



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, 2019)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Palumbo received a disposition in a case regarding a Thomson man arrested for unlawful take of a trophy caliber white-tailed buck on property he did not have permission to hunt. The man pled guilty; and his fines, costs, and processing fees were more than \$600. The processed venison was donated to a local food pantry, and the trophy head and antlers were awarded to the IDNR.

CPO Palumbo instructed a boating safety class at Lake Carroll.

CPO Hoftender cited a Gurnee man for turkey hunting in Carroll County with a Jo Daviess County turkey permit. He was issued a written warning for failure to sign his permit.

CPO Beltran conducted a search for a suicidal person reported to be threatening to jump off a cliff at Mississippi Palisades State Park, but he did not find the subject.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Hoftender issued a written warning to a Chicago man for not having his fishing license in possession.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Francisko attended a hunter safety class. He discussed the hunting digest, spring turkey season laws, and answered multiple questions from the group.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas attended a hunter safety education class.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Francisko encountered a Port Byron man who was trespassing. The man was arrested for criminal trespass to real property, and he has a mandatory court appearance date in Rock Island County Court.

CPO Posateri was one of the 15 presenters at the Glenview Middle School Health Fair for the fifth-grade class. She gave a presentation on the IDNR and the duties of a CPO. She also talked about life jacket safety and the life jacket requirement for those under the age of 13. There were approximately 60 students present. This public appearance gave urban kids the opportunity to meet and interact with a CPO in a positive, non-enforcement environment.

CPO Francisko attended a hunter safety education class at Riverdale High School. He discussed the hunting digest, spring turkey season laws, and answered multiple questions from the group.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran conducted several fall harvest interviews and discovered violations for failing to properly check deer. Citations were issued.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo, Francisko, and Posateri conducted a sport fishing detail. Three citations and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Teas attended a hunter safety education class.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry has been assisting the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department and Genoa Police Department with the search for a missing individual. He has been searching various rural areas by land and water.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPOs Jansen and Kaufman assisted the Illinois State Police during a recent spring snowstorm on I-80. They handled single vehicle crashes and assisted with a six-vehicle crash that closed the west bound lanes for several minutes.

CPOs Finn, Jansen, Kaufman, and Wagner conducted foot patrols at Starved Rock State Park. A total of 38 citations were issued for entry into a restricted area, possession of alcohol in a posted prohibited area, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPOs Beltran and Teas were dispatched to LaSalle County because a report of a severed, human head floating in the water. Upon arrival, it was discovered it was a dead muskrat.

CPO Murry wrote a citation for speeding. The driver was observed going 88 mph in a 55-mph zone.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While on patrol at Rock Cut State Park, CPO Murry and Sgt. Wire observed an individual take off running while concealing a long object on his person. The individual then put the object in his vehicle. While speaking to the suspect, CPO Murry discovered the item was a BB gun. Both the owner of the gun and one other subject were also cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. In a separate incidence, two other individuals were cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott made an arrest of two male subjects for unlawfully fishing on private property without permission. Four citations were issued, and 18 crappie and two largemouth bass were seized.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Thompson made one drug arrest and issued a citation and four written warnings for fishing violations.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson arrested a subject on opening day of spring turkey season. The subject was observed hunting in a blind adjacent to three elevated tripod feeders. The feeders were observed in operation and dispensing corn and mineral onto the ground. The dangers of baiting as it pertains to the spread of disease and the unfair chase aspect were explained. The subject was cited and has a future court date.

CPO Elliott arrested three subjects for the unlawful take of three wild turkeys without a valid permit. All three subjects were using landowner permits to hunt on land they did not own or lease for agriculture. Two of the subjects admitted to taking a turkey and fraudulently tagging the bird with the third subject's permit. All subjects were cited and have a future court date.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited a Peoria man for commercial fishing record violations.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Lazzell received a disposition in a case involving an archery deer hunter who was cited for hunting without permission on Illinois Department of Transportation property. The man received a six-month court supervision and was fined \$302.

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully fishing on property without consent of the landowner.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

CPOs Blakeley and Gushleff encountered a turkey hunter hunting out of his blind after legal hunting hours. The hunter was also hunting turkeys with the aid of bait. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Blakeley assisted with the Academy class.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley and an officer from the Iowa DNR conducted a commercial fishing enforcement detail on Pool 20 of the Mississippi River. Several fishermen were inspected, and the detail resulted in three fishermen being cited for not being in attendance of their fishing nets when required. One of the three was also cited for failure to check his nets when required. When CPO Wheatley raised that fisherman's net, it had numerous dead and moribund fish caught in it; and that net was seized as evidence.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten attended a field training officer refresher course in preparation of training new officers.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued a citation to a subject for keeping a largemouth bass that was less than 15 inches.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Captain Laura Petreikis

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Macias responded to a complaint in Owaneco. A subject was displaying several animal carcasses in his yard, and the neighbors were concerned. A few weeks earlier, he had visited with the man; and at that time, it was determined the carcasses were chickens that the subject had in a coop. After again discussing the issue with the man, he admitted to killing an opossum without a license. A citation was issued for illegal take of a game animal.

