

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

Conservation Officer (CO) Zach Painter responded to assist with the search for an overdue canoer in the Sylvania Wilderness. The canoer was located unharmed by his family members shortly after he was reported missing. The subject had left a float plan with his family which allowed for him to be located quickly. Apparently, the subject had encountered high winds which delayed his scheduled arrival time.

CO Ethen Mapes was working an ORV trespass complaint when central dispatch notified him of a vehicle that was stuck in the mud along a logging road near Misery Bay. CO Mapes was able to locate the vehicle using the provided GPS coordinates. Upon contact with the driver, she stated that she would never listen to her GPS again. Three Ontonagon residents happened to be passing by and were able to get the vehicle free from the mud.

CO Jenni Hanson hosted an ORV safety course at Gogebic Community College in which 22 participants attended and successfully passed the course. CO Hanson was assisted by the Gogebic County recreation deputy and a local recreation safety instructor.

CO Jenni Hanson received a video of two local men illegally operating vehicles in a river. The subjects posted the videos on their Snapchat. After completing her preliminary investigation, CO Hanson contacted and interviewed both suspects. Ultimately, they admitted to camping illegally, cutting down trees, littering, and operating their jeeps in the Montreal River. Charges are being sought through the Gogebic County prosecutor's office.

CO Jenni Hanson assisted the Gogebic County Search and Rescue team with a chairlift evacuation from Copper Peak. The western hemisphere's largest active ski jump, Copper Peak, offers an adventure ride up the hill via chair lift. On a busy Friday afternoon, an unknown reason caused the chairlift to malfunction and stop working. CO Hanson has prior training and experience in ski lift evacuation and was able to assist in the safe removal of all the riders.

CO Anna Viau assisted the Iron County Sheriff's Office with a fatal rollover in Iron County. The driver swerved to miss a fawn in the roadway, which ended up with the vehicle rolling over and the driver passing away at the scene. Other agencies assisting included the Michigan State Police (MSP), Crystal Falls Fire Department, and Aspirus emergency medical services (EMS).

CO Shannon Kritz was returning from marine patrol when a call came out through central dispatch that a jet ski and tubers were in distress on Lake Michigan. Due to high

winds, the waves were quickly pushing the jet ski and tubers further and further away from shore out to big water. CO Kritz was first to launch her patrol boat and was assisted by an officer from the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. The officers were able to locate the jet ski, along with the tubers, approximately one mile out from shore. They explained that their tow rope got sucked into the jet ski, resulting to the jet ski becoming inoperable. The high waves had been quickly pushing them further away from shore and they were unable to get back. CO Kritz towed the jet ski and tubers back to the boat launch. The family was very thankful for the officers' quick response.

COs Cody Smith, Josh Boudreaux, and Jared Ferguson attended a Navy Cadet training and assisted with teaching the cadets on how to make an emergency shelter, how to easily start a fire, how to utilize a compass and read a topographic map as well as basic first aid and extraction of injured patients from any conditions necessary.

CO Jeremy Sergey received a complaint of a dead bear caught in a leg hold trap. When CO Sergey arrived on scene, it was apparent the bear had been dead for several months. The bear's paw was still stuck in the trap while most of the body had decayed and been scavenged. The investigation is ongoing.

CO Josh Boudreaux was patrolling Marquette County for aquatic invasive species (AIS) violations. Upon observing a truck pulling a boat on the highway commit a violation of motor vehicle code, CO Boudreaux conducted a traffic stop. Upon talking with the occupants, CO Boudreaux learned they had just returned from a fishing trip in Minnesota. Upon inspecting the boat CO Boudreaux discovered a piece of aquatic plant stuck to the trolling motor. CO Boudreaux explained to the driver the importance of preventing the spread of aquatic species and educated him on the places they commonly cling. CO Boudreaux issued the driver a warning for transporting aquatic plant materials and was assured by the driver that he would deep clean the boat before launching it in any Michigan waters.

## **DISTRICT 2**

CO Andrea Dani heard Alger County Dispatch be on the lookout (BOL) for a pickup truck travelling all over the roadway. Dispatch advised they had received three 911 calls referencing the activities of the suspect truck. CO Dani observed the suspect vehicle approach her on M-94. CO Dani conducted a traffic stop and observed the driver to be speaking slowly and have glossy bloodshot eyes. A deputy from the Alger County Sheriff Department assisted with the investigation. The result of the preliminary blood test (PBT) was .104% blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested and lodged at the Alger County Jail for operating while intoxicated (OWI).

