



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

DATE: April 15, 2016

(Weeks of March 29 – April 13)

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 stopped a Mount Carroll man for a headlight out. While speaking with the man, he asked if he could put out his cigarette and CPO Jones explained she would appreciate that. The man flicked the cigarette butt out the window onto the ground. CPO Jones explained cigarette butts were part of the litter control act. CPO Jones asked for the man's proof of insurance and his driver's license. The subject was unable to provide proof of valid insurance. He was issued a citation for the insurance violation and written warning for one headlight and littering.

CPO Jones and CPO Beltran stopped a boat for failure to display orange flag while skiing in Savanna Slough. The operator of the boat was arrested for OUI and possession of drug paraphernalia. The subject refused to submit to a breath or urine test so his boating privileges will be suspended for two years. The man has accepted a plea bargain and received fines and fees totaling \$962.00, 5 days periodic imprisonment, 12 months conditional discharge, and has to attend mandatory drug treatment classes. The drug paraphernalia charge was dismissed as part of the plea agreement along with the citation for failure to display orange flag while skiing.

CPO Jones responded to Big Slough for an ambulance call. A Sterling man was injured as a result of a boat accident near Breezy Island. The Sterling man fell out of the boat and his hand was struck by the prop as he tried to return to the surface. The boat operator was later arrested for reckless operation of a watercraft and OUI as he was towing his friend's boat back to his slip hours later. The boat operator refused to submit to a breath test, so his boating privileges will be suspended for two years. The boat operator entered a plea agreement resulting in \$1510 in fines and fees, 18 month conditional discharge, and 60 days periodic imprisonment. As a result of the plea agreement the reckless operation charge was dismissed.

HENRY COUNTY

Sergeant Wire observed a car fly by him on I-80. Sergeant Wire caught up to the car that was traveling over 87 miles per hour and approaching a one lane construction zone. A stop of the speeding car also revealed marijuana and a child under 8 not in the appropriate child seat. The car was a rental car, but the renter was not in the vehicle. The car was

towed and the driver was cited.

CPO Posateri assisted Colona Police Department and Illinois State Police on a search for two subjects who fled on foot from a stolen vehicle.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled public and private waterways in the county. Five citations were issued for sport fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Apple River Canyon State Park. Six citations and multiple written warnings were issued for traffic offenses.

CPO Hoogerwerf received a complaint of unlawful feeding of deer. The Galena woman, who has received multiple citations and warnings in the past for the same offense, was issued four citations and received a mandatory court appearance.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Shane Teas assisted an Ohio officer with a case where an Ohio subject brought a deer killed in Illinois during the 2015 season and transported it back to Ohio in violation with their CWD laws. It was later determined the subject did not have a valid permit to take the deer in Illinois. The subject was issued a citation in Illinois and possible charges in Ohio.

While on patrol in White Pines State Park, CPO Shane Teas and CPOT Cox checked a subject fishing and it was determined the subject had a revoked driver's license. After the fishing check was complete, the CPOs continued their patrol in the park. A short time later the subject was observed driving to leave the park. A traffic stop was conducted which led to the discovery of cannabis and paraphernalia. The subject was arrested and transported to the Ogle County Jail where he was charged for driving while revoked, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis, and no insurance.

CPO Shane Teas and CPOT Cox attended a Hunter Safety Class in Byron.

CPO Shane Teas and CPOT Cox attended a local USSA Dream Hunt in Ogle County. The hunt is an annual turkey hunt for special needs kids. Despite poor weather many of the kids were successful.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko completed Hazmat, Court Smart and Drug Enforcement training.

CPO Francisko was checking fishermen along the Mississippi River. The CPO watched fisherman at Lock and Dam # 14 near Hampton for quite a while before approaching them. A Chicago man had stopped fishing and was at a picnic table by the time the CPO made contact with him. The man stated "I'm just watching these guys fish". The CPO stated "We both know that's a lie". The subject dropped his head and stated "Yes we do". The man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Palumbo spoke at the In Fishermen meeting at the QCCA Expo Center. Many were in attendance, and several questions were asked, and conversations had, on the State's Fish and Aquatic Life Code and Boat Registration and Safety Act.

A man from Reynolds pleaded guilty to citations issued by CPO Posateri for unlawfully using his muzzleloader deer permit during the first firearm deer season and failing to report the deer harvest on the same day as taken. He was fined nearly \$300 for the violations.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Shane Teas completed an investigation in Stephenson County of a subject who used his wife's permit to tag a 10 point buck during the previous hunting season. The hunter then killed a second buck and used his permit. The hunter received two citations and two sets of antlers were seized.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT Cox conducted a deer permit investigation which resulted in a citation and multiple written warnings being issued to a Rockford man and a Freeport woman, for the unlawful use of another's deer permit, loaning/transferring deer permits, and improper tagging of deer.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Teas and CPOT Cox attended a Hunter Safety Class in Morrison.

