CO Strawn determined the deer was recently hit by a vehicle and had severe collision related injuries. CO Strawn collected the entire deer and turned it over to Wildlife Division for disease testing.

While patrolling Jefferson Avenue, COs Larn Strawn and Chuck Towns observed a man speed away and flee from Detroit Police Officers on a traffic stop. CO Strawn and CO Towns and the DPD patrol unit followed the man a short distance and stopped him. COs Strawn and Towns assisted the DPD apprehend and arrest the man for operating while intoxicated.

CO Shane Webster responded to an overbaiting complaint. The bait and the hunter were located. Enforcement action was taken.

While returning from Belle Isle, CO Shane Webster encountered an elderly couple who were stranded due to running out of gas. Officer Webster was able to assist them and get them safely on their way.

CO Todd Thorn contacted two men hunting over bait. The bait piles had been located a few days prior, and had been checked for hunting activity since the archery deer

opener. The hunters were told to clean up all of their bait. The same hunters also had a tree stand on state land with no name/address on it, and had cut down trees on state land to aid in their hunting activities. Enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Troy Bahlau responded to a deer dumping complaint in northwest Shiawassee County. Four carcasses were located but no subject information was available. Ideas were shared with the landowners on how to deter this activity on their property and possibly help catch the responsible party.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King conducted a follow up on a RAP complaint from Station 20 regarding a turkey possibly taken illegally in the 2015 spring hunt. The Retail Sales System revealed the subject did not have a valid turkey license. After interviewing the subject and investigation, the COs were able to obtain a complete confession. Evidence was seized and law enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King assisted the Clinton County Sheriff's Department with a car/deer accident. The COs dispatched the deer and turned the incident over to the Clinton County deputies.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King followed up on a complaint of an illegally taken turkey in the spring of 2015. After making contact with the subject and investigation, the COs were able to obtain verbal and written confessions. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Rich Nickols and PCO Jason King investigated a complaint from Station 20 of an illegally taken deer. After contacting the suspects the officers were able to obtain confessions. Enforcement action was taken and the nine point buck was seized.

CO Jason McCullough and PCO Chris Maher conducted an interview on a subject from a safety zone complaint. PCO Maher was able to work with limited information, interviewed witnesses, located a subject and recovered a firearm. PCO Maher, after dealing with multiple witnesses that were lying, was able to determine the subject was hunting small game without a license, trespassing and hunting within a safety zone. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Dan Prince and PCO Joshua Jackson worked numerous complaints in Livingston County. The COs responded to a waterfowl complaint in progress on Bennett Lake. The complainant reported that their pontoon boat was almost hit by shotgun pellets. The COs were able to locate one juvenile duck hunter and talked with a parent about safe shooting and hunting with supervision.

CO Jeff Goss conducted a processor check and located a large buck with a tag attached that had not been validated. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the name on the tag did not match the name on the processor's cutting order. During the investigation, CO Goss determined that the buck was shot by a 13 year old boy during the youth hunt. His father failed to secure a deer license for the child because he didn't think he was going to get a deer. After shooting the deer the father called his

brother who loaned him one of his son's mentored youth deer tags. The tag was then attached to the deer without being validated. Records show that the youth who shot the deer has not had licenses for the last two seasons. Charges are being sought for both of the parents involved.

DISTRICT 9

CO David Schaumburger worked a joint patrol with a US Fish and Wildlife Service officer on the Detroit River during the waterfowl opener. Both officers made many positive contacts; however, one particular hunter was hunting with an unplugged shotgun. When CO Schaumburger asked him why there was no plug, he stated it was his grandpa's, who said it was good to go. Enforcement action was taken.

CO David Schaumburger made a few contacts with hunters in the managed areas at Pointe Mouillee to check their weapons, bag limits, and shell count. CO Schaumburger encountered two hunters who were in possession of more than the 18 shell limit for the managed hunt. Both hunters stated they forgot they had the extra shells in their possession. Enforcement action was taken and the hunters were reminded to double check their gear before coming afield.

CO Jason Becker responded to a RAP complaint of hunters trespassing on the complainant's land. This has been an ongoing problem for years. CO Becker met two subjects in the complainant's field. They stated that they were just using the neighboring field to get back to their hunting location in the woods. One subject stated that he knew the complainant and that he was sure the landowner would be ok with them using the field. CO Becker contacted the complainant and both landowners had never heard of the subject. Enforcement action taken.

