



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 16 – 30, 2018)

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

While checking turkey hunters at Mississippi Palisades State Park, CPO Jones issued four written warnings for no windshield card.

CPO Palumbo investigated the unlawful take of a hen wild turkey during the spring 2018 turkey season. The hunter was issued a citation and a written warning, and the hen eastern wild turkey was seized.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with a landowner after his chickens and pheasants were attacked. The animal was positively identified with a trail camera, and the landowner was educated on the proper procedure for mitigating wildlife issues.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones issued four civil citations to two subjects for possession of civil cannabis and paraphernalia.

While checking fishermen at Apple River Canyon State Park, CPO Jones issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPOs Beltran, Teas, and Jones were prepared to testify in a 2016 fatal boat crash case when the defendant in the case accepted a plea deal from the State’s Attorney for reckless conduct (Class 4 felony). The sentencing hearing is set for June 19, 2018 at 9:00 in Courtroom 202 of the Ogle County Courthouse.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri gave a presentation to the fifth-grade class at the Glenview Middle School Health Fair. There were 15 stations available, and the kids were assigned to four stations based on their interests. CPO Posateri talked about the IDNR, the duties of a CPO, and life jacket safety focusing on the PFD requirement for those under the age of 13. There were approximately 80 students present for the IDNR session of the Health Fair. Many of the urban students had little to no experience in the outdoor recreational world, and the presentation gave them a glimpse of those activities with the opportunity to interact with a CPO.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Alt completed a five-month long investigation with the Michigan DNR involving unlawful outfitting involving white-tailed deer hunts without a license. Three separate groups, totaling seven nonresident hunters, unlawfully paid over \$1,500 and \$2,000 respectively to a "Pro Guide" in Michigan for the opportunity to hunt white-tailed deer in Illinois. The professional guide/hunter, who was also a nonresident, was not a licensed outfitter in Illinois and could not legally accept compensation or consideration from another to hunt deer in Illinois. Charges were authorized by the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt received a complaint of an individual who unlawfully took deer or deer parts from the landscape without obtaining an inspection and salvage tag from a CPO. The investigation revealed the subject gave the deer parts to another citizen for mounting, which put both individuals in violation of the administrative rule. The violation was addressed with each subject, and a salvage tag was provided post inspection of the deer parts.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPOs Alt and Kaufman conducted sonar training with the Ottawa Fire Department on the Illinois River.

While checking individuals at the Hennepin Canal, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman taught two hunter safety education courses.

CPO Jansen organized a drug enforcement detail at Starved Rock State Park with District 6 CPOs and the Ottawa Police Department K-9 unit. The detail resulted in a total of 47 civil cannabis citations and one controlled substance arrest. Other notable arrests were a suspended driver, alcohol on the trails, and carving in the sandstone. Overall, 61 citations and six written warning were issued.

CPOs Finn and Filipiak assisted in a detail at Matthiessen State Park. The detail focused on deterring the use of drugs in the State Park. Twenty-five citations for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia were issued. Four citations were also issued for entry to a restricted area.

While on patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Filipiak observed a vehicle traveling 45 mph in a 25-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and field sobriety testing was performed. The individual was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and was issued five citations. The individual was lodged at the Lasalle County Jail.

While checking sport fishermen along the Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited an individual for littering and gave the individual an initial court date of May 22, 2018. He also cited another individual for fishing without a valid fishing license.

While working a detail at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited individuals for being in a restricted area and being in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. Civil violations were issued for cannabis and paraphernalia. One individual was found to be in possession of a controlled substance. Formal charges may be filed when the test results of the substance are received.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Schoonhoven is investigating two cases regarding criminal damage to a vehicle and a theft case which occurred at Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a case regarding a subject arrested for DUI – drug/alcohol combination at Rock Cut State Park in February 2016. The driver pled guilty to DUI and received a \$1,843 fine and 18 months court supervision. The subject is also required to attend substance abuse training and attend a victim impact panel.

