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DISTRICT 1

Conservation Officers (COs) Brian Lasanen, Ethen Mapes, and Dave Miller conducted several sound meter patrols in the west-end of the Upper Peninsula over the last couple of weeks. The COs contacted many snowmobiles and cited seven for being over the 88-decibel limit. Other violations addressed included failure/improper display of registration and failure to attach trail permit.

COs Zachary Painter and Ethen Mapes responded to a snowmobile accident on Lake Gogebic involving one snowmobile. COs Painter and Mapes were the first responders on scene and were able to determine that the operator of the snowmobile had a broken femur and possibly a shoulder injury. The cause of the single snowmobile crash was due to speed and poor conditions.

COs Zachary Painter and Ethen Mapes worked a late-night snowmobile patrol in Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties. The COs were targeting careless operation and drunk drivers. COs Painter and Mapes stopped a large group of snowmobilers who all had failed to stop at a stop sign, some not even slowing down. COs Painter and Mapes conducted standardized field sobriety tests (SFSTs) on two of the snowmobilers. CO Painter arrested one of the snowmobilers for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated. CO Mapes wrote two citations and gave multiple verbal warnings to the group for carelessly operating snowmobiles. While CO Painter was lodging the intoxicated snowmobiler in Gogebic County, CO Mapes patrolled the White Pine area, where he stopped a group of seven snowmobilers for failing to stop at a stop sign. CO Mapes conducted SFSTs on one of the snowmobilers and found them to be impaired and over the legal limit. CO Mapes arrested the snowmobiler for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated and issued one other snowmobiler a citation for careless operation.

CO Jeremy Sergey and Sergeant (Sgt.) Mark Leadman were patrolling the Chocolay Trail in a designated 35 mile per hour speed zone. An individual that was leading a group of snowmobilers went through the zone at 59 miles per hour. CO Sergey stopped the individual who admitted to seeing two posted speed limit signs. A citation was issued for speeding on a snowmobile.

COs Josh Boudreaux and Jeremy Sergey assisted Michigan State Police (MSP) troopers from the Negaunee Post with attempting to locate a female believed to be in danger following her disappearance after a domestic altercation. COs provided snowmobiles and helped shuttle local officers into the remote camps she was thought to be at based on information from her cellphone provider. Officers swept the properties and did not locate the female. Later in the day the female was found at an unrelated residence in good health and was lodged in the county jail on unrelated outstanding warrants.

CO Jeffrey Dell attended the Predator Hunters Banquet of the Menominee chapter of UP Whittetails Association. Over 100 individuals were in attendance.

DISTRICT 2

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin served multiple arrest warrants on a subject for felon in possession of firearms and hunter harassment. The charges stem from the execution of a search warrant on the suspect's home during the 2019 firearm deer season. The suspect was placed under arrest without incident and lodged in the Delta County Jail.

COs Chris Lynch and Steve Butzin successfully served an arrest warrant without incident on a subject for shooting multiple illegal deer.

While patrolling rural county roads, CO Freeborn noticed a propane truck that appeared to be stuck trying to get up a driveway. CO Freeborn contacted the driver who appeared to be exhausted from attempting to get the truck unstuck. The driver advised he had been stuck for over three hours and that he attempted to call his company to advise he was stuck, but his phone lost service part way through the call and was unable to call out. Due to the location of where he was stuck, he was 15 miles from the nearest town and CO Freeborn was the first vehicle he had seen since he had been stuck. CO Freeborn allowed the driver to use his phone and cell booster so the driver could make a call. A tow truck arrived on scene and pulled out the truck.

CO Michael Evink responded to a snowmobile personal injury accident on Big Manistique Lake. CO Evink was first on scene for an accident involving an elderly rider who hit a large rut in the ice. He lost control of his sled and was thrown from it. The rider was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

COs Mike Olesen, Justin Vinson, and Todd Sumbera attended a two-day off-trail snowmobile training in Munising. The training focused on deep snow riding and recovery. The COs learned techniques that will allow them to perform off-trail rescues and ensure that COs are able to get themselves out of difficult situations that may arise during a snowmobile patrol.