CPO Palumbo and CPOT COX issued a citation and multiple written warnings to three Fulton kayakers that were kayaking on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River. One of the kayakers did not possess a personal flotation device and none of them had water usage stickers for their vessels.

With the assistance of CPO Wright, CPO Palumbo issued a citation and multiple written warnings to two Rock Falls men for the unlawful sale, purchase, and offering for sale, venison from a deer taken in the wild. The venison and the cash used in the unlawful sale were seized.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO ALT taught a Hunter Safety Class in the town of Sandwich. Topics discussed ranged from general hunting rules & regulations to Firearm Owner Identification Card Laws to Chronic Wasting Disease.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman followed up on a hit and run accident that occurred in Starved Rock State Park in March. Charges are pending.

CPO Kaufman recovered an abandoned jet ski on the Fox River. The registered owner, who now lives in Arkansas, sold the jet ski in 2014. The registered owner sold it during a city-wide Garage Sale. He failed to have the buyer sign a bill of sale and did not remember the buyer's name. The investigation is on-going.

CPO Jansen investigated a boat accident at LaSalle Lake with no injuries. The operator/owner of the vessel was issued a citation for not having the required amount of PFD's on board and written warnings for PFD's not immediately accessible and no Type IV throwable on board.

CPO Jansen arrested a man for being a child sex offender in Matthiessen State Park.

CPO Jansen conducted a traffic stop in Matthiessen State Park. While speaking with the driver he smelled the odor of burnt cannabis. When questioned, the driver admitted having cannabis and a pipe in his possession. He was issued citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis < 2.5 gms and a written warning for failure to display registration sticker.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrol at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :
1 individual was issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks

1 individual was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia

1 individual was arrested for possession of cannabis

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which lead to:

2 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license

5 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land

1 Individual was issued a citation for commercial fishing without a valid license

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Wright had two brothers, Scott and Steve Gruenwald, in court in Putnam County who pleaded guilty to charges stemming from one brother shooting a doe and then having his brother tag the deer. The brother, Steve, who shot the deer, forfeited a \$1100.00 Mathews No Cam Bow, accessories and a \$1000.00 fine. The other brother, Scott, paid a \$500.00 fine for falsifying DNR records.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While conducting a foot patrol on the trails near West Lake Picnic Area within Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt came upon a group of individuals; two of which had unlawfully climbed to the top of Lone Rock which is posted restricted for climbing due to the various falls and injuries that have occurred. CPO Alt cited both individuals for violation of a posted restricted area.

CPO Alt stopped a car full of teenage youth after clocking the vehicle traveling 40 mph in the posted 20 mph zone within Rock Cut State Park. It was discovered the 17 year old driver was in violation of the graduated license law by unlawfully transporting more than one passenger under age 19 who were not siblings or family members. The driver was cited for the offense and issued written warnings for speeding and obstructed windshield. The driver made arrangements at CPO Alt's direction to transport the three passengers from the park lawfully.

CPO Alt testified in Winnebago County Court and obtained convictions against three defendants whom he arrested last fall during the archery deer season for unlawfully feeding whitetail deer, unlawful hunting by aid or use of bait, and unlawful hunting whitetail deer with a semi- automatic pistol which is an illegal weapon for deer hunting.

CPO Schoonhoven investigated a dead deer that was being used for coyote bait with no indication it was legally harvested or reported as a salvage deer or road kill. He contacted the landowner who said this deer was road kill but he didn't realize he was required to report it. A written warning was issued.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser were on foot patrol in Rock Cut State Park when they observed, in plain view, a clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance that looked like cannabis lying in plain view on the steering column of a parked auto. The odor of cannabis was apparent around this particular vehicle. They waited in the immediate area until two hikers were returned; one of which accessed the car containing the suspected cannabis. Upon seeing CPO Alt and Fraser approach, this individual abruptly grabbed the baggie of suspected cannabis in quick attempt to hide the substance. Search incident to arrest revealed unlawful possession of two clear baggies of approximately 12 grams of cannabis. One of the hikers took ownership of the cannabis and was arrested.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson checked fishermen on the Spoon River, Illinois River, and Canton Lake areas. A citation was issued for a subject fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott worked a boat patrol on the Illinois River. Several fishermen were checked throughout the day and citations and warnings were issued for boating equipment violations including a life jacket not worn by a child under 12.

