



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of April 14 – 28)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Rockford man for possession of undersize largemouth bass at Miller’s Hollow Boat Launch.

CPO Jones arrested two Sabula men for possession of drug paraphernalia at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

CPO Jones checked several turkey hunters first season through third season. Written warnings were issued for unsigned turkey permits.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri completed a boat safety inspection with an operator at Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area. The Kewanee man was found to be in violation of no fishing license, no valid boat registration, no throwable pfd (personal flotation device), no horn or whistle, and no fire extinguisher. The operator was cited for a pfd violation where he had three persons on board but only 2 pfd (personal flotation devices). While the CPO explained the citation, he said he would just go to a private club where he didn’t have to have “all this crap.” The CPO told the operator he would still be required to have all the safety equipment on private or public bodies of water.

CPO Posateri assisted Illinois State Police with a suspected DUI driver on Interstate 74 after the car struck a large marker in a construction zone. The driver was found to be extremely tired due to traveling from Indiana on a daily basis for a construction job. The previous day the driver wrecked his car in the same area. The driver was transported to the Henry County Jail for reckless driving and other vehicle code violations.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

A sunken boat was investigated by CPO Beltran and CPO Jones near the Mississippi River after a complaint was called in regarding fuel and oil being released from the vessel.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Posateri assisted an IDNR Wildlife biologist with a nighttime wildlife survey. They traveled a predetermined route and counted all furbearing mammals along the way. Based on the number of deer spotted, the biologist believed it to be one of the highest numbers counted.

The Green River rose with spring waters and CPO Beltran responded to an abandoned boat complaint near Amboy.

OGLE COUNTY

Two anglers from Oregon were fishing in White Pines State Park when CPO Beltran questioned them about their fishing licenses; they lied and said they were not fishing. Citations were issued and the fishermen apologized afterwards for fishing without a license and lying.

A man from Elmwood Park was cited by CPO Beltran for taking over his daily limit.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Palumbo attended Riverdale Elementary School in Port Byron with the Conservation Police Lodge trailer on Earth Day. Presentations were given to several classes on the wise and safe use of Illinois' natural resources. The students and teachers were able to tour the trailer and observe some of the many types of fish and wildlife residing in Illinois.

CPO Posateri and a USFWS biologist launched a boat on the Hennepin Canal and rescued an injured Trumpeter swan. The swan had a compound wing fracture. It was taken to River Ridge Veterinary Service in Sterling for treatment.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations and written warnings to two Tampico men and one Prophetstown man for unlawfully possessing smallmouth bass during the catch and release only season, and for fishing with no sport fishing license. This occurred on Coon Creek near the Rock River. The smallmouth bass were released back to waters.

CPO Palumbo attended clean-up day on the Hennepin Feeder Canal in Rock Falls with the Conservation Police Lodge trailer. Several citizens of Sterling and Rock Falls were able to tour the trailer and ask questions after a hard day of picking up trash along the canal.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn received a call of a German shepherd dog hanging around the Miller Anderson Woods Nature Preserve and the dog had been there for two days. The dog was a female and appeared to have given birth recently and was acting aggressively towards anyone who parked in the parking lot. CPO Finn located the dog and called Bureau County Animal Control. The dog was caught and removed. No puppies were located within Miller Anderson Woods Nature Preserve.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry assisted on multiple days in assisting in the efforts of the tornado that struck Fairdale in rural DeKalb County and Ogle County. While in the area of the Grubsteakers Restaurant around midnight one evening, CPO Murry located three individuals thought to be in the area for alternative motives than to assist with clean up. The people were encouraged to leave and not to return to the area and warned of the consequences.

CPO Murry along with CPO Jansen was patrolling Matthiessen State Park Trails. While speaking to two subjects, a strong odor of cannabis was smelled coming from them. The two subjects were arrested and charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Wire checked individuals fishing along the Illinois River. CPO Wire checked a young boy scout that was fishing in the rain. His group had caught a few fish but he hadn't. After a short time period the young male caught his first fish. CPO Wire showed him how to remove it from the hook and hold it by mouth. The young scout held up the fish perfectly for his picture.

CPO Wire closed out a drunk driving case where the handcuffed driver tried to jump out of the squad while en route to jail. The driver was able to get the door open but was buckled in his seatbelt. She pleaded guilty to DUI and was ordered to serve six days in the county jail. The driver was additionally ordered to perform 240 hours of community service and pay a fine of \$1970.

CPO Kaufman arrested an individual for driving under the influence of alcohol. She provided a breath sample of .161 BAC.

CPO Kaufman closed out a report from the summer of 2014 regarding a child sex offender entering a public park (Starved Rock State Park). The individual pleaded guilty, received a \$500 fine, and was placed on a 2 year conditional discharge. The individual had been found hiking in a restricted area.