District 2 COs patrolled approximately 715 miles on the groomed snowmobile trails around Sault Ste. Marie during the annual I-500 snowmobile race and conducted a snowmobile sound meter enforcement check point. COs had contact with over 400 snowmobilers during the I-500 weekend with a total of 14 citations and 36 warnings being issued for various snowmobile violations.

DISTRICT 3

COs Duane Budreau and Adam LeClerc were invited to the annual Camp Daggett "Father-Son Weekend." COs Budreau and LeClerc conducted a variety of presentations to the 55 fathers and sons in attendance. The first night of the event, the COs led the group in an "icebreaker" game in which the participants were placed in a

hypothetical winter wilderness survival situation. On the second day, the COs walked the campers through a snowmobile accident scenario and evading arrest investigation. COs Budreau and LeClerc also gave instruction on orienteering and basic compass reading, survival techniques, and a short seminar on trapping.

COs Kyle Cherry and Tom Oberg were dispatched to an assault complaint involving multiple snowmobilers on snowmobile trails in Otsego County. COs responded to the area along with an MSP trooper. CO Oberg was able to locate the suspects not far from where the incident took place. Charges are being sought through the Otsego County Prosecutor's Office for assault.

COs from District 3 assisted Fisheries Division for the sturgeon spearing season held on Black Lake in Cheboygan County. Hundreds of anglers were contacted both before and after the opening spearing time of 8 a.m. COs located several fishing violations of unattended set lines along with other violations. Tickets and warnings given for failing to license ORV, failure to wear helmets on snowmobiles, open intoxicants in a motor vehicle, no name on tip ups, and fishing with too many lines. In addition, COs were patrolling for intoxicated motorists on the lake. The season was very successful and had a record number of anglers attending.

CO Kyle Cherry and Sgt. Mark Depew responded to a crash involving a 5x5 bull elk on I-75 in Otsego County. No injuries were reported, and the elk was able to be salvaged and donated to area food pantries.

COs Kyle Cherry, Tom Oberg, Tim Rosochacki, Matt Theunick, and Sgt. Mark DePew participated in a snowmobile operating while intoxicated and sound enforcement patrol in Otsego County. Despite poor trail conditions, the COs made plenty of contacts with multiple arrests and warnings being issued.

CO Jon Sklba reports that a subject who was charged this past fall for illegally poaching a large antlered deer in Presque Isle County has pled guilty. The subject was sentenced to 60 days in jail, fines and restitution of \$7,500, and hunting license revocation for three years.

CO Sidney Collins responded to a car vs. elk accident in Montmorency County. The elk was salvaged and donated to a local food bank.

DISTRICT 4

COs Patrick McManus and Amanda McCurdy were invited by retired Lt. Tom Lennox to instruct a class at the TBA Career Tech Center in Traverse City. The program offers high school students an introduction into the criminal justice system and paramilitary style of instruction in exchange for high school credit. COs McManus and McCurdy first gave a speech about the roles and responsibilities of the DNR Law Enforcement Division, as well as an overview of the hiring process. They spent the last portion of the day instructing basic survival tactics such as handcuffing and an introduction into the

spear fighting technique. The students worked with each other to practice these techniques and were enthusiastic about the materials covered.

COs Richard Stowe and Will Kinney participated in the annual East Bay Calvary Church Sportsman's Banquet. The COs participated in a meet-and-greet session before and after the event, as well as a question and answer session in front of 1,450 people over the two-night event.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, heard a Lake County deputy requesting back-up at a residence where a male subject put a gun to a female's head and was threatening great bodily harm. CO Killingbeck arrived on scene and learned that the subject had chased the female out of the residence and refused to comply with deputies' orders and had gone back into the residence to get a firearm. CO Killingbeck assisted with securing the perimeter and was able to determine that a back window was open. CO Killingbeck then found fresh footprints running away from the scene. CO Killingbeck relayed the information to the incident commander and was part of the ensuing security team that ran with a Lake County K-9 Unit. After tracking the subject for several miles, the suspect was apprehended on a nearby roadway by a perimeter car without incident.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol, was preparing to head home when he observed a vehicle off the roadway in the ditch. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver to ensure there was no one injured. CO Killingbeck suspected the operator was intoxicated and did sobriety tests with the driver. After failing all sobriety tests and refusing a Preliminary Breath Test, CO Killingbeck arrested the operator for operating while intoxicated. CO Killingbeck also located open intoxicants in the vehicle. CO Killingbeck later determined that the subject was at a 0.25 which is more than three times the legal limit. The driver was lodged in the Lake County Jail without incident.