While on patrol near Rice Lake SFWA, CPO Thompson and CPOT Rumfelt setup surveillance in the area of Duck Island. After a short time, a compliance check was completed on a group of three fishermen. One of the fishermen was found to have an active Fulton County warrant for failure to appear in court on controlled substance possession charges. The man was placed in handcuffs and searched. After securing consent, CPO Thompson searched the vehicle and located a clear baggy containing a green leafy substance suspected to be cannabis. The man admitted the substance was cannabis and that it was his. He was transported to the Fulton County Jail and lodged. He was charged with possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. The other two fishermen were issued citations for fishing without a fishing license.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted a detail at Delebar State Park in Oquawka. Information provided by an informant indicated that a group of individuals was going to Stage A series of fight club events in the park. Assisted by the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, CPO Reid was able to prevent the event from occurring due to a large police presence in the park.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling Marshall County when he was approached by a young hunter. The hunter informed him that he had made a mistake and taken a youth out turkey hunting and shot a turkey that morning. He did not realize he was a week early until they tried to check the turkey in. CPO Finn contacted the youth hunter and met with both the youth and the adult at the same time. It was determined they had made an honest mistake, had admitted to it and were honest about the event. Both were given two written warnings. CPO Finn gave both the adult and the youth Hunting and Fishing Guides and explained the importance of following the rules.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell received a Peoria County case disposition regarding a Dunlap man who was charged with trapping on lands without permission, trapping during closed season and setting untagged traps. The Dunlap man pleaded guilty to the unlawfully setting of untagged traps and was fined a total of \$787.00. Additionally, the confiscated traps were forfeited to the State per court order.

CPO Lazzell and CPOT Rumfelt located four male subjects fishing without a license along Kickapoo Creek near Edwards. After being asked for a fishing license one of the subjects said "Would you rather have me out breaking a real law instead of fishing without a license?" Four citations were issued for fishing without a license, per Illinois law.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited two subjects for not having a fishing license at Powerton Lake.

CPO VanZant investigated a deer case where one subject was cited for deer hunting without a valid permit.

CPO Lazzell and CPO Gerard responded to a personal injury boat accident at Powerton Lake. A 16 foot Monark fiberglass boat capsized due to high winds and waves. One occupant was transported to a local hospital. CPO Lazzell and CPO Gerard recovered the capsized boat the following day.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel
(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

LAKE COUNTY

A Libertyville Police Officer seized a trap with a robin in it and referred it to Lake County. CPO VanWiltburg received a call from Lake County Animal Control for assistance. Lake County took the robin to Flint Creek Wildlife center where it had severe injuries to its legs. The homeowner was interviewed and said he was trying to catch mice, with the trap set on top of a wood fence with peanut butter. The subject was advised to use traditional mouse traps and issued a citation for unlawful taking of a protected species, and a written warning for failure to tag trap with name and address.

CPO Kelley issued a citation to a man fishing without a license on Pistakee Lake.

CPO Kelley attended a Hunter Safety class at Bass Pro Shops in Gurnee, IL.

CPO Kelley participated in boat training on the Work Skiff on the Chain O' Lakes.

CPO Schreiber and Sgt. Riedel cited a subject fishing on Diamond Lake for possession of an undersized largemouth bass and over possession limit. The lake has a 15" minimum length limit on largemouth and a daily possession limit of three. The subject had five largemouth bass in a cooler of ice, one of which was only 12".

CPO Davis completed inspections on two retail aquatic life dealers. He helped establish a customer I.D. number and got them into compliance. Each market was issued a written warning.

CPO Davis traveled to Springfield for the firearms instructor workshop and also completed the ground fighting class.

KANE COUNTY

CPOs Schreiber and Wagner responded to a call from Elgin state police regarding a kayaker who had flipped over in the Fox River in St. Charles and was currently in the icy waters. Upon arrival, the kayaker had been removed from the river by a passing watercraft and transported to shore where he was being evaluated by rescue personnel. The subject stated that he and his girlfriend were kayaking when a large wave capsized him. Winds were 30-40 mph that day. He was unable to get to shore and his girlfriend called 911 from her kayak. Fortunately for them, the only power boat on the entire river that day just happened to come by and render assistance. The subject required no medical attention but did receive a citation and written warning for not having either of the two kayaks registered.

CPO Siedsma investigated a nuisance trapping complaint in East Dundee involving a company hired from Florida. After an investigation into the complaint, it was discovered that the company was trapping without a valid Class A permit. Appropriate action was taken and the company was issued citations for trapping without the proper permits and various other trapping offenses.

CPO Siedsma conducted fish enforcement on the Fox River. Citations were issued for fishing without license.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley handled a wildlife complaint in Wonder Lake. A subject shot his neighbor's cat with a pellet gun. After searching the area, the neighbor found several skulls of what are believed to be cats and raccoons. The subject was questioned and admitted to shooting at raccoons near the fountain in his backyard. The subject was provided with information about legal removal of nuisance animals and issued a written warning. The Wonder Lake Police Department is handling the shooting of the pet cat.

