



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 July 29 – August 13, 2016)

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 issued a Chadwick woman a citation for speeding at 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

CPO Jones was conducting fishing license compliance checks along the Mississippi River in Savanna. She observed several fishermen fishing. There was a white five gallon bucket amongst the group. CPO Jones asked who owned the bucket. A Freeport man said it was his. CPO Jones located 3 short largemouth bass amongst several legal fish. CPO Jones issued the man a citation and a written warning for the short fish.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with the Henry County State’s Attorney Assistant to pursue criminal damage charges against a 30+ year old Kewanee man for carving a heart with his and his wife’s initials into a tree at Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf investigated a complaint of unlawful feeding of deer. Two mineral rocks and a pile of Dicalcium phosphate were found near elevated hunting blinds. Digital scouting cameras were placed facing the bait sites. An Elizabeth man was charged with three counts of unlawfully making available salt/minerals for ingestion by wild deer. The scouting cameras were seized.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled public and private waterways. A Sandwich man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Apple River Canyon State Park. Two citations were issued for possession of alcohol in the campground. Three citations were issued for violating the posted speed limit.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas followed up on an incident where a camper at Lowden State Park suffered a seizure and fell into the campfire. The camper was transported by ambulance to the hospital where he was treated for second degree burns to his upper back.

CPO Teas arrested a subject on an outstanding Ogle County warrant at Lowden State Park.

CPOs Teas, Palumbo, Jones and Beltran conducted a boat enforcement detail on the Rock River in Ogle County. At the conclusion of the detail numerous violations for safety equipment and registration violations were addressed as well as one arrest for OUI and cannabis. The subject arrested for OUI had a BAC of 0.121.

CPOs Beltran and Jones arrested a Byron Man for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on the Rock River near 6200 North River Road. The man was happy to see the officers working the river as he commented on the fatal boat accident from earlier in the year where someone who had been drinking was charged after a fatal boat accident. The man admitted smoking cannabis and drinking alcohol and appeared relieved enforcement action was being taken to keep the waters safe.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPO Francisko patrolled the Mississippi River as well as part of the Rock River. While CPO Francisko was completing a boat safety inspection with one boat, CPO Posateri observed another boat coming toward them. CPO Posateri waved to the operator of the second boat to bring him in for an inspection. The operator complied and was determined to be highly intoxicated after sharing a bottle of tequila on the river that day with his friend. The East Moline man was arrested for OUI and since he refused the breathalyzer, his boating privileges will be suspended automatically for 1 year.

CPO Francisko attended a "Boys and Girls Club of America" fishing derby held at the Rock Island Conservation Club. Over 600 people attended the event. The CPO spoke with many people and answered many questions as he conducted security foot and vehicle patrols around the club during the event. The weather was perfect and fun was had by all people involved.

CPO Francisko began an investigation into an illegal campsite on the Hennepin Canal Parkway – Milan Section. It was clear the campsite was being used by a homeless person. The area was littered with garbage and the site was unsanitary. No activity was observed at the site until 8-7-2016. The CPO was able to determine the identity of the person. It was determined the person was alive and moved on when he realized he was under investigation. The cleanup of the site had to be done by the CPO as no site persons are stationed on the Milan Section of the HCP. On 8-8-2016 the CPO picked up and removed several 50 gallon bags of garbage from the site. Any item of value was logged into evidence. The site is cleaned up and the investigation is ongoing. The CPO will continue attempting to make contact with the man responsible for the massive amount of littering that took place.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Shane Teas was in Prophetstown State Park in Whiteside County preparing to go on a boat patrol when he observed a vehicle enter the park and leave quickly after seeing the CPO in his squad. As the vehicle turned to leave, the CPO ran the plates on the vehicle. The check showed the plates to be expired and the registered owner to be suspended. The vehicle quickly left the park and began taking side streets through town. The CPO finally caught up to the vehicle on the other side of town and stopped it. As the CPO stopped the vehicle he observed the registration sticker on the vehicle was current despite the plates being expired. The CPO looked closer at the sticker and found it to be from another vehicle. It was soon determined the driver was suspended, had no insurance, and informed the CPO he had taken the sticker off of one of his other vehicles to make it look valid. The driver was arrested for driving suspended, no insurance, expired registration, and unlawful use of registration. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt received a call from the Boone County Sheriff's Department regarding correct law application for a dumping complaint along the Kishwaukee River in the flood plain. CPO Alt provided appropriate law sections from both the criminal and fish codes which could be applied to this complaint, then offered direct assistance with the investigation. Once the information was relayed to the property owner, voluntary compliance for cleanup was obtained without the need for enforcement action.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Murry responded to a report of a missing kayaker on the Fox River in North East LaSalle County/South West Kendall County. A Kayaker had become separated from his partner during a rain storm. After the rain cleared the kayaker continued downstream looking for his partner. Approximately 3 hours later, at approximately 9:00pm, the kayaker became disoriented due to darkness. He pulled onto shore and began screaming for help. A local resident observed the shouting and responded to the Race Street Bridge in Millington (which was about 6.5 miles further downstream from where he was separated from his partner). The residents that located the kayaker contacted Conservation Police who responded to the area. Upon arrival CPO Murry observed a male subject who appeared to be heavily intoxicated. The kayaker explained the situation and had not seen his partner since the rain storm. Local Fire Departments had been put on standby to try and locate the missing kayaker. The intoxicated kayaker did not know his friends phone number and therefore thought he could not contact him. A while later, the intoxicated kayaker was speaking and advised officers the missing kayaker also had his phone with him. The intoxicated kayaker did know his own phone number and provided it to CPO Murry. CPO Murry was able to make contact with the missing kayaker, who was found to be at his residence in Plano. After the rain cleared, he had exited the river and got a ride home with a friend. The intoxicated kayaker was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor, operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol, operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol with blood alcohol content over .08, and no water usage stamp.