CO Josiah Killingbeck was on snowmobile patrol when he was passed by a sled that was displaying an expired registration. CO Killingbeck was able to contact the group and, upon stopping the operator of the snowmobile with the expired registration, the subject took his helmet off and threw it on the ground along with his gloves. CO Killingbeck was able to calm the upset subject down, who said that he was up here with friends riding and had jumped on a sled to go for a quick ride. The subject said that he knew the sled was displaying an expired registration but figured no law enforcement would be out on a Sunday morning. CO Killingbeck educated the subject on snowmobile regulations and a citation was issued for the violation.

CO Josiah Killingbeck, while on patrol after dark, observed a vehicle drive by him with absolutely no taillights displayed. CO Killingbeck was able to stop the vehicle and observed the taillights were missing from the vehicle. CO Killingbeck contacted the driver, who told CO Killingbeck that he had been in an accident the day before that was not reported and the lights had been smashed out. CO Killingbeck asked the driver for his license and insurance information and the driver told CO Killingbeck that there was no insurance on the vehicle. CO Josiah Killingbeck issued the driver a citation for no

insurance and defective equipment. Charges will be submitted for failing to report an accident.

CO Josh Reed participated in the Canadian Lakes youth fishing derby. Approximately 70 kids participated in the event catching perch and bluegill and a couple of pike on tip-ups. Some of the kids present had never fished before. A drawing was also conducted where the kids could win various fishing equipment. The Canadian Lakes Fishing Club provides all the equipment for the kids to fish during the event so all they had to do was show up and fish.

DISTRICT 5

COs Charlie Jones, Matt Zultak, and Brad Belleville were assigned to patrol the second weekend of Houghton Lakes 70th Tip-up Town. While on patrol, CO Jones observed a motor vehicle without a license plate driving on the lake. COs Jones and Belleville contacted the driver. Upon further investigation the driver had multiple driving while suspended charges and an out-of-range warrant from Florida. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended. A report was submitted to the Roscommon Prosecutor's Office for review.

COs Jeremy Cantrell and Mike Hearn responded with the Kalkaska Sheriff's Department and MSP to the scene of a snowmobile accident on Trail 76 in Kalkaska County. Four snowmobiles were operating at a high rate of speed when they crested a hill and struck the groomer head on. Three of the four operators required transport to Munson Hospital for critical injuries. The accident remains under investigation.

COs Josh Russell and Craig Neal were on patrol in Gladwin County when they noticed a black plume of smoke on the horizon. The COs located the source of the smoke which was a pile of processed wood products, asphalt shingles, plastic barrels, and other solid waste materials. The subject who was maintaining the fire stated he was tearing down his garage and burning it instead of properly disposing of it in a dumpster. A citation for the illegal burning of solid waste was issued.

COs Josh Russell and Craig Neal were headed to the Roscommon DNR office when they came across a truck in the ditch. Witnesses stated they saw the vehicle swerve all over the road just before driving into the ditch. The COs contacted the driver and passenger and quickly determined the driver was having a medical issue. The COs radioed for EMS and continued assistance at the scene. EMS arrived and the driver was taken to the hospital after suffering a suspected stroke.

CO Kyle Bader was driving south on M-33 in Ogemaw County after dark when a vehicle began tailgating him. CO Bader was traveling at about 60 mph. The vehicle continued to follow extremely close for about a mile until it began to pass CO Bader. The center line was double yellow or "no passing" when the vehicle passed. CO Bader stopped the vehicle when it completed the illegal pass. CO Bader determined the driver had a

suspended driver's license and had been found guilty of operating while suspended four prior times. He was arrested and lodged in the Ogemaw County jail.

