



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 1 – 15, 2019)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited a Washington man for fishing without a valid nonresident sport fishing license. A written warning was issued for obtaining a fraudulent resident fishing license. In a separate incident, CPO Hoftender cited a Lena man for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri received a call regarding a dead bald eagle. The eagle was found to be in late stages of decomposition, and it was relayed to the USFWS.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran was assisted by CPOs Teas and Hoftender on a trout detail on opening day which resulted in the issuance of several citations and warnings.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Wagner attended the 40-hour field training officer course.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran conducted several fall harvest interviews and discovered violations for failing to properly check deer. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Posateri gave a presentation to approximately 70 students at the Whiteside Area Career Center for Women in Criminal Justice. Each speaker gave a presentation on their duties and being a woman in their field. This was a wonderful opportunity for high school and college students to interact with a CPO outside of enforcement duties.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt cited a Belvidere man for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. In a separate incident, CPO Alt issued warnings to several spring trout fishermen for fishing with an unsigned fishing license.

CPO Alt received a call from a concerned parent and sportsman who reported his daughter had inadvertently shot and killed two wild turkeys with one shot during the spring youth wild turkey season. It was explained to the parent supervising the youth that he would be responsible for any infraction committed by his daughter. The parent indicated he understood and took full responsibility. He said that he had to report the incident to do the right thing and be a good example to his daughter. The wild turkey that was unlawfully harvested was seized, and the father was issued a written warning for the offense. CPO Alt took the opportunity to discuss shooting strategies with the youth hunter.

CPO Alt conducted a traffic stop on an individual who was unlawfully riding his off-highway motorcycle on the highway right-of-way, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Alt checked over 30 sport fishermen during the spring trout opener.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for climbing in a restricted area. One subject was also given civil citation for possession of cannabis. In a separate incidence at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner observed four individuals snagging on the Illinois River; and all four were cited for illegal snagging of fish.

CPO Kaufman conducted several compliance checks during the opening weekend of spring trout season, and one citation was issued for no valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Kaufman and Wagner conducted a foot patrol on the trails at Starved Rock State Park. Five individuals were located off the marked trails, and they were climbing. Two of the five were also in possession of cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Wire observed a car traveling at a high rate of speed through a state park. The individual was clocked at 58 mph in a 25-mph zone. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver was cited for traveling 30 mph over the speed limit. The driver's license was taken as bond, and the driver must appear in court.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn helped stock the trout ponds and checked the stocked waters to ensure no one was fishing early.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt checked over 40 sport fishermen during the spring trout opener. He also checked over 25 sport fishermen at a different location during the spring trout opener.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson made an arrest of a Manito man for the unlawful take of snow geese from the roadway. The man was issued three citations and several written warnings.

CPO Thompson cited a man for unlawful commercial fishing in a restricted area.

CPO Thompson issued written warnings to a Canton man for fishing without permission and trespass.

CPO Thompson issued a citation to a man for hunting without a valid permit.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted fishing compliance checks on several fishermen. Three citations were issued for no fishing license, and three written warnings were issued for other infractions.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted fishing compliance checks on fishermen. Two fishermen did not have a fishing license, and proper enforcement action was taken. In a separate incidence, he issued one written warning for fishing license not in possession.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited a fisherman for fishing without permission of the landowner.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard issued a citation to an individual for failing to have a wearable life vest on board his vessel.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic performed fishing compliance checks at Siloam Springs State Park.

CPO Blazinic conducted hunting compliance checks during the youth turkey season.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Goetten investigated a Missouri resident who harvested a buck using free resident landowner permits. The hunter was issued three citations.

CPO Goetten assisted the sheriff's department with a theft investigation. The suspect was found in a boat on the river, and he was in possession of several pieces of stolen property. The subject was arrested.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten investigated a case of illegally taken deer. The subject was issued five citations, and three deer heads were seized.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley assisted Hancock County Sheriff's deputies and La Harpe police in the apprehension of a wanted subject. The subject was wanted on warrant and driving with a suspended driver's license. After a stop was conducted, the subject was found in possession of a pistol and had a revoked FOID card.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. The driver had a revoked driver's license, and the passenger was in possession of 5-15 grams of methamphetamine. Both were arrested.