CPO Murry was on Interstate 80 in LaSalle County traveling to get a witness statement for an unrelated case, when an ISPERN broadcast came out advising of a semi-truck "all over the roadway." The location given was approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile behind his location. CPO Murry located the suspect vehicle and after observing the vehicle cross the center line multiple times as well as the fog line multiple times, a traffic stop was initiated. While speaking with the driver, and after having him perform Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, the driver was arrested for DUI. The driver was arrested and charged with improper lane usage and driving under the influence of alcohol. Toxicology tests are pending on blood and urine samples. It was later found out that the driver of the semi had been "live streaming" Facebook videos of himself driving through Henry County Illinois, the Quad Cities area, as well as Iowa. While in the construction areas in Henry County, construction workers were present in the construction zone. Further charges are pending.

While checking squirrel hunters in LaSalle County CPO Murry located two individuals, ages 60 and 57 years old, in Vermillion River Area of Matthiessen State Park, completely nude engaged in sexual intercourse. The individuals were ordered to stop their actions and get dressed. The individuals were each written a citation for nudity prohibited in a state park.

CPO Kaufman and CPOT Stanbary responded to a stranded boat on the Illinois River against the Starved Rock Dam. A fishing boat with two individuals on board had lost power and was floating towards the dam. A hiker at Starved Rock saw the two individuals waving their hands and called 911. CPOT Stanbary made contact with the Starved Rock Lock personnel. They informed CPOT Stanbary that all the gates were closed and no water was flowing through the dam. When CPO Kaufman and CPOT Stanbary arrived they located the boat up against the dam. Lock personnel had found the boat and stayed with it until the officers arrived. The boat was towed safely to a local marina. The CPOs talked to

the operator about the hazards of fishing close to a dam and how if the river level had been higher the outcome may have been different.

After directing traffic in Starved Rock State Park on a Saturday afternoon, CPOs Fraser, Kaufman and CPOT Stanbary conducted a uniformed foot patrol on the trails. They located seven individuals off of the marked trails and climbing. Of the seven individuals, three were found in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia and 1 of the 3 was a juvenile.

CPO Finn and CPO Filipiak were on a uniformed patrol of the Starved Rock State Park trails when four individuals were observed off the trails. Upon further investigation all four individuals were found to also be in possession of alcohol and one male was in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. All four subjects were ticketed and have mandatory court dates in LaSalle County.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :

6 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks

3 individuals were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia

3 individuals were arrested for possession of cannabis

3 individuals were found to be in possession of less than 10g cannabis

3 individuals were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia

34 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, swimming in restricted areas

2 individuals were arrested for exposing their genitals

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

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

12 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land

1 Individual was issued citations for being in possession of short small mouth bass

1 individual was issued a citation for pollution of waterway

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn appeared in court for a deer trial from 2014. The trial was continued after the Judge heard both sides, however were not able to make a decision at that time.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park just before closing time CPO Fraser observed a female stumbling down the side of the road. CPO Fraser approached the female and asked if everything was alright. The subject stated she had been lost in the park for over 8 hours and her friends had left her. While speaking with the subject CPO Fraser noticed the odor of cannabis. The subject stated she had a marijuana joint and had smoked earlier, she also stated she was on multiple prescription drugs given to her by her doctor. The subject was issued a citation for the cannabis and given a ride to her nearby residence due to her level of intoxication.

While on patrol in rural Winnebago County CPO Fraser was nearly struck by an oncoming driver who was texting and driving. CPO Fraser caught up to the driver and stopped the vehicle. The driver was driving with a suspended license and had no insurance for the vehicle. The driver was issued citations for texting and driving, driving while suspended, and no insurance. The driver was also issued warnings for improper lane usage and failure to surrender driver's license after suspension.

While driving through downtown Rockford CPO Fraser observed an empty soda can bounce down the road, believing the can came from a vehicle in front of him. CPO Fraser ran the vehicles registration and found the plates were suspended for no insurance. CPO Fraser stopped the vehicle and found the driver had a suspended driver's license and no insurance for the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene and the driver was issued citations for suspended

registration, driving while license suspended, and no insurance.

CPO Alt taught a hunter safety course in Winnebago County.

CPO Alt responded to and investigated a complaint of unlawful taking of squirrels during the closed season in Winnebago County.

CPOs Alt and Schoonhoven conducted a watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County. Violations addressed included fishing without a fishing license and various boat equipment violations to recreational boat operators.

CPO Alt stopped a motorist for speeding and unlawfully using an electronic communication device while driving through Rock Cut State Park.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Reid seized a bag of cannabis and drug paraphernalia during a boat stop on the Illinois River. Civil charges are pending.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant issued multiple written warnings to subjects for various boat and fishing violations.

CPO VanZant obtained a disposition on a Tazewell County subject that was fined \$970.00 for tagging a buck with another's permit and taking more than 2 bucks during the season.

CPO Gerard arrested an Iowa resident for unlawful operation of a motorboat under the influence of alcohol.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a large fish kill located at Cedar Creek in southern Warren county.

CPO Reid assisted the Warren County Sheriff's Office with a search warrant in Kirkwood. A great horned owl and illegal raccoon pelts were seized from the residence.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

CPO Kelley handled a property-damage boat accident at Boy Scout Island in St Charles.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox conducted several boat enforcement inspections on the Fox River. Citations were issued for skiing without an observer and no PFDs, and several warnings for various boating violations. Both the Elgin Pool and St. Charles Pool were patrolled.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox investigated a boat accident at Fearson Creek on the Fox River. A subject operating a PWC (personal water craft) crashed into another PWC while turning. One subject received a small laceration to the face. The operator of the striking vessel was cited for careless operation.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Davis and CPO Winters arrested a subject for OUI. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of 10%. He was also cited for violation of no wake.