CPO Kaufman responded to a call of a gun being fired in Illinois Canyon's parking lot at Starved Rock State Park. The caller stated three individuals were in the parking lot shooting and yelling. The caller stated she was afraid to walk out to the parking lot and would stay out of sight until CPO Kaufman arrived. When he arrived, several vehicles were in the parking lot but no one was around any of the vehicles. CPO Kaufman located a bag of potatoes and a potato gun in the back of one vehicle. CPO Kaufman walked into the canyon and found the caller. She told him that three individuals, young men in their 20's, had walked into the canyon past them. CPO Kaufman found the men in a restricted area of the canyon. Several citations were issued.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle with two occupants crest a hill traveling 31 mph. The speed limit in all Illinois State Parks is 20 mph, unless otherwise posted. CPO Fraser turned his squad around and stopped the vehicle at the Pierce Lake boat ramp. Upon approaching the vehicle CPO Fraser observed several open cans of beer on the passenger floorboard. CPO Fraser notified the operator and passenger of the violations and returned to his squad. Upon checking the vehicle occupant's information, it was discovered the passenger was wanted on a warrant. The driver was issued a written warning for speed and the passenger was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol and transported to the Winnebago County Jail on the warrant.

While checking fishermen at Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed a man and a woman fishing near another man using his phone. When asked to see fishing licenses the man was unable to produce one. The woman advised CPO Fraser the man was not fishing, he was only holding the pole so the man with the phone could take pictures of him fishing. CPO Fraser advised the man that he had been watching them fish for several minutes and did not believe the story. The man was issued a citation for no fishing license.

While on patrol near the Rock River in Rockford, CPO Fraser observed a 2012 F150 pickup in front of him swerving all over the roadway. Upon stopping the vehicle it was determined the man was under the influence of alcohol. It was also discovered the driver had four prior DUI arrests. The man was transported to the Winnebago County Jail on DUI charges and, due to his extensive DUI record; forfeiture of his vehicle is being filed.

CPO Alt is working with the city of Rockford, IEPA and Rockford Fire Department investigating an illicit chemical spill into the Rock River. The origin of the spill was traced back using storm sewer maps to a local paint manufacturer and was mitigated after approximately 7 days. Ongoing shoreline and surface water checks on the Rock River at the outfall site and downstream have shown no environmental impacts (fish kills, etc.) to date. This investigation has changed from a

focus of location and mitigation of the spill to criminal documentation for the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office to review and prosecution of pollution violation(s).

CPO Alt patrolled Pierce Lake, Lake Summerset, Four Lakes, Lake Victoria and the upper Pecatonica River in Winnebago County by boat for compliance to the boat safety act and fish code. Violations detected and documented include: fishing without a fishing license, fishing without a license in possession, fishing while fishing privilege revoked for child support violation, unlawful operation of watercraft without water usage stamp, unnumbered watercraft, insufficient number of wearable PFD's, unsecured batteries on watercraft, and fire extinguisher not in serviceable condition.

CPO Frichtl responded to a citizen's complaint that a fledgling bald eagle had been killed during a fall from a nest. The fledgling was positively identified as an American bald eagle, which was transferred to the custody of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency.

CPO Schoonhoven stopped a vehicle for throwing a beer can out the window. He issued citations for littering on a highway and illegal transportation of alcohol.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson worked a boat patrol on the Illinois River performing boat, sport and commercial fishing inspections. Throughout the patrol one citation and several warnings were issued for no fishing licenses and boating equipment deficiencies.

CPO Thompson received a case disposition from an arrest made in November of 2014. The defendant in the case pleaded guilty on five charges. The nature of the arrest consisted of five Class A misdemeanors and felony possession of a firearm. The defendant was fined \$1815 and ordered to serve 20 days in the Fulton County Jail. The firearm used and the deer unlawfully taken in this case were forfeited to the IDNR.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid participated in the annual mock crash at West Central High School. The event serves to remind students of the dangers of drinking and driving.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Reid cited a McDonough County subject for illegally killing a deer without a valid deer permit.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs Gerard, Lazzell, VanZant, and Avery assisted with teaching a Marine Law Enforcement boat operator class on the Illinois River. During the 3 day class, state and local police officers learned basic boat handling skills, sonar operations, boat accident investigations, OUI enforcement, man overboard drills and participated in a live boat fire.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley handled a traffic crash at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPO Kelley issued two individuals written warnings for boating violations on the Chain O' Lakes.

CPO Kelley issued a written warning to an individual for taking rabbits out of the wild and trying to save them from being killed by crows. The individual had tried to find a rehabilitator before attempting to raise the rabbits.

CPO Kelley made a public appearance at Bass Pro Shops in Gurnee for their inaugural "Workender 20/20 Challenge" Social Hour.

CPOs Schreiber and Kelley arrested a fisherman on Pistakee Lake for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, operation of a watercraft with a BAC over 0.08%, and operation of a watercraft without a USCG approved fire extinguisher. He was also issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession. The subject blew a 0.136%.