COs Kyle Bader and Brad Bellville responded to the scene of a snowmobile crash in northeastern Ogemaw County. The patient was transported off the trail and out to the road by Lupton Fire Department and Ogemaw County EMS personnel.

CO Kyle Bader received a call from DNR fire officers at the West Branch Field Office advising that a subject was in the process of burning down a barn just outside of West Branch in Ogemaw County. CO Bader received another call from a sheriff's deputy advising the same thing. When CO Bader contacted the suspect, he was pushing the barn into the fire with an excavator and he didn't think he was doing anything wrong. The subject said he'd disposed of barns all over the county in a similar fashion without problems. He was issued a citation for burning prohibited materials.

DISTRICT 6

While checking a lake in central Montcalm County, CO Mike Haas encountered an ice angler with a bucket full of panfish. CO Haas asked how many fish the gentleman had caught, and the angler admitted that he had not been keeping count. The CO and angler counted the fish and discovered that he had almost twice his daily limit. The angler stated he must have lost count and apologized for the over-limit explaining he was a decent guy that always follows the rules. CO Haas checked the man's criminal history and noted that the man had been convicted three times in the past for DNR violations and was currently on probation and had two valid warrants for other unrelated crimes. The man was advised and released for his warrants and issued a citation to address the fishing violation. The gentleman's probation officer was contacted and informed of the warrants and probation violations.

During a snowmobile patrol in the Flat River State Game Area (SGA), COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas witnessed two snowmobiles being operated on the public roadways and through closed state land. The COs conducted a stop of the snowmobiles and discovered that both machines were being operated by juveniles. Neither operator nor the passenger was wearing a required helmet, both machines were unregistered and without trail permits, and one snowmobile lacked functioning lights. The juveniles were escorted to their residence where their father was waiting. A citation was issued to the father to address the multiple violations including unsupervised operation by a juvenile.

CO Dan Robinson and Sgt. Bob Hobkirk were working southern Isabella County when they came across a group of people who appeared to be hunting, but at first glance did not have long guns. Most of the hunters had hunter orange, while two individuals in the party did not. The COs stopped and checked on the group; it turned out they were attempting to hunt rabbits with rimfire handguns. The hunters were circled up shooting into the middle of a tall grass area with brush piles. The two individuals without hunter orange approached the COs with their guns in hand and stated that they were also

hunting rabbits. The COs issued two tickets for failing to wear hunter orange to the individuals and explained the importance of wearing the required garments. The subjects said they had hunter orange with them but took it off because they were too hot.

COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas were working the Flat River SGA when they received a Report All Poaching complaint of two hunters hunting within a safety zone who were not wearing hunter orange. The COs patrolled to the area and located a truck that matched the description given by the complainant, although the truck had moved. The COs parked their patrol truck and watched the area. Two individuals came out of the woods carrying shotguns and neither subject was wearing the required hunter orange garments. After a short discussion the hunters were issued citations for not wearing hunter orange and a warning was given to one of them for not having his base license with him while hunting.

While working back to their residences for the end of the day, COs Dan Robinson and Mike Haas heard a call come out for a possible weapons violation involving a subject who was threatening to kill another person's family. The COs responded to the area and met with deputies before making contact. The COs searched the area across the road where the caller said the subject was sitting. The deputies contacted the caller who was standing outside and after talking to the caller for a few minutes, it was determined the caller was having a mental health issue. The COs assisted the deputies until the subject was transported to the hospital for evaluation.

CO Josh Jackson responded to a call of a man who had fallen through thin ice on a Montcalm County pond. The man, who suffers from mental illness, fled his caretakers and ran into a nearby wooded area. CO Jackson waded through the icy swamp and located the man and an MSP trooper, both very cold. A local water rescue team from the fire department was called out as well. CO Jackson retrieved his patrol truck and was able to maneuver it through the wet wooded area. MSP, CO Jackson, and other first responders were able to get the man into the back of the truck and out to the field where an ambulance was waiting. The man was transported to a local hospital and was treated for hypothermia. He is expected to recover.

