

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

Sutherland named 2014 TIP officer of the year



Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer Thomas Sutherland of Grand Rapids was named the 2014 Turn in Poachers (TIP) "Joe Alexander" Conservation Officer of the Year during the annual TIP banquet held March 14 in Grand Rapids.

Officer Sutherland, who serves on the TIP Board of Directors, said "The TIP Program preserves our outdoor heritage for future generations to enjoy as we have all grown up with. It is our responsibility to provide the opportunity for our children to have the natural resources available to them that are sustainable for many years to come.

Thomas Sutherland received his award, at the Itasca County TIP Banquet on March 14th, 2015.

- Photo courtesy of Don Basista

Sutherland went on to say, "Serving on the TIP Board of Directors has allowed me to appreciate the dedication TIP members have to the DNR Enforcement Division in supporting our mission in providing quality education and natural resources law enforcement services to the citizens of Minnesota."

DNR Enforcement supervisor, Lt. Jeff Koehn, said that Sutherland has built strong relationships with the user groups in this patrol area.

"His friendly, professional approach with the public is a great asset to Officer Sutherland and he represents the DNR extremely well."

Sutherland, a state conservation officer since 2006, is a member of many local committees, clubs and special organizations that promote TIP's core values and always promotes the use of the TIP program to new conservation officers.

TIP is a private nonprofit organization operating on private donations. TIP accomplishes its mission of protecting and preserving Minnesota's natural resources by providing educational materials and by funding rewards paid directly to citizens who call in tips that lead to arrests of game law violators.

The Turn in Poachers (TIP) "Joe Alexander" Conservation Officer of the Year award is presented to one conservation officer annually who best represents the mission of TIP during the course of their duties. The award is named in honor of past conservation officer and DNR Commissioner Joe Alexander, who was admired by his peers for his dedication and focused concern for natural resources.

"I am honored that TIP has viewed me worthy of this recognition," said Sutherland.

- Article courtesy of MN DNR

Upcoming & TIP Events:

The next board meeting is on June 16, 2015 at the TIP office, in Brainerd

2015 Game Fair - Please call the TIP office if you are interested in volunteering and gain free entry to the event

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

President's Message

Spring is finally here, with summer headed our way full speed. Perivoea is keeping things going in the office. Brandon has given TIP presentations to the Baxter Kiwanis Club and the Natural Resources class at the Brainerd Central Lakes College. Perivoea and some directors have manned sports show booths and attended a Boy Scouts Rendezvous at Camp Ripley with about 4,000 attendees learning about TIP. We like to get out and talk about TIP.



The officers of TIP have been talking about hiring an Executive Director to get TIP fired up again. We have talked to an individual that is very interested. If you are interested in being an Executive Director for TIP contact me by June 10th.



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Turn In Poachers, Inc.

Notes:

A special thanks to Tracy Jones of Emily, for all the mounting work he has done for Turn In Poachers. Tracy is the owner of Emily Meats, Jones Taxidermy and Wild Game Processing, (218)763-6328 or (218)851-5866.

Please renew your membership. You can do this from the TIP Website or by calling (218)326-8477.

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