

TIP 2013 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	89	75	70	112	320	202	128	101	1097
Total TIP Calls	83	60	58	86	251	154	89	72	853
Calls referred to CO's	81	58	55	82	246	150	87	69	828
Case Numbers Assigned	12	10	6	11	22	11	1	12	85
Number of Arrests Made	17	15	13	19	30	21	1	20	136
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	0	15	5	0	0	10	5	0	35
Amount of Rewards	\$0	\$2,050	\$600	\$0	\$0	\$800	\$300	\$0	\$3,750
TIP Prints as Rewards	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Mille Lacs Lake Anglers:

Mille Lacs Lake is the second largest lake in Minnesota, inland. In French, Mille Lacs means *a thousand lakes*. This Minnesota lake has had its unfortunate share, of poaching. While many locals might believe tourists are to blame, there are at least 3 Mille Lacs area people who are facing charges for over-limits and/or fishing with more than one line. This information comes from a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) report dated August 27, 2013.

One couple was charged for an over-limit of 52 walleye. Although, a few of the walleye came from Red Lake. If they are



CO Chris Tetrault

convicted, the fines and restitution for them could be close to \$6,000. This will be the result, of their over-limit and fishing with 2 hooks or a treble hook. Another individual from the area was over the limit for walleye, having 15 more than allowed. The fines and restitution could be about \$1,000 in this case. Both of these cases are being tried in October, at the Aitkin County court. On Lake Mille Lacs an angler can only have two walleye in possession, in the 18 to 20 inch slot.

Conservation Officer (CO) Tetrault, in his first year of duty, said "I'm seeing a lot of illegal length fish being taken from Mille Lacs Lake." And this new CO seized at least 120 fish from anglers, last July. "That may not seem like a lot of fish, but when you can legally keep two walleye from 18 to 20 inches, and violators are taking 49 walleye in one instance, 16 in another instance, five from another person and the rest illegally taking one of two fish per person, it adds up quickly," CO Tetrault explained. He also estimated that only 2 to 5 percent of poachers on Mille Lacs Lake are caught.

Annual Membership Meeting Notice

Monday, December 9, 2013 at 10:00 A.M.

Brainerd TIP Office

7187 Wise Road

Brainerd, MN 56401

Noon-time dinner—RSVP needed for dinner —218-326-8477

TIP is requesting board members

Please do not hesitate to nominate yourself, applications can be found on the TIP website. If you go to the Board of Directors tab, the application is at the top of the page. You can call TIP at 218-326-8477 for assistance.

In the September 20, 2013 issue of *Outdoor News* "Cuffs & Collars" it was printed that Conservation Officer (CO) Gary Sommers (Walker) had a TIP called in about someone fishing with too many lines.

Upon investigation, it was discovered that the suspect had the legal amount of fishing lines...

...But CO Sommers did find an over-limit of perch, in the live well. This was the third TIP in seven days, which resulted in enforcement action taken, for over-limits of fish.

Additionally, CO Paul Kuske (Pierz) received a TIP call about people duck hunting from the road and too close to residences. Both accounts were from the September 20, 2013 issue of *Outdoor News* "Cuffs & Collars," as compiled originally by Richard Sprouse (DNR).

The *Outdoor News* October 4th, 2013 "Cuffs & Collars," compiled by Richard Sprouse, section reports that CO Matt Frericks (Virginia) noticed TIP calls are beginning to increase. The calls were related to deer hunting and practices. CO Frericks also made known that, all terrain vehicle (ATV) and off highway motorcycles (OHM) violations were enforced.

President's Message

Hello TIP supporters and Minnesota's natural resources protectors,

It has been a fast year for me as president, (a lot to learn). You 'all' and our friends have done a great job of keeping our Conservation Officers informed. In just the first 6 months of the year the hot line received almost 700 TIP calls, with 115 arrests made. Check out how many more calls were received, on the TIP 2013 Activity Report else where in this TIPster. A big thank you to Doug Bermel for covering the whole Game Fair. Doug has also been busy working to set up new Fundraisers/Banquets and finding merchandise to use at the Fundraisers. If any of you have contacts for merchandise that we could use at the fundraisers please contact Doug, the office or me as soon as possible. The more of us involved, the more fun the event can be.

The new office building has been used to facilitate a Firearms Safety Instructor course, hold a Minnesota Deer Hunters Association Quarterly Officer and Directors meeting and host 2 Firearm Safety courses. Oh, and I had better not forget our very own Open House to introduce ourselves to the community. The most important, PLEASE plan to attend our annual membership meeting on Monday December 9th, 2013 here at the office in Brainerd, lunch will be provided for those that RSVP (so that we can make plans). We would like your input, direction, and vote for the directors that will run TIP for the next year.

Peter E. Lodermeier



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October 2013

Turn In Poachers, Inc.

Upcoming TIP Events:

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2014 TIP Brainerd Banquet - January 18, 2014

To start a banquet in your area contact Doug Bermel 612-750-2826

