

**TO: PLMD**

**FROM: SERGEANT ERIC SCHMIDT**

**RE: 2021 ANNUAL MEETING**

Just like last season, so far to date, we have seen an increase in boating traffic on both Upper and Lower Phantom Lakes. Thankfully, we have not had as many problems or complaints this season so far, and I would like to thank the members of PLMD for their assistance in making sure that lake residents follow the rules and enjoy the lakes in a safe and respectful manner.

Year to date, the patrol has operated for a total of 87.25 hours on the lakes. During that time, we have conducted a total of 24 boat stops. These stops have resulted in 12 citations being issued, and 45 warnings being given for various violations. In addition, we have made 1 arrest for boating while intoxicated, and we have assisted 12 vessels with various needs, like giving directions and towing stranded boats.

The Town of Mukwonago Police Department would like to once again remind residents that the Slow No Wake (SNW) times for Upper and Lower Phantom Lakes have changed. The new times that boats are not allowed to operate faster than SNW are 5 PM or sunset, whichever is earlier on Saturday and Sunday, and 7 PM or sunset, whichever is earlier on Monday through Friday. We would like to ask the PLMD to continue to spread the word about these time changes, as we continue to have many boaters who seem to be unaware of the time change.

In addition, we continue to have some issues with people crossing the channel from the end of Phantom Woods Road to the point across the channel. We would again like to remind residents that town ordinance prohibits, swimming, wading, or loitering in the channel between Upper and Lower Phantom. This means that nobody is allowed to be in the water in the channel area. Due to an increase in the number of people in the water in the channel and numerous complaints about this, the police department must enforce this ordinance more strictly than we have in the past. If an officer sees anyone in the water within the channel, they will be cited.

Again, the department would like to offer a sincere thank you to the PLMD and all of the lake residents and user who help to make our lakes a safe place to enjoy recreating. Without your partnership, we would not be able to maintain the safe and enjoyable environment that we have.

Respectfully submitted,

Sergeant Eric Schmidt