COs Seth Rhodea and Joshua Wright spent an afternoon checking boat anglers on the Saginaw River in Bay City. With the unseasonably warm weather there was a large amount of people out. The COs addressed multiple violations ranging from no fishing licenses to marine violations. One person was arrested for operating a vessel under the influence of controlled substance and lodged at the Bay County Jail.

CO Josh Wright assisted the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and MSP with finding an adult individual who assaulted a child then stole a snowmobile and fled the scene. The suspect crashed the snowmobile and then fled on foot into the woods. CO Wright set up at perimeter spot when he arrived, and the suspect was being pursued by a K-9 unit. CO Wright saw the suspect come out on the road and took him into custody without any resistance. The suspect was lodged at the Tuscola County Jail.

COs Dan Robinson and Adam Schiller responded to assist Isabella County deputies with a felonious assault and flee and elude. The subject had rammed a deputy's cruiser in an attempt to escape and led the deputies in a chase east of Mt. Pleasant. CO Robinson had his issued quad available and used it to access property where the deputies had the subject detained. The subject was familiar with local law enforcement and was the center of an extended investigation by CO Mike Haas a few years ago where he was charged with illegally taking and possessing seven antlered deer. The subject was apprehended and lodged at the Isabella County Jail.

While on patrol in Montcalm County, COs Adam Schiller and Josh Jackson watched a vehicle shine its headlights into a field. The driver was operating on a straight road and had no reason to illuminate the field with the vehicle's headlights. The COs made a traffic stop on the subject. The subject explained that he was having a coughing attack and lost control of the vehicle for a second. The COs investigated the location that the driver turned the vehicle and shined the headlights into the field. A citation was issued to the operator of the vehicle for his erratic driving.

While patrolling an area of the Stanton SGA, CO Mike Haas came across an abandoned truck located in an area closed to motor vehicles. There were obvious broken parts on the truck suggesting the vehicle broke down while being operated through the marsh and fields. CO Haas tracked down the truck's owner and contacted him at his residence. The gentleman admitted to off-roading through the game area until his tire broke and he ran out of gas. CO Haas issued various warnings and a citation for operating off the designated trail and the man was instructed to remove his truck as soon as possible to avoid a towing bill.

DISTRICT 7

CO Anna Cullen was patrolling known fishing locations around White Lake when she observed multiple people fishing. CO Cullen watched the group on shore, including one person who was ice fishing several yards in front of them. After several minutes of surveillance, the ice angler was seen packing up his fishing gear and heading toward the shore. CO Cullen positioned herself to contact the angler at his vehicle. Contact was made, and it was determined that the individual had taken multiple fish over his legal panfish limit. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Anna Cullen received a complaint from Muskegon County Dispatch referencing several subjects who were ice fishing on private property in southern Muskegon County. The property is well posted and gated in multiple locations. CO Cullen, along with an area officer, responded to the location and were escorted to where the men were fishing. Unavoidably, the anglers saw CO Cullen's truck during the escort and attempted to flee from the ice. Noticing this, CO Cullen rushed to their location and pursued them on foot through the woods. The men, listening to CO Cullen's commands, hesitantly stopped their escape. The anglers all admitted that they knew they were trespassing,

and even walked by several "No Trespassing" signs upon their entry. Enforcement action was taken with all three individuals, and their fish were seized.

While checking ice anglers in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers contacted two subjects that had a northern pike on the ice. CO Beavers checked the subject's licenses and then asked to see the pike. The pike appeared to be short and he asked the subjects what length the fish was. One subject stated that he believed it was 24 inches or close to it. CO Beavers asked if they used a tape measure and was told they did not. CO Beavers measured the fish and it was only 21.5 inches. CO Beavers then checked the anglers tip-ups, and none were properly marked. After identifying the angler responsible for the pike, CO Beavers issued him a citation. The anglers were warned for not properly labeling their tip-ups.