CPO Tom Davis and CPO Eric Schreiber arrested a subject for OUI after he was observed operating his boat after sunset without lights. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of .110%.

While conducting a boat patrol on Pistakee Lake, CPO Winters and CPO Semenik arrested a subject for OUI. The subject registered a .084 BAC.

While conducting a boat patrol on Grass Lake, CPO Winters and CPO Semenik arrested a subject for OUI. The subject registered a BAC of .124

CPOs Schreiber and Davis cited a subject on a personal watercraft for pulling a tuber without a competent observer.

Sgt. Riedel attended and spoke at the 4th annual YNOT Project whiffle ball tournament. Sgt. Riedel spoke about how the donations from the YNOT Project have helped the Conservation Police do their job in enforcing OUI laws.

CPO Semenik arrested a McHenry man on Nippersink Lake for operation of watercraft under the influence of drugs (OUI).

A CPO conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle towing a pontoon boat through the Chain O' Lakes State Park for speeding. An inquiry of the driver's information returned he was a registered sexual offender and a violent sexual predator. It is illegal and a Class A misdemeanor for a sexual predator to be present in a public park. The man was arrested for the violation and escorted out of the State Park.

CPO Semenik handled a single vessel PWC boat accident on Round Lake. The man sustained a broken knee in the accident.

CPO Semenik conducted a traffic stop on a Buffalo Grove man for improper backing in the roadway. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). The man's BAC was .280% 1 hour and 40 minutes after the time of the initial stop. During field sobriety testing CPO Semenik made additional observations the man was also under the influence of drugs. A urine sample was collected and sent to the Illinois State Police Crime lab for analysis. Additional DUI charges pending ISP Crime Lab results.

CPO Semenik arrested a Northbrook man on Pistakee Lake for operation of watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI). The man's BAC was .089%.

CPO Wagner arrested individual for DUI at Chain O' Lakes State Park boat ramp. The subject blew .222%.

CPO Wagner while conducting boat patrol on Nippersink Lake arrested an individual for OUI. The subject blew .126%.

CPO Wagner while conducting Department Lands Enforcement at the Chain O' Lakes State Park cited two individuals for alcohol in prohibited area and one individual for driving without valid insurance.

CPO Wagner while conducting boat patrol on Grass Lake cited an individual for failure to yield to emergency watercraft and cited another individual for operation of unnumbered watercraft.

CPO VanWiltburg attended the Lake Zurich Police Department's "Blue and You" event and brought the CPO Education Trailer.

CPO VanWiltburg completed a boat accident investigation from July 3 on Grass Lake. After meeting with the Lake County State's Attorney, the operator of the striking boat was charged with UUW (loaded 380 pistol found on his boat), careless operation of a watercraft, and failure to yield right of way. A female subject on the victim's boat was seriously injured when the striking boat impacted the area of the boat where she was seated.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis, CPO Schreiber, and Sgt. Riedel responded to a vehicle accident at McHenry Dam. The vehicle left the roadway and destroyed a park bench, which stopped the vehicle from ending up in the Fox River. The driver was found to be intoxicated and was charged with DUI, illegal transportation of alcohol, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

While conducting a boat patrol on the Fox River, CPO Winters and CPO Schreiber arrested a subject for OUI. The subject refused a breath sample.

CPO Semenik spoke at a Hunter Safety Education Class in Crystal Lake.

CPO Kelley secured a bicycle for an accident victim at Moraine Hills State Park. The subject had lost consciousness while lifting his bike off his bike rack. The bike was returned to the subject the next day. The subject was very appreciative that his bike was looked after during his stay at the hospital.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a citation to a person for failure to have a child under 13 years wear a required life jacket.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker attended the National Night Out with local law enforcement.

CPO Vadbunker conducted multiple K9 demos for the public.

CPO Vadbunker cited 2 subjects for entering the restricted construction area of Rock Creek Bridge at Kankakee River State Park.

CPO Bergland is investigating a personal injury boating accident on the Kankakee River involving 2 boats. Two subjects incurred head injuries. Further investigation is pending.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes completed a lengthy reptile investigation. A subject was cited for failure to submit annual report for possession of an alligator snapping turtle and for a western hognose snake, possession of special use herpatile without required permit (alligator), and failure to file for special use permit within 30 days.

CPO Reid received a call from ISP regarding a possibly suicidal subject at DesPlaines CA. While searching the site the subject's cell phone was periodically being pinged and updated locations were provided. The search for the subject involved multiple jurisdictions including ISP, Minooka Police Department, Channahon Police Department and Will County

Sheriff's Department. The subject was pinged several times both on and off of DNR property. Reid located the subject at the DPCA just seconds before the subject committed suicide by firearm.

CPO Reid cited a subject wanted on a warrant for Failure To Appear for traffic offenses. Subject was unable to post the required bond and was transported to the Will County Jail.

CPO Reid cited a subject for an illegal smallmouth bass while checking fishermen on the Kankakee River.

CPO Reid made two commercial fishing cases on the Kankakee River. In the first case he observed 2 subjects using a cast net to harvest game fish at the Wilmington Dam. He observed them catch 1 carp, 2 drum, 4 bass and 2 bluegill. The second case, CPO Reid observed a group of people unlawfully take 230 freshwater mussels from the Kankakee River. The mussels were able to be returned to the river. Appropriate enforcement action was taken in each case.