CPO Alt cited two individuals for speeding greater than 15 miles over the posted speed limit at Rock Cut State Park.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson cited an individual for fishing without permission on incorporated property.

CPO Thompson conducted boating safety inspections at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. One written warning for no fire extinguisher was issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted a wildlife investigation involving an untagged turkey. The investigation resulted in the issuance of one citation for failure to tag immediately upon kill and one written warning for possession and transportation of an untagged turkey.

CPO Reid took appropriate enforcement action with large group of high school students in Gladstone who were uneducated about fishing laws.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott taught two hunter safety education classes at Grady Tree Farm.

During a patrol, CPO Elliott checked 11 fishermen at Lake Storey. He also conducted surveillance on three fishermen from across the Lake. A compliance check revealed none of the fishermen had a fishing license, and one of the fishermen had thrown his beer can in the Lake. After the fisherman retrieved his garbage from the water, he was

issued a citation for pollution of waterway and fishing without a license. Two written warnings were also issued for fishing without a license.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid investigated a ginseng complaint.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was checking turkey hunters who had successfully harvested a turkey when he notice a tally of birds harvested by the group of hunters written on a board. CPO Blakeley recognized several of the hunters on the board. Upon checking to see if the hunters had reported their harvest, it was discovered that one subject had not reported his kill. CPO Blakeley spoke with the hunter, and he stated he had forgot to report the harvest. The subject was issued a citation for failure to report his harvest. This subject had been warned by CPO Blakeley in the past for the same violation.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt gave presentations at the Annual Farm Safety Day Program at Calhoun County grade schools on boating and water safety. The program was sponsored by the Farm Bureau.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was asked to assist a wildlife rehabilitation facility with releasing a bald eagle he recovered earlier in the year. The bald eagle, "Poncho," had made a full recovery; and the facility wished to have it released in the area it was

found. As luck would have it, there was a Girl Scout meeting occurring near the release site. CPO Wheatley took advantage of the opportunity to educate the scouts and let them get an up close look of Poncho prior to release. They watched as Poncho walked out of the cage and flew off toward the Mississippi River. Poncho had lead poisoning, and it was learned that birds usually do not recover from that.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff arrested a subject who initially had contact with a Macoupin County Sheriff's Deputy. While the Deputy was conducting a theft investigation at the subject's residence, he noticed a deer carcass on the side of the subject's house. The Deputy called CPO Gushleff after questioning the subject about the deer. CPO Gushleff began his own investigation. It was determined that the subject shot the deer with no hunting license, habitat stamp, or deer permits; and he was cited accordingly.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was on patrol and checking turkey hunters when he decided to check a property on foot. He was advised by the landowner that no one had permission to hunt the property. He located turkey decoys in a field and subsequently a hunter along the edge of the timber. The subject did not have his permits or hunting license in possession. The hunter was an adjacent landowner who only had landowner permits. The subject was issued a citation for hunting turkeys without a valid permit.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer charged six individuals for killing deer from the roadway and vehicle in Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area. There is no deer hunting allowed at this site.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer pulled a trammel net from the Illinois River with over 1,000 pounds of fish in it that had been in the River for over three weeks. The offender was cited for all the fish taken and given a court date. The net also included some dead ducks and sauger.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Macias stopped at the New Salem State Historic Site boat launch and noticed two people on a boat fishing. A safety inspection was conducted, and it was discovered that there was no fire extinguisher onboard. A citation was issued.

CPOs Macias and Gilmer assisted Sangamon County deputies with a suicidal subject on a large tractor who was threatening officers and threatening to kill himself. Several state and local patrol vehicles followed the tractor throughout Menard County until the tractor came to a stop, and the subject was taken into custody. The subject trespassed through several fields, destroyed pedestrian signs, and impeded traffic along his route.