CO Mark Zitnik participated in active shooter training with the Alger County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police (MSP), U.S. Coast Guard, and the Park Service. The training was focused on an active shooter on the Pictured Rocks cruise boats. The teams went through training on how to take down and apprehend an active shooter on

the cruise boats and then how to triage patients and get them to shore where EMS could treat the victims.

CO Steve Butzin successfully served three arrest warrants on individuals for taking deer during the 2020 deer season without licenses. These cases are pending prosecution at the 94<sup>th</sup> District Court in Delta County.

CO Todd Sumbera was conducting a marine patrol when he contacted a boat with four individuals who were fishing. As CO Sumbera pulled alongside the vessel, the two individuals in the back of the boat immediately reeled in their lines and set the rods inside the boat. Further investigation revealed that the two individuals were fishing without fishing licenses and stated that it was their belief that Michigan allowed for anglers to choose any three days in which they could fish without a license. Citations were issued for fishing without a license to both individuals.

CO Mike Olesen investigated a wildfire that occurred in Chippewa County. The fire started due to an individual who had a campfire and failed to properly extinguish the fire. Not long after leaving, the fire rekindled and burned approximately two acres, most of which was on a neighboring property. A report has been submitted to the Chippewa County prosecutor for review.

CO Colton Gelinis is investigating several timber theft complaints in western Mackinac County. These cases were discovered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forestry Resources Division (FRD).

COs Colton Gelinis and Cole VanOosten received a call from central dispatch at 1:30 a.m. regarding an elderly male who did not return to the cabin from a four-wheeler ride. After nine hours of searching in a thunderstorm, the lost individual was found and transported to the Helen Newberry Joy Hospital for further evaluation for hypothermia and dehydration. The COs were assisted by the Luce County Sheriff's Department and MSP.

COs Justin Vinson and Cole VanOosten responded to a call of a 74-year-old fisherman on the East Branch of the Two-Hearted River who had failed to return to camp. The fisherman's partner said he had yelled to his friend and heard him yell back but the yells became more distant before stopping all together. The COs assisted in mobilizing multiple search and rescue assets as well as searching the river for signs of the fisherman and using emergency sirens to attempt to draw the lost angler to their location. After several hours of search and rescue efforts, the angler was located shortly after 2:00 a.m. the next morning on a road on the opposite side of the river from where he started fishing. The angler stated he had walked a long way down river when it started getting dark. The angler then exited the river to try to find a road as opposed to trying to walk back the way he came.

CO Cole VanOosten was on a marine safety patrol on a lake in northern Luce County when he observed a two-person kayak in the middle of the lake. The individuals

appeared to be struggling to paddle as their paddle was in two pieces. CO VanOosten contacted the individuals who stated that they were not in need of assistance. CO VanOosten determined that neither individual had a PFD on board, and they were nearly three-eighths of a mile offshore, in deep water. The kayakers stated that they were from Wisconsin and did not know that you needed a PFD in Michigan. CO VanOosten informed them that Wisconsin's laws are the same as Michigan with regards to use of PFDs. CO VanOosten assisted the kayakers in returning safely to shore and stressed the importance of having a PFD on board when doing any boating activity. A citation was issued for failing to provide PFDs in a kayak.

CO Cole VanOosten concluded a court case from the fall of 2020 involving a dog that had been killed in an illegal trap on state land in Chippewa County. The trapper pled guilty to two counts of using an illegal conibear on state land was ordered to pay \$1,130 in fines, court cost and restitution as well as forfeiting the three 330 conibears that he had set on the ground on state land. The individual lost hunting and trapping privileges for one year and was ordered to take a trappers safety course before trapping again.

CO Justin Vinson attended an emergency management planning meeting regarding Camp Paradise. The Chippewa County Sheriff, Whitefish Township Fire and EMS, and Luce County Emergency Management all attended the meeting. The meeting covered several topics focused on procedures for extraction of campers in various emergencies due to the camp's remote nature.

