

COUNTY OF OAKLAND
OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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DATE: July 11, 2014

TO: Residents on Union Lake

FROM: Marine Safety Unit

REF: Illegal Buoys

Lake Residents:

I have been contacted by several people questioning the legality of the orange and white buoys that have been placed in front of several residences on the lake. I have sent Marine Deputies out there as well as having the Aviation Unit take aerial photographs. I relayed the photos and information gathered and spoke with the DNR and found that there are no permits issued for any of these buoys. My Deputies have found that 108 buoys are illegally placed as well as 6 swim platforms that are creating a navigational hazard. I can understand that some of the buoys have been placed with good intention to mark shallow areas etc, but there are also several of them that are creating a navigational hazard being too far out from shore. I respectfully request that they ALL be removed as they are illegally placed. We will be following up on this within the next week for compliance. I would like to keep this as friendly and peaceful as possible as we are not trying to be too authoritative, just trying to promote safety and legal issues.

Sgt. Michael Suarez