

# TIP 2014 Activity Report

| Summary of Calls/Arrests    | JAN     | FEB | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JULY  | AUG | SEPT  | OCT   | NOV   | DEC | YTD TOTAL |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|-----|-----------|
| Total Calls                 | 72      | 55  | 54    | 74    | 203   | 124   | 69    | 72  | 162   | 182   | 334   | 125 | 1526      |
| Total TIP Calls             | 51      | 39  | 48    | 67    | 156   | 79    | 44    | 57  | 103   | 141   | 256   | 86  | 1127      |
| Calls referred to CO's      | 49      | 38  | 46    | 65    | 144   | 75    | 42    | 54  | 96    | 138   | 250   | 83  | 1080      |
| Case Numbers Assigned       | 4       | 9   | 8     | 6     | 14    | 10    | 7     | 7   | 9     | 12    | 21    | 15  | 122       |
| Number of Arrests Made      | 7       | 17  | 18    | 14    | 21    | 16    | 10    | 15  | 28    | 27    | 39    | 24  | 236       |
| Number of Cash Rewards Paid | 11      | 0   | 5     | 2     | 3     | 3     | 5     | 0   | 2     | 7     | 9     | 0   | 47        |
| Amount of Rewards           | \$1,625 | \$0 | \$550 | \$175 | \$150 | \$350 | \$600 | \$0 | \$100 | \$800 | \$925 | \$0 | \$5,275   |
| TIP Prints as Rewards       | 1       | 0   | 0     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 0     | 0   | 1     | 2     | 3     | 0   | 8         |

## Four More Poachers Caught

On November 29, 2013 a TIP call was received. A Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Officer (CO) investigated the complaint. The Conservation Officer responded to the tip and coordinated with an Aitkin County Deputy.

Three does and one buck were poached. The poachers used artificial light to spot or locate game, they unlawfully transported wild animals and two of the poachers were convicted of illegally shooting from a vehicle. Illegal party hunting was also discovered. Four men plead guilty to the crimes. The ages of the poachers ranged from 19 to 25 years old. Three of the men are from the McGregor area and one man is from Crystal.

All the men had their hunting privileges revoked and will have to pay fines, restitution and court costs. Two vehicles, two rifles and a spot light were confiscated and will go to auction. Proceeds from the seized property will go to the Game and Fish Fund. All information for this article came from a DNR News Release, dated January 15, 2015. "Poachers take hunting opportunities away from law-abiding hunters and negatively impact the resource," the CO said. All information for this article came from a DNR News Release, dated January 15, 2015.

## DNR Welcomes New Conservation Officers In 2014

In November of 2014, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assigned ten new conservation officers (CO's) to their new DNR stations. The new CO's have completed a 3-month Officer Academy and 3 months of field training; for a total of 6 months. "We are proud to have them aboard and look forward to what they can accomplish by working with the communities they serve" Colonel Ken Soring of the DNR said, according to a DNR News Release dated November 10, 2014.

The Conservation Officer Academy at Camp Ripley is where officers receive training in firearms, defensive tactics, emergency vehicle operations, rescue techniques, firefighting, commercial use of natural resources and learn about DNR standards. The training is important to officers who will be in remote areas, when calling for back up might take a while. Many of us understand that each DNR officer has to patrol an area of approximately 650 square miles and needs to be able to handle the different types of situations that will arise. Information about training and duties was found at the DNR website, in a guide to the Minnesota DNR Division of Enforcement at <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/enforcement/guide.pdf>. To learn more about DNR Conservation Officers check out the Internet address above.

A DNR Conservation Officer protects the natural resources of our state including wildlife, water, land and air. This is done through law enforcement of Minnesota Laws, Statutes, DNR rules, and regulations. They also provide public safety information and education. ***Congratulations and thank you***, to the new officers.

### PHOTO CAPTION:

(Front, L-R) Nick Klehr, Litchfield; Beau Shroyer, Remer; Chelsie Leuthardt, Bloomington; Hannah Cowden, Warroad No. 2; Marc Hopkins, Tower.

(Back, L-R) Eric Benjamin, Warroad No. 1; Bill Landmark, Moorhead; Jim Van Asch, International Falls No. 2; Nick Prachar, Baudette No. 1; Joe Kulhanek, Hastings. Images and captions from the DNR News Release on November 10th.



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## President's Message

Again this year we have some very deserving nominations for the TIP "Officer of the Year." The TIP Board of Directors are now reading and evaluating the nominations. I will say, as President, I wish we could award them all. Very impressive jobs being done by our Conservation Officers.

All of our Conservation Officers must be busy with TIP calls as we are getting plenty of business here at the TIP Office paying rewards.

Unfortunately, we will not be holding a West Metro TIP Banquet this year, as several conflicts have come up. Turn In Poachers, Inc. would like to thank Tom Jacobs and all the others who have helped with the West Metro Banquet over the years. Their hard work and dedication to supporting Turn In Poachers, Inc. has led to many successful fundraising banquets. Maybe next year will bring an impressive comeback banquet.

At the Annual Membership Meeting last December some By-Law changes were approved. A few changes included: the President can now hold office for 3 consecutive years like the other officers, meetings will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of the third month making March 17th our next meeting. If you are interested in receiving a copy of the new approved By-Laws, email or call the office.



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## February 2015

# Turn In Poachers, Inc.

### Upcoming TIP Events:

**2015 TIP Itasca County Banquet on March 14th**

**For Details Call Tom Sutherland at 218-290-4163**

**TIP Board of Directors Meeting on March 17th, 7:00 P.M. at the TIP Building**

*To start a banquet in your area contact 218-326-8477*

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