MORGAN COUNTY

While checking trout fishermen at Morgan Lake, CPO Wichern observed two fishermen catching catfish at the spillway. After a short observation period, he witnessed one of the fishermen place a largemouth bass less than 15" on his stringer. CPO Wichern inspected the individuals and determined the fisherman with the 10.5" bass was from Wisconsin and did not possess a valid nonresident fishing license. The second fisherman had also failed to purchase a 2018 fishing license. Both subjects were cited for the violations, and all the fish were successfully returned to the Lake.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Wichern charged a trout fisherman with fishing for rainbow trout prior to obtaining an inland trout stamp. The fisherman admitted to getting tired of standing in line at the local outdoor store to purchase the stamp and decided to "press his luck" because he had not seen a game warden check the lake prior to that day.

CPOs Cochran and Gilmer investigated a poached turkey killed a day prior to the opening of turkey season, and they tracked down a couple of suspects in the area. After multiple interviews, one of the subjects admitted to shooting the gobbler with a .22 caliber rifle. The subject was cited for the possession of wild turkey taken illegally and hunting on lands without permission of the landowner.

CPO Macias received a call from a Springfield bank about a subject who was evicted from his home for lack of payment. Bank inspectors went to the home and discovered a dead deer in a plastic bag and a dead turtle hanging from a basketball hoop by a fishhook. CPO Macias was given the subject's contact information, and he met with the individual. The subject admitted to accidentally hitting the deer with his vehicle. He said that he requested a local officer to put it down, and he took it home. He failed to report his roadkill to the IDNR. He also admitted to finding a turtle in his backyard that "looked sick," so he killed it. When asked about displaying the dead turtle on the basketball rim, the subject had no answer. A citation was issued for failure to report a roadkill deer. CPO Macias also educated the individual regarding animal game laws and ethics.

CPO Macias conducted rifle and pistol inspections for OLE sworn personnel.

CPO Macias noticed two kayaks on the Sangamon River at Riverside Park. Two females were paddling down the River, and there was a four-year-old child lying down inside one of the kayaks. When stopped and asked to show watercraft usage stamps and adult PFDs, the pair had none onboard. Further investigation revealed the child did not have a PFD either. A citation was issued for no PFD on a child, and several warnings were issued for no PFDs for the adults and no water usage stamps.

CPO Macias received a call about a missing kayaker on the Sangamon River. CPOs Macias and Cochran, along with other first responders, assisted with the search.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber
(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

While conducting traffic enforcement at Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Winters stopped a vehicle for speeding. The subject was also driving on a revoked driver's license and wanted on a warrant. The subject was issued appropriate citations and transported to the Lake County Jail.

CPO Knop received a call from a landlord saying one of their tenants had been sprayed by a skunk. When he arrived at the address, he saw a skunk in a live trap on the neighboring property near the tenant's driveway. The trapper admitted he placed the trap, and the skunk had been in the trap for three days because he did not know what to do with it. A citation was issued, along with multiple warnings.

MCHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson is investigating an abandoned snowmobile on the I&M Canal trail. The trail had to dry out before site staff could remove the snowmobile and tow it back to their maintenance facility. No one has contacted the site or the OLE to inquire about the snowmobile.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber received a complaint from the St. Anne Township supervisor regarding trash dumping. A concerned citizen reported a dump truck drove by his house at a high rate of speed with trash flying out and landing along the roadway. The citizen recorded the license plate of the offending vehicle. CPO Farber conducted a field interview with the truck driver, and he admitted to losing his load along the roadway while making no attempt to pick it up. The violator volunteered to backtrack and pick up the garbage. The subject was issued a citation and a mandatory court date.

CPO Farber conducted surveillance and a compliance check on two subjects in a remote area along the Kankakee River. The subjects were found to be fishing without a license. Enforcement action was taken.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland is investigating the shooting of a robin with a shotgun for no apparent reason. During the investigation, it was learned that the subject's FOID card has been revoked.