While in Genesee County, CO Jeremy Beavers received a complaint regarding an unidentified subject hunting on City of Flint property, where hunting is not authorized. CO Beavers went to the location reported in the complaint and searched the area for the site. CO Beavers followed a set of worn trails that led to a very large bait pile, containing sugar beets, corn and carrots. There was a tree stand over the bait as well as a trail cam. CO Beavers photographed the area and waited for the suspect to come to the location but no one arrived. CO Beavers returned to the location on the evening of October 10th. As CO Beavers approached the location, he spotted the suspect climbing the tree stand. At that time CO Beavers made contact with the suspect and ordered him down. CO Beavers then questioned the suspect about hunting at that location and how long he has been doing it. The subject stated that this is the first year he has hunted there. The subject stated that he works in the area and has seen deer there regularly and that is why he is hunting there. CO Beavers told the subject that hunting was not allowed at that location. CO Beavers went on to say that even if he were allowed to be there, his bait pile exceeds the two gallon maximum. Enforcement action taken.

CO Christopher Knights was patrolling the Holly SGA when he observed anglers fishing from shore. While CO Knights was making contact with the anglers he could see some goose hunters through the woods. CO Knights finished his contact with the anglers and made his way over to the goose hunters. While checking the hunters CO Knights learned that one of the hunters had an unplugged gun. CO Knights explained the rules and regulations to the hunter, and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Bald Mountain on the opening day of waterfowl season, CO Christopher Knights came across waterfowl hunters hunting from the shore line. CO Knights parked his truck on the other side of the lot and waited for them to return to their vehicles. After a few minutes an individual came out and CO Knights stopped him to check for licenses. Upon checking his firearm, CO Knights found no plug which is required for waterfowl hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Christopher Knights responded to a complaint in Oakland County for a possible tagging violation. CO Knights spoke with the complainant and got pictures and identification of the suspect. Upon leaving the residence of the complainant, CO Knights observed the suspect driving back to the same location where he shot the deer. CO Knights conducted a traffic stop and asked the suspect about the possible tagging violation. The suspect stated he had tagged the deer and asked to go back to his truck to get his current tags. CO Knights asked if he had any firearms or was carrying concealed, the suspect stated he had a pistol in the rear seat of his pickup truck. CO Knights stopped the suspect from going to his truck, and retrieved the firearm himself. The firearm was located in the front fanny pack located on his hunting gear. The pistol was not registered and was being concealed and transported illegally. CO Knights continued to question him about his tags. After a few minutes the hunter admitted to using his restricted tag on a buck with only two points on one side. The firearm was seized and a report will be submitted to the local prosecutor for review. Law enforcement action was taken on the tagging violation.

CO Ken Kovach and PCO Brad Silorey checked several waterfowl hunters north of St. Clair County. The COs heard multiple shots from different parties shooting after hours. The COs pinpointed their locations and observed as the subjects, hunting 20 minutes after hours, shot a wood duck and then retrieved it. CO Kovach was also able to find the other party responsible for the other late shots. The subjects had geese in their possession and admitted that they were hunting after hours. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Kris Kiel and PCO Jake Griffin were on foot patrol at Wetzel State Recreation Area during opening day of waterfowl season when they spotted hunters in a duck blind. PCO Griffin made contact with the individuals. PCO Griffin informed the subjects that they were hunting from an illegal blind due to the blind not having a name or address on it. During the waterfowl check, PCO Griffin discovered that one subject failed to purchase a federal stamp, two subjects had unsigned federal stamps, two other subjects did not have any of the required hunting licenses with them, and one subject had 47 rounds of lead shot. Enforcement action was taken.