CPO Goetten stopped a timber truck, and the driver did not have the proper paperwork. It was determined that the timber was cut and purchased by an unlicensed timber buyer. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Goetten arrested a known subject driving a vehicle while license suspended and improper use of vehicle registration. The subject was arrested by a Jersey County Sheriff's deputy two weeks prior for the same offenses.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued a citation to a female subject for illegal taking of more than 3 largemouth bass over 15 inches.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley assisted with a hunter safety class in Pittsfield.

CPO Blazinic cited commercial fishermen for failure to submit their required annual fishing harvest report to the IDNR.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Captain Laura Petreikis

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

While on patrol of Sangchris Lake, CPO Wichern located a fisherman with five crappie in a bucket, and only one fish met the posted 10-inch minimum size limit. The short fish were successfully released back into the Lake, and the fisherman was charged with failing to immediately release short fish.

CPO Wichern also charged three fishermen for fishing without a valid Illinois fishing license.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern checked several fishermen during the opening weekend of the spring trout season. Two fishermen were found to be fishing without a valid Illinois fishing license or the proper inland trout stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SANGAMON COUNTY

While at Sangchris Lake State Park, CPO Macias came across two men fishing and conducted a compliance check. One had a valid license; the other did not. A citation was issued to the subject, and eight fish were successfully returned to the water.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

CPO Winters met with a subject who harvested two deer without a hunting license. It appeared to be an accidental oversight as the subject had all other required items and was found to be in compliance in previous years. A written warning was issued.

CPO Vaughan completed a deer investigation which resulted in citations being issued to two subjects for permit violations after one hunter used his tag on a nonresident hunter's harvested deer. Written warnings were issued for falsification of deer harvest reporting.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Vaughan and Knop arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for no valid driver's license and speeding.

CPO Kelley responded to a call regarding a missing/suicidal subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. The individual had apparently taken a large amount of a prescription medication. The individual was located, and she was transported to hospital for treatment.

CPO Semenik arrested a Zion man following a traffic stop in Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. The driver was charged with possession of cannabis (approximately 25 grams), possession of drug paraphernalia, being a violent sexual predator in a public park, no valid driver's license, and unlawfully tinted side windows.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for possession of an undersized northern pike, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Semenik arrested a Spring Gove man during a traffic stop in Chain O'Lakes State Park. The man was previously convicted of aggravated sex offenses and was registered as a sexually violent predator. Such individuals are strictly prohibited from being present in a public park. The passenger was also cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Semenik attended the Ducks Unlimited event hosted by Marengo Flyway Ducks Unlimited.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson gave a wildlife presentation to high school students from Kankakee, Kendall, Will, Grundy and Livingston counties at the annual Envirothon Competition sponsored by the local NRCS and Ag Extension offices.

CPOs Anderson and Honiotes, along with the Grundy Sheriff's Office and Morris Fire Department, responded to a sea plane crash in a remote area of the Illinois River. The pilot experienced mechanical issues, and the FFA is investigating the cause of the crash. CPO Anderson investigated complaints that the plane had been doing illegal "touch and goes" on nearby Heidecke Lake earlier in the day. The pilot at the time of the crash was not the pilot who was doing the touch and goes. The other pilot was contacted and informed of the state park rules which prohibit the landing of aircraft on IDNR property.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Honiotes and Bergland were called to Kankakee River State Park to search for a missing/suicidal subject. The search, which included multiple police, fire, and volunteer agencies, continued late into the night. The following morning Sgt. Wollgast, Limestone Fire Department personnel, Kankakee County volunteers, Illinois State Police, and Bradley Police and Fire resumed the search. The deceased subject was located later that morning.