WILL COUNTY

While patrolling a Will County Forest Preserve District lake, CPO Reid conducted a compliance check of a fisherman who claimed he could not find his fishing license. The subject was positively identified to be a registered sexually violent predator and prohibited from entering parks and forest preserves. The individual was subsequently arrested for violating the Sex Offender Prohibited Zone and issued a citation for fishing without a license.

**District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

COOK COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Ausmus issued written warnings for speeding and disobeying a traffic control device.

CPO Ausmus conducted four random commercial inspection of a businesses with a wholesale aquatic life dealer licenses. The first business was found to be in compliance with the appropriate regulations. The second business was in incompliance with all record keeping requirements; however, their wholesale aquatic dealer license was found to be expired. A written warning was issued, and the manager was provided information on how to renew the license. The third wholesale aquatic life dealer was found to be in violation of state law. Based off information received from the Invasive Species Unit, the business did not possess the required license and had been operating without it since 2016. Inspection of the fourth business revealed no violation of the business records; however, the owner was issued a citation and written warning for unlawful operation without a wholesale aquatic life dealer license. The business purchased the required license and is once again in compliance.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement at Montrose Harbor. He located two unattended and untagged powerline buckets. Neighboring fishermen thought the responsible angler went to the restroom. A short time later, the angler was located, and he claimed to have been in his SUV changing into dry clothes. The angler was educated and issued a written warning for failure to tag the unattended fishing devices.

CPO Klemme completed an illegal charter investigation on the vessel "The Big D." The owner was issued several misdemeanor citations for illegally operating a charter without the proper licenses during the 2017 boating season.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing from the dock of a boat ramp. Upon completion of a fishing compliance check, the individual was found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license; and the individual was issued a citation for the violation. In a second incident, CPO Sanford observed a male and female fishing from the bank. Upon completion of a fishing compliance check, both individuals were found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license. One individual was issued a citation, and the other was issued a written warning for the violation. In a third incident, CPO Sanford observed a father and adult son fishing from the bank. Upon completion of a fishing compliance check, both individuals were found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license. Both individuals were in possession of an expired 2017 license. One individual was issued a citation, and the other was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement. While at one lake, he checked four fishermen. One of the fishermen did not have a valid 2018 license, but he did have his 2017 license. The fisherman was issued a written warning for the violation. In a second incident, CPO Thornley checked a group of fishermen. Three of the fishermen were only able to produce the previous year's license. The fishermen were issue written warnings for not having a current license and were advised they needed a current year's fishing license to fish.

While checking fishermen along riprap at a lake, CPO Thornley observed a fisherman throw a cigarette butt onto the rock near the water. The fisherman was issued a citation for pollution of waterways.

CPOs Thornley and Sanford conducted sport fish enforcement. CPO Thornley observed a man fishing from a dam, and he observed several fish in the man's cooler. The man had a snag hook on his line. Both CPOs and the fisherman returned to the parking lot. CPO Thornley emptied the cooler of fish and determined that the fish were caught by illegal snagging methods. The man was issued a citation for snagging.

CPO Thornley checked several fishermen. One of the fishermen did not have a valid fishing license and was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass conducted compliance checks of fishermen at Cook County quarries. He found a subject who was not in possession of a fishing license, but the subject said he did have a valid fishing license that he bought a few days prior. CPO Snodgrass ran a check on the subject, and it was determined that he had never possessed a license. Upon interviewing the subject further, he admitted to never purchasing a license. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a wholesale bait company out of Genoa City, Wisconsin after it was discovered they were operating without a valid nonresident aquatic life dealer's permit for the first 15 days of April 2018.

CPO Stanbary issued one written warning to a fisherman using too many devices. A second fisherman was issued a written warning for having no valid 2018 license.

While patrolling William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary issued a warning to a fisherman with no license in possession. Another fisherman was issued a warning for no valid 2018 fishing license.