CO Justin Vinson assisted Tahquamenon State Park in hosting the annual Two-Hearted 50K. The event consists of three races: a half marathon, a full marathon, and a 50-kilometer race, spanning from the Reed and Green Bridge to the mouth of the Two Hearted River, and finishing at the Tahquamenon Upper Falls. The event hosted over 140 participants who were greeted with mild weather, and all finished the race.

### **DISTRICT 3**

COs Andrea Erratt and Rich Stowe of Grand Traverse County attended a Tip of the Mitt Watershed mobile boat washing station event at Whitewater Township Park on Elk Lake. The mobile boat wash coincided with a bass tournament and the anglers agreed to have their boats cleaned. Volunteers from the lake association were excited to see lots of smallmouth bass while the anglers appreciated the effort Tip of the Mitt Watershed is doing to curb the spread of AIS while educating boaters.

CO Nathan Beelman was the first responder on scene for a medical call in Boyne City. The subject was believed to be experiencing an overdose from prescription medications. CO Beelman assisted with securing the subject who became non-compliant when the ambulance arrived. The subject experienced a seizure while securing him to the stretcher. The subject was later transported by EMS once he was stabilized.

COs Eric Bottorff and Matt Theunick attended a Landing Blitz Initiative event on Douglas Lake and checked multiple boats for AIS violations. The rules regarding the requirements for loading and unloading vessels to minimize spread of AIS were explained to the operators.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to the Straits of Mackinac for a complaint of two or three people being blown away from shore on a swim raft. Upon arriving on the scene, the subjects had abandoned the raft and swam back to shore. CO Rosochacki was able to locate the zebra raft floating approximately a mile from shore and ensured no other individuals were in the water.

CO Tim Rosochacki responded to a wildfire in a dense pine stand adjoining a neighborhood in Gaylord. CO Rosochacki assisted the DNR and local fire personnel on scene and checked the area for additional fires. It was determined there were, in fact, two separate small fires active in the area. CO Rosochacki contacted numerous neighboring landowners to try and determine any possible suspects. The incident is still under investigation.

CO Paul Fox assisted FRD with a state land trespass investigation in Presque Isle County. Several private landowners gated a portion of a state forest road. CO Fox contacted the responsible parties and advised them of the violation. The responsible parties were cooperative and removed the gate.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in Presque Isle County when he observed a turkey vulture propped on a pole in the middle of a small clearing. CO Fox drove to the property owner's residence to inquire about the bird and contacted a subject fishing there. He stated that the bird was found dead under his porch, so he put it up on the pole for all to see. After the discussion about the dead vulture, CO Fox asked the subject for his fishing license. After some back and forth the subject admitted to not have a Michigan fishing license but stated he did have a lobster license out of Florida. CO Fox issued the subject a ticket for fishing without a license.

CO Paul Fox was on patrol in northern Presque Isle County when he heard radio traffic of a local sheriff's deputy requesting backup for a domestic disturbance in Onaway. CO Fox responded to the scene and assisted local deputies in securing the area and the subjects involved. Two individuals were arrested for disorderly conduct, providing false information to officers, probation violations, and pending arrest warrants.

CO Dan Liestenfeltz was patrolling in Montmorency County when he observed an SUV drive past him with a subject sitting on the roof of the vehicle. The vehicle was traveling down a busy road. When the subject saw CO Liestenfeltz, they dove back into the vehicle through the sunroof. CO Liestenfeltz conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and educated both the driver and the subject riding on the dangers of engaging in such behavior.

COs Dan Liestenfeltz and Jessie Curtis were conducting a late-night patrol in Montmorency County. The COs initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle that had failed to dim its headlights and upon contact it appeared that the driver of the vehicle was under the influence of alcohol. CO Liestenfeltz conducted standardized field sobriety tests on the subject and determined that the subject was in fact intoxicated. CO Liestenfeltz placed the subject under arrest for OWI and transported him to the Montmorency County Jail where he was lodged.

#### **DISTRICT 4**

CO Troy Ludwig was patrolling the Cadillac Forest Management Unit along the Manistee River when he observed a camp that did not have a camp registration card posted. CO Ludwig contacted the camp occupants who advised they did not know they were required to have a card. The CO looked around the camp and observed a large amount of litter that was strewn about the camp; he also observed litter along a path that led to the river. CO Ludwig also found fresh wood that had been cut by the occupants from trees that were still living. Enforcement action was taken for multiple violations.