While on patrol in Ionia County, CO Jeremy Beavers checked for waterfowl hunting activity in the Ionia State Recreation Area. During his patrol, CO Beavers checked Steven's Point and observed two subjects in a boat on the Grand River. CO Beavers watched as the subjects came to shore, noticing the boat did not have current registration. Contact was made and the subjects stated they were goose hunting but did not have any luck. CO Beavers checked their hunting equipment and then identified the owner of the boat. CO Beavers told the subject his boat's registration was expired. The subject stated he did not think he needed registration with just a trolling motor. CO Beavers informed that electric motorboats need to be registered as well. CO Beavers then asked to see his personal flotation devices (PFDs) and the subject stated he did not have any on board. The subject was given a warning for the registration and cited for failing to provide PFDs.

CO Justin Ulberg was notified by DNR dispatch that a subject he had charged with taking an illegal deer during the 2018 deer season was arrested for an outstanding warrant for not paying the required fines. CO Ulberg decided to investigate further to see if the subject had any success during the 2019 deer season. CO Ulberg discovered that the subject shot a buck during archery season and a buck during firearm season. However, the subject had only purchased one antlerless deer tag at the time the deer were killed. DNR records indicated that the subject did not purchase his combination deer license until December, nearly a month after the deer were killed. Both deer were seized, and a report will be submitted to the county prosecutor for charges.

CO Robert Slick was on patrol in Ottawa County when he noticed two individuals walking along 88th Avenue carrying firearms. CO Slick made contact with the individuals. He asked what they were hunting for. The hunters stated that they were hunting raccoons but were unsuccessful. CO Slick then asked if one of the hunters had hunter orange. The hunter stated that he didn't have any with him or in the truck. A citation was issued for the violation.

CO Richard Cardenas was patrolling Thornapple Lake in Barry County and noticed a vehicle parked in the access with two uncased firearms readily visible inside the vehicle. Later in the day, CO Cardenas located the same hunters, in kayaks on a different

waterbody. CO Cardenas made contact with the hunters and found the goose hunters had transported the firearms uncased between the two locations and had no cases for them. A marine safety check was conducted and neither subject had PFDs. A citation was issued for the safety violation and instruction given on how to legally and safely transport their firearms.

Responding to recent complaints of trespass, CO Sam Schluckbier was patrolling a tree nursery for illegal snowmobile activity in Allegan County. Soon after arriving, he located three snowmobilers operating through the nursery. The subjects were operating on the property without permission and did not have registrations or trail permits. Citations were issued for the violations.

CO Sam Schluckbier located two individuals parked on state land in Allegan County. Upon contact, it was discovered that the subjects were in the process of smoking methamphetamine. The female subject claimed she was a recovering addict and the male subject claimed he doesn't use drugs. A search of the vehicle revealed a small amount of marijuana, methamphetamine, and smoking paraphernalia. During the search, the female began experiencing seizures and was medically treated on scene until EMS could provide transportation to a hospital. CO Schluckbier arrested the male subject for possession of methamphetamine, and he was lodged at the Allegan County Jail.

CO Sam Schluckbier investigated a suspicious set of antlers that were located during a taxidermy inspection. Several interviews with friends and family of the suspect revealed that several deer were taken illegally, one of which was an 8-point buck the suspect had killed and failed to tag. The suspect made his daughter purchase a license and place it on the deer in order to submit it to the taxidermist. CO Schluckbier confiscated the antlers and compound bow used to kill several deer. The suspect is facing multiple charges through the Allegan and Van Buren County Prosecutor's Offices.

DISTRICT 8

CO Jim Nason responded to a complaint on Union Lake in Branch County. A group of ice anglers stated a man came out of a home on the lake and broke away ice from the shoreline where they accessed the lake from. This forced them to exit the lake on another property they did not have permission to be on. They pointed out the residence to CO Nason. Upon contacting the homeowner, he stated his son was the one who committed the act, and he is mentally ill and hadn't taken his medication that day. CO Nason explained that the anglers had permission to access the lake from the neighbor's property and that his son could be charged with angler harassment. CO Nason also explained the obvious danger the anglers were placed in. The man's father stated that it wouldn't happen again. A warning was issued for angler harassment.