CPO Reid cited a fisherman for fishing without permission. The subject knowingly has been sneaking into a private quarry where permission has not been granted. Subject was cited for fishing without a fishing license and for fishing without permission.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was called by a new commercial property owner in Alsip. A boat was discovered inside the confines of the newly acquired commercial property. After seeing the boat and running the registration, it was discovered the boat had last been in the IDNR watercraft registration system in 1998. CPO Macias found the name/address of the last boat owner and CPO Macias discovered the owner had passed way in 2005 and the boat just sat there undiscovered for 18 years. None of the relatives of the boat owner even knew the boat was inside this property, nor how/when he had acquired it. CPO Macias suggested to the new property owner to contact a local marina for scrapping the boat. A local marina agreed to come by and look at the boat to determine seaworthiness, salvage parts, or destruction.

CPO Macias was on patrol inside William Powers State Fish and Game Area, when he came upon a couple fishing. One person was fishing the Illinois side of the park; the other was fishing on the Indiana side. When asked for either state license, each produced none. One was issued a warning, the other a citation for no fishing license.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were patrolling inside William Powers State Fish and Game Area and came across an individual entering the park that was barefoot, looked disoriented, and was walking with a sickle in his right hand. The CPOs initiated a pedestrian stop and asked the subject if he was okay or lost. The subject told the officers, "I know I do not have to tell you anything!" The subject began to close the distance between himself and CPOT Poffenberger. CPOT Poffenberger told the subject to remain where he was and not come any closer. The subject stopped and began to mumble something under his breath. CPO Macias informed the subject there were many pedestrians inside the park and he might scare them walking around with a sickle in his hand. CPOT Poffenberger asked the subject if he had any intentions of cutting plants or other natural flora from the park and if so, it would be illegal. The subject turned around and left the park. Chicago Police Department was notified of his last location and direction of travel.

CPO Macias, CPO Whitchurch, and CPOT Poffenberger were called out on a PWC vs swimmer accident in Calumet harbor. An investigation is ongoing.

CPO Macias responded to a boat accident at Belmont Harbor, an investigation is ongoing.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat enforcement detail at the Alsip Boat launch when he observed a vehicle towing a wave-runner head into the parking lot, pass the police vehicle and exit the parking lot. CPO Mooi finished answering the questions of a new boat owner and headed over to the boat launch in Worth. Upon arriving, CPO Mooi observed the

vehicle which left the Alsip launch in the parking lot at the Worth launch. CPO Mooi drove down towards the launch and observed a wave-runner entering the no wake area at a high rate of speed and began doing circles at high speed in front of the boat launch. CPO spoke with the operator of the wave-runner and issued a citation for violation of a no-wake area and three written warnings.

CPO Mooi attended court in Cook County. A Chicago man entered a guilty plea for resisting or obstructing a peace officer stemming from a traffic stop in April.

CPO Mooi was returning from a patrol at Illinois Beach State Park when he observed a white Lexus SUV exceeding the speed limit on the right shoulder on I-294 SB near Golf Road. CPO Mooi conducted a traffic stop and issued a citation for speed and a written warning for improper lane usage.

CPO Mooi observed a car driving on the shoulder of I-80 near Halsted. The vehicle was stopped and a written warning was issued for improper lane usage.

CPO Mooi was on a boat patrol of the Chicago River and observed a boat creating a substantial wake on the river near the Wells Street Bridge. The boat was stopped and a safety inspection was conducted. The operator was issued a citation for a child under 13 not wearing a life jacket as required on a vessel under 26 ft in length. Written warnings were also issued for an unserviceable fire extinguisher, no battery covers and exceeding wake speed in a no wake area. The man was instructed to return the boat to the launch and correct the problems before returning to the water.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat patrol of Burnham Harbor when he observed a small inflatable craft with three occupants traveling through the harbor. No registration was visible on the vessel and a stop was initiated. A safety inspection was conducted and discovered no fire extinguisher and no sounding device. The owner of the vessel has applied for the registration but has not received the stickers yet. A citation was issued for no fire extinguisher and a written warning for the sounding device.

CPO Mooi was traveling on I-290 near Austin when he observed a black Mercedes driving on the shoulder. CPO Mooi just heard on the radio that an Illinois State Police Trooper was assisting a traffic crash near that same location and the vehicle was stopped. CPO Mooi stopped the Mercedes approximately 100 feet from the ISP vehicle. When asked, the driver of the Mercedes stated he was in a hurry and didn't notice the Trooper's vehicle. A citation was issued for improper driving on the shoulder.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat patrol on Lake Michigan near the 'playpen' and observed a large SeaRay with no registration. The vehicle was stopped and an inspection was conducted. There were expired registration decals dating back to 2001 on the vessel. A records check showed that the registration was expired as of June 30, 2016. The operator stated the vessel was newly purchased from his business partner. The operator had the proper paperwork and a written warning was issued for failure to have a visual distress signal.