CPO Stanbary stopped a motorist after he observed the bumper of the vehicle being drug down the roadway. The driver was issued multiple warnings for expired plates and unsafe equipment.

CPOs Stanbary and Vaughn participated in an Earth Day celebration in Bartlett. The IDNR wildlife trailer was on display, and the CPOs answered questions from the public. They also shared information about Illinois wildlife and recreational opportunities for families throughout the State.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a boat patrol on the Calumet River, and multiple boat and fishing compliance checks were conducted. Three written warnings were issued to boaters for varied equipment violations. The CPOs also assisted a boater who was experiencing engine trouble by towing the boater back to his dock where he remedied the problem.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a boater at Wolf Lake for violating the no wake restriction. CPO Stanbary had spoken with the boater on a previous occasion, and it had been explained that he could not operate his 60 HP motor any faster than no wake speed due to Lake's restrictions. A few days later the same boater was observed running wide open and on plane at Wolf Lake.

CPO Mooi was patrolling William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted, and he observed that the front and rear seat passengers not wearing seatbelts. The driver also had an expired driver's license and was issued a citation for driving with an expired license and speeding. Each passenger was issued a written warning for failure to wear a seatbelt.

While on patrol, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle darting in and out of lanes on I-294. A stop was conducted, and the driver admitted to swerving because he was "rolling a joint." CPO Mooi searched the vehicle and found an open beer, as well as one cannabis cigarette. The driver was issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis under ten grams, and a written warning was issued for illegal transportation of alcohol.

DUPAGE COUNTY

While assisting a citizen with questions about his boat registration at the IDNR Region II office in Bartlett, CPO Mooi could smell the distinct odor of burnt cannabis. CPO Mooi offered to assist the man out to his vehicle, so he could look at the vessel he brought in for inspection. Once outside the building, CPO Mooi asked the individual about the odor. The man stated, "I'm an old hippie, but I applied for a medical card." CPO Mooi informed the man that without the card, possession was still a violation. The man gave consent for a search of his vehicle which uncovered approximately three grams of cannabis. A citation was issued for possession under ten grams.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPOs Wright and Reeves observed a vehicle on I-74 cross over the fog line three times. They conducted a traffic stop and found multiple open containers in the vehicle. After talking with the driver and conducting standardized field sobriety tests, CPO Wright placed the Champaign man under arrest for DUI. The man refused to take a breathalyzer, and he was booked into Champaign County Jail.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPOs from District 19, as well as Clinton Lake park staff, participated in the third annual Clinton Lake Clean Up Day. Volunteers from numerous areas participated in the removal of over eight pickup loads of trash from Clinton Lake. The Clinton Lake Clean Up Day sponsors for 2018 were: Exelon, Boondocks, Clinton Lake Marina, University of Illinois Rowing Team, Clinton Lake Youth Initiative, Clinton Ace Hardware, Clinton Walmart, Save A Lot, Dewitt County News, WHOW, and Clinton Journal.

CPO Graden arrested a fisherman from Champaign for unlawfully fishing without permission on Clinton Nuclear Power Station property.

CPO Viverito was en route to Weldon Springs State Park when he observed a van crossing Route 10. A traffic stop was conducted which resulted in the arrest of the driver and one of the passengers. The driver had a revoked driver's license, and he was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. The passenger was arrested for two warrants.

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

CPO Wright conducted a traffic stop on a Taylorville man for crossing over the fog line. The driver was found to have a revoked driver's license, and he was also on parole. During the search of his person, a substance was found near his foot on the ground. The substance will be sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab; and if it is found to be an illegal substance, charges will be filed on the man through the State's Attorney.