CO Josiah Killingbeck responded, along with Lake County deputies, to a 911 call where a subject said he was going to commit suicide. CO Killingbeck and Lake County deputies found the subject next to a vehicle with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. CO Killingbeck assisted in keeping the subject alive until EMS arrived. The subject was transported to the hospital and later died at a down state hospital. CO Killingbeck assisted with the investigation.

COs Angela Greenway and Troy Mueller were first to respond to a personal injury accident at the Silver Lake Sand Dunes where the operator of a rental ORV crested a hill at a high rate of speed flipping the ORV onto himself and breaking his leg. The victim was transported off the dunes to awaiting EMS.

CO Micah Hintze was on patrol and observed a vehicle traveling in front of him that was swerving in the roadway and failing to maintain the lane of travel. The vehicle was stopped and when contacted, the driver displayed signs of impairment. The driver failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for operating under the influence of a controlled substance.

CO Micah Hintze was on patrol and stopped to speak with two anglers. After learning the bite had been slow, both anglers were asked for their fishing license and identification. The older angler stated her license was in her vehicle and walked over to retrieve it. The younger angler stated she was sixteen, so she did not need one. CO Hintze asked if she had a school identification which she replied she did not, nor did she know which school she currently attended. When asked what her birthdate was, after a long pause she stated, "You got me", and admitted she did not have a license. The mother returned to the group and unprompted stated, "That's my sixteen-year-old daughter, she doesn't need a license". When CO Hintze explained that the age had

already been established, the mother became quiet and walked away. The daughter retrieved her identification and was cited for fishing without a license.

CO Ben Shively contacted a subject after receiving complaints of the individual rehabilitating wildlife without a permit in Oceana County. The subject was suspected to be picking up young raccoons and injured raccoons from the public and rehabilitating them at his residence and domesticating them. The subject was cited for rehabilitating wildlife without a permit and possessing wildlife without a permit.

CO Tim Barboza assisted MSP with a domestic incident where one of the individuals had left the scene. CO Barboza located the female suspect at a residence in the Hesperia area and located a male at the residence with a warrant out of Newaygo for domestic violence. CO Barboza placed the male into custody and asked for another unit to transport so CO Barboza could stay on scene with the female from the original call.

CO Tim Barboza assisted Mecosta County and MSP with a flee and elude in which the suspects fled out of the vehicle on foot and ran into in the woods. CO Barboza assisted with setting up a perimeter. One of the suspects was located walking down the road and was taken into custody. The driver was not located but was identified and charges were submitted.

## **DISTRICT 5**

CO Chuck McPherson assisted with a field day at the Missaukee County Sportsman's Club by teaching ethics and hunting regulations.

District 5 Area 1 COs took part in the Roscommon County Youth Police Academy. The COs used their time with the cadets to talk about what COs do on a daily basis. After the morning talk, the COs put the cadets through some scenario-based training. There were 13 cadets who graduated from the youth academy.

COs Casey Pullum and Jesse Grzechowski were patrolling in the Luzerne area of Oscoda County when they were requested to respond to the Mio Pond for an overturned canoe. Oscoda County Central Dispatch notified them that a canoer fell overboard and had not resurfaced. COs Pullum and Grzechowski launched a jetboat near the location where the canoeist was last seen. After receiving a brief description and obtaining last known location from witnesses, COs Pullum and Grzechowski began searching the water in grid pattern. A little over an hour later, the body of the canoer was located and recovered. After further investigation, it was determined that the canoer did not have any PFDs with him in the canoe.

CO Craig Neal checked three anglers at the dock coming off Saginaw Bay at the AuGres River Mouth access site in Arenac County. The owner of the boat went to get the truck and trailer from the parking lot when CO Neal asked the other two anglers how

they did. They stated that they had caught their limit and the walleye were in the two coolers. The two anglers handed the coolers out to CO Neal and said, "I hope we're right we didn't count them". CO Neal counted the walleye in the two coolers for a total of 27 walleye, making the anglers over their daily limit by three. CO Neal issued a citation for possession of an over-limit of walleye and stressed the importance of keeping track of how many fish end up in the creel.

