



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, 2015)

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 checked three squirrel hunters at French Bluff Natural Area on opening day. Two of the three squirrel hunters were hunting without habitat stamps and did not print off windshield permits. CPO Jones issued written warnings for no habitat stamp and failure to display windshield permits.

While patrolling Mississippi Palisades State Park campground, CPO Jones observed a site with a case of Miller Lite sitting out on the ground by the picnic table. The campers were returning to the site from a walking trail. Further contact revealed the group also had hard liquor. There was cannabis and paraphernalia sitting on the picnic table. CPO Jones issued a citation for the alcohol in a posted prohibited area and arrested the subject with the cannabis and paraphernalia.

CPO Jones responded to a personal injury boat accident after an ambulance call at Big Slough Boat Launch. The accident is still under investigation.

CPO Posateri assisted CPO Jones with a boat accident involving a personal injury on the Mississippi River.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri investigated an abandoned vehicle at Johnson Sauk Tail State Recreation Area. The registered owner from Texas was notified and given the opportunity to remove the vehicle at the owner's expense. However, after the vehicle remained there beyond the time limit, it was towed.

CPO Francisko taught Illinois Conservation laws at a Hunter Safety class. The class was held at the Legion in Kewanee.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Posateri, CPO Teas, CPO Alt, and CPO Hoogerwerf attended a funeral service as honor guards for retired CPO Edward Freeman of Galena.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted boat patrols on the Mississippi River. Written warnings were issued for no type IV throwable device, fishing license not in possession, failure to display orange flag while pulling a skier, no fire extinguisher, passenger location, no lanyard cut off, failure to secure battery, no sounding device and failure to display water usage stamp on a non-powered watercraft.

CPO Hoogerwerf completed a homemade title and registration investigation.

LEE COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Rock River between Sterling and Dixon, CPO Palumbo stopped a pleasure boat that was operating with several young children in it not wearing personal flotation devices. Further investigation revealed that the operator did not have enough PFD's to go around for the adults or the children. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Palumbo arrested a Rock Falls man for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was .158%. This occurred on the Rock River between Sterling and Dixon after CPO Palumbo's patrol boat almost struck the rear end of the vessel that was operating at night with no navigation lights on. A citation was also issued for the lighting violation.

OGLE COUNTY

A 45 year old man from Rochelle was hiding out at White Pines State Park and wanted on a warrant when CPO Beltran ran a computer check on his license plate and discovered he was wanted, armed and dangerous. The man was taken into custody without incident and transported to Ogle County jail.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri worked the duck blind drawing for Pool 16 on the Mississippi River. Nearly 800 people registered for the drawing of 87 blinds.

CPO Posateri arrested a Bluegrass, Iowa, man for OUI on the Mississippi River. The operator gave a breath sample of .113 BAC nearly 2 hours after the CPOs stopped the boat for a random boat safety inspection.

While patrolling Blackhawk State Historic Site, Sgt. Tony Petreikis located a vehicle parked with two occupants. Approaching the vehicle, the driver attempted to hide drug paraphernalia under her leg. The driver was arrested for the possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

While working at Arduini Boat Launch, Sgt. Tony Petreikis conducted a safety inspection on a watercraft. The passenger onboard was found to be in possession of less than 2.5 gr of cannabis. He was arrested for the offense and released.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier **(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

While executing a search warrant, the Boone County Sheriff's Department recognized various wildlife taxidermy mounts within the defendant's residence and called CPO Alt to ensure none of the mounts were threatened, endangered or unlawful to possess.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn (from Region 1, District 6) received a call from Sgt. Frazier about men using a cast net to catch crappie and bass at Lock 2 of the Hennepin Canal. CPO Finn arrived to find four men standing along the bank, one of which was throwing

a cast net. The men were observed throwing the cast net and two of the men were keeping bait fish, however two others were keeping game fish. Three of the men were cited for the illegal method of taking game fish. All four were given warnings for the illegal use of the cast net.

LASALLE COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Starved Rock along the Illinois River, CPO Kaufman found a man in possession of 6 smallmouth bass; all were between 9 and 10 inches in length. A citation was issued.

While checking fishermen at LaSalle Lake, CPO Kaufman found a man in possession of alcohol and a short smallmouth bass. When they walked back to the man's vehicle CPO Kaufman found that the vehicle was parked in a handicapped spot with a handicapped placard was hanging from the rear view mirror. The man did not appear to be disabled so CPO Kaufman ran the placard number. The placard had been issued to the man's mother. The man was issued three citations, including one for the misuse of the handicapped placard.

CPO Jansen arrested a subject on the Illinois River for OUI and with a BAC over .08. The subject had a BAC of .128.

CPO Jansen observed five subjects in a restricted area of Starved Rock. A consent search of one subject's backpack led to the discovery of a pipe, cannabis, and a grinder. Five subjects were issued citations for entering a restricted area. One subject was issued additional citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 gms.