CPO Fraser conducted fishing compliance checks and issued several written warnings for fishing license not in possession. He also located one angler in possession of not more than 10 grams of cannabis, and the subject was cited and released.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Wichern issued one citation for possession of short crappie and two citations for fishing without a valid Illinois fishing license.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Wichern received a disposition in a case involving a snowmobile operator involved in a crash. The operator pled guilty to operating a snowmobile under the influence and paid \$1,540 in fines and court costs.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

While on routine patrol of the Illinois River, CPO Wichern observed three commercial fishermen checking their hoop nets. A fishing compliance check was performed, and it was determined that they possessed six undersized channel catfish and one undersized flathead catfish. It was also determined their six hoop nets were set prior to purchasing the 2019 Illinois devise tags. Several of the nets were not properly marked with the fishermen's names and addresses. The nets had not been checked and emptied for approximately 144 hours, and one of the fishermen did not possess a valid Illinois sport fishing license. The undersized catfish were successfully returned to the River, and the fishermen were cited for the possession of undersized catfish and no fishing license. They were also given warnings for the unmarked/untagged nets and for failing to attend their nets every 72 hours.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley assisted the district wildlife biologist in assessing the remaining waterfowl blinds on Grass Lake. Blinds are required to be removed, unless birds have nested on them. One blind was left on the Lake without a nest. The owners will be contacted, and appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

CPO Knop arrested a subject at the Des Plaines River canoe launch for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for being a sexually violent predator who was knowingly present on state property. The subject was also found to have drug paraphernalia and cannabis more than 10 grams, but less than 30 grams.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and drug paraphernalia. In a separate incidence, CPO Semenik arrested a subject for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject for failure to immediately release a 22-inch, undersized northern pike.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Vaughan followed up on a deer investigation resulting in citations for unlawful take of white-tailed deer and improper permitting.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber responded to a complaint of hogs in the wild in Pembroke Township. It was determined that the hogs had escaped from local farms, and he is working on the solution to this situation.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPOs Bergland and Semenik attended the funeral for a Minnesota Conservation Officer who was killed in the line of duty.

CPO Bergland received a request for an interview from a six-year-old Yorkville kindergarten student. It was for a class project assignment. The student would like to be a CPO when he grows up. He went to the student's home and did the interview. After the interview, he gave the student the CPO Creed. He also activated the emergency lights and siren in the squad, and the student got to sit on the Department's airboat that he had brought along for the occasion.

CPO Bergland trained the CPO recruits on airboat operations and maintenance.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid assisted the Joliet Police Department in the handling of a fight at a local restaurant parking lot. The situation was quickly brought under control.

CPOs Honiotes and Reid conducted several fishing details.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Stanbary issued two citations to fishermen for no valid nonresident sport fishing license.

CPOs Stanbary and Klemme prepped the Lake Michigan patrol boat for the 2019 boating season.

CPOs Klemme and Stanbary conducted fish enforcement at Montrose Harbor.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman at Busse Lake for no sport fishing license in possession. In a separate incidence, a stand-up paddle boarder was witnessed by the CPO paddling with no PFD. The operator was stopped, and a written warning was issued for the PFD violation. Additionally, the operator was educated in the dangers of not wearing a PFD, especially in the frigid spring waters.

CPO Sanford investigated a turkey hunting incident which occurred on private property in Jo Daviess County. A Cook County resident inadvertently harvested three wild turkeys with one shot. The individual, who self-reported the violation, was issued a citation and written warning.

CPO Klemme attended a recruiting meeting at Chicago State University. The meeting was hosted by the president of Chicago State but also included the presidents of Olive-Harvey, Moraine Valley, South Suburban, Malcolm X and South Suburban colleges. Several federal agency representatives also attended, including the US Coast Guard, US Customs and Border Protection, as well as the regional administrator of FEMA. CPO Klemme gave an overview of the job of a CPO and talked about opportunities for employment and internships.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Stanbary issued citations to a homeowner who had been illegally snaring coyotes on his property. Seven snare sets and nine dead coyotes were found on the suspect's property. During the investigation the CPO learned that in addition to the illegal snaring, the homeowner was unlawfully feeding deer. The homeowner was issued multiple citations and written warnings and has a mandatory court date in DuPage County.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson
(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)**

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel attended a two-day cell phone investigation class at the ILEAS Training Center.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito attended a field training officer course and firearms qualification.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Wellum assisted with teaching boating techniques to the recruit class.