CO Todd Thorn checked some ice anglers at Hawk Island in Lansing and encountered a subject who could not produce a license and was providing false identification information. The angler became argumentative and wouldn't give CO Thorn his real

name. CO Thorn placed the subject under arrest for fishing without a license. As he walked the man back to his patrol truck and off the ice, the man stated CO Thorn had "captured a good one." He told CO Thorn that he would have ran on him if CO Thorn wasn't wearing ice cleats. CO Thorn found an identification card in the angler's pocket and learned he had three felony warrants, two misdemeanor warrants, and a civil warrant for child support. The felony warrants were for obstructing police and assaulting a pregnant woman. The man was ticketed and lodged at the Ingham County Jail until he could be picked up by Mecosta County to answer to his charges.

CO Jeff Goss was first on scene in Calhoun County at a 911 call for a suicidal subject that stabbed himself in the arm with a fillet knife. When CO Goss arrived, the man's father was attempting to stop the bleeding. The man had a self-inflicted arterial bleed and had lost a massive amount of blood. CO Goss immediately applied a tourniquet to his arm in order to stop the bleeding. CO Goss quickly discovered that the man had been taking Methadone and was heavily intoxicated. While on scene CO Goss also learned that the man had two outstanding felony warrants for his arrest, charges that he will be facing after he recovers from his self-inflicted stab wound.

DISTRICT 9

The day after the extended archery deer season in Oakland County, CO Tom Peterson received a report of a whitetail buck that was shot and later died in an individual's front yard. The CO responded to the scene. Upon arrival the CO noted a 6-point antlered deer with an arrow wound. A blood trail and footprints were followed to a stand and feeder on the neighbor's property. The area was heavily baited with corn and sugar beets. The CO contacted the homeowner of the baited property and inquired about the deer. He claimed he was hunting the night prior and shot a deer, but was unable to follow the blood trail, so he gave up. The CO inquired about the deer feeder and sugar beets. The subject admitted to placing the bait and tree stand. When the CO asked for the subject's deer license, he could only provide an antlerless license for private property. Additionally, the CO verified the subject had already filled his antlered tags for the season. The CO then asked if he was aware that he shot an antlered deer. The subject stated he did not see any antlers because it was too dark. Moreover, the subject admitted to shooting the antlered deer approximately one hour after legal hunting hours. The subject was informed charges will be filed with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

COs Jacob Griffin, Tom Peterson, and Sgt. Jason Becker responded to a lock down incident at a local school with three other law enforcement agencies. School administrators locked the school down because staff heard gunshots in close proximity to the school. The COs worked with MSP troopers to track down the source of the gunshots. COs interviewed multiple residents in the area and determined that several subjects were target shooting. The subjects were advised of the reaction to the gunshots and suggested that they contact the local police department to avoid a lock down at the nearby school.

CO Ben Lasher stopped two four-wheelers being operated on a county road. No one had a helmet and neither machine had ORV registration stickers. One ticket for no helmet was issued to the grandfather driving with a 7-year-old in his lap. Warnings were given for the other four violations.

COs Bob Watson and Breanna Reed patrolled Hewitt Pit in response to multiple complaints of litter. Contact was made with a large group of shooters who had neglected to pick up their spent casings and used targets. A civil infraction was issued to one individual for litter in a state game area.

COs Joseph Deppen and Brad Silorey received a baiting complaint in Macomb County. The COs responded to the area and found the hunter in his stand still loaded well after shooting hours had ended. The hunter claimed he fell asleep in his hunting stand. The hunter was also hunting over a large quantity of bait. The hunter said, "I thought Governor Granholm repealed the baiting ban." The COs pointed out that former Governor Granholm left office in the mid to late 2000's and she did not repeal the baiting ban in 2019 or 2020; neither did current Governor Gretchen Whitmer. When questioned about his hunting license, the hunter was unable to produce his deer combination license. The hunter was cited for hunting after hours, hunting over bait, and hunting without license.