## **DISTRICT 6**

COs Ethan Gainforth and Josh Wright were patrolling Rush Lake state land in Huron County for illegal ORV activity when they witnessed a black Hummer H3 attempt an illegal hill climb. When the driver was contacted, the COs found open intoxicants in the vehicle. CO Gainforth conducted field sobriety evaluations on the driver and found him to be legally intoxicated. The driver was arrested for OWI and lodged at the Huron County jail.

CO Mike Haas received a complaint in Sheridan concerning the dumping of fish. A gentleman recently discovered a cooler full of rotten fish thrown into a refuse container he kept near his house along with dead fish scattered on his driveway. The complainant had surveillance footage that identified the suspect as his neighbor with whom he had had issues with before. CO Haas spoke with the neighbor who admitted to throwing the fish into the trash can but insisted there was no malicious intent; he was just getting rid of his stinky fish. A citation was issued for littering and illegal dumping refuse on someone else's private property.

Sgt. Jason A. Smith and CO Mike Haas conducted a marine patrol on a lake along the county borders for Montcalm and Ionia. While on their patrol vessel, the COs heard a very close gunshot that appeared to come from a cottage on shore. Sgt. Smith pointed out a rabbit in a yard and an arm with a gun barrel sticking out of a window. After two additional gun shots, the COs could no longer see the rabbit and observed a gentleman exit the cottage with a gun in hand. The COs docked their boat and contacted the gentleman who stated he had been shooting at a woodchuck. Once the COs pointed out that it appeared he was shooting at a rabbit, the man's story changed, and he said he had shot at a woodchuck and a rabbit. The man then took the COs to where he claimed the animals were standing and pointed out that he was just shooting at them to scare them off and he had missed them. Sgt. Smith then walked to where he had originally observed the rabbit and located it deceased in a neighbor's yard. The gentleman was warned for recreational trespassing and safety zone violations but received a citation for harvesting a rabbit out of season.

## **DISTRICT 7**

COs James Nason and Kyle McQueer overheard a domestic violence call in Kalamazoo County where the suspect had left the scene. The male suspect had punched and bit his stepdaughter earlier in the day. A description and possible destination were broadcast; the COs located the man driving his truck in a remote area of Kalamazoo



County. The vehicle was stopped and after further investigation the suspect was arrested and transported to the Kalamazoo County jail where he was lodged on multiple charges related to the domestic violence report.

COs James Nason and Kyle McQueer were patrolling Kalamazoo County when an aggravated assault call was dispatched over Kalamazoo County Dispatch. The COs responded to the business where the assault occurred and found a female on her knees in the middle of a machine shop. The female had been pepper sprayed by her new husband's ex-wife. After gathering witness and victim statements the COs discovered through security camera footage that the alleged victim was the aggressor in the assault, contrary to her recollection of events. Even after being pepper sprayed the suspect was still able to chase down her husband's ex-wife in the business parking lot and repeatedly punched her in the head. The newly wed wife was then lodged by Sheriff deputies in the Kalamazoo County jail and is facing aggravated assault charges.

COs James Nason and Kyle McQueer had just cleared from an assault call in Kalamazoo County when an armed robbery call was dispatched. The COs responded along with local officers to the area where the female suspect had last been seen. The COs and a Kalamazoo County Deputy searched the area on foot and located the suspect hiding behind a car wash. The three officers arrested the subject without further incident, and she was lodged in the Kalamazoo County jail by the deputy. All stolen items were recovered at the scene of the arrest.

COs Richard Cardenas and Kyle McQueer responded to a serious personal injury accident. When they arrived on scene, CO McQueer provided care to the more seriously injured victim and CO Cardenas contacted the other driver involved who was complaining of foot pain. During the contact, CO Cardenas noted signs of intoxication. Standard field sobriety tests were performed and ultimately the driver was arrested for OWI. After having the subject checked out at a local hospital, she was lodged at the Barry County jail for OWI and other related misdemeanor charges.

COs Travis Dragomer and Zach Bauer observed two anglers fishing with a total of eight lines off the North Pier in St. Joseph. The COs contacted the anglers and determined only one of them had a fishing license. One citation was issued for fishing without a license and one citation was issued for fishing with more than three lines.