CPOs Jansen and Finn observed four subjects in possession of alcohol on the Starved Rock trails. A consent search led to the discovery of a hitter box and hitter pipe. Four subjects were issued citation for possession of alcohol in a prohibited are. One subject was issued additional citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 gms.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Schoonhoven was dispatched to the campground in Rock Cut State Park in reference to a domestic disturbance. This call resulted in the arrest of the violator for domestic battery and other related charges.

While on Department lands patrol in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed a passenger on a motorcycle not wearing safety glasses as required. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop on the motorcycle and discovered the operator did not have a Class M license or insurance as required. Citations were issued to the operator and the motorcycle was towed from the scene.

CPO Alt and CPO Murry conducted a marked watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County during the Epilepsy Foundation Mud Volleyball fundraiser in the Village of Roscoe. CPOs Alt and Murry conducted watercraft safety inspections to spectators in boats, kept intoxicated participants out of the river for safety and assisted both Roscoe Police and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department in breaking up fights between intoxicated volleyball participants.

CPO Alt was called by Rockford Fire Department Chief and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department to assist in identifying an orange unknown substance floating down the Rock River in Winnebago County. The substance was contained in a large isolated cloud that floated down river. CPO Alt took members of the Rockford Fire Department Hazmat Team out to the site to take water samples and litmus tests both at and below the water surface. Water samples were also taken for environmental testing.

CPO Alt attended the Illinois Conservation Foundation Torstenson Youth Hunting Farm Open House to encourage outdoor recreational activities for Illinois youth. Interactive target shooting with both BB gun and bow and arrow were provided along with mounted and live wildlife displays, food and games for all in attendance

CPO Alt and CPO Murry conducted a boat patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County. Thirteen watercrafts were inspected. Violations addressed included: failure to secure children under 13 in life jackets, violation of a no wake zone,

failure to wear lanyard cut-off during motorboat operation, insufficient number of wearable personal flotation devices, failure to display orange 12" square flag while pulling a skier or tuber, operation of an unnumbered watercraft, and fire extinguisher not in serviceable condition.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

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

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Lazzell investigated a recreational boat accident on the Mississippi River near Oquawka. A 16 ft. Jon boat struck a sandbar and began taking on water due to the watercraft being overloaded. The maximum capacity for this size watercraft is 4 persons. Seven adults and two Labrador Retrievers were on the vessel at the time of the incident. The operator of the boat, all passengers and dogs were safely transported to the boat ramp by emergency personnel. Citations were issued for overloaded motorboat and insufficient wearable PFD's. Four written warnings were also issued for additional boating violations.

CPO Reid cited two Alabama subjects for no valid Illinois non-resident fishing licenses.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a subject near Victoria for driving a motor vehicle with BAC over .08 (DUI). The driver of the vehicle submitted a breath sample into a PBT after attempting to complete field sobriety testing which disclosed a BAC of .253, more than three times the legal limit.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

Two subjects were arrested for the possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. CPO Siedsma and CPO VanWiltenburg detected a strong odor of burnt cannabis emitting from a vehicle stopped at a red light. The vehicle was stopped and the driver and passenger were in possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis and several pieces of paraphernalia.

Illegal fishing details were conducted along the Fox River at each of the river dams over the past few weeks resulting in the arrest of three separate parties for illegally taking sport fish with cast nets. CPO Siedsma responded to one complaint from a local angler who reported one incident, four subjects were issued citations for the unlawful use of cast net to take sport fish and possession of several sport and undersized fish. In addition to responding to complaints, CPOs regularly conducted surveillance operations during peak times resulting in the arrest of another two groups, five subjects in total were charged for the unlawful use of cast net to take sport fish, along with additional appropriate charges.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma and CPO VanWiltenburg conducted boat ramp safety checks, 2 written warnings were issued for equipment violations and operation without proper navigation lights.

Net enforcement was also conducted throughout the weekend, resulting in the arrest of three separate groups of illegal fishermen taking sport fish with cast nets. Over 25 citations were issued for the illegal taking of sport fish.

CPOs Schreiber and VanWiltenburg arrested a subject on Fox Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and having a BAC over 0.08%. Subject blew a 0.220%. A few minutes later a second subject was stopped for operating a watercraft in a posted restricted area. That subject was subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and having a BAC over 0.08%. That subject blew a 0.179%

CPOs Schreiber and VanWiltenburg cited a subject for not having his 5 month old and 3 year old child in lifejackets while operating a watercraft on Pistakee Lake. It was a very busy Sunday afternoon and winds blowing 30 to 35 mph, creating a hazardous condition.

CPO Kelley cited an individual for operation of an unnumbered watercraft on the Chain O' Lakes.

CPO Kelley cited a Round Lake resident for fishing without a valid fishing license on Hook Lake.