Cook County ISP Detail:

CPO Semenik was working a criminal enforcement detail with the Illinois State Police, District Chicago and was assigned to patrol the Dan Ryan Expressway portion of Interstate 94. On April 7, 2016, at approximately 10:00 p.m. he was traveling northbound on I-94 at 71st street when he observed a black Cadillac traveling at a high rate of speed. Using the in-car moving radar he was able to determine the Cadillac was traveling 90 mph in the posted 55 mph zone in lane

#1. As the black Cadillac continued traveling northbound, the vehicle made an erratic lane change from #1 to lane #5. After initiating a traffic stop the driver of the black Cadillac appeared to be in the process of exiting I-94 northbound to 67th Street, however the vehicle veered back onto I-94 at the last moment. The black Cadillac struck the metal guardrail separating I-94 northbound from the ramp to 67th Street with the front passenger's side of the vehicle. The collision left the black Cadillac inoperable. When the black Cadillac came to a stop the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot westbound across all lanes of traffic. After crossing all lanes of northbound traffic the driver crossed the tracks for the CTA train and entered the southbound lanes of I-94. While crossing the southbound lanes the driver caused a two car accident before making it across all 5 lanes of the interstate. An Illinois State Trooper responding to the radio traffic was able to apprehend the fleeing driver after a short scuffle and deploying his Taser. CPO Semenik arrested the driver for the offenses of resisting/obstructing a peace officer, driving under the influence of alcohol, operating an uninsured motor vehicle, speeding 90 MPH in posted 55 MPH zone, and improper lane usage.

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

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure transported an injured Great Horned Owl with a broken wing to a rehabilitator.

CPO Mieure patrolled Kankakee River State Park during the trout opener and no violations were found.

CPO Mieure conducted sport fish enforcement on the Kankakee River. He observed a couple of fishermen and during the subsequent compliance check he found that one fisherman didn't have a fishing license in possession and the other didn't have a valid fishing license. He issued one citation and one written warning.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland was checking a rarely used boat launch on the upstream side of the bypass channel on the Fox River at the Yorkville dam. A boat came to the launch that was found to have multiple boating violations. While dealing with those violations, another boat came to the launch that also had multiple boating violations. A very short time later a third boat tried to navigate up the bypass channel where motorboats are prohibited. Multiple citations and warnings were issued to the three boat operators.

CPO Bergland observed a group of young men using the shooting range at Silver Springs State Park. As the group went to leave, he checked the site and found that they had left litter. After a short interview they admitted to leaving the litter. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Bergland patrolled Silver Springs State Park lakes that were stocked with trout prior to the opening day looking for people sneaking in and fishing prior to the season started. No violations were found.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes conducted surveillance at Milliken Lake at DesPlaines CA in the very early morning hours prior to the opening start time for trout season. He caught 5 different subjects fishing prior to the start time and an individual who had caught and kept 4 largemouth bass (catch and release only). Citations were issued accordingly.

CPO Honiotes and CPOT Kasher received a call of an injured elk. He had the persons that were claiming that they were looking at an "injured elk" take a picture of the animal and send it to him. The "injured elk" ended up being a fallow deer and the local officials had the deer tranquilized and transported to a rehabilitator.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Whitchurch received a complaint of individuals fishing on private property without permission in southern Cook County. CPO Whitchurch was able to locate the subjects. Both subjects were advised of fishing without permission laws. Both subjects did not possess valid sport fishing licenses. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch clocked a vehicle speeding on a roadway in IDNR property. A traffic stop was conducted when it was learned the driver of the vehicle did not possess a valid driver's license. The passenger in the vehicle was the owner of the vehicle and informed CPO Whitchurch he was teaching his friend to drive. Citations and warnings were issued for speeding, no valid driver's license, and permitting an unauthorized person to drive.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Cook County lake when they observed a subject place and leave garbage on the bank of the lake. The subject was contacted and issued a citation for unlawful pollution of a waterway. The garbage was picked up and placed in a trash can nearby.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a boat driving into a boat launch area. CPO Whitchurch inspected the boat and it was learned there were three watercraft violations. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they observed a subject harassing a nesting Canada goose by throwing water and bottles at the goose. Contact with the subject was made. Enforcement action was taken against the subject for unlawfully littering on state property and for unlawful pollutions of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake checking anglers on one side of the lake. When two other subjects who were fishing on the other side of the lake saw CPO Whitchurch, one of the subjects immediately placed his fishing pole on the ground and pointed at CPO Whitchurch. The aforementioned subject then hurriedly attempted to leave the area. CPO Whitchurch was able to cut the subject off on a remote trail. The subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and was cited.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan enforcing sport fishing regulations when they observed a subject fishing. When the fisherman was asked for his license, he informed CPO Whitchurch he did not have his fishing license on him. CPO Whitchurch requested identification from the subject who provided an out of state driver's license. When the subject was checked for a fishing license, it was learned he had purchased resident fishing licenses in previous years rather than nonresident licenses. The subject was issued a citation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Cook County lake when they observed a subject fishing from the bank. They observed the subject move from one location possessing a fish and then move to another area without the fish. Closer observations revealed the subject possessed 2 largemouth bass and 1 smallmouth bass on a stringer. The fish were measured to insure they were the required 14 inch minimum length limit. The smallmouth bass measured less than 14 inches in length. The subject was issued a citation for possessing an undersized smallmouth bass. The smallmouth bass was released alive back into the water.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Cook County when he heard and observed an off highway motorcycle and two ATV's. The ATV's and the off highway motorcycle were observed unlawfully being operated on the tracks and right-of-way of an operating railroad, unlawfully being operated on private property without the consent of the landowner, and unlawfully being operated on the roadway. When the subject saw CPO Whitchurch they turned and went in the opposite direction. With the assistance of the Forest Preserves of Cook County Police, CPO Whitchurch was able to stop the subjects. Citations and written warnings were issued for the above mentioned violations. The ATV's and off highway motorcycle were transported from the scene by way of pickup trucks.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol in Cook County enforcing sport fishing regulations at a stocked trout fishing lake. They observed a subject get nervous as soon as he realized the CPOs were in the area. The subject and