CPO Klemme and CPO Mooi have been patrolling Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. Several citations and warnings have been issued for safety equipment and registrations. Approximately 50 vessel inspections were conducted.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a youthful looking operator on a personal watercraft violate a posted no wake area and also create a large wake within 150 feet of a public boat launch. Contact with the operator was made and it was learned the operator was only 12 years old and did not possess a watercraft safety certificate. There was also no sounding device on board or attached to the operator. Contact with the operator's parent was made. A citation was issued for the youthful operator violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they conducted watercraft safety inspections on two personal watercrafts. Both personal watercrafts did not possess sounding devices or fire extinguishers on board. Two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPOT Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated well after sunset and before sunrise. Contact with the operator was made and the law was explained to the operator. A citation was issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan during the nighttime hours when he observed a boat being operated on Lake Michigan without lighting when required. CPO Whitchurch stopped the boat and the operator was issued a citation for unlawfully operating a watercraft without lights when required.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol in Chicago when they were notified by a pedestrian of an elderly gentleman who had fallen to the ground close to where the officers were patrolling. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger rushed to the man's aid. The gentleman had just been released from the hospital that day and fell to the ground. CPO Whitchurch requested medical assistance be sent to the location. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were able to lift the man up and place him in a comfortable position while medical assistance personnel were on the way to their location. The man was complaining about shortness of breath and severe pain in his right hip. Chicago Fire Medical Personnel arrived and the man was transported to a local hospital.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed a young person operating a personal watercraft on Lake Michigan. A safety check of the watercraft was conducted and it was learned the child was 13 years of age and did not possess a watercraft safety certificate. The father of the child was in the area and was contacted. The father was issued a parental responsibility citation for the youthful operator violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed an operator of a personal watercraft accelerate quickly right next to a public boat launch and continue to create a wake in a posted no wake zone. Contact with the operator was made and the Officers observed a registration violation on the watercraft as well. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed a personal watercraft pulling a water skier on Lake Michigan. The watercraft only had two seats on it which was one shy of the seating capacity required by law to tow a skier. Contact was made with the operator and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they observed a subject fishing from a motor boat at a Cook County Canal. A fishing compliance check and boat safety inspection was conducted. The watercraft did not have valid registration and also did not have a sounding device on board. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed a personal watercraft being operated on Lake Michigan with registration which had expired three years earlier. A stop of the watercraft was made and it was confirmed the registration was indeed three years expired. A citation was issued.

CPO Whitchurch was attempting to locate individuals who remained on IDNR Property well after the posted closing time. Officer Whitchurch located two individuals who were off of trail fishing. CPO Whitchurch observed both subjects consuming alcohol which was prohibited in the area. CPO Whitchurch also observed empty beer cans and bottles tossed along the shore of the lake and also back in a nearby wooded area. The beer cans and bottles matched what the two individuals were drinking. Enforcement action was taken against both individuals for alcohol violations, pollution of waterway violations, and remaining on State property after posted closing time.

CPO Whitchurch saw a group of fishermen actively fishing just before midnight on the Des Plaines River. CPO Whitchurch observed the group for a couple minutes and then made contact with them. Two subjects tried walking away into the darkness once they observed CPO Whitchurch. The two subjects were ordered back and fishing licenses were requested. Both subjects admitted to having fishing licenses in previous years but had not purchased fishing licenses this year. Both subjects were issued citations for unlawfully fishing without valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Whitchurch checked on a vehicle which was on IDNR property after the posted closing time. When CPO Whitchurch approached the vehicle, he observed two subjects engaged in unlawful sexual activity. Both subjects were ordered to leave the area after they were both arrested and bonded for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch checked a boat at an IDNR lake which housed two subjects who were scouting the area for the upcoming waterfowl season. A check of the boating safety equipment revealed the boat had a couple of violations including no fire extinguisher on board. The operator was cited for the fire extinguisher violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan during the hours of darkness when they observed a motorboat underway without any lighting activated. A stop of the boat was made and it was also learned there was no fire extinguisher or visual distress signals on board. A citation and two written warnings were issued.

CPOT Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol in Cook County. While they were stopped at a traffic light in southern Cook County community, they observed the passenger in the front seat of the vehicle stopped next to them take a drink of alcohol from an open container. A traffic stop of made on the vehicle and the passenger was found to be in possession of an open 40 ounce bottle of beer. The passenger was cited for unlawful transportation of open alcohol.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a subject on a personal watercraft making rapid tight circles creating a large wake right in front of a posted "No Wake" sign. Contact with the operator was made and the operator was issued a citation for the wake zone violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject operating a personal watercraft without any visible registration attached to the watercraft. A stop of the watercraft was made. The operator was the owner of the watercraft and had never applied for registration. The operator was issued a citation for the registration violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at the southern end of Lake Michigan when they observed two personal watercrafts being driven by youthful operators. Stops on the personal watercraft were made and it was determined the operators were too young to be operating the personal watercraft on their own because they did not possess safety certificates. Contact with the parent was made at the launch ramp. The youthful operator laws were explained to parent. The parent was issued a citation and a written warning based on parental responsibility.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan Harbor when they observed a personal watercraft being operated without proper registration. A check on the watercraft revealed there were no valid registration, no fire extinguisher on board, and no sounding device. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject operating a personal watercraft while not wearing a personal flotation device. A check of the watercraft was conducted and there was not a personal flotation device on board. There was also no sounding device onboard. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan Harbor during nighttime hours when they observed a large watercraft crating a large wake in a posted no wake area. The boat was stopped and a wake zone violation citation was issued.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan and CPO Gilmer conducted multiple boat patrols on Lake Michigan in response to complaints of boaters violating the no wakes zones surrounding the Lake County Harbors. Several citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Vaughan assisted United States Fish and Wildlife Officers with an ongoing investigation.

CPO Mooi conducted a patrol of Illinois Beach State Park and issued a citation for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Mooi issued a citation to an Algonquin man for bringing his dog to the beach and causing issues with other park visitors.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes arrested a Mattoon subject for possession of drug paraphernalia at Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for pollution of a waterway at Lake Paradise in Coles County.

CPO Barnes and CPO Moody tracked down a Mattoon subject who dumped garbage off a bridge in a Coles County creek. The subject was cited for pollution of a waterway.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited multiple individuals for various fish and boating related issues on Lake Shelbyville.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds while on boat patrol cited a Manito man for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County. Subject's BAC was .149%.

CPO Barnes cited an Oreana subject for illegal possession of two short sauger on the Kaskaskia River in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel responded to a landowner complaint in Shelby County of someone digging Ginseng without permission and out of season. CPO Greuel located the subject who was digging Golden Seal. Subject was issued a written warning for criminal trespass to land.