CO Jaime Salisbury was gearing up for patrol and noticed several fire trucks driving past his home. When CO Salisbury looked outside, he could see heavy smoke in the sky just a few miles away. CO Salisbury finished getting ready and drove toward the smoke to see if he could assist the local fire department. Upon arrival CO Salisbury saw a home that was fully engulfed in flames. After speaking with several people at the scene it was discovered that the home was being torn down and "just happened to catch fire" but nobody bothered to call 911 for the out of control fire. It is suspected that the homeowner set fire to the home to save money on the waste disposal. Once CO Salisbury finishes interviews with the homeowner and other witnesses, a report will be submitted to the Lapeer County Prosecutor's Office for a violation of the air quality act.

COs Mike Drexler and Brandon Hartleben responded to a Washtenaw County Dispatch complaint of subjects hunting on railroad property. When CO Drexler arrived and checked licenses, one subject was unable to produce a federal waterfowl stamp. CO Hartleben arrived shortly after and when he checked for shotgun plugs the same subject was found in possession of an unplugged shotgun. The subject received citations for hunt waterfowl without a federal waterfowl stamp and hunt waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun. Several warnings were issued for recreational trespass.

COs Brandon Hartleben and Mike Drexler responded to a Washtenaw County Metropolitan Dispatch complaint of a stuck vehicle in the wetland portion of a Department of Environment and Great Lakes and Energy conservation easement adjacent to a subdivision. CO Hartleben and CO Drexler contacted the vehicle operator/registered owner near the stuck vehicle and the recovery vehicle that had also gotten stuck. The COs addressed the various violations with the operator and issued a citation.

CO Nicholas Ingersoll received a call from Monroe County Sheriff's Department of a snowmobile that struck a residence in Monroe. CO Ingersoll along with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene where the rider had collided with a rock, ejecting him from his snowmobile. The snowmobile had continued and collided with the residence after the rider was ejected. The snowmobile rider and the homeowner were able to deal with the damage to the residence civilly. While talking with the rider, CO Ingersoll noticed that the snowmobile was not registered and did not have a trail permit. CO Ingersoll also advised the rider that his actions were careless, and that Monroe County is closed to snowmobile use on the county roadways. CO Ingersoll issued the rider a citation for not having a trail permit and issued warnings for the rest. The rider learned a valuable lesson that night and he advised CO Ingersoll that he would not be riding on the roadways again.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were checking ice anglers on Devils Lake when they observed an ORV heading towards them stop suddenly, and the operator getting off to use his cellphone. The COs contacted the ORV operator who was frantically trying to purchase an ORV license online. The rider was issued a citation for failing to register an ORV.

COs Andrew Monnich and Eric Smither were traveling between checking ice anglers heading down a state highway when an ORV pulled out on to the highway in front of the patrol truck. The COs conducted a stop on the ORV and discovered that the driver had a small infant unrestrained in the seat. The driver was cited for failing to have safety equipment on an ORV and being on a state highway.

COs Eric Smither and Andrew Monnich were leaving a meeting with Acting Sgt. Shane Webster when they observed a vehicle drive by at a high rate of speed. The COs followed the vehicle and paced the vehicle at 57 mph in a 30-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and a citation was issued for Violation of Basic Speed Law.

Acting Sgt. Shane Webster tagged along with COs Eric Smither and Andrew Monnich to perform an interview on a subject. The Lenawee COs had received information that the subject had possibly taken a 9-point whitetail deer without a license. Faced with the evidence the subject ultimately confessed to taking the deer prior to purchasing a hunting license. Charges are pending through the prosecutor's office.

COs Ariel Young and Breanna Reed were patrolling near the beach at Belle Isle when it was observed that a Jeep was stuck in the muddy park between Central Avenue and Riverbank Drive. Upon further investigation, it was noted that the subject had "attempted to try out the four-wheel drive" on their new jeep when they got stuck. The subject had seen that other people appeared to have driven through and wanted to just get across the island. The COs called a tow truck and a citation was issued to the subject for operating a motor vehicle in prohibited place.