CPO Wagner issued three citations for no sport fishing license

CPO Wagner issued one citation for no fox waterway sticker

CPO Wagner issued three citations for no wearable PFD's

CPO Wagner issued one citation for operation unnumbered watercraft

CPO Wagner issued ten written warnings for various fishing and boating violations.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Wagner issued two citations for no sport fishing license

CPO Wagner issued one citation for speeding

CPO Winters stopped a vehicle at Moraine Hills State Park for disobeying a stop sign. The subject was in violation of her judicial driving permit. She was cited for disobeying a stop sign and driving on a revoked driver's license.

CPO Kelley issued a citation to an individual fishing without a license at Stratton Lock and Dam at Moraine Hills State Park.

Other: CPOs Davis, Winters and Schreiber attended the FTO transition training in Springfield.

District 2 CPOs were trained in the operation of the AS V XL breathalyzers and are now certified to use these instruments.

**District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)**

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker responded to a call for service generated by the Iroquois Sheriff's Department regarding subjects hunting without permission. Subsequent investigation revealed that three Mississippi subjects had taken three turkeys without having permits or hunting licenses, and had taken one of the three turkeys without the permission of the

landowner. Charges filed include: hunting on two different properties without permission, hunting without valid non-resident hunting licenses, hunting without valid turkey permits, uncased firearms.

CPO Mieure conducted sport fish enforcement on the Kankakee River and issued nine written warnings for no fishing license.

CPO Wollgast and Vadbunker interviewed a woman regarding deer harvest in White County. It was found that her juvenile grandson and nephew were using her permits. Investigation continues.

CPO Anderson conducted patrols at Mazonia FWA. He issued a fisherman a citation for violating posted closing hours and issued a different fisherman a warning for the same violation. He issued three warnings to boaters/fishermen for boat safety and fishing violations.

CPO Mieure and Vadbunker conducted a sport fishing detail from a boat on the Kankakee River and issued one citation for not having required PFDs on the boat with warnings issued for over capacity, no valid registration, and no type 4 throwable PFDs.

CPO Vadbunker made three drug arrests while checking fishermen and boaters along the Kankakee River. Subjects were also cited for no fishing license and for boating safety violations.

CPO Mieure responded to an open burn site where a fire had spread and caught some farm implements on fire and some old tires. One written warning was issued for a violation of the Environmental Safety Act, open burning.

While patrolling Kankakee River State Park, CPO Vadbunker observed a subject parked in a posted restricted area. Subsequent check of the subject revealed that the subject's registration was suspended and had no proof of insurance. The subject was cited for the violations.

CPO Mieure patrolled Kankakee River State Park and found a subject in possession of alcoholic beverages which is prohibited. A written warning was issued.

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast provided instruction at a Hunter Safety Course in Grundy County.

CPO Wollgast checked several boats at Heidecke Lake. He found a subject with an undersized walleye and his partner did not have a fishing license. A citation was issued for the walleye and a warning was issued for the license violation.

CPO Anderson attended a Career Expo at the Morris High School.

CPO Wollgast instructed the wildlife portion of the Envirathon Competition at the Seneca HS.

CPO Wollgast handled a call at Heidecke Lake where a fisherman returned to his vehicle from fishing and discovered that his tailgate had been stolen.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Mueller issued citations to a subject at Silver Springs State Park for possessing alcohol where prohibited and for discharging an air rifle. The subject was also issued several warnings for hunting violations as he was attempting to kill squirrels in the park.

WILL COUNTY

CPOs Wollgast and Honiotes used side scan sonar to attempt to find a weapon that had been tossed into the Kankakee

River. They did not locate the weapon.

CPO Mueller issued citations to two individuals fishing without fishing licenses on the Kankakee River.

CPO Honiotes checked approximately 60 fishermen at various locations throughout Will County. One citation was issued for a subject fishing without a valid sport fishing license. Written warnings were issued for unlawful possession of alcohol in a state park and unlawful possession of a smallmouth bass during the closed season.

CPO Reid attended a career day event at the Lockport School District.

CPO Anderson issued a warning to a boater at Braidwood Lake for a PFD violation.

CPO Honiotes taught two hunter safety courses consisting of approximately 60 students.

CPO Mueller issued a subject a citation for unlawfully possessing a smallmouth during the closed season.

CPO Reid conducted several patrols on private bodies of water where trespass complaints have been signed by the owners. Several citations for fishing without permission were issued.

CPO Honiotes responded with a Will County Forest Preserve Officer to a report of a vehicle submerged in the DuPage River. Investigation revealed the submerged object to be a child's plastic wading pool.

CPO Honiotes conducted boat patrol on the Kankakee River. Boat safety compliance checks were performed on five boats. Written warnings were issued for unlawful operation of a watercraft over 16 feet without a throwable floatation device and unlawful operation of a motorboat without a sounding device.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO V. Smith issued one citation for pollution of waterways and one written warning for fishing without a valid sport fishing license at Glenview Lake.

While investigating a salmon poaching complaint at Montrose Harbor CPO V. Smith issued three citations for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

While patrolling Busse Lake CPO V. Smith issued one citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license, two written warnings for improper display of rental boat decal, one written warning for too many devices while sport fishing, one written warning for fishing license not in possession and one written warning for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO V. Smith issued two written warnings for too many devices while sport fishing while patrolling Skokie Lagoons.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for unlawful feeding of white tail deer at Schiller Park Pond.