CPO Farber responded to another dumping complaint in St. Anne Township that was reported to the St. Anne Township Road Commissioner. The suspect was located driving a rental dump truck through Aroma Park, and CPO Farber spoke with the contractor who was driving the truck. After a short interview, the contractor stated that he dumped piles of

rock and dirt in St. Anne Township. CPO Farber and the violator returned to the scene of the illegal dump, and the violator admitted to illegally dumping all the construction scrap. An arrest was made, and a court date was issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Bergland found a fisherman that was in possession of a smallmouth bass. The subject was informed that he could not possess a smallmouth bass between April 1st and June 15th, and a citation was issued.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Bergland responded to a report of two people who went into the DuPage River at the low head dam in Hammel Woods. He assisted in the rescue/recovery efforts that night. The following day CPOs Bergland and Farber utilized the airboat which played a vital role in finding and recovering both victims.

District 4 – Captain Jed Whitchurch (Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

Sgt. Mooi assisted CPOs Sanford and Stanbary during the opening day of inland trout season at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. Sgt. Mooi issued one citation to a man who was found to be in possession of seven rainbow trout. Sgt. Mooi issued two written warnings to other trout fishermen for fishing violations.

Sgt. Mooi conducted fishing compliance checks. One man purchased a fishing license while other fishermen were being checked. The man was issued a written warning for fishing without a fishing license and reminded to purchase a license prior to fishing.

Sgt. Mooi attended a Joint Operations meeting with the US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor, Chicago Police Air and Marine Unit, and Chicago Fire Department Marine and Dive Operations.

CPO Stanbary patrolled the Lake Michigan shoreline and harbors to check for salmon fishermen. Two warning were issued to fishermen who were found fishing without a sport fishing licenses in possession.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a trout fisherman after he was found fishing with no valid sport fishing license. A second trout fisherman was issued a warning for no inland trout stamp. A third fisherman was issued a warning for no valid sport fishing license in possession. Two vessel inspections were also completed, and both boaters were found in compliance.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William W. Powers State Recreation Area, and two written warnings were issued to fishermen for attempting to catch trout without an inland trout stamp. In a separate incident, he issued a citation to a motorist after he observed the driver disregard railroad crossing arms that were down and activated for an oncoming train.

CPO Sanford participated in the funeral detail for Illinois State Police Trooper Ellis, and he completed LEADS LTFA recertification training.

CPO Sanford located an individual trout fishing without a valid inland trout stamp, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford received a complaint of an individual pouring a chemical substance into an inhabited red fox den. Contact was made with the subject, and an interview was conducted. The subject admitted to pouring ammonia into the den to “ward” the foxes away. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful destruction/molestation of a fox den, and a written warning was issued for the use of a chemical substance as a means of nuisance removal.

CPO Sanford conducted fishing compliance checks. Two fishermen did not have a valid sport fishing license or inland trout stamp, and appropriate enforcement action was taken. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford discovered an individual in possession of four harvested rainbow trout; however, the individual did not have a valid inland trout stamp. A citation was issued for the violation, and the trout were seized and gifted to another individual who possessed a valid inland trout stamp.

CPO Sanford discovered two individuals fishing with expired sport fishing licenses. The individuals were educated as to the license expiration date, and written warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford completed the required monthly CourtSmart training.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford located an individual fishing from the bank of a state-managed lake. The individual was found to be in possession of an open alcoholic beverage where prohibited. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual did not have a valid sport fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Klemme responded to a complaint of an illegal trap at a residence. After locating the trap and receiving some assistance from trapping professionals, it was determined that the trap was a legal set. An investigation is pending contact with the owner of the trap to determine if the company is properly licensed.

While conducting fishing enforcement, CPO Klemme encountered a fisherman at Axehead Lake. The fisherman did not realize that the Lake was closed until April 6. The fisherman was issued a written warning for fishing in a restricted area.