CPOs Jason Hurt and Eric Schreiber were conducting routine boat patrol on the Fox Chain O Lakes. In a no-wake channel between Grass Lake and Lake Marie, they observed a boat repeatedly powering up and down and steering from side to side. Upon contact with the operator and during the course of a boat safety inspection, it became evident the operator was impaired. The operator was brought onto the patrol boat and field sobriety testing was administered. A preliminary breath test was administered, which registered a .175 BAC. The operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The operator refused to submit an evidentiary breath sample. The operator was additionally cited for violation of no wake area. The boat was towed and the operator was released on a notice to appear (NTA).

CPOs Jason Hurt and Eric Schreiber responded to a personal injury boat accident on Round Lake. The ensuing investigation determined two friends were operating PWCs in circles in close proximity to each other when the bow of one PWC impacted the port side of the other PWC, ejecting the operator of the struck PWC into the water and rendering him unconscious face-down in the water. The other operator entered the water and rendered aid and the two operators were taken to shore by a Good Samaritan boater. One operator was transported to Advocate Condell Hospital and was released later that evening. Both operators were cited for careless operation of a watercraft, operation of unnumbered watercraft, and were given mandatory court dates

CPO Schreiber arrested a subject fishing at the Chain O' Lakes State Park for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. The subject was also issued a written warning for not having his fishing license in possession.

CPO Wagner issued five IVC citations, four boating citations, and one fish citation. He also conducted an investigation into illegal dumping of household garbage onto public property. Based on a tip and a license plate, he was able to track the violator down and obtain a written confession from him.

CPO Semenik patrolled Countryside Lake in Mundelein. Five written warnings and one citation were issued for various boat registration and safety violations.

MISCELLANEOUS: CPO Davis attended a three day Rifle Armorer course and is now certified as a rifle armorer for the department.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Bergland checked a boat with two fishermen that had failed to be off of State property at Heidecke Lake at the required time. He discovered that they were in possession of a short walleye and were cited for the violation.

CPO Anderson checked fishermen at Mazonia/Braidwood Lake and issued a citation for failure to have a wearable PFD on board a watercraft as required and four warnings for boat violations

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Wollgast and Honiotes responded to a boating accident involving property damage on the Kankakee River in Kankakee County. A female operator had asked permission to ride a personal watercraft that was in possession of some associates. She promptly drove the PWC directly into a pontoon boat a short distance away. In her attempt to return to shore she drove the PWC directly into and over a dock. The owner of the PWC could not be identified as the people involved were uncooperative. Eventually a title for the PWC and trailer was produced, both of which were "open", having been signed by the original owner but not transferred to the "new" owner, who still remained unidentified. The PWC was seized as evidence to be processed and further investigation continues as to the owner's identity. Charges are pending.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid was conducting a patrol of a private quarry for trespassers and illegal fishermen when he observed three individuals sitting on the cliffs typically used for jumping into the quarry. He snuck up close to the individuals and observed them packing a cigar blunt with cannabis. He approached the individuals and all three ended up being juveniles, so he called a parent to come and pick them up. The parent of one of the juveniles showed up and it became apparent that she was driving while impaired. She failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for DUI. She refused to provide a urine/blood sample.

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols of private bodies of water where trespass complaints have been signed. Several citations for fishing without permission were issued.

CPO Reid was patrolling the DuPage River when he observed a male subject in an inflatable raft throw a fast food bag and drink into the water. The subject was stopped and cited for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Reid stopped two individuals fishing on the bridge over Dresden Cooling Lake. The two men were standing in the roadway illegally and were unlawfully fishing between the small gap of the guardrail and the fence. Neither one had a fishing license or permission to fish the property. Citations were issued for the fishing violations.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sgt. Simon attended Dosimetry Control Officer training in Grundy County.

CPOs Reid, Wollgast, Bergland and Honiotes attended training in Grundy County regarding emergency responders to incidents at nuclear facilities.

Sgt. Simon participated in a nuclear preparedness drill for Dresden Generating Station.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Mooi patrolled William Powers SRA and written warnings were issued for traffic violations and water usage stamps.

CPO Mooi patrolled William Powers SRA and a vehicle was stopped for failure to stop at a stop sign. When the vehicle finally stopped for CPO Mooi, two adults and four children exited the vehicle. CPO Mooi asked the driver how many seatbelts there were in the vehicle, the driver replied that there were five. When asked why her young daughter wasn't wearing a seatbelt, the driver told CPO Mooi that they lived up the road and were just coming here quickly. A citation was issued for failure to properly secure a child under 8 years old, and a written warning was issued for failure to stop at a stop sign.

CPO Mooi conducted a vessel inspection for first time kayakers on Wolf Lake. The kayakers had all required safety equipment (price tags still attached) but did not possess water usage stamps. Written warnings were issued.

CPO Macias investigated a minor boat accident that occurred at Burnham Harbor in Chicago, a 55 foot luxury yacht from Ft. Myers Florida was making a right hand turn when its port side engine kept throttling forward while the captain drew the starboard side engine in reverse. This caused a rapid, sharp right turn and the yacht collided with another luxury yacht in a slip. No injuries were reported.