his friend immediately packed up and tried to leave the area. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger checked the subject's fishing license. It was learned he was an out-of- state resident and did not have a valid trout stamp and possessed 3 trout. The subject was issue a citation for an inland trout stamp violation.

CPO Mooi conducted sport fishing enforcement on Montrose Harbor. Three written warnings were issued for fishing licenses not being in possession.

CPO Mooi is participating in a State Police, District Chicago Interdiction Detail. CPO Mooi has issued multiple warnings and citations for offenses including, traffic, drug, and weapon offenses.

CPO Mooi and CPO Macias were flagged down by a woman in the Pullman Neighborhood of Chicago. The woman said a man just tried to rape her and kicked her out of his vehicle. While CPO Mooi was speaking with the woman and ISP Dispatch, a vehicle matching the description given by the victim drove through the area. The woman pointed out the vehicle and an attempt was made to stop the vehicle. CPO's Mooi and Macias were unable to catch up to and stop the vehicle, but were able to provide license plate information to the Chicago Police Department. The woman was given medical attention and Chicago Police Department is handling the case.

CPO Mooi attempted to stop a vehicle on I-94 in Chicago. The vehicle exited the freeway and entered a neighborhood. CPO Mooi was able to locate the vehicle in the neighborhood and the driver fled the vehicle and ran down the alley, disappearing into the neighborhood. The vehicle was reported stolen earlier that morning in Chicago. The vehicle was recovered and Chicago Police are looking for the suspect.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted an investigation involving trapped squirrels in Southern DuPage County. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Mooi was contacted by the Woodridge Police Department about untagged traps that an officer seized from a residence. Upon speaking with the trapper, the trapper informed Woodridge Police Officers that "Eco-terrorists" must have removed his tags. Enforcement action is pending further investigation.

CPO Mooi conducted a traffic stop in unincorporated DuPage County. The driver was asked to complete field sobriety testing and subsequently arrested for DUI. A breath alcohol test was completed two hours after the traffic stop and indicated a BAC of 0.120%.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a Waukegan man, fishing at Illinois Beach State Park, for an over limit of Rainbow Trout. The subject was observed catching and keeping his 5th, 6th, and 7th trout while there is a daily limit of 5. The fish were seized and photographed for evidence.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody and CPOT Sanford wrote multiple boat and fishing citations and warnings on several lakes in Coles County.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston man for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia at Lake Charleston.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum attended a Hunter Safety Course in Cumberland County and spoke on Wildlife Laws.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody and CPO Greuel responded to a landowner complaint of two subjects criminally trespassing on his land. CPO Moody located a Lovington man and an Atwood man on the property mushroom hunting. The land was posted No Trespassing and the men admitted they knew they were not allowed on the land. Both subjects were issued citations with must appear court dates.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel assisted Shelby County Sheriff's Office and area first responders in Stewardson. A trucking contractor at a fertilizer plant caused a large release of ammonia anhydrous in Stewardson. Numerous houses near the plant were evacuated and roads were blocked to prevent further exposure. No one was seriously injured.