CPO Wright is investigating a case involving a hen mallard that was found dead in a residential neighborhood. A woman saw the duck flying and heard a noise that sounded like a pellet gun. She said that she watched the mallard fall out of the sky. The bird was taken to the Illinois Raptor Center to be tested and x-rayed to find out if it was shot.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden was called to investigate a suspicious person at Moraine View State Recreation Area. A 22-year-old male was found sleeping in his car at the Tall Timber Campground parking lot. The man was confused and smelled of stale alcohol. Numerous wine boxes were present in his vehicle. The investigation determined the subject had spent the night drinking wine at the site and still had a blood alcohol concentration just below the legal limit to drive. He was cited for unlawful possession of an alcoholic beverage in a state park restricted area, and he voluntarily agreed to leave his vehicle until he sobered up. A ride out of the park was arranged for him.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

While patrolling the Little Vermilion River, CPO Cottrell issued a fisherman a citation for fishing without a valid license.

CPO Cottrell issued three written warnings to individuals entering posted closed turkey hunting areas on State sites.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum was advised of a motor vehicle accident on I-70, and the driver was reported to be unconscious. When he arrived on scene, he spoke with the driver who was alert and not injured. The Illinois State Police arrived a short time later and handled the accident.

CPO Wellum completed two boat registration inspections and issued two salvage deer tags. He also assisted a Clark County Deputy with a warrant arrest during a traffic stop.

CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County Deputy with a domestic dispute. There were no injuries or signs of physical abuse. The subjects were separated, and no charges were filed. The Clark County Deputy transported one of the subjects to a different location to prevent further domestic issues for the day.

CPO Wellum assisted a Marshall Police Officer with a suicidal subject. The subject was calmed down, and arrangements were made for a counselor to talk with the subject.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop of an Iowa resident. The driver was issued a citation for speeding 87 mph in a 55-mph zone. In a separate incident, CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop; and the driver was issued a written warning for speeding. That driver was also issued a citation for operation of a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of an injured goose. The goose was located, and it was moved to a small body of water.

CPOs Greuel and Wellum investigated a report of a subject with pet squirrels in Villa Grove. The subject admitted to having the squirrels for a short time. Further investigation of the incident revealed illegal live traps on the property. The subject was issued warnings for taking wildlife out of the wild and trapping out of season.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for fishing without a license at Lake Paradise.

CPOs attended spring rifle and pistol firearms training in Charleston. The training was instructed by CPOs Greuel, Wellum, and Viverito.

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Trilla woman for speeding on Route 16.

While checking fishermen at Lake Paradise, CPO Moody cited a Mattoon woman for possession of cannabis.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited an Urbana man for failure to release a short largemouth bass.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes and Sgt. McReynolds cited a Glendale Heights subject for turkey hunting without a valid permit.

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man who buried his jeep in the mud while mudding on Lake Shelbyville public property.

CPO Moody cited an Arthur man for taking a large over-limit of crappie. He also cited a Hammond man for taking a large over-limit of crappie.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited an Altamont subject for fishing without a license at the Lake Mattoon spillway.

CPO Greuel cited two Mattoon men for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Greuel issued written warnings to mushroom hunters who had entered Hidden Springs State Forest prior to 1 p.m. during turkey season.

CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man a citation for over-limit of walleye, and he cited multiple individuals for various fishing violations at various bodies of water.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

A disposition was received in a case regarding a subject who had been charged with unlawfully taking a deer during deer season. The subject pled guilty and was fined a total of \$750.

While on a wildlife patrol, CPO Compton observed a vehicle parked on the edge of blacktop road around 5:00 p.m. The driver was arrested for DUI.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier patrolled an Earth Day event at Carlyle Lake that was attended by over 4,000 people. He educated visitors about the different wildlife and fish species in Illinois.

CPO Tapley received a disposition in a case involving a subject who had been issued a citation for unlawfully attempting to take a deer during deer season at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. The subject pled guilty and was fined \$332.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner was checking turkey hunters when he received a complaint of a subject shooting a goose on a pond. Upon investigation, no evidence of the alleged violation was located; and the location/circumstances given in the

complaint did not appear to fit with the scene. No additional information supporting the complaint was discovered, and the complainant refused to provide further details.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier issued a citation to a boater for no life jacket.