CPO Klemme completed an investigation into an illegal taking of an opossum. An individual killed an opossum after discovering it under a camper on the property. The individuals were educated about laws regarding harvesting furbearers, and several written warnings were issued.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Klemme conducted multiple deer investigations in conjunction with CPO Stanbary. The investigations are still ongoing.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Reeves found a male subject that kept a short walleye. The subject was given a citation, and the walleye was seized as evidence.

CPOs Greuel, Wellum, and Viverito, along with Sgt. McReynolds, served as rifle firearms instructors for the CPO recruits.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

CPOs Wright and Graden were assigned to the IDNR academy.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOs Reeves and Viverito conducted an enforcement detail, and the officers made several traffic stops which resulted in the following enforcement action: three drug related citations, two alcohol related citations, and several written warnings for violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum responded to a report of a car that slid off the roadway, and he found the vehicle down the side of an embankment. The driver was issued a citation for driving off the roadway.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of an injured eagle on I-70. He contacted the local biologist to assist with removal of the injured eagle. The biologist located, removed, and transported the eagle to the University of Illinois for evaluation.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited an Arcola subject at Lake Paradise for drug possession.

CPO Mieure issued a citation to a man for fishing without a license, and he issued two other subjects written warnings for fishing offenses.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

While working a fishing detail, CPO Mieure issued two written warnings for fishing without a license and no sounding device on a watercraft.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a citation to a Charleston man for speeding.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Shelbyville man who was caught driving off the roadway on a state-owned site.

CPO Moody responded to a residence because of a report of a prowler on the property. He found a man hiding in a barn, and the man was taken into custody. It also appeared that he had broken into the garage as well. The man was transferred to the Moultrie County Sheriff, and he was transported to the Moultrie County Jail.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel attended a three-day force on force instructor school hosted at the Springfield Police Department.

CPO Barnes arrested a Pana subject for an outstanding warrant and drug possession. In a separate incident, he cited three subjects for fishing violations.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject for operating a Jeep off the roadway at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. The driver and passengers will return to assist in repairing the ruts in the field.

CPO Tapley spoke with potential CPO applicants at a career fair at Greenville University.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Goetten arrested a fisherman on an arrest warrant. The subject was also cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Ray responded to a reported suicide at Horseshoe Lake State Park. A male subject was found deceased his vehicle.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Goetten investigated the report of a subject selling deer meat. It was determined that the subject harvested the deer in Arkansas, along with a bear. The meat from the bear and deer was seized, and enforcement action is pending.

CPO Lentz issued a citation to a male subject at Coffeen Lake for keeping more than three largemouth bass over 15 inches. CPO Lentz also issued four civil cannabis citations to two male subjects at Coffeen Lake.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers attended commercial fishing training on the Illinois River.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray participated in commercial fishing training on the Illinois River.

CPOs Ray and Schachner arrested several individuals at Frank Holten State Recreation Area for taking nine trout prior to the opening season.

CPO Ray received a TIP complaint regarding a deceased bald eagle in a subdivision. The eagle died from internal injuries and a broken wing from contact with a solid object.

CPOs Ray and Schachner arrested a group of trout fishermen on opening day of trout season for catching and retaining over the limit of five trout per fisherman.

CPO Ray had the wildlife education trailer on display at a grade school field trip.

CPO Ray issued a citation to a commercial fisherman for failure to report their commercial harvest to the IDNR as required.

CPOs Schachner and Ray checked trout fishermen at a local state park. CPO Schachner checked four adults. They also spoke with two other fishermen and answered their questions. Enforcement action was taken for over-limit of trout, obstruction, and littering. Twenty-three trout were seized/photographed, and later donated to legal fishermen.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Jourdan investigated an unlawful timber harvest. A licensed timber buyer trespassed across a property line and cut down 21 trees. The logs from the trees were removed and sold by the offender. The timber buyer was charged with unlawful cut of timber in excess of \$2,500 and criminal damage to private property.