CPO Macias investigated a two boat minor boat accident that occurred in Dusable Harbor in Chicago. A 44 foot boat hit an anchored boat and left the scene without stopping to render aid. CPO Macias tracked down the boat using witness descriptions and photographs taken by the owner of the boat that was hit. CPO Macias found the boat owner and issued a citation for not stopping and rendering aid.

CPO Whitchurch observed an individual fishing at an IDNR owned and managed lake who was fishing with four active lines when the limit was two. The subject was also observed entering the water on foot a long ways into the water. CPO Whitchurch advised the subject of the two poles and line limit and also the restrictions pertaining to wading and swimming. A fishing license check on the subject was conducted. The subject provided CPO Whitchurch with a fishing license which after further investigation was deemed to belong to the subject's brother. The subject was issued multiple citations for the offenses. The fishing license was taken and given back into the custody of the proper owner. The proper owner was not aware his fishing license missing.

CPO Whitchurch conducted boating enforcement during a patrol at Lake Michigan. A citation was issued to a watercraft operator for not having a competent observer on board the watercraft while towing a water skier. The same subject was issued a warning for operating a watercraft without the proper amount of seating on the watercraft while towing a water skier.

While CPO Whitchurch was handling the aforementioned violation, he observed a watercraft come into the boat launch area at a high rate of speed. CPO Whitchurch made contact with that watercraft operator and advised him of the law. CPO Whitchurch issued the subject a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft at greater than no wake speed within 150' of a public boat launch.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a subject towing a water skier without any other person other than the operator on board the watercraft. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the operator and advised that person of the competent observer law while towing a water skier. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Chicago at Lake Michigan waters when he observed two personal watercrafts being operated well after sunset during total darkness. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both operators and advised them it was unlawful to operate personal watercrafts between the hours of sunset to sunrise. Both subjects were issued citations for violating the law.

CPO Whitchurch and Sgt. Shannon conducted two patrols on the Chicago River on back to back dates. One patrol was during the hours of darkness and the other was during the afternoon and evening hours. A total of seven boating citations were issued along with eight written warnings. Violations observed and acted upon were wake zone violations, registration violations, and watercraft equipment violations.

CPO Whitchurch conducted an investigation after a license plate was found on the ground at an IDNR owned and managed property in Cook County. The license plate found on the ground was deemed to there because a vehicle had operated off the roadway attempting to gain entry onto a bike trail, but hit a concrete bollard. The registered owner of the vehicle was contacted and it was then learned who was driving the vehicle when it hit the bollard. The driver of the vehicle was cited for unlawfully driving the vehicle off the roadway and for destruction of state property.

CPO was on patrol during the hours of darkness at Lake Michigan. He observed a personal watercraft being operated well after sunset and before sunrise. CPO Whitchurch was able to make contact with the operator when he returned to the boat launch. CPO Whitchurch advised him of the applicable laws. The subject was issued a citation for unlawfully operating a personal watercraft after sunset and before sunrise. The subject was also issued a written warning for a registration violation.

CPO Whitchurch responded to a reported fish kill on the Des Plaines River in Cook County. CPO Whitchurch as the first responder gathered information and took photographs. CPO Whitchurch in conjunction with IEMA and IEPA coordinated the investigation. Findings are still pending.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Chicago when he observed a subject pulled off the side of the road near the Calumet Watershed. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject dumping old house remodeling trash off on the side of the road into vegetation which he was removing from his vehicle. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and arrested the subject for unlawfully dumping of trash on public property. The subject will be due in court at a later time.

CPO Whitchurch and Sgt. Shannon checked watercrafts at Lake Michigan harbors and also the Chicago River after sunset. Four citations were issued along with seven written warnings. Citations were issued to violators of wake zone laws, registration laws, and required boating safety equipment laws.

CPO Whitchurch observed a youthful operator alone on a boat on Lake Michigan waters. A watercraft safety inspection was completed. It was learned the subject was under the age of 18 and did not possess a valid boating safety course certificate. The watercraft was also lacking proper required safety equipment. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the guardian of the subject and advised the guardian of the youthful operator's law. The guardian was cited for allowing the youthful operator to operate the boat without a person 18 years of age on board. Written warnings were issued for the safety equipment violations.

CPO Whitchurch attended a National Night Out event at the Itasca Police Department. CPO Whitchurch spoke to the public about the importance of outdoor recreational safety and the importance of natural resource protection.