CO Justin Ulberg assisted at the Metro High School Police Academy. The program offers area high school students a weeklong "mini" police academy. CO Ulberg was able to interact with the students throughout the week and educated the students on what the conservation officers position entailed. CO Ulberg was also able to showcase some of the DNR's equipment that is used for patrol and had the students go through a "conservation officer" scenario. For many students, this was the first time learning about Conservation Officers and the work they do.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in the Rogue River SGA in Kent County where he witnessed a group of people target shooting. CO Varriale made contact and advised

the individuals to unload their pistols. All the individuals unloaded their pistols. During the interview one person reloaded his pistol and negligently pointed it at CO Varriale. CO Varriale took control of the pistol and advised the individual on safe handling of firearms. During a record search, CO Varriale discovered the owner of the pistol had only owned it for one day and gave him the benefit of the doubt when it came to the safety issue. The individual was lectured on safe handling of firearms and issued a citation for shooting pistols in a closed area.

CO Casey Varriale received a complaint on the West River Boat Launch in the Grand River in Kent County of a homeowner shooting geese. CO Varriale received photographs of two dead geese and went to the residence of the suspect. During a short interview, the suspect quickly admitted to shooting the geese. The suspect stated he wanted to scare the geese that had been defecating on his lawn. The suspect said he did not intend to kill the geese, but when he shot his shotgun twice, the flock flew into his line of sight, killing two geese. A report was written, charges were approved by the Kent County Prosecutor, and a summons was issued by the Magistrate of the 63rd District Court.

CO Casey Varriale was on patrol in Grand Haven State Park in Ottawa County when he received a radio call from a park ranger who needed assistance. The park ranger stated an individual was blocking an emergency vehicle lane and refused to move. CO Varriale contacted the individual and told the individual he should listen to the park ranger who was telling him to move his vehicle. The individual started to argue with CO Varriale and stated he was not parked in the emergency lane but was merely waiting there. CO Varriale advised him to move his vehicle because the vehicle was still blocking the emergency vehicle lane. The individual continued to argue and was warned by CO Varriale he would receive a citation if he did not cooperate. The individual muttered an assortment of cuss words directed at CO Varriale and left the area.

## **DISTRICT 8**

CO John Byars assisted with a property damage accident of an armored truck rollover in the Lansing area during a thunderstorm. CO Byars closed the freeway on-ramp to assist with clean up and allow the tow crews to get the armored truck off the road.

CO Ed Rice conducted a hunter safety and marine safety education presentation at the Will Carleton Academy in Hillsdale. There were 40 students in attendance. CO Rice led a brief presentation covering multiple issues focusing on youth hunting and marine safety. CO Rice answered questions and shared experiences, both personal and work related.

CO Jason McCullough patrolled the Kalamazoo River with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Marine Division to address safety issues due to the high, fast-moving water. A kayaker recently had to be rescued from the river after becoming stuck in downed trees.

CO Nick Wellman was first on scene of a waterskiing accident in Branch County where a 17-year-old male was knocked unconscious and was face down in the water. CO Wellman assisted with patient care and stabilization until EMS arrived on scene. The young man hit his head on the ski as he fell forward which caused a large laceration to his forehead. He was later released from the hospital with a concussion and eight stitches. No one was at fault for the accident.

CO Nick Wellman stopped an ORV in Branch County and found blood and deer hair in the back. Several subsequent interviews found violations of crop damage permits. CO Wellman issued warnings for failing to use the entire deer killed on crop damage permits.

Sgt. Rich Nickols was on patrol in the Maple River State Game Area (SGA) when he located a large pile of trash dumped in a parking area. Among the items of household trash, tires, scrap wood, and used oil containers, was a small cardboard box. Inside the box was a packing slip with a name and local address. Another piece of mail was in the pile with the same name and address. Since the subject will not return phone calls or come to the door, a misdemeanor warrant will be sought for the violation.

## **DISTRICT 9**

CO Keven Luther received an angler complaint at Bishop Park within the city of Wyandotte. CO Luther investigated the complaint and determined that the suspect was in possession of an undersized bass while fishing without a license. After a Law Enforcement Information Network check, the individual was detained until all 24 warrants were confirmed. None of the local agencies were willing to lodge on his warrants. He was advised and released on all warrants and issued a fishing without a license citation.

COs Keven Luther, Dan Walzak, and Sgt. Damon Owens patrolled Belleville Lake. The City of Belleville and surrounding Township organized a weekend full of events occurring on Belleville Lake. The lake festival attendance was low due to the inclement weather.