Sgt McReynolds, CPOs Barnes, Greuel, Moody and Wellum attended Defensive Tactics refresher on Ground Fighting in Mahomet.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus were checking fishermen at the Clinton Lake Spillway. While doing so, a male subject from Lincoln was found to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was cited for both and has a court date next month.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made an arrest of two Danville men along the Dewitt Bridge at Clinton Lake. After K9 "Hank" alerted to the presence of contraband in their vehicle, CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made contact with the driver and passengers of the vehicle while they were fishing. One of the men gave the officers another man's fishing license as he could not buy one due to child support issues. Upon searching the vehicle, cannabis belonging to the two men was found. Both men were issued citations for possession of cannabis. One was also cited for obstructing a peace officer and fishing without a valid license.

CPOs Reeves, Ausmus, and Viverito were checking anglers around Clinton Lake. CPO Viverito deployed K9 Hank on two vehicles on the South side of DeWitt Bridge. Hank alerted on one of the vehicles. An investigation ensued which led to two arrests and numerous drug and fishing charges.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO Graden is working with the Livingston County State's Attorney's Office on a case involving a taxidermist that has received numerous complaints of theft. There are multiple complainants with the largest complainant out \$3,000.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Reeves was notified of a shopper at College Hills Mall ordering a goose to be forced from her nest and oil to be poured on her eggs in front of the Gordman's store in Normal. Several complaints of the incident were relayed to the Conservation Police. After investigating the incident, CPO Reeves issued a citation to the man from Altona responsible for the incident.

CPO Graden received a complaint from Moraine View State Park staff concerning a large amount of residential trash and debris which had been unlawfully deposited in the Catfish Bay Campground dumpster. The investigation determined a

Bloomington man had filled the dumpster to overflowing with personal waste from a rental house he cleaned out. The subject was issued a citation for littering in a state park – unlawfully depositing residential debris / waste in a state park dumpster.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Sandford and CPO Cottrell checked numerous boaters and fishermen during the trout opener at Kickapoo State Park in Vermilion County. Four citations were issued for failure to have life jackets including two citations to parents for failing to have their children (under 13) in life preservers. Thirteen written warnings were also issued for offenses including no fishing in possession, expired boat registration and boat equipment violations.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic assisted IDNR wildlife biologists conducting a spotlight survey in Adams County.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff and Goetten and CPOTs Snodgrass and Tripp assisted the Illinois State Police and the Jersey County Sheriff's Department in looking for a missing female. The subject was eventually located with her ex-husband, who had kidnapped and held her hostage. They assisted with setting up a perimeter allowing ISP to negotiate a peaceful surrender. The missing female was unharmed.

CPO Weishaupt attended Brussels and Calhoun High Schools for a presentation on Water and Boating Safety.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten assisted IDNR wildlife biologists conducting a spotlight survey in Greene County.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was patrolling Hancock County, when a subject threw an M-80 out the window of a car. He could feel the concussion of the explosion as he drove past it. The car was stopped and the subject was issued a citation for unlawful possession of fireworks.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for crossing the center line at Pere Marquette State Park. The driver and two passengers were in the vehicle and found to be in possession of several items of drug paraphernalia and several containers with cannabis. They were also in possession of a stolen stop sign.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Macoupin County.

CPO Gushleff assisted IDNR wildlife biologists conducting a spotlight survey in Macoupin County.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Gushleff attended Lewis and Clark Community College for a presentation. He talked to students about duties and responsibilities of CPOs.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Pike County.

CPO Blakeley assisted IDNR wildlife biologist conducting a spotlight survey in Pike County.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety class at Locked and Loaded in Pana. Approximately 20 students were in attendance.

CPO Cochran received a disposition on a deer poaching case. An individual, who was cited for unlawfully harvesting a buck without valid archery deer permit deer in Taylorville, was found guilty and paid a fine \$650.50.

CPO Cochran received a disposition on an incident which occurred at Sangchris Lake State Park. An individual was cited for fishing with four poles over the legal limit, operation of a motorboat without serviceable fire extinguisher, parking a vehicle in a posted no parking area near Strawkas Boat Ramp, and no life jacket for one of his passengers. The individual was found guilty and fined \$560 in the Christian County Court.

CPOs Cochran and CPOT Tanke seized six tree stands at Sangchris Lake State Park for leaving the stands unattended without the owner's name, address, and telephone number or site ID, and also damaging state property by cutting down trees.

CPOs Cochran and CPOT Tanke observed an individual fishing at Sangchris Lake State Park Dam with one pole over the legal limit. When ran through ISP Dispatch, CPOs Cochran and CPOT Tanke received information the Springfield man was wanted on a warrant out of Texas on a probation violation for dealing cocaine under 28 grams. The individual was subsequently arrested for a fully extraditable warrant and cited for fishing with one pole over the legal limit. The subject was remanded without bond to the Christian County Jail until such time he can be extradited to Texas.