CPO V. Smith issued two written warnings for fishing license not on person and driver's license not on person while patrolling Axehead Lake.

CPO Whitchurch conducted back to back patrol shifts in Cook County in areas where multiple fishing and boating complaints had derived from recently. A total of 23 written warnings were issued at these areas for fishing and boating violations. A total of 10 citations were issued for fishing related violations and four citations were issued for boating violations.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing at a Cook County inland lake. When CPO Whitchurch approached the subjects and requested to see fishing licenses, both subjects immediately told CPO Whitchurch they were not 18 years of age and therefore did not need to have fishing licenses. CPO Whitchurch asked both subjects how old they were. One of the subjects provided three different ages. CPO Whitchurch informed both subjects any person 16 years of age or older needed to possess a valid sport fishing license in order to lawfully fish in Illinois unless they were exempt by other laws. When CPO Whitchurch requested the subject's personal information, one of the subjects paused greatly when providing their year of birth. CPO Whitchurch was able to establish the identity of the person who was not being truthful about their date of birth. It turned out the subject was actually 18 years of age. Both subjects were issued citations for fishing without valid licenses.

CPO Whitchurch attended and presented at a Hunter Safety Education Class in Naperville. Hunting Laws and other hunting related issues were presented by CPO Whitchurch. CPO Whitchurch then stayed after the law enforcement block of instruction was over to speak with attendees on a one-on-one basis.

CPO Whitchurch was on foot when he observed two individuals in separate watercrafts underway at a Cook County Lake. CPO Whitchurch walked over to the area where the watercrafts were stationed on the water. As CPO Whitchurch approached the two watercrafts, both watercrafts left the area and headed for the boat launch at the other side of the lake. CPO Whitchurch was able to walk back around to the other side of the lake before the subjects in the watercrafts were able to exit the water. CPO Whitchurch conducted inspections on both watercrafts. Neither watercraft had valid Water Usage Stamps or wearable personal flotation devices on board. Both subjects were issued citations for not having wearable personal flotation devices on board.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted an investigation into an illegally taken Canada goose. The individual posted a picture on Facebook depicting himself holding an air-rifle and a Canada goose well after the legal hunting season for Canada geese had ended. After a lengthy interview, the individual admitted to shooting the Canada goose on property owned by ComEd with an air-rifle. The individual was arrested and issued seven citations.

CPOs Mooi and Smith were conducting compliance checks along Salt Creek in Elk Grove. A subject was cited for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Mooi attended court in Will County for a DUI. The subject was found not guilty at a bench trial.

CPO Mooi presented at a Hunter Safety Course in Downers Grove

CPOs Mooi and Farber conducted compliance checks of salmon fishermen at Montrose Harbor and Belmont Harbor, three citations and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Mooi arrested a Chicago man for over limit of salmon, obstructing an officer and resisting arrest.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Gilmer has been checking a lot of boats lately due to the weather getting nicer and the fish biting in Lake Michigan. Citations and warnings have been issued for registration and safety equipment violations.

CPO Gilmer has also been dealing with drugs at Waukegan Harbor.

With the new fishing season upon us, CPO Gilmer has found fishermen and women not having a fishing license on them or not having a current license at all. Citations and warnings are being issued for this as well.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for fishing with no valid license. He had given the man a written warning three days prior for fishing with no license.

CPO Greuel cited an Arcola man for fishing without a license on Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Barnes cited two Mattoon men for fishing without a license at Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man for fishing without a license on Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Barnes cited a Shelbyville man for fishing without a license at Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Greuel cited an Effingham man for fishing without a license on Lake Mattoon in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel cited a Neoga man for fishing without a valid license on Lake Mattoon, Shelby County.

CPO Greuel cited an Effingham man for fishing without a valid license on Lake Mattoon, Shelby County.

Sgt. McReynolds attended a 40 hour Lead Homicide/Death Investigation Seminar at the Mattoon Mobile Training Unit.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Stewardson man for fishing without a license in Cumberland County. Subject was found to have a warrant for his arrest, placed under arrest and transported to the Cumberland County Jail.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Barnes spoke to a Hunter Safety Class at the Atwood Fire Department.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Decatur man for taking trout prior to the season at Wyman Lake in Sullivan. The man also received various other written warnings

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

DEWITT COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson worked with Clinton Lake staff to address the issue of trail use before 1 p.m. during turkey season. Sgt. Williamson rescued a Boy Scout group that was about three miles from their vehicle and was on the trails illegally. Sgt. Williamson educated the group on where to find the dates for trail closures.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright was checking fishermen on Lake Decatur when he noticed through binoculars two fishermen fishing. When he approached the fishermen near their vehicle, both fishermen stated that they were not fishing. After explaining to the two Decatur men that he had witnessed them fishing, they both stated that they did not have fishing licenses. Both men were issued citations and one of the individuals was arrested on a warrant out of Mason County.

