

# 2015 TIP Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	72	65	57	145	168	126	135	768
Total TIP Calls	66	48	55	110	139	87	74	579
Calls referred to CO's	64	45	54	108	137	84	71	563
Case Numbers Assigned	6	1	0	13	14	6	6	46
Number of Arrests Made	10	2	0	20	28	7	6	73
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	0	8	0	0	0	6	0	14
Amount of Rewards	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$615	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$1,965
TIP Prints as Rewards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



## TIP WELCOMES A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dennis Mackedanz is the new Turn In Poachers (TIP), Inc. Executive Director and you may have seen him at the 2015 Game Fair. Dennis is a sportsman who has a passion for angling and conservation. He was the chairman of the Governor's Fishing Opener in 2013 and will be in attendance at the next Governor's Deer Hunting Opener.

Dennis has a degree in law enforcement, graduating in 1985 he became a deputy sheriff and worked for the Yellow Medicine County Sheriff's Department. In 1990 he became a paramedic and worked 24 years as a Paramedic/Manager for the North Memorial Ambulance Service. He has been a volunteer First Responder, Kinship Mentor, and served on the board of directors for the Park Rapids Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Northwest Emergency Medical Services (EMS) board. TIP is excited to have Dennis "on board" and look forward to his experience and knowledge of public safety, hunting rules best practices, and nonprofit organizational needs.

**TIP Rewards updates:** In June, six TIP Rewards were awarded and seven people were arrested from TIP related calls. In June the TIP hotline received 126 calls with \$550.00 paid out in rewards.

- \$50.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Five citations for possessing a spear/dip, net/fish trap or other device when prohibited.
- \$100.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Citation for taking grouse out of season.
- \$50.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Nine citations for taking fish during closed season, two citations for taking fish without an angling license.
- \$100.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Citation for lend/borrow big game license.
- \$50.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Citation for take/possess bass during closed season.
- \$200.00 reward for information leading to an arrest:  
*Comment:* Gross Misdemeanor taking big game out of season.

### A Note from the Executive Director:

Starting this position on August 3rd I began work preparing for our booth at Game Fair in Ramsey. After spending many hours visiting with others, it was very apparent that Minnesota has a large number of people who are passionate about protecting our natural resources. One thing became clear to me: WE NEED TO CONTINUE THE EFFORT TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING POACHING. Time and again, I heard people say it is such a "shame" that we have so many stories of illegal activity regarding our natural resources.

Over the next few months I will be reaching out to many of you to hear your views on where are organization is now and where it is headed. Unfortunately, illegal activity is continuing and recent news of the Sherburne County and Cormorant Lake arrests tell us that we need to continue our efforts.

If you have suggestions or comments that you would like heard, I invite you to contact the TIP office and reach out to me. If I am not here, leave a message and I will call you. I want to Thank the Board for this opportunity to serve in this position!

Hello Members,

Summer is coming to a close as the children go back to school and early hunting seasons have begun. Be sure and review the DNR Regulations Handbook for any law or rule changes. The TIP line information license envelopes are being shipped out to vendors of the Electronic License System (ELS) and are available, so look for them. Unfortunately, our services are still needed based on a few recent high profile cases in the state. Check out the "In The News" section of the website for details.

Throughout this summer the Board of Directors had decided, prepared and completed the hiring of a new Executive Director for our organization. With this done we are excited about continuing the mission of TIP and adding some administrative programs in place. Note the brief bio for Dennis on the back side of our newsletter.

Activity is increasing around the office with upcoming events and it is time to start thinking about memberships and banquets. Check out the upcoming TIP Events below for places, dates and contact information. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of any of the events in your area. Contact us if you want to start a banquet or have a fundraiser event idea.

*A special thanks to Tracy Jones of Emily, for all the mounting work he has done for Turn In Poachers.*

*Emily Meats • Jones Taxidermy & Wild Game Processing • (218) 763-6328 or (218) 851-5866*

*He is open 7 days a week and 24-hours, by appointment. TIP members, please support Tracy and his business.*



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## September 2015

# Turn In Poachers, Inc.

### Upcoming TIP Events/Meetings:

**TIP 2015 Rochester Banquet** October 8, 2015 • Please call Graham Luck for details and tickets **(507) 254-0340**  
**Camp Ripley Archery Hunt:** TIP will have the "Wall of Shame" present with raffles and prizes **(218)326-8477**  
**TIP 2016 Brainerd Banquet** February 20, 2015 • Please call Diane Britton for details and tickets **(218) 829-0203**  
**Quarterly Board of Directors meeting:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 7:00 P.M. at the TIP office in Brainerd

If you would like to be part of a fundraiser in your area please contact the TIP office at **(218) 326-8477**  
*To report poaching, please call (800) 652-9093 or #TIP from your cell phone*

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