CPO V. Smith while on a boat patrol on Lake Michigan issued a citation and a warning for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol in William Powers State Recreation Area issued citations for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license and warnings for speeding, failure to stop at stop sign, no water usage stamp on kayak and fishing license not in possession.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Montrose Harbor issued a citation and a warning for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Diversey Harbor issued a citation and warning for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and warnings for operation of a watercraft without type IV PFD, operation of watercraft with expired fire extinguisher and operation of personal watercraft after sunset.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at William Powers State Recreation Area issued two citations for failure to immediately release short fish (largemouth bass and walleye), citations for no wearable PFD on watercraft, operation of a vehicle with no valid driver's license and two citations for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license. Warnings were issued for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license, improper license display, disobeying a traffic control device and three warnings for failure to stop at stop sign.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a subject fishing in Wilmette Harbor for possession of a short Rainbow trout.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi investigated numerous trapping complaints in DuPage County. Written warnings and nuisance removal permits were issued where appropriate.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted patrols of Illinois Beach State Park. A citation was issued for possession of alcohol where restricted.

CPO Mooi conducted a boat safety inspection on a vessel at North Point Marina. The operator was issued a warning for not having a visual distress signal as required on Lake Michigan. The operator was instructed not to take the boat out until it was equipped with flares.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Waukegan Harbor issued a citation for failure to have wearable PFDs onboard watercraft while underway and a warning for failure to have flares onboard while operating watercraft on Lake Michigan.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations for alcohol in a restricted area while patrolling Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Vaughan arrested a subject for disobeying a traffic control device and driving while license revoked at Illinois Beach State Park.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Wellum arrested an Indiana man for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia in Fox Ridge State Park.

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum investigated a boat accident where a Terre Haute, Indiana, man was struck by a prop while he attempted to get into a boat after being on a tube on Mill Creek Lake. Subject had multiple lacerations and was transported to hospital via ambulance for treatment. Boat belongs to subject living in Marshall. Citations are still pending for registration violation.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPOs Barnes and Moody were on patrol in Cumberland County along the Embarras River when they observed two men from Neoga fishing. As the officers approached the subjects they observed a "hitter" pipe made out of deer antler sitting in the bed of the truck where one subject was standing. The subject admitted it was his pipe and also had a bag of cannabis in his pocket. The subject was arrested for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The other subject was cited for no fishing license.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While on Lake Shelbyville boat patrol, CPO Barnes and Mueller arrested a Sullivan subject for operating under the influence of alcohol in Moultrie County. The subject had a BAC of .119.

A Lovington subject was cited for pollution of a waterway when he was found throwing his beer cans into the weeds while fishing on the Okaw River.

CPO Mueller cited a Sullivan subject for trespass to railroad property for preparing to jump off the Findlay Bridge over Lake Shelbyville in Moultrie County.

While checking fishermen at the Denham Pit Access along the Kaskaskia River, CPO Moody arrested a Decatur man for fishing with no valid license, fleeing, obstructing identification, as well as a \$15,000 warrant out of Piatt County. After giving CPO Moody a fake name and birthdate, the man fled through the woods. With it being dark and the man not knowing the area, he hurt his leg while running through the woods and eventually was found after giving up running. The man also panicked when he saw the headlights of the squad prior to being checked and threw his fishing pole into the middle of the river to make it look as if he wasn't fishing. The man was taken to the Moultrie County Jail where the paramedics were waiting to check his injured leg. The man's girlfriend received a written warning for fishing with no valid license.

CPO Moody cited a Brownstown man for placing large wooden debris into Lake Shelbyville.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for pollution of a waterway in Shelby County.

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Shelbyville man for speeding and issued a written warning for passing on the right shoulder on Rte. 128 in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Trent Reeves and CPO Matt Graden were conducting boat patrol on Clinton Lake. At approximately 9:30 p.m. they stopped a vessel for violating a posted no wake zone. The operator exhibited slurred speech, a strong odor of alcoholic beverage was present about his boat and he displayed indicators of impairment during afloat field sobriety testing. Subsequently, the 47 year old male, from Monticello, was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He submitted to an evidentiary breath test which disclosed his blood alcohol concentration was .122%.

CPO Trent Reeves and CPO Matt Graden were on Clinton Lake conducting recreational boat enforcement during the evening of Sunday, August 09. At around 5:40 p.m. CPO Graden observed a watercraft being operated on plane with two teenage females dangerously lying across the stern deck with their feet dangling off the back of the boat, just above the running prop. The vessel was stopped to address the unsafe operation and to conduct a boat safety inspection. The 58 year old male operator, from Lincoln, was issued a citation for unlawfully allowing a watercraft passenger to ride on the stern deck (passenger location violation).

CPO Viverito was focusing on fish enforcement in DeWitt and McLean counties on 8/11 and 8/12. The detail, although during the week, resulted in two drug arrests, two fishing license citations and two written warnings.

CPO Schultz and CPO Viverito were patrolling Clinton Lake by boat. The two CPO's arrested three individuals for operating under the influence of alcohol within approximately four hours. Some of the operators were twice the legal limit of .08.

CPO Reeves made an arrest of two male subjects from Decatur for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The arrest occurred while CPO Reeves was checking fishermen off of the Dewitt Bridge at Clinton Lake.

