

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: Dec. 25 – 31

Reminder for the week: It's a good time to take a Boater Safety Course

DOVER – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between Dec. 25-31 made 741 contacts with hunters, anglers, boaters and the general public, issuing 16 citations. Officers responded to 26 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. An increased Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail.

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Incident of note:

- On Dec. 27, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers cited David H. McRobie, 52, of Delmar, for one count each of the following: possess or transport antlered deer that was unlawfully killed, failure to attach deer tag to antlered deer, failure to attach deer tag to antlerless deer, and must wear hunter orange, after contacting him while hunting off Delmar Road near Delmar. McRobie was fined \$2,726, including court costs and released. The antlered deer was seized and checked in at Redden State Forest Headquarters to be donated towards the [Sportsmen Against Hunger Program](#).

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in

parentheses, included:

Wildlife Conservation: Hunting with an unplugged shotgun capable of holding more than three shells (2), possess or transport antlered deer that was unlawfully killed (1), failure to attach deer tag to antlered deer (1), failure to attach deer tag to antlerless deer (1), and must wear hunter orange (1).

Other: Operating a motor vehicle off an established roadway on a state wildlife area (4)*, damaging state property (1)*, and trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (5).

*Includes citation(s) issued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area.

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting and boating laws and regulations. Citizens are encouraged to report fish, wildlife and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030 or online at de.gov/ogt.

Are you AWARE?

If the cold weather has you bored indoors, take a Boater Safety Course! Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1978 must successfully complete an approved boating safety course before operating a motorboat and/or personal watercraft (PWC) in Delaware. Approved courses can be conveniently taken online and found at de.gov/boatsafety.

If you are braving the cold outdoors, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police remind the boating public to stay safe and take precautions for the winter weather and cold water, which puts those who hunt, fish or cruise our waterways at risk from hypothermia if they fall overboard.

For more information about Boating Safety Courses in Delaware, please contact Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Boating Education Coordinator, Sgt. Brooke Africa, at 302-739-9086.

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