CO David Schaumburger received a complaint of a subject possessing three whitetail fawns in captivity at a residence. CO Schaumburger contacted the subject and turned the fawns over to a local rehabilitator. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful possession of wildlife.

CO Dan Walzak pulled over a car that was travelling close to 35 mph over the posted speed limit. When CO Walzak asked the driver if he knew why he was being pulled over, the driver responded that he did not. When CO Walzak advised him that it was for his speed the driver offered the explanation that he had just purchased the car and the accelerator was very sensitive. The driver further stated, "If I just touch the gas pedal, I'm up to 100 miles per hour!" The driver was issued a citation for Violation of Basic Speed Law.

CO Tom Peterson was on patrol in eastern Oakland County and encountered an individual trespassing with an ORV on ITC property. The individual entered the property to fish in the lake within the property. The individual did not possess any safety equipment required when riding his ORV. The individual was cited for the ORV violation.

Sgt. Jason Becker and CO Chris Knights assisted the MSP with a rollover crash at I 75 and Grange Hall Road. The ramp had to be shut down while the crash was cleared.

CO Bob Watson received a complaint of someone cutting trees down within the Port Huron SGA. CO Watson responded and observed a man chopping a large dead tree down near his campsite along the Black River. CO Watson contacted three men and recognized one of them as being a subject who CO Watson had previously warned for camping within the game area. CO Watson issued a citation for camping within the SGA between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

CO Joseph Deppen was on marine patrol when he noticed two kayakers fishing in rough water. CO Deppen contacted the anglers and asked for a fishing license and PFDs. Neither angler had a PFD, so CO Deppen escorted them to a calmer canal. In the canal, CO Deppen asked the second angler for his fishing license. The angler said that he was from out of town, and he was just fishing under his father's fishing license. CO Deppen explained each angler had to have their own fishing license. The angler was apologetic and agreed to purchase one online. Each angler was cited for failure to provide a PFD.

CO Joseph Deppen was at a local fishing site when he noticed an angler catching a largemouth bass during the closed season. The angler took the fish, measured it, and placed it in his bucket. After CO Deppen finished up other marine checks, he made his way over to the angler. The angler said that he caught a few perch and a largemouth bass. When questioned about the size the angler said it measured out at about 16 or 17 inches. One look into the bucket and CO Deppen knew that was wrong. CO Deppen advised the angler the season was not open yet and he could not keep the bass. The angler said he thought Lake St. Clair was an inland lake. CO Deppen took the bass and measured it at 13 inches. CO Deppen told the angler he understood that maybe, just maybe, he could have been confused of the season dates, but not the legal size. That does not change. The angler was cited for possession of a largemouth bass less than fourteen inches.

COs Kris Kiel and Joseph Deppen were invited to be in the Bay Rama Fish Fly Festival's parade in New Baltimore. The COs pulled the Lund Baron patrol boat behind a new patrol truck in the parade with thousands of spectators.

COs Kris Kiel and Jaime Salisbury worked the Jobbie Nooner boat party around Gull Island by patrol boat with the Wardens film crew. The event had a very low turn-out due to heavy rains and high winds.

CO Brandon Hartleben assisted the park manager at Waterloo State Recreation Area with addressing a significant encroachment/trespass issue involving state land and adjacent private property that is currently for sale. The property owner was contacted and served a trespass notice and the real estate agent was contacted and advised of the active trespass issue.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll was checking an area for ORV activity when he observed a vehicle leave the roadway and fail to navigate his turn. CO Ingersoll stopped the vehicle, and it was determined that the driver had been drinking and a 24-ounce open beer was in the front seat. CO Ingersoll conducted a field sobriety test on the individual, and it was determined that he was under the influence. A PBT was administered, and the driver's results were .248, the driver was arrested and charges for driving under the influence are being sought.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither worked marine patrol in an area on Devils Lake that has had jet skis operating, in very shallow water, at greater than no wake speeds. The COs made several contacts for this and issued some citations along with warnings for no boater safety certificates.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were on Devils Lake when they observed a pontoon with seven anglers on it. The COs contacted the pontoon and asked to see everyone's license. Two anglers in the back stated they did not buy them this year because the DNR made it too expensive, and they did not feel like they should have to just for one day since they were from out of state. The COs educated the anglers about the 24-hour fishing licenses and issued citations for fishing without a license.