CPO Wright checked a number of fishermen and boaters on Lake Decatur. Several violations were encountered. Proper enforcement action was taken

CPO Wright received a phone call from an Argenta woman stating that her son had a wild hog at his farm and was wanting to know if it was legal to kill the hog. CPO Wright explained the laws and stated that he was on his way to the farm. While on his way to the farm CPO received a call from the son stating that he was mistaken and it was just the neighbor's potbelly pig.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Reeves along with Sgt. Williamson and Captain Mayes responded to Moraine View State Park when park staff found the remains of a human fetus in a bag near the beach parking lot. The investigation was turned over to the Illinois State Police and is ongoing.

CPOs Reeves, CPO Schultz and Sgt. Williamson made an arrest of two individuals near Moraine View State Park for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Schultz received a call of a vehicle being stuck and abandoned down a horse trail on the Middle Fork State Wildlife area property. The truck had been driven about a half mile down the wooded muddy trail before becoming stuck. A great deal of damage had been done to the trail which is one of the main thoroughfares used by the horse riders at the camp. After a short investigation and a meeting the following day, the driver admitted to driving until he got stuck around midnight and leaving the truck there only to realize no one could get back there to pull him out. Multiple citations were issued and the individual will be serving community service to assist with trail repair.

CPO Cottrell worked with Middle Fork River State Park on a group that was camping illegally on the site. Several citations were issued for illegal camping.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic was following up on an Outfitter investigation when he observed the picture of a female claiming to have harvested an 8 point buck. CPO Blazinic's investigation revealed the female had an "antlerless only" permit, did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp, and did not record a harvest. Upon interviewing the female, she initially admitted she shot the deer. She later changed her story and did not know anything about harvesting the deer although she admitted to hunting with the Outfitter. Upon interviewing the Outfitter, he admitted he shot the deer and checked it in. He admitted to false advertising by posting the picture on his web site.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff was patrolling Macoupin County when he conducted a traffic stop for speeding 72 mph in a 55 mph zone. After conducting the stop, it was revealed the driver was suspended.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received a complaint of hunting without permission in Pike County. The complainant was an Outfitter. His hunter saw another hunter shoot the turkey on the property he was hunting. CPO Blakeley's investigation revealed the hunter harvesting the turkey had a landowner's tag. He had sold his property and the landowner's tag was no longer valid.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis presented a job shadow presentation at Jim Edgar Panther Creek to several Pleasant Plains High School students. The presentation covered areas of the Conservation Police job along with the required standards needed to become a Conservation Police Officer.

CPOs Bettis and Elliot cited two subjects for operating a motor vehicle in a prohibited area of Jim Edgar Panther Creek.

CPO Bettis issued a citation to a subject for entering a posted restricted area at Jim Edgar Panther Creek.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Swance taught at a Hunter Safety field day. Topics covered were Illinois fish and game laws and safety measures used by hunters.

CPO Cochran received a court disposition regarding the unlawful operation of a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol from last summer. On July 4, 2014, the subject was cited for the unlawful operation of a motorboat and operating under the influence of alcohol over .080 BAC on Lake Taylorville. In a plea agreement, the defendant pleaded guilty to careless operation of a motorboat and paid \$1869.50 in fines and court costs.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Swance was contacted regarding a dead bald eagle. The eagle was collected and rendered according to standards set by USFWS.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis responded to a trespassing complaint in Menard County. Written warnings for criminal trespass were issued after it was determined the defendants were not hunting.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance was the guest speaker at a wild game dinner attended by 400 sportsmen. CPO Swance gave a presentation on how to navigate and make full use of the IDNR website.

CPO Swance gave a short presentation at a seminar hosted by "Dr. Deer", Dr. James Kroll. CPO Swance spoke on Illinois Game Laws and the sportsman's responsibility for the stewardship of our natural resources.

CPO Swance encountered a subject with no fishing license taking sport fish with a cast net. The subject was also wanted on a warrant. The subject was arrested on the warrant and fishing violations and taken to the Sangamon County Jail.

CPO Cochran received information from an ISP K-9 Unit regarding the illegal harvest of a turkey in Auburn. Upon further investigation, it was discovered the juvenile had illegally harvested the turkey without a hunting license, habitat stamp, or turkey permit. The juvenile was also in possession of a loaded shotgun in his vehicle without a FOID card. The father of the juvenile also admitted his son had been cited in the past for taking a Canada goose out of season. The shotgun and turkey were seized. The juvenile was cited for unlawful taking of a wild turkey without a hunting license and hunting without a valid wild turkey permit. The juvenile was issued written warnings for the remainder of the violations.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley attended the first court appearance for the subjects involved in a deer poaching case. Two men pleaded guilty and were fined \$1250 each and a \$250 civil penalty each. The man who had been the driver pleaded guilty and was fined \$500.

A juvenile involved pleaded guilty, forfeited a .22 rifle and a spot light.