On the same foot patrol, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Jake Griffin discovered three subjects packing up their waterfowl hunting gear. During the check, PCO Griffin found one subject who failed to sign the federal stamp and one additional subject was in possession of two lead shot rounds. Enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Macomb County for waterfowl hunters, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Jake Griffin spotted goose decoys in a cut wheat field. The COs parked the patrol truck and walked in to observe. While observing the hunters for some time, one subject loaded his vehicle and proceeded to leave. PCO Jake Griffin stopped the vehicle as it was about to pass the COs hiding along the side of the field. A waterfowl check of the driver showed him to be in possession of two geese, four hen mallards and an unsigned federal waterfowl stamp. The subject stated that he had to leave for work. The COs followed the subject back to the hunting location. PCO Griffin conducted a waterfowl check on three additional subjects. A count of all the geese and ducks resulted in an overlimit of hen mallards. Enforcement action was taken. The COs also showed the subjects how to identify the difference between a drake and a hen mallard.

While on foot patrol at St. Johns Marsh, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Jake Griffin conducted a waterfowl check with multiple subjects. PCO Griffin discovered two subjects had unsigned federal waterfowl stamps. Enforcement action was taken.

On the same foot patrol, CO Kris Kiel and PCO Jake Griffin heard two shots after legal hunting hours. The COs proceeded to the location of the two shots where a subject was found getting ready to leave. PCO Jake Griffin discovered one live round in the chamber of the subject's shotgun. The subject admitted to shooting after legal hunting hours. Enforcement action was taken.

BELLE ISLE

While on patrol on Belle Isle CO Dan Walzak responded to a medical emergency at the Dossin Museum. A woman attending a wedding reception stood up to have pictures taken, experienced dizziness and fell. Although no injuries were sustained from the fall, the subject was transported to Detroit Receiving Hospital for examination.

CO Jason Becker was patrolling Belle Isle when he conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. CO Becker learned that the operator's driver's license was suspended and he also had four warrants for his arrest. CO Becker also learned that the passenger had a warrant out of Tennessee. The occupants were advised of their warrants and enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling Belle Isle, CO Jeremy Beavers stopped a subject for speeding near the Detroit Boat Club. CO Beavers was patrolling along Riverbank Drive when he was passed by a subject at a high rate of speed. CO Beavers stopped the vehicle and made contact with the subject explaining the reason for the stop. CO Beavers informed the subject that the speed limit on the island is 25 mph and he was driving at speeds in

excess of 45 mph. While verifying the subject's information, it was discovered that he was operating with a suspended license. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Al Schwiderson backed up CO William Brickel on a traffic stop and found the driver had open intoxicants in the vehicle. Later that evening CO Schwiderson responded to a complaint of a subject who ran his vehicle off the road and into a picnic table. At the scene CO Schwiderson noted that the vehicle smashed the picnic table. CO Schwiderson issued a ticket for MDOP to state property. Enforcement action was taken.

CO Mike Drexler and PCO Brandon Hartleben worked a shift on Belle Isle and identified a vehicle in the park after hours. After approaching the vehicle, it was observed that the occupants were engaged in indecent activity in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. After separating the two occupants, a search of the vehicle revealed an open container of alcohol. The female occupant was intoxicated, had a suspended license, and had seven outstanding traffic warrants out of Detroit. Enforcement action was taken.

COs Todd Thorn and Shane Webster were working second shift on Belle Isle when CO Thorn found a badly injured man lying in a roadway on the island. CO Thorn observed that the man had severe head trauma, and immediately requested EMS, and back up. The subject was unresponsive, and had an obvious injury to his head. After nearly an hour of CPR at the scene, and in the ambulance, the man was pronounced deceased shortly after arrival at the hospital. The cause of death was thought to be a heart attack, which caused the man to fall off of his bike and hit his head on the road.

COs Andy Bauer and Pete Purdy, along with MSP troopers, responded to a 911 call on Belle Isle of a subject having seizures. The subject was located and placed into a recovery position and objects around him were cleared out of the area. The officers monitored the subject's pulse and breathing and guided EMS to his location where he was turned over to their care.

CO Will Brickel assisted the MSP with the arrest of a subject on Belle Isle. The subject had multiple warrants from all across Michigan and several from Springfield, Missouri. The subject was arrested and housed in a local detention center and then extradited to Missouri.

While working on Belle Isle CO Kyle Bucholtz observed a vehicle operating in the park after closed hours. CO Bucholtz attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle but the vehicle failed to stop for an extended distance. Upon coming to a stop, CO Bucholtz and an assisting MSP trooper found the occupants in possession of marijuana and open intoxicants. Enforcement action was taken.