CPO Reeves made an arrest of two male subjects from Bloomington for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The arrest occurred while CPO Reeves was checking fishermen near the Rte. 48 Bridge at Clinton Lake.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic was patrolling Fall Creek when he caught a group wading in the water. One subject was wanted on a failure to appear (FTA) warrant out of Pike County. The warrant was for no seat belt and illegal transportation of alcohol. The subject was transported to the Adams County Jail.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt responded to an abandoned boat found adrift on the Mississippi River with fishing gear in it. The owner of the boat was eventually located, even though the registered owner was not the owner of the boat. The boat was returned and a citation was issued for failure to transfer certificate of number.

CPO Weishaupt also identified the above subject as the person who had dumped a couch and chair at Red's Landing Boat Ramp parking lot. The subject confessed to the dumping, and a citation was issued for illegal dumping.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten checked a fisherman on the Illinois River. Upon inspecting the subject's fishing license, CPO Goetten discovered discrepancies in the listed physical indicators. An interview was conducted and it was determined the subject could not obtain a fishing license due to back pay on child support. The fishing license presented belonged to an acquaintance. He was arrested for obstructing a police officer, fishing without a license, and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten conducted a stop on a vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. The driver was wanted on a Jersey County arrest warrant for contempt of court. His driver's license was also suspended and the vehicle was not insured. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County Jail. Bond on the warrant was \$6000 (10%).

CPO Goetten stopped a subject on a motorcycle with a passenger for driving 107 MPH in a 55 MPH zone on Route 100. The driver was arrested for reckless driving and speeding.

CPOs Goetten and Weishaupt stopped a personal watercraft on the Mississippi River in Calhoun County. The operator was not wearing a personal flotation device. He showed signs of alcohol impairment prior to and during field sobriety testing. He was arrested for OUI. He refused chemical testing.

CPO Goetten checked two fishermen for compliance on the Mississippi River. One was in possession of two items of drug paraphernalia and hashish oil. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County Sheriff's Department.

CPO Goetten checked four fishermen in a boat on the river in Jersey County. One of the subjects was wanted on an IDNR warrant out of Madison County for driving while license suspended, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and transported to the Madison County jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle with a broken windshield in Madison County. The driver was wanted on a Jersey County arrest warrant for contempt of court. His driver's license was also suspended and the vehicle was not insured. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail. He was charged in Madison County for driving while license suspended, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, and the defective windshield.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wichern attended a hunter safety class in Beardstown where 43 young hunters successfully completed the course in order to obtain their first hunting license.

CPOs Wichern and Cochran investigated a commercial boat accident on the Illinois River near Beardstown involving a loaded 15 section Kentucky barge colliding with a moored 53' Wisconsin yacht with a crew of three sleeping passengers. No injuries were reported.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran arrested a male and female subject at Sangchris Lake State Park for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and more than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The male subject was also cited for unlawfully setting a campfire in a state park.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted sport fish enforcement in Mason County at Riverfront Park in Havana. The eight boat safety inspections and six sport fishing checks resulted in CPO Elliott issuing five written warnings ranging from operation of a watercraft without a lanyard (three), battery cover (one), and Type IV throwable seat cushion (one). CPO Elliott explained the importance of each violation and how to correct them.

CPO Elliott performed a security detail with several other CPOs at the Grand American Shoot in Sparta. This particular event was focused on young youth trap shooters. CPO Elliott answered many questions regarding hunting, fishing, and firearm laws in Illinois.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern charged a subject with unlawfully capturing a baby mallard hen during closed season and leg banding her with black zip ties on a private pond south of Jacksonville.

CPOs Wichern, Blakeley and Cochran received a call from a commercial fisherman who reported 5-8 missing hoop nets a couple days before. CPOs Wichern, Blakeley, and Cochran responded to the location. After a brief interview of a suspect by the three CPOs, the suspect admitted to taking six nets and was charged with six counts of disturbing commercial fishing gear. The nets were returned to their owner.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLINTON COUNTY

CPOs Tapley, Lentz, Liebl, French and Ray responded to a report of a man who had jumped into the Kaskaskia River off of a boat in the area of New Memphis. Numerous other volunteer agencies and friends of the victim came to assist in the

search. The CPOs and volunteers worked late into the night and the next two days looking for the missing man. He was located a short distance down river two days later. The incident is still under investigation.

CPO Tapley assisted the Clinton County Sheriff's Department with locating a man wanted on an outstanding warrant. After Clinton County deputies arrested the man, CPO Tapley spoke with another person who was also there. That man was found to have two warrants for his arrest out of Clinton County. CPO Tapley arrested him and transported him to the county jail.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed four people sitting at a campsite but not camping. Open alcohol and a one hitter were found on the picnic table where the group was. Only one of the four persons was 21 years of age or over. A pregnant 20 year old female claimed possession of the one hitter and pipe from the picnic table. A 21 year old male was found in possession of a metal pipe, a glass pipe, and two small plastic bags of suspected cannabis. He was also in possession of an "herbal potpourri" that he was smoking. All subjects were warned about being in the campground while not camping. The female was cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The 21 year old was cited for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and gift of alcohol to a minor. The herbal potpourri was submitted to the crime lab for testing. Possible charges for synthetic cannabis are pending based on the crime lab results.

