

MIDLAND COUNTY
SHERIFF

SHERIFF SCOTT STEPHENSON

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MEDIA RELEASE

Due to the recent dam failures of the Sanford and Wixom Lakes, we have experienced great devastation to our communities. The river and dam systems are still not secure to the point where it is safe to be in the river basin areas that were once known as Sanford and Wixom Lakes.

As the lakes have receded, and are turning back into their natural states as rivers, the area where the lakes were, is now known as the “river basin” or “bottom lands”. The “bottom lands” are owned by the Four Lakes Task Force.

Because of this major event and for the public’s safety, we have been given permission by the Four Lakes Task Force to take any enforcement action necessary to stop people from trespassing on the “bottom lands”.

To be extremely clear, this “bottom lands” area is still dangerous. Do not walk, ride ATVs or perform any type of activity on the “bottom lands”. Failure to comply will make you subject to arrest from the Midland County Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement partners.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Scott Stephenson