CPO Tapley gave a presentation to the Cub Scouts in Greenville. The duties of a CPO, firearm safety, and ethical hunting were the topics of discussion.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley was patrolling in the area of South Shore State Park. He came across two Corps of Engineers workers in a truck who told him they had just witnessed an older gentleman nude sunbathing in the old campgrounds. CPO Tapley made contact with the man and interviewed him about the complaint. The man said he had been nude a couple of times, but said it was to urinate or when he was changing clothes. The man said no one was around when he did both of these. CPO Tapley issued him a citation for nudity in a park. Due to the fact that CPO Tapley had several complaints over the last couple years about this particular person sunbathing nude in the park, he was evicted from the park for 90 days.

CPO Tapley issued a man a citation for snagging below the Carlyle Lake Dam.

CPO Tapley attended a Hunter Safety Course in Beckemeyer. Approximately 40 students were in attendance.

CPO Tapley attended the Carlyle Lake Earth Day Celebration with the Region 4 Education Trailer. There were approximately 2,700 students in attendance at the Earth Day Celebration.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl encountered a couple who were fishing at Gordon Moore Park in Alton. The female was cited for fishing without a valid license. The male was arrested on an active warrant out of Madison County. The warrant was for failure to pay child support.

CPO French was traveling westbound on Hwy 140 when he noticed the vehicle in front of him traveling twenty miles under the speed limit. At an intersection, CPO French ran the vehicle's plate and the registered owner of the vehicle was suspended. CPO French initiated a traffic stop and the driver was issued a citation for driving while license suspended.

CPO French was checking fishermen on Chouteau Island. A male in the parking lot was highly intoxicated and was being disruptive. CPO French approached the man and identified him as being wanted on a St. Clair County warrant. The individual was taken into custody and transported to Madison County Jail to await transport to St Clair County.

CPO French and CPO Goetten were watching fishermen on Chouteau Island. They observed a group leave and get into a vehicle. CPO French had checked them previously and knew none of them possessed a valid driver's license. A traffic stop occurred and one subject was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

CPO French was waiting at the bridge to Chouteau Island behind a large passenger van. Traffic was backed up because the vehicle in front of the line had not pulled up far enough to set off the signal. CPO French exited his squad and had the vehicle pull up farther. While walking back, the van driver started making several furtive movements and would not make eye contact with CPO French. Curious, CPO French ran the vehicle plates. The response was delayed and traffic began moving. As CPO French crossed onto Chouteau Island he received a response that the vehicle's registration was suspended. A traffic stop occurred and the vehicle operator was found to be revoked and had no insurance. The vehicle was towed and the operator was cited.

CPO French was working near Horseshoe Lake State Park on the Metro East Sanitary District (MESD) Canal. MESD has a formal complaint filed with the department prohibiting anyone from entering the property. CPO French observed four people fishing on the property. CPO French called CPO Ray to assist him. They made contact with the individuals. All four were cited with fishing without permission, one was cited for no fishing license and another was taken to jail on a warrant from Pontoon Beach Police Department for failure to appear.

CPO French was working in Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed a black SUV speeding. The subject was pulled over and subsequently did not possess a valid driver's license. The subject was cited for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

CPO French was travelling eastbound over the bridge from Chouteau Island when the vehicle in front of him suddenly swerved hard to the left. A small pickup truck was parked facing the wrong way in the middle of the road had caused the vehicle to swerve. A traffic stop occurred on the small pickup. The driver was found to have just been paroled, was driving while his license was revoked and was wanted on a warrant out of St. Clair County. The driver was arrested and taken to St. Clair County Jail and cited with driving while license revoked.

CPO French was checking fishermen in Lewis and Clark Memorial State Park. A check of a fisherman showed he was falsifying his social security number in order to obtain fishing licenses and hunting permits. He had been revoked for failure to pay child support for three years. After subject was arrested he informed CPO French he was relieved to have been caught because it had (falsifying his social security number) been weighing on his conscience.

While checking fishermen on Chouteau Island, CPO French observed a white male drive away in a silver passenger car. CPO French recognized the man as individual he had arrested in January 2015 for driving while license suspended. A traffic stop occurred and the individual was once again arrested for driving while license suspended.

CPO French was checking fishermen on Chouteau Island. Out of the group of fishermen, five of them did not have licenses and one was revoked for failure to pay child support and was wanted on a warrant. CPO French cited the fishermen for no valid licenses and transported the wanted subject to Madison County Jail.

CPO Goetten and CPO French were getting out of the vehicle to check fishermen on the Mississippi River. CPO Goetten ran the plates of a van parked in the lot. The registered owner had been arrested by CPO French the previous fall for drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. The owner was wanted on four warrants, one of which stemmed from CPO French's case. CPO Goetten and French approached the van. CPO French observed the individual in the back of the van playing video games on a TV he had rigged up with four car batteries. A strong odor of cannabis was present. CPOs French and Goetten took the subject into custody and found two bongs and small amount of cannabis. The subject

informed CPO French and Goetten he was living in the van down by river because he was recently divorced. The subject was taken to Madison County Jail and cited for drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

CPO French arrested a subject at Melvin Price Lock and Dam for failure to appear warrant out of Jersey County and failure to appear warrant out of St. Clair County.