CPO Liebl was patrolling Madison County when a vehicle pulled out in front of him without stopping at a stop sign. The vehicle then drove down the wrong side to the road before weaving back and forth a few more times, all the while accelerating to 74 mph in a 55 mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. The driver had a suspended license and no insurance. He also had the strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath. After field sobriety testing was conducted, the man was placed under arrest for DUI. The man submitted to a breath test which showed a breath alcohol concentration of .237, almost three times the legal limit. The man had his 13 year old niece and 18 year old nephew in the vehicle with him. His niece and nephew were picked up by their mom. The driver was cited for his traffic violations, driving on a suspended license, no insurance, and DUI.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Liebl and CPO Lentz assisted Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Hillsboro Police Department with apprehending a robbery suspect who was hiding in a Hillsboro residence.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Charles attended a Hunter Safety Course at the Schuline Rod and Gun Club in Randolph County.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

While CPO Rolfingsmeier was working sport fishing enforcement at Frank Holten State Park he came across a sport fisherman. CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted a compliance check and discovered an 8" largemouth bass under a towel. The legal limit at Frank Holten State Park is 14". CPO Rolfingsmeier asked the fisherman about the largemouth bass and the fisherman said he thought it was a bluegill. CPO Rolfingsmeier issued the fisherman a citation for keeping the short largemouth bass. When CPO Rolfingsmeier was issuing the fisherman the citation the fisherman said he knew it was a largemouth bass and was sorry for lying to try to get out of a ticket.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working traffic enforcement at Frank Holten State Park pulled over a vehicle for speeding and the driver was driving on a suspended license. Two citations were issued, one for driving while suspended and a citation was issued for speeding in the park.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles attended a Hunter Safety Course at the Elkhorn Hunting and Fishing Club in Washington County.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay conducted a random timber buyer license inspection on a Franklin County timber buyer license holder. The timber buyer had not paid any 4% harvest fee for the three year reporting period. The buyer's records indicated the purchase of timber from 2012-2015. Charges, as well as 4% harvest fees owed, late fees, and penalties are pending.

CPO Folden arrested an individual on Rend Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject's blood alcohol concentration was .115%.

CPO Williams arrested a man for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (OUI) with an alcohol content of .196%, operation of a personal watercraft without a life jacket and reckless operation of a personal watercraft. The arrest stemmed out of complaints from boaters that the man came within a foot of their boat and splashed them with a wake, then came back did the same thing while in a no wake zone. The second pass, the PWC operator broke a fishing line of a fisherman on the boat. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rangers and Franklin County Sheriff Deputy's assisted with the initial call.

CPO Williams forwarded two reports to the Franklin County State's Attorney for review. One identifies a person operating a watercraft while under a period of suspension. The other stems from two separate instances of persons selling/transferring the same watercraft without a title.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPOs Johnson and Schoenhoff are investigating deer poaching complaint.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden closed an ongoing investigation involving harassment of Canada Geese on the McLeansboro Reservoir. A complaint from the public was forwarded to CPO Folden through the McLeansboro Police Department in reference to a tan Chevrolet truck with two occupants who allegedly ran over Canada Geese near the property owned by the City of McLeansboro. The complainant alleged the pickup truck sped up in excess of the 20 mph speed limit, swerved off of the roadway, and ran over a Canada goose in June of 2014. No license information was available and no suspects identified. In June of 2015, a similar complaint was reported. McLeansboro Police Department Officers obtained some more detailed information through a confidential source. CPO Folden interviewed three suspects, all of which were involved. After clearing up differences in the young men's stories in an attempt to reveal the truth, one suspect admitted to driving the vehicle and intentionally killing four Canada Geese with his vehicle. One citation was issued for unlawful take of Canada Geese during a closed season.

CPO Folden concluded an investigation involving information forwarded by a Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy in regards to poaching deer in Hamilton County. CPO Folden took the information and successfully identified several violations of the wildlife code from the 2014 deer season and even unlawful take of deer in Hamilton County during the month of June 2015. The three subjects identified to be involved received a total of 20 citations. CPO Folden seized two compound bows, one shotgun, and two deer racks. Total deer identified to have been illegally harvested was five. The charges included unlawful take of deer during a closed season, unlawful use of lights from a vehicle to take deer, unlawful take of deer between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise, unlawful hunting after already harvesting the legal limit, and wanton waste. Two of the three subjects remain in jail on previous criminal charges.

CPO Jourdan spoke to 25 kids from East St. Louis that traveled to Frey Farms in Hamilton County. The event was organized by the Illinois Conservation Foundation and the Jackie Joyner-Kersey Foundation. The kids walked through the wildlife trailer and learned about the duties of a Conservation Police Officer.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan continued working on an in-depth timber audit.

