



MUSKEGON "RIVER WATCH" VOLUNTEER SHEET

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please take note that volunteers will be acting in a spotter position along the Muskegon River at an assigned location to visually observe for and report violations of law. Your observations will be relayed via radio to uniformed officer in area for investigation and prosecution when applicable. Spotter patrols will take place on either Saturday or Sunday during the summer months and that it will be necessary to have spotters available on holidays to address the increased activity. The need for spotters on any given day may be cancelled due to inclement weather. We appreciate your assistance with the issues that have been commonplace on the river and keep in mind that this community appreciates and respects the Muskegon River and that others using the river should too.

A training session will be held on June 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Newaygo High School to give instructions and educate you in regards to observation skills and expectations necessary to this position. You will be contacted when this date is established.

Please complete form and mail to: Conservation Officer Michael Wells

4610 W. 2 Mile Rd

White Cloud, Michigan 49349



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE MUSKEGON “RIVER WATCH” PROGRAM



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The Muskegon River Multi-Agency Taskforce has been formed by the Newaygo County Sheriff's Office, MI Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State Police, and Newaygo Police Department in coordination with Croton Township, Brooks Township, The City of Newaygo, Garfield Township, Ashland Township, and Bridgeton Township with the goal of changing how the Muskegon River is being utilized.

What is changing :

Law Enforcement will have increased patrols along the Muskegon River corridor. This includes additional patrol craft on the water and more officers patrolling the river corridor and access sites. Officers will be strictly enforcing laws including disorderly conduct, indecent exposure, trespassing, possession of alcohol by minors, and littering.

If you live on the River:

The Muskegon River Multi-Agency Taskforce will be distributing out blue River Watch Caution Tape to place on your property near the river. The goal is to provide a visual reference to those using the river, that they are being watched. In addition, the Taskforce will be distributing out reporting forms to assist you with visually observing and reporting violations of the law.

Volunteer Spotters:

Volunteer Spotters will be supporting the Muskegon River Multi-Agency Taskforce on a rotating schedule during the Weekends. Spotters will be positioned along the river at an assigned location to visually observe for and report violations of the law. Spotter observations will be relayed via radio to uniformed officers in the area for investigation and prosecution when applicable.

If you would like to volunteer a spotter, please register with Conservation Officer Michael Wells by completing a Volunteer Sheet or emailing wellsm@michigan.gov

Training:

June 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm located at the Newaygo High School. This training will provide information and educate you on observation skills and expectations necessary to volunteer as a spotter.