CPO Moody seized a pipe with a small amount of cannabis from a Moweaqua man while checking fishermen along the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Barnes arrested two Blue Mound subjects for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis on the Kaskaskia River in Shelby County.

CPO Barnes cited a Windsor subject for pollution of a waterway at Lake Shelbyville.

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for driving while license suspended in Wolf Creek State Park.

Sgt. McReynolds attended Shelby County LEPC Hazard Mitigation Meeting.

Sgt. McReynolds supervised three days of Law Enforcement Operations at the World Shooting Recreation Center in Sparta during Grand American Trap Shoot.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito and his K9 partner Hank were called to assist Officer Graden at Clinton Lake State Park. Officer Graden asked if Hank could screen a vehicle parked in a common fishing location. Hank indicated on the vehicle. This resulted in the seizure of narcotics from 3 individuals and 1 arrest for wanted on warrant.

CPO Graden and CPO Viverito, along with his K9 partner "Hank", conducted an enforcement detail around Clinton Lake. The detail centered upon sport fishing regulations and the possession of illegal narcotics. The detail resulted in the issuance of 3 written warnings for sport fishing violations, 1 warrant arrest, 3 less than 2.5g cannabis seizures, and 3 drug paraphernalia seizures.

CPO Cottrell and CPO Graden patrolled Clinton Lake via watercraft. Citations were issued for 1 watercraft passenger location/riding on stern deck and 2 operation of a watercraft with insufficient personal flotation devices. Several written warnings were issued for various Boat Registration & Safety Act violations.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Following a lengthy investigation, CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus issued 8 wildlife citations from Iroquois County. In January, IDNR was notified of the theft of non-resident hunting license, antlered deer permit, and habitat stamp. The stolen tags were issued to a Georgia resident and were taken from the Rantoul Walmart. The investigation revealed a Georgia resident harvested a 7 point buck. The Georgia resident and her father were hunting with a couple from Ford County and the deer was harvested in Iroquois County. After harvesting the buck, the female from Georgia went to Walmart to purchase the required license and tags. The female from Ford County took it upon herself to use the point-of-sale system at Walmart and printed the required license and tags for the Georgia hunter, then exited the store without paying. Further investigation revealed the hunt was captured on video. After serving a search warrant on the Ford County couple, District 19 CPOs seized several HD video cameras, cell phones, computers, digital storage devices, and memory cards. With assistance from an Urbana Police forensic computer expert it was discovered that several other non-residents had been deer hunting in Ford and Iroquois Counties with the couple. The female from Ford County was charged with felony retail theft in Champaign County; she pleaded guilty to retail theft (Class A misdemeanor) and was sentenced to 12 months court supervision, 25 hours community service, and \$297 in fines. The Georgia female that harvested a buck was charged with Unlawful Take of a whitetail deer, hunting without deer permits and the European mounted 7 point was seized. Her father was charged with hunting without deer permits. Another Georgia resident was charged with Unlawful take of a whitetail deer and hunting without deer permits. The Ford County female was charged with Falsification of state records for taking an Iroquois County buck and checking it in with her Ford County landowner tag. A South Carolina resident was charged with Unlawful attempt to take a whitetail deer and hunting without deer permits, he plead guilty to Unlawful attempt to take and was sentenced to 1 year court supervision and fined \$497. The investigation is still ongoing with more charges anticipated.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO Wright is investigating a large fish kill and possible pollution of waterway in Livingston County. CPO Wright was notified by a Flanagan man that he was noticing dead fish and a film on the water of Mole Creek just west of Flanagan. The EPA and IDNR Fisheries have been notified and the investigation is ongoing.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden conducted recreational boat patrol on Lake Bloomington. Citations were issued for 1 operation of a watercraft with insufficient personal flotation devices and 2 operation of unnumbered watercraft. Additionally, less than 2.5g cannabis was seized from one boat operator and multiple written warnings were issued for assorted watercraft violations.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Graden worked the Deer and Turkey Classic in Bloomington.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted boat enforcement details in Vermilion and Dewitt Counties that resulted in numerous vessel inspections and several violations.

An Indiana man was cited at Lake Vermilion for unlawful operation of an overloaded water craft in addition to 4 written warnings for equipment violations.

OTHER: Region 1 District 7

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus assisted Region 1, District 7 CPO's with recreational boat enforcement on the Illinois River for the annual "White Trash Bash." Several citations and written warnings were issued for wake zone violations, not enough wearable PFDs for occupants, and various other equipment infractions. CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus arrested a Peoria man for Unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and operation of a PWC after sunset. The Peoria man was issued written warnings for unregistered watercraft and no sounding device.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten received a complaint of a subject collecting ginseng on private property without permission and prior to the season. The subject was identified and located. He was charged with collecting ginseng on property without permission, collecting ginseng prior to the season and collecting ginseng without a license. The subject was charged with the same three offenses in Calhoun County in 2013.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten stopped a vehicle for a registration violation at Horseshoe Lake State Park. The driver had a revoked driver's license and was arrested.