CPO French was checking fishermen on the Mississippi River near Melvin Price Lock and Dam when he approached a fisherman to conduct a compliance check. The fisherman was very "jittery" and his hands were shaking as he handed over his license. The reason he behaved in that way was because he had recently smoked a large amount of cannabis. After a short interview, the fisherman turned over his hitter box with more cannabis in it and three pipes. He was given two citations and ordered to appear in Madison County Court.

CPO French was working in Horseshoe Lake State Park when he discovered a stolen vehicle. CPO French found the driver of the vehicle and after a short interview and investigation found the vehicle was incorrectly reported as stolen. The vehicle was repossessed by the lien holder who failed to make proper notifications and then resold the vehicle to the driver in Horseshoe Lake. The vehicle was released and a report completed.

CPO Ray arrested three juvenile subjects for taking Canada geese during closed season and wanton waste. Subjects were issued written warnings for hunting without permission and within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling. The subjects pleaded guilty to taking Canada geese during closed season and each paid a \$250.00 fine.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier, while working sport fishing enforcement, came across a pick-up truck parked along Silver Creek. CPO Rolfingsmeier looked around the area and spotted a set of foot prints in the mud leading from the pick-up truck that led down the bank of Silver Creek. CPO Rolfingsmeier followed the tracks until he spotted a fisherman along the bank. CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted a compliance check on the fisherman. CPO Rolfingsmeier introduced himself and the fisherman looked down at his tackle box and CPO Rolfingsmeier saw on the tackle box a plastic bag of cannabis and a glass smoking pipe. The fisherman also did not have a fishing license. The fisherman was issued one citation and charged for the drug offenses.

CPO Rolfingsmeier completed a deer investigation on two St. Clair County hunters. One hunter was using his wife's tags to harvest deer and two deer were seized, an 11 point buck and a 9 point buck. The other hunter was hunting without a hunting license and habitat stamp. Three citations were issued and eight written warnings were issued.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishing enforcement along the Mississippi River Front wrote five citations and eight written warnings to eleven fishermen for fishing without permission and for fishing without a valid fishing license.

In February CPO Ray arrested a subject for coyote hunting by aid and use of a motor vehicle. The subject was also arrested for transportation of one loaded and two uncased rifles. Subject pleaded guilty to hunting by aid and use of a motor vehicle and paid a \$240.00 fine.

CPO Ray and CPO Rolfingsmeier arrested a subject at Peabody River King for possession of short Crappie and multiple written warnings for boating violations.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles received information of potential illegal deer hunting in Washington County. After CPO Charles investigated the complaint further, he made contact with a subject involved in the illegal deer hunting. CPO Charles determined that the deer hunter had shot a large 8 point buck during the firearm deer season and only had a non-resident antlerless only deer permit. The hunter used a resident deer permit from an individual that hunted with him to record the harvest. The hunter stated that he could not afford to purchase a non-resident either sex deer permit. The hunter took the deer to a

taxidermist and had it mounted. CPO Charles seized the mounted deer head as evidence and issued citations to both subjects involved in the illegal deer hunting activity.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay completed a random Timber Buyer Inspection. The buyer was found to have not maintained complete and accurate records for the required three years. The Timber Buyer was issued one citation for failure to maintain records. CPO Lay instructed and provided the timber buyer with the current laws and Administrative Rules on all records that need to be maintained.

CPO Williams located a large pile of trash bags containing baby clothing, household refuse, prescription pill bottles, and letters dumped at the end of a public road. Using the identifying information from the dump site the owners of the trash were located at their residence approximately a mile down the road. They did not have a trash removal service. Further investigation led to a brother of the trash owner and a confession as to how the items were dumped. All three subjects were cited under the litter control act.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Region 5 Officers attended pistol and rifle training at the Ten Mile Creek range over three days. The annual Region 5 retiree shoot was also run to qualify retired CPO's with pistols.

CPO Folden stopped two separate timber trucks for inspection. Neither truck had any of the required paperwork. Each truck was issued citations for failure to provide proof of ownership. The investigation into the logging activity is ongoing.

CPO Folden is involved in an investigation involving several allegations of wildlife code violations made against a non-resident outfitter.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted a boat registration inspection in Hardin County.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan issued a written warning to a guy that had three road-kill deer on his property that were not reported.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued a written warning to a subject for no habitat stamp and another written warning to a subject for not having a hunting license in possession.

CPO Johnson received a call from a subject who shot two turkeys in Saline County. The subject stated he only possessed one permit and observed one turkey when he shot. When he retrieved the bird he observed the other dead turkey. The CPO met with the subject and stressed the importance of honesty and reporting the violation

himself. The subject was issued a written warning for unlawful take of turkey. The turkey was used, during a presentation to kids, to emphasize the importance of knowing your target and what is beyond.