CPO Jourdan investigated a report of a wolf in captivity in Jefferson County. The animal turned out to be a hybrid from a wolf and a domesticated dog. The couple was not in violation of the Endangered Species Act. They were in fact in violation with regulations handled by local Animal Control. The case was referred to Jefferson County Animal Control.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPOs Johnson and Schoenhoff worked the details at the World Shooting and Recreation Complex in Sparta.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins is working on timber buyer audits.

CPO Schoenhoff taught the law portion of a hunter safety class in Harrisburg.

CPO Johnson issued a citation to an individual for unlawful transportation of alcohol.

SANGAMON/RECRUIT TRAINING: CPO Folden and his wife Kathleen Folden volunteered to speak at the IDNR Academy to the new Conservation Officer Trainees and their significant others. The topic of discussion was "CPO Family Life". Information presented was based on the Folden's family's experiences as a law enforcement family. It also included information CPO Folden gained through training including "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement" and "The Will to Survive". CPO Folden and his wife were complimented by several positive comments from the new CPOTs and their spouses in regards to the voluntary program. The Folden's hope the program was successful and could grow in order to benefit the Illinois Conservation Police.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith and Sergeant David Hyatt responded to a rural area in south-central Effingham County in reference to individuals riding on ATVs with digging tools. The officers waited for approximately four hours and heard the ATVs rolling into the suspect's house. CPO Smith and Sergeant Hyatt drove into the suspect's driveway with Sergeant Hyatt's unmarked squad just as the suspects were exiting their ATVs. There were two ATVs carrying a total of three people. The suspects were in possession of several large bags of golden seal. Upon further examination of one of the suspects ATVs, CPO Smith found a small bag of ginseng root that was concealed in the front compartment of the ATV. When questioned about the rest of the ginseng by CPO Smith and Sergeant Hyatt, one of the suspects stated he had some in the refrigerator in the house. CPO Smith followed the suspect into the residence and was shown two bags containing ginseng within the refrigerator. CPO Smith seized the ginseng and advised all suspects that they would be receiving citations at a later date. Total weight of ginseng seized equals 1.96 pounds.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol in Fayette County, CPO Holland observed a subject operating a boat. CPO Holland conducted a boat safety inspection and immediately noticed the boat operator was impaired. After conducting field sobriety tests, CPO

Holland arrested the subject for operating under the influence. The subject was transported to the Fayette County Jail where he gave a breath sample indicating a blood alcohol level of .172. The subject remained in the custody of the Fayette County Sheriff's Department.

JASPER COUNTY

Sgt. Hyatt reports the disposition of a theft on state property which occurred at the Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. A total of over \$15,000.00 worth of tools were stolen. All of the tools were recovered and two subjects were arrested for theft and possession/manufacture of meth. One of the subjects pleaded guilty to theft and meth charges and received five years in DOC. The second subject pleaded guilty to theft and paid fines over \$3,000.00 and was placed on a two year probation.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor and a Lawrence County Deputy received information that a subject was keeping ginseng at his father's home. CPO Taylor spoke to the subject's father and the father consented to a search of the home. During the search five pounds of dry ginseng was found. Charges are pending. From the same case, an accomplice was interviewed by CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt and no ginseng was found at his residence but he had five coons and one beaver hide from last season in the freezer. Subject was issued citation for possession of green fur more than 20 past seasons.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPOs Somers and Vasicek patrolled Kinkaid Lake and surrounding lands. Various citations were issued including: lack of wearable life jackets aboard watercraft (multiple), operating a jet ski without wearing PFD, possession of alcohol in restricted area, possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Multiple written warnings were issued for various watercraft equipment and operation violations. Many intoxicated subjects were encountered on boats although none were operating. Multiple intoxicated occupants of boats stated that they don't allow operators to drink because "we know you guys are out here" (Conservation Police).

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted timber transportation enforcement details in Johnson and Pulaski County, inspecting log trucks and noting new logging operations underway.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis worked the Sparta Shooting Complex Detail. During the detail, he assisted with multiple vehicle accident investigations and provided security on the complex.

CPO Lewis responded to a timber theft complaint in Perry County. The complainant advised he was part owner of a piece of property. The co-owners of the property made a deal with a timber buyer to sell the timber without notifying the complainant. The complaint remains under investigation.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Mohrman investigated a fall from a cliff which occurred at Giant City State Park. A 17 year old subject attempting to rock climb fell approximately 30 feet off a cliff edge landing on the wooden boardwalk of the Giant City Nature Trail. Due to the head trauma incurred by the youth he was airlifted to a hospital in St. Louis. Fortunately the subject had no broken bones or internal injuries and only suffered scrapes and bruises. The subject stated to CPO Mohrman that he did not break any bones because he drinks a lot of milk.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Vasicek conducted boat patrols on Kinkaid Lake and Lake of Egypt. Several written warnings were issued for minor boating violations. Citations were issued for possession of alcohol in restricted area and unlawful passenger location.