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 Lay investigated an illegal trash dumping case near Lake Hamilton. A written warning for littering was issued to a Franklin County juvenile after a receipt was found at the trash site. The juvenile will do some parent-imposed cleanup work at Lake Hamilton.

CPO Lay checked crappie limits of anglers on Rend Lake. He also issued a driver a speeding citation.

CPO Williams received information from a contact concerning illegal road hunting near Royalton. It was reported the subject drove the rural roads shooting game from a truck. The vehicle and subject described in the information was located, and a loaded .22 caliber high-powered air rifle was in the front passenger seat. The driver advised he was driving around just plinking birds and such because he had nothing to do and could not get around well. The subject was cited for hunting from the roadway, illegal hunting with the use or aid of a vehicle, and transporting a loaded, uncased gun. The air rifle was seized as evidence.

CPO Williams cited the operator of a boat who returned to the boat ramp with two other fishing companions in the boat. The boat lacked life jackets, current registration, a sounding device, and other safety equipment.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden was chosen as the Conservation Police Officer of the Year for 2017.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued eight written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations, two citations for no valid sport fishing license, and 13 written warnings for boating related violations.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Folden spoke to a small class of FFA students at Norris City-Omaha-Enfield High School. The one-hour presentation was based on positive decision making and how it can affect career choices. He also explained the requirements and process to become a CPO.

CPO Schoenhoff received a report of an injured bald eagle. With the assistance of CPO Diggins, the injured bald eagle was captured and transported to Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

Sgt. Cariens and CPOs Schoenhoff and Williams assisted in the body recovery of an occupant from a semi that went off the roadway and into the Little Wabash River. The CPOs marked a location utilizing sonar, and divers successfully recovered the deceased.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Roper was contacted by an individual who wanted to report an injured osprey that was in a private campground. CPO Roper captured the bird without further injuring it, and it was taken to the TreeHouse Wildlife Center in Alton for rehabilitation.

CPO Roper was contacted by an individual who wanted to report an injured red-tailed hawk at a residence. CPO Roper captured the bird without further injuring it, and it was taken to the TreeHouse Wildlife Center in Alton for rehabilitation.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Roper was contacted by the site superintendent at Newton Lake regarding a dead pelican he found at the Newton Lake Dam. Upon inspection of the pelican, it was discovered the pelican had obvious gunshot wounds. The other deceased pelicans were observed floating farther out in the Lake. CPO Roper contacted CPO Taylor, and they launched a boat to retrieve the deceased birds. While retrieving the deceased pelicans, an injured pelican was discovered. The injured pelican was captured by the CPOs and transported to the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching School Hospital for rehabilitation. A total of five dead pelicans and one injured pelican were discovered. Rifle casings were

discovered on the roadway directly adjacent to where the pelicans had been shot. After several anonymous tips, suspects were identified in the case. Two individuals were charged for shooting the pelicans, and four citations were issued to each. They were also issued a mandatory court date in Jasper County Court. Two rifles were seized as evidence in the case.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor checked a fisherman at Red Hill State Park. The subject did not have a fishing license, and he was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe completed the investigation of a 2017 case regarding possible deer poaching. An interview was conducted, and it was discovered a hunter unlawfully killed an eight-point buck and a doe using another person's deer permits. The next day he killed a third deer, an 11-point buck, using his own permit. He was issued five citations and a must appear court appearance at the Wayne County Courthouse.

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 conducted a boat patrol at Kinkaid Lake. He issued two written warnings to fishermen for violating the no wake areas. He also issued two other written warnings for boating equipment violations.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek charged two subjects from Mississippi with unlawfully hunting wild turkey without consent of the landowner and unlawfully harvesting wild turkeys in Union County while possessing Alexander County permits.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.