CPO Williams has encountered several individuals fishing with recently expired fishing licenses, and written warnings were issued.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden issued a citation to a commercial fisherman for failure to submit annual harvest reports to the IDNR as required.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Folden and a district forester conducted a stump audit on an illegal timber harvest.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Folden and a district forester conducted a stump audit on an illegal timber harvest. Three acres of timber was harvested without the owner's consent.

CPOs Taylor and Williams assisted the Harrisburg Police Department with a search for an item of evidence in a park lagoon. The remote-control sonar boat was used in the search.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith was asked by Illinois State Police dispatch to meet with a trooper and a Clay County deputy regarding two people that were in custody for shooting firearms from a vehicle on a public roadway. The trooper initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle near the area where shots were fired. The trooper observed spent gun shell cartridges and loaded gun shells in the vehicle. No one in the vehicle had a valid FOID card. CPO Smith interviewed both subjects involved and was able to obtain the details of what happened earlier when shots were being fired from the vehicle. One subject shot and killed two Canada geese with a .223 caliber rifle from the vehicle. The same subject shot at vultures with a 12-gauge shotgun from the vehicle. Both subjects were charged with multiple wildlife and public safety violations. The person driving the vehicle was charged with accessory to several wildlife charges.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Roper cited a commercial fisherman for failure to submit harvest records to the IDNR as required.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed a vehicle on I-70 moving at a high rate of speed. He initiated a traffic stop, and the driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for speeding.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed an individual fishing in a boat on a private pond. He conducted a boat safety inspection and discovered that the boat's batteries were not strapped down or covered. A written warning for the safety violation was issued to the operator of the boat.

CPO Tapley assisted CPO Roper with the serving of a search warrant.

JASPER COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed two individuals fishing; and he conducted a fishing compliance check. One of the subjects did not possess a valid fishing license, and a citation was issued for fishing with no valid fishing license.

While patrolling Newton Lake by boat, CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt observed four people fishing in a boat. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and it was determined that two of the fishermen were fishing without a valid nonresident sport fish license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOs Smith and Taylor conducted sonar training at Newton Lake.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith observed a watercraft travelling greater than the no wake speed heading into the Forbes Lake Marina. The boat was carrying one passenger. A boat safety compliance check was conducted, and there was an insufficient number of wearable life jackets on the boat. A citation was issued to the operator for the life jacket violation, and a written warning was issued for the wake violation.

CPO Smith observed a second watercraft in the no wake area travelling greater than no wake speed. A boat safety compliance check was conducted, and the operator was issued a written warning for the wake violation.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt observed three fishermen fishing, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. It was determined that two out of three did not have a valid sport fish license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Roper issued citations to two commercial fishermen for failure to submit their annual harvest report to the IDNR as required.

CPO Smith received a report of an injured bald eagle, and he contacted IDNR staff at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. Site workers located the injured eagle. They captured the bird and arranged to have it sent to rehabilitator.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPOs Folden and Williams responded to a report of two subjects with rifles near I-64 and Rt. 45 to assist the Illinois State Police. The suspect vehicle and subjects were located and determined not to be turkey hunters but had been target shooting with .22 rifles. The passenger was cited for unlawful possession of open alcohol, and the driver was cited for no insurance.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson received information that led to the discovery of 76 bass taken without permission of the landowner. The investigation is ongoing.

CPOs Johnson and Williams conducted an investigation which led to the arrest of four subjects for the unlawful take of 114 bass. The landowner confirmed that the subjects did not have permission to fish the lake. The value of the bass was calculated to be \$456. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Somers attended commercial fishing enforcement training on the Illinois River.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson cited a commercial fisherman for failure to report their annual harvest to the IDNR as required.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Vasicek responded to an elementary school which was on lockdown due to a teacher being struck by a bullet while standing in front of the building. He assisted Massac County Sheriff's personnel with clearing the building. It was determined that the bullet was a stray round, and the Illinois State Police is investigating.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis responded to a fishing without permission complaint, and he located three fishermen on the complainant's land. The subjects had been dropped off by a friend. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.