CPO's Johnson and Lay were presenters at the annual Pope County Stewardship Days on the 21st and 23rd. Several groups of kids age K - 6 participated and were instructed on what natural resources are, what CPO's do and how CPO's protect the resources. The CPL trailer was at the site for the youth to see various animals that have been taken illegally.

CPOs Vasicek and Williams were called out to assist in the recovery of two submerged automobiles located at One Horse Gap Lake in the Shawnee National Forest. One vehicle contained a local man missing since December of 2014, the other unrelated vehicle was believed to have been dumped and abandoned in the same location years prior.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins continues to work on Timber buyer investigations in Saline County.

CPOs Diggins and Lay were on patrol and encountered a couple from Franklin County parked in a motor vehicle on the side of the road in a remote area. Upon speaking with the male subject, it was learned the couple was smoking cannabis prior to meeting a judge for similar violations. A search revealed 56.8 grams of cannabis. Two jars contained loose cannabis and another 40 bags were packaged for distribution. Many items of paraphernalia were located and two prescription bottles containing a controlled substance (Methylin 5mg & 10mg pills) were discovered. Both subjects were arrested and charged with a variety of misdemeanor and felony charges including possession of cannabis 30 grams-500 grams, possession with the intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Their vehicle was towed and both subjects were jailed. The male subject was unable to make his 1:00 p.m. court date with the Saline County Judge.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating a non-resident deer hunter who allegedly harvested an antlered deer while only possessing antlerless only permit.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Holland responded to Ramsey State Park near Ramsey in reference to a 911 caller who stated he had been threatened by a subject who inferred he had a weapon and would shoot him. Apparently, the two white, male subjects had been in a prior verbal altercation while fishing near the boat docks. The altercation intensified as both subjects were using swear words and made verbal threats of bodily harm. Eventually, one of the subjects made the inference of possessing a handgun and threatened to shoot the other subject. The victim drove to the park office and contacted the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, after which deputies responded, secured the scene and searched the suspect. A small amount of cannabis and paraphernalia were discovered, however, no weapons were found. The subject was charged with possession of cannabis/drug paraphernalia.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt checked numerous fishermen on Newton Lake. Four citations were issued for no fishing license.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a citation to a fisherman fishing without a sport fishing license at Forbes Lake.

CPO Smith issued a written warning to an individual for possession of a live raccoon. The raccoon was no longer at the residence located in Salem. The raccoon was picked up by the person's ex-husband who lives in Macoupin County on April 18. Information as to the name and address of the person who now has possession of the raccoon was forwarded to the local Conservation Police Officer.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe arrested a subject for DUI drugs. CPO Buhnerkempe observed a vehicle stopped in the middle of the road. CPO Buhnerkempe approached the vehicle and observed a male subject in the driver's seat packing what appeared to be cannabis into a pipe. CPO Buhnerkempe knocked on the window and the subject rolled the window down. The subject admitted to smoking cannabis just prior to driving to his current location.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe conducted a presentation for a Boy Scout group in Wayne City. The presentation included conservation topics and a boat safety demonstration with an IDNR patrol boat

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman conducted regional firearms training. Annual qualifications on the pistol and rifle were completed.

CPO Mohrman participated in the annual Kinkaid Lake Cleanup. Several volunteers helped clean up trash that had accumulated in the lake.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson attended FTO Transition training in Springfield.

CPO Thompson came across a person riding their ATV on the roadway as well as on forest service property. The subject was cited and released.

MASSAC COUNTY

While working Mermet Lake FWA, CPO Somers cited two subjects for fishing without a valid fishing license. He also cited a subject for speeding while in the area as well.

CPO Somers worked traffic enforcement at Fort Massac State Park. Two subjects were warned for speeding in the park

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis has been working a continual fishing without permission complaint on Knight Hawk Coal Company property. He cited several subjects for fishing without permission and not having fishing licenses. Two subjects were warned for fishing without permission. One subject was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear violations, on fishing without permission and no fishing license in Randolph County.

CPO Lewis attended and taught a hunter safety class at the DuQuoin Middle School

POPE COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPO Williams assisted Illinois State Police on the recovery of a subject who had been missing for nearly four months. The deceased was located in a very remote area of the Shawnee National Forest

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek located and cited a turkey hunter for unlawful hunting without consent of landowner based on a call for service from a property owner. Subject had entered the property within 20 yards of a clearly marked boundary. Subject had shot at, but missed, a turkey.

CPO Vasicek is also investigating multiple other hunting without permission complaints from landowners.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston spoke to 150 Brownies and Girl Scouts at the Cedar Point Girl Scout Camp. CPO Boston also had the CPOA trailer at the event for the participants to view assorted wildlife.

CPO Vasicek cited multiple individuals for fishing a clearly marked property without permission of landowner. Landowner contacted subjects who fled the scene and stated that they wouldn't be caught because they "weren't from around here". Landowner obtained license plates and pictures off of cameras to assist investigation. The subjects were caught and cited even though they weren't from around there.