CPO Cochran received a disposition on a case regarding a boat registration and title investigation. The subject called Officer Cochran requesting a boat inspection back in the summer of 2015. Officer Cochran inspected the boat and was unable to determine the origin of said boat. The result of the investigation revealed the subject requesting the boat inspection had sold the boat without a title and removed the HIN prior to sale. The subject was fined \$120 and the boat was subsequently forfeited to the IDNR.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Madison County resident hunting turkeys in Bond County for using his mother's turkey tag.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a Bond County resident in Montgomery County for littering, throwing a Styrofoam cup out of his window in front of CPO Matt Lentz.

CPO Tapley attended a Career Fair at Greenville College.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage and other moving violations on Rte 127 @ Rte 161. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was arrested for DUI. He later gave a breath sample that registered .175. The driver was left at the Clinton County Jail.

CPO Tapley traveled to Region 1 and 2 to finish teaching the newly implemented ground fighting course to the CPOs.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French and CPOT Tripp were checking fishermen on Chouteau Island. They observed a fishermen cast out his line, look around, set his pole down and walk away. CPO French went up to the subject and asked to see his fishing license. Initially, the subject denied fishing, but eventually admitted to fishing. Subject appeared familiar to CPO French, but he could not place him. The subject gave CPO French a name he did not recognize. Subsequent investigation revealed the subject gave CPO French a false name because he was worried he had a warrant. The warrant he worried about was from a citation CPO French gave him five months prior. Lucky for the subject he did not have a warrant, but unlucky for him he was arrested for obstruction of identification and fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO French was working near Chouteau Island when he observed a Granite City subject passed out in the middle of the road. CPO French was able to wake the subject who admitted to being highly intoxicant and not knowing where he passed out. After being checked out by EMS, the subject was arrested for a warrant from Bond County. A search of his person found cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO French was checking fishermen at Lewis Clark Memorial Site. One fisherman did not have his license and was wanted on a warrant.

CPO French arrested a Granite City subject for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia on Chouteau Island.

CPO Liebl was patrolling Chouteau Island when he observed two fishermen along the bank of the Mississippi River starting to fish. A license compliance check was conducted. During the check, a strong odor of cannabis was detected. Cannabis cigarettes and a one hitter box were found in the fishermen's possession. Both subjects were charged with possession of cannabis. One subject was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz arrested a male subject fishing at Coffeen Lake for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects at Coffeen Lake for operation of a watercraft without appropriate number of PFD's on board.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Charles and CPOT Knop talked at an event at the Sparta Junior High School in Randolph County. The school organized a science night for the students and invited a multitude of different topics for their students to learn about.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier worked sport fishing enforcement on private property along the Mississippi River front. CPO Rolfingsmeier spotted three fishermen from Missouri fishing on the private property. CPO Rolfingsmeier asked if they had seen the no trespassing signs and all three said they did, so all three fishermen were issued citations for fishing without permission of landowner.

CPO Ray arrested a subject operating his vehicle on the levee in the Mississippi River bottoms with an uncased 410 shotgun. The subject was arrested and stated he was only looking for a place to target practice.

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 assigned inspection of a Wild Game/Bird Breeder permit holder in Franklin County. It was found that the permit holder had not maintained the records required when a purchase of birds was completed. The permit holder was issued a written warning and explained the requirements on the paper work that is needed to be retained.

CPO Lay investigated a Franklin County resident who had placed an ad on a social media site selling wild rabbits. The subject was advised by several persons on his ad page that they were illegal to possess and sell. The resident was issued a written warning as the rabbits had been returned to the wild with none having been sold. The subject was advised on the laws pertaining to protected species.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Lay completed a randomly assigned Timber Buyers inspection. A Gallatin County logging company's timber records were inspected for the past three years of business. No violations were found.

CPOs Folden, Johnson and Johnson worked on a timber audits in Gallatin County.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a Missouri angler a citation for fishing on Rend Lake without a Non-Resident Fishing License.

CPO Lay completed a random inspection of a Wild Game/Bird Breeder permit holder in Jefferson County. It was found that the permit holder had not maintained the records required when a purchase of game birds was completed. The permit holder was issued a written warning and was provided with the requirements on the paper work that is needed to be retained.