CPO Goetten checked on two motorists parked near the Mississippi River in Alton. The driver was wanted on an Edwardsville Police Department warrant for failure to appear in court and a Jersey County warrant for contempt of court. Bond was \$4000 (10%) and \$4500 (10%). The passenger was also wanted on a Troy Police Department warrant for possession of meth. Bond was \$15,000 (10%). The vehicle was towed. During an inventory search, CPO Goetten located a glass pipe with cannabis residue. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Madison County jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a truck at Chouteau Island in Madison County after watching it run off the roadway. The driver was 13 years old. One passenger was age 14. The driver's stepfather was also in the vehicle and clearly intoxicated. He informed CPO Goetten he was teaching his step daughter how to drive. It was discovered the adult's driver's license was revoked. After interviewing the driver and her step father, CPO Goetten obtained confessions the adult had driven to the area and only recently switched drivers. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the subject failed. He had a BAC of .121%. He was arrested for DUI, DUI with a BAC greater than .08%, driving while license revoked, permitting an unauthorized person to drive and transportation of open alcohol. He was transported to the Madison County jail.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance and CPOT Tanke made contact with a subject involved in misconduct and theft on Lake Springfield. The subject gave the officers a false name and date of birth. When asked to move his vehicle from the boat ramp, the subject entered the vehicle and fled at a high rate of speed. Information from the license plate and rental slips revealed the subject's real name. He was wanted on a weapons charges. The subject was captured later in the evening and additional charges were filed.

CPO Swance was checking fishermen along Lake Springfield and encountered two brothers fishing. One did not have a valid fishing license, however he did have a valid warrant. Subject was cited, arrested and taken to jail.

CPO Swance checked a group fishing at Lake Springfield. Everyone except one man had proper documents. He stated he was just helping. A quick check revealed the subject had two warrants. He was arrested and taken to jail.

CPO Swance was conducting compliance checks on the Sangamon River when he encountered a drunken group fishing. A quick inventory of poles revealed the group had too many poles and not enough fishing licenses. One subject claimed to have not been fishing. A check with State Police indicated a valid warrant. The subject was arrested and taken to jail.

CPO Swance assisted a local police agency with the recovery of a stolen watercraft. The boat was hidden up a local creek and could not be accessed. CPO Swance used his assigned watercraft to navigate the shallow water recovering the stolen watercraft.

CPO Elliott and CPO Swance observed three subjects fishing in a restricted location. After contacting the subjects it was discovered that the three subjects did not have any fishing licenses and one was wanted on a warrant. The three were cited for fishing violations and other subject was arrested on the warrant and taken to jail.

CPO Elliott and CPO Swance conducted compliance checks along the Sangamon River. A subject checked stated he was not fishing but waiting for an unnamed man and women to join him. The Officers spotted a man and women and decided to check the story. The man claimed he was not going fishing and had no license. He was however wanted on a warrant. He was arrested and taken to jail.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Swance and CPO Myers conducted boat checks on the Illinois River during the Redneck Fishing Tournament. A youthful passenger was observed drinking a beer. A quick check revealed the young man was under the age of 21 and very drunk. One passenger admitted to providing the beer. Both subjects were cited.

CPOs Bettis and Elliott assisted site personnel with the Sanganois duck blind drawn. The blind drawing was the largest ever totaling 1416 entries for the duck hunting blinds. In addition, Sgt. Stone and CPO Elliott assisted with the Clear Lake blind drawing at Sandridge State Forest.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO French and CPO Tapley arrested a Walnut Hill subject for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject's BAC was 0.095

CPO Tapley received a call about a possible drowning at Carlyle Lake. A 12 year old was swimming in the lake and began yelling for help. He was wearing a lifejacket, and two fishermen in a boat were able to pull the child from the water. At first the child was unresponsive, but by the time he was airlifted, he was conscious and alert. The child was reported to be doing well.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was working along the Mississippi River when he observed several shore fishermen. A check of one of the fisherman revealed that he had 3 active warrants out of Alton, IL. Two warrants were for failure to appear for driving while license suspended and one was for failure to appear for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. The total for the three warrants was \$10,000. He was also arrested for the active warrant and brought to the Alton Police Department.

CPO Liebl was working checking fishermen along the Mississippi River when he encountered two men fishing. When asked for identification and fishing licenses, one man had an ID but no license. The other man was acting nervous and avoiding the questions. The man acting nervous was also observed smoking cannabis when first seen. When told he was going to be detained until identification could be determined, the man fled from the area. The man that was with him, and his sister who dropped them off, claimed to have just met the man and gave what turned out to be a false name. A few days later, the identity of the man who fled was discovered using open source information. It was found out that the unidentified man and the sister had a child together and the other fisherman use to live with them. The man who fled was also found to have 3 active warrants from 3 different counties. Warrants were sought and obtained for the brother and sister (obstruction of identification) and for the man who fled (resisting a police officer and no fishing license).

CPO Liebl was notified of a stolen vehicle that was found driven into Horseshoe Lake at Horseshoe Lake State Park. The vehicle had been stolen out of Missouri the night before. Pontoon Beach Police Department removed the vehicle and turned the investigation over to the local Missouri police department who filed the report.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a landowner complaint of a subject possibly trespassing and stealing artifacts from private property. CPO Schachner reviewed several photos from the landowner and, after patrolling the property on foot, was able to verify the subject had been trespassing. Prior to interviewing the subject CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop thoroughly investigated a variety of information about the subject and determined the subject was also baiting deer and harassing deer with his ultralight aircraft. The subject was cooperative and honest with the officers and voluntarily produced 18 artifacts to be returned to the rightful owner. The subject was cited for criminal trespass with a mandatory court date and cited for unlawfully baiting/feeding deer. He also received a written warning for harassing deer with aircraft.

CPO French arrested a Huntsville, Texas subject for speeding and driving while under the influence of alcohol. Subject's BAC was .123

CPO Charles was on patrol at the World Shooting Complex during the Grand American Competition. CPO Charles observed a helicopter that had landed near the event center parking lot. CPO Charles made contact with the pilot and determined that he did not have permission to land the helicopter on the facility. CPO Charles cited the pilot for the unlawful activity.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay investigated an incident at the Wayne Fitzgerald Park "Sailboat Harbor" access area of Rend Lake. A Franklin County man was attempting to place his boat on his trailer when his truck and trailer began to roll backward into the lake. An attempt was made to stop the truck but it subsequently sank at the end of the boat launch. The truck and trailer were recovered by a local tow service without incident/injuries.