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 assisted at the IDNR Academy.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Mieure assisted with the recruit practical training scenarios.

District 11 and 19 CPOs attended defensive tactics training.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden assisted at the IDNR Academy.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum attended a three-day field training officer course.

CPO Wellum assisted with the organization and traffic control of the “Prison Break Run” at Lincoln Trail State Park. The purpose of the event was to raise money for the “Shop with A Cop” program.

COLES COUNTY

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

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon woman at Fox Ridge State Park for driving her vehicle off the roadway along a pond. She got her vehicle stuck, causing ruts.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man one citation for driving on a suspended license, one citation for speeding (75 mph in a 55-mph zone), one written warning for expired registration, and one written warning for no proof of insurance.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man one written warning for failure to remove his tree stand from Fox Ridge State Park property by January 31, 2019.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPOs Barnes and Moody assisted the Pana Police Department by searching around Pana Lake for a missing man.

CPO Barnes cited a nonresident subject at Pana Lake for fishing without a license.

CPO Barnes arrested a Pana subject on a Christian County warrant and drug possession.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a vague complaint regarding a subject poaching deer and illegally trapping furbearers out of season. During a foot patrol of the area of complaint, he found corroborating evidence for both complaints. On his first attempt to locate the subject at his residence, CPO Schachner observed a skinned raccoon hide and two dead opossums in the subject's yard, along with numerous unset traps. On his second attempt to locate the subject, he observed a set trap in plain view. On his third attempt, he located the subject at home and discovered a live opossum with numerous baby opossums in a cage trap at the subject's residence. There was insufficient proof to cite the subject for deer poaching, but he was cited for trapping during closed season; and written warnings were issued for no trapping license, littering/pollution of waterway, failure to register deer harvest, and untagged traps. The opossums were seized and released. There will also be a follow-up to verify that the subject removed the trash from the waterway.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers issued a man a written warning for mushroom hunting prior to 1 p.m. at Turkey Bluffs Fish and Wildlife Area.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray assisted an Illinois Department of Agriculture Investigator with seizing a horse from a residence due to severe malnutrition. The horse was taken to a care facility.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Williams investigated the report of a Kentucky resident unlawfully taking a rattlesnake. The subject was met at the Cave in Rock Ferry, and the rattlesnake skin was recovered. The subject was given a notice to appear in Gallatin County Court.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan issued a total of eight citations to turkey hunters for unlawful take of turkey, no valid turkey permit, no hunting license, no habitat stamp, possession of an uncased firearm in a vehicle, and an unplugged shotgun. One male turkey seized as evidence.

CPOs Jourdan and Haggerty inspected three nonresidents who had been turkey hunting. The three subjects were each cited for hunting without a valid nonresident hunting license, no valid habitat stamp, no valid nonresident turkey permit, and transportation of an uncased firearm. Also, one citation was issued for unlawful take of a turkey, and two citations were issued for hunting with a firearm capable of holding more than three shells. The turkey was seized as evidence.

CPOs Folden, Buhnerkempe, and Johnson conducted the spring firearms instruction for all Region 5 CPOs.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted US Fish and Wildlife Service special agents and Kentucky Fish and Game officers with the arrest of armed subjects that had unlawfully taken approximately 100 sturgeon for the caviar industry. Four of the fish were federally endangered or protected.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a written warning to an individual for trespassing onto private property to mushroom hunt. The landowner only wanted the individual warned.

CPO Smith attended a field training officer refresher course.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Taylor worked at the IHSA bass tournament at Newton Lake and spoke to the contestants about boat safety and required safety equipment. He also patrolled the event by boat to assist any boats due to weather and rough waters.

CPO Taylor received a call regarding a turkey hunter hunting without permission. The hunter was located, and a citation was issued for hunting without permission.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a turkey hunter for hunting without permission of the landowner.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man for failure to report commercial fishing harvests.

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 found two fishermen in violation of the bass slot limit. They were in possession of four bass between 14 and 18 inches. They were each issued a citation for the fish violations. One of the fishermen was also wanted on a warrant, and he was arrested.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis attended the Perry County Home and Safety Day at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. He gave a presentation to area fifth and sixth graders on water safety and the proper use of PFDs.

After receiving a trespassing complaint, CPO Lewis cited three individuals on coal mine property for fishing without permission

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek charged a subject on IDNR property with possession of cannabis.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.