Sangamon County: CPOs Folden and Johnson attended firearms instructors workshop in Pawnee in preparation for the Spring firearms range training.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith was travelling the back roads of southwest Clay County and observed a vehicle sitting near a tree line about 1 mile off the road. CPO Smith travelled down a dead end road and observed two vehicles sitting near a farm pond. CPO Smith observed two people in a small boat and one bank fisherman. CPO Smith checked the bank fisherman and motioned to the people in the boat to come to shore. The boat owner did not have registration, battery cover, or life jackets. CPO Smith issued a written warning for no battery cover and registration, and one citation for no life jackets.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor checked two turkey hunters in Crawford County. One of the hunter's turkey permits was for Lawrence County. He was issued a citation for turkey permit violation.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Holland arrived at a residence in rural Effingham County in reference to a follow up on a ginseng case originating from July of 2015. CPO Smith and Sergeant Hyatt caught two individuals harvesting ginseng out of season, and harvesting ginseng without a license. CPO Smith met with one of the subjects and issued one written warning for harvest of ginseng without a license, and one citation for harvest of ginseng out of season. CPO Smith is still looking for the other subject involved in the case.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a complaint from a Red Hills State Park site tech that a vehicle was parked in a restricted area near the lake. The subject had drove through a parking lot, past a sign that says no parking on grass, around tress and parked his vehicle within 10 yards of the lake. The subject was issued a citation for operation of motor vehicle off the roadway in a state park.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted a random commercial inspection on an individual who possessed a wild game and bird breeders permit. Upon arrival at the place of business, CPO Smith met with the subject and asked him to show him the wildlife he had on the premises. The subject advised he did not have any live wildlife; only dead ducks in his freezer. CPO Smith asked him to show him the freezer with the ducks. The freezer contained several different species of wild duck carcasses. The subject said he uses the carcasses to train his dogs with. Apparently, local hunters drop the ducks off at his residence during duck season and gift the ducks to him. CPO Smith advised him he could not exceed the legal possession limit, which is 18 ducks. CPO Smith also advised him that he did not need a wild game and bird breeders permit.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe and CPO Smith worked an ATV trespassing complaint in a nature preserve in Northeast Wayne County. Significant damage had been done causing erosion on the site. Shortly into the detail an ATV rider was caught riding through the middle of the preserve without permission from the landowner. He was cited for his violation.

CPO Buhnerkempe cited an individual for speeding on Route 161.

CPO Buhnerkempe investigated an ATV trespassing complaint near Mount Erie in which a landowner had trail camera pictures of 3 men on ATVs riding on his land without his permission. CPO Buhnerkempe identified these individuals and they were each cited for unlawfully operating an ATV on private property without permission.

CPO Smith was working Sam Dale Lake State Park and observed a boat with two occupants. One occupant appeared to be very young, and was not wearing a life jacket. CPO Smith motioned to the operator to come to shore. CPO Smith asked the father of the boy how old the boy was. The father said his boy was only 9 years old. CPO Smith explained to him the law requiring any individual under 13 years old to wear their life jackets while underway. CPO Smith issued a citation to the boat operator for not complying with the law.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman participated in the annual firearm's instructor workshop in Pawnee.

CPO Lewis and CPO Mohrman spent a Saturday morning picking up trash along the Kinkaid Lake shoreline. The efforts were in conjunction with the official annual Lake Kinkaid clean-up and the officers filled up many bags of trash. Several fishing clubs and volunteers assisted in cleaning up trash around the lake. In addition, Officers assessed the status of safety buoys on the lake. Areas were noted where buoys were missing or needed replaced prior to the summer boating season for safety consideration.

On April 1, 2016, the recently acquired Burning Star Property in Jackson County opened up to the public for fishing. Although it was expected to be a large crowd of fishermen taking advantage of the new fishing area, the weather did not cooperate and the fish were not biting. However, CPO D. Lewis focused his enforcement efforts on the area in attempt to educate the fishermen on the laws regulating the new fishing area. During the course of the weekend, CPO D. Lewis issued one citation for driving off the roadway, one citation for failure to release a protected size largemouth bass, and two citations for fishing without a license. In addition to the citations, CPO D. Lewis issued eight written warnings for other minor violations.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson checked a fisherman at Ferne Clyffe. The fisherman did not have a license, but said he always buys them, just didn't have it with him. CPO Thompson checked on POS and found the subject had never bought a license. When confronted, the fisherman apologized for lying. He was then issued a citation.

CPO Thompson responded to a fishing trespass complaint in Johnson County. The fisherman was asked about the barbed wire fence he crossed to get to the pond, but he didn't have an answer. He was issued a citation.

CPO Thompson made several vehicle stops at Ferne Clyffe State Park resulting in several written warnings and three citations.

CPO Thompson instructed at a Hunter Safety Course in Vienna with 25 students.

CPO Thompson stopped a car for speeding at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The driver was cited for having an expired driver's license and no proof of vehicle insurance. The driver was issued a written warning for speeding and failing to notify Secretary of State (SOS) of address change.

CPO Thompson stopped another car for speeding at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The driver was cited for expired registration (May 2015). The driver was issued a written warning for speeding and failure to notify SOS of address change.

CPO Thompson cited a fisherman along the Ohio River for not having a valid fishing license.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO D. Lewis cited a UTV operator for operating in a state park. The operator was observed driving on the main road at Pyramid State Park. The operator stated he felt he could go wherever he wanted because he possessed a Pinckneyville City ATV Sticker. The operator was also issued a written warning for operation of an ATV on the roadway.