CPO Lay closed an OUI (operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol) arrest report from June 2016. A Rend Lake boat operator had been arrested in June for OUI. The operator was given court supervision for 24 months and fined \$1,267.00.

CPO Diggins attended a Hunters Field Day at the Rend Lake Visitors Center. Approximately 25 students attended.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a commercial fisherman a citation for not reporting his harvest/catch for the 2015 season by January 31, 2016. The commercial fisherman also had been sent certified letters in May 2016 reminding him of the reporting obligation.

CPO Folden contacted a commercial fisherman who was delinquent in submitting annual catch reports. A written warning was issued.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Lay was able to close out an abandoned property case. A shotgun and case had been left on the 10 Mile Creek Fish and Wildlife property in Hamilton County in early July. An ATF trace was completed on the gun as well as cooperation with the Hamilton County Sheriff's office. The owner was identified and the shotgun was returned to him. It was determined that the gun owner had mistakenly left the gun at the site after shooting clay birds.

CPO Folden attended ARIDE training .

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins attended a Hunter Safety Course at the Harrisburg Hunters Club. Approximately 30 Students attended the course.

OTHER: Randolph County - CPOs Diggins, Lay, Jourdan, Folden and Sgt. Cariens volunteered to work at the Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex during the AIM Youth Shoot and/or the Grand American Trap Shoot.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Roper were working recreational boat enforcement at Lake Sara. While working the lake the CPOs found several equipment violations including 1 written warning for sounding device, 4 written warnings for battery cover, 4 written warnings for PFD violations, 1 written warning for unnumbered watercraft, and 1 written warning for overloading watercraft. CPO Smith issued 1 citation to a watercraft operator for allowing his child under 13 years of age to ride in the watercraft without wearing his life jacket.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Robert Compton observed three subjects fishing at Vandalia Lake. CPO Compton approached the subjects and could smell a strong odor of cannabis. After a brief interview, one of the subjects admitted to having cannabis in his vehicle. A search of the vehicle found 16 grams of cannabis, a cannabis grinder and drug paraphernalia. The subject was also wanted on an arrest warrant. He was transported to the Fayette County Jail and charged with possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and fishing without a fishing license. The other two subjects were also charged with fishing without a fishing license. One of those two subjects received a citation from CPO Compton only a month earlier for fishing without a license and had just paid that ticket a couple of days earlier.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor issued 2 citations to ATV operators for operating on roadway.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Roper were working recreational boat enforcement at Forbes Lake. While working the lake the CPOs found several equipment and park violations including 2 written warnings for battery cover, 2 written warnings for PFD, 1 written warning for sounding device, 1 written warning for no orange flag while towing, 2 written warnings for improper number display, and 1 written warning for possessing alcohol in a prohibited area. CPO Smith issued a citation to a person for possessing alcohol in a prohibited area at Rock Point Beach and 1 citation to a watercraft operator for allowing a passenger to ride on the bow of the boat with her feet hanging into the water.

Marion County (Raccoon Lake)

CPO Smith issued a citation to a fisherman for fishing without a valid sport fish license.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Smith was patrolling the Wabash River and observed a fisherman standing on the bank of an inlet adjacent to the boat ramp at Grayville. The individual was attempting to retrieve his fishing poles when CPO Smith spotted him. CPO Smith asked the individual if he had caught any fish that day. The individual replied and said no. CPO Smith asked him to show him his fishing license. The individual said he did not have a license to fish. CPO Smith issued 1 citation for fishing without a sport fish license to the individual.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek received information from site personnel at Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife regarding the theft of 4 tractor batteries that were removed from tractors on site. A suspect was developed. CPO Vasicek and an Illinois State Police Trooper arrested the subject and a confession was secured on the thefts. The subject had recently been released from prison. The subject whom assisted with the theft was also arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Union County.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers was working recreational boaters at Kinkaid Lake. During a boat safety inspection Somers suspected that the operator was impaired. Subject failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

While patrolling at the Kinkaid Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Mohrman observed a vehicle which was off the roadway parked in a management field. The vehicle was near Kinkaid Lake at a spot which is a favorite swimming hole. Where the vehicle should have parked was close to two miles from the lake, but by unlawfully driving through the fields the

subjects from the vehicle had a much shorter walk. The subject who drove the vehicle onto the property was located and cited.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted ISP with search/manhunt for armed robbery suspect in Massac County.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek observed a vehicle weaving across the center line and onto the shoulder on several occasions. The vehicle almost caused a head on collision. A stop was made. The teenage driver stated that he had been texting and driving. The subject also had suspended driving privileges. Subject was cited for both violations

CPO Vasicek was on duty in Union County heading eastbound into Jonesboro on a state highway. Several vehicles in front of the state squad, a vehicle swerved into the oncoming lane almost causing a head on collision at over 55 miles per hour. Several moments later the vehicle again entered the path of oncoming traffic almost causing collisions. CPO Vasicek was able to get behind the vehicle and get it stopped. The subject was virtually inaudible and failed field sobriety. The subject stated that he had ingested Xanax and possibly opiate based pain killers. The subject was arrested for DUI drugs and incarcerated in the Union County Jail

CPO Vasicek assisted State Police and Union County Sheriff's office with a suicidal subject at a remote campsite in the Shawnee National Forest. CPO Vasicek was first to arrive and the situation was diffused without incident.

CPO Vasicek taught hunter safety/education to approximately 40 youths in Union County

OTHER: Several District 16 officers worked the Grand American Detail over the last two weeks at the World Shooting and Recreation Complex.