



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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

While on a boat patrol on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River, CPO Palumbo issued a Downers Grove man a citation and multiple written warnings for not having a sufficient number of wearable PFDs of appropriate size, no type IV onboard, and for being in possession of several live threeridge mussels in his livewell.

CPO Jones arrested a Rochelle woman for driving while license suspended and no insurance. The woman was also issued warnings for no front license plate, failure to signal a turn, and disobeying a stop sign.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri received a call from a Galva man who wanted to turn himself in for shooting a badger out of season. He thought it was a ground hog; but after shooting it, he discovered that it was a male badger. He was issued a citation for the unlawful taking of a protected species, and several other written warnings were issued. Badgers are only allowed to be taken during the trapping season, and only one per season is allowed in the North zone.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPOs Jones and Palumbo arrested a Galena man on Pool 12 of the Mississippi River for OUI. He was also issued written warnings for a non-serviceable sounding device and batteries not covered.

CPO Jones cited a Galena man at Lake Galena for failure to have enough life jackets on his boat. He was also issued a warning for not having a throwable device.

LEE COUNTY

While on a boat patrol of the Rock River, CPOs Posateri and Teas stopped a boat for a safety inspection; and the driver was found to be intoxicated (BAC of .104%). The boat operator admitted to taking several shots of liquor and drinking beer. As CPO Posateri arrested the operator for OUI, CPO Teas addressed the smell of burnt cannabis. The passengers were given civil citations for: 1) possession of cannabis; 2) possession of a pipe used to smoke cannabis; and 3) edible cannabis in the form of gummy bears.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

While on a boat patrol of Pool 14 of the Mississippi River, CPO Palumbo issued an Albany man a citation and written warnings for operating a personal watercraft while not wearing a PFD and having improper display of registration.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Beltran and Sgt. Petreikis patrolled Pool 17. CPO Beltran arrested two OUI subjects. One local man was arrested for his second OUI in 14 years.

CPO Francisko worked several boat and general patrols on the Rock and Mississippi rivers. Thirty-one written warnings were issued for boating, fishing, and other violations. One citation was issued to a Hampton man for not ensuring his ten-year-old passenger was wearing a PFD while out fishing from a boat on the Mississippi River.

CPO Francisko conducted multiple boat safety inspections. Ten written warnings were issued for various boating violations. A boating registration citation was issued to a man for not transferring the registration into his name. He also issued a citation to a man operating an ATV in a public park area.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran responded to a complaint that a Freeport resident had a raccoon taken from the wild and was keeping it as a pet. Upon arrival, the raccoon was found to be domesticated and begging for food. CPO Beltran transported the animal to a licensed animal rehabilitator, and the woman was issued a citation for taking the raccoon from the wild and keeping it as a pet.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking individuals at the Hennepin Canal, CPO Wagner cited one individual for a child under 13 not wearing life jacket.

CPO Wagner cited six individuals for speed violations. Warnings were also issued for minor equipment violations. He also conducted two hunter safety courses.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Finn responded to a 911 call from Matthiessen State Park concerning two men with guns. The call turned out to be two men who were legally squirrel hunting. Then men were checked and found to have everything required to legally hunt at the site.

CPO Jansen observed a subject on a motorcycle traveling 113 mph on I-39. The motorcycle was stopped, and the rider was arrested for reckless driving, speeding more than 40 mph above the posted speed limit, and no proof of insurance.

CPO Jansen attended a nuclear emergency drill with various state agencies.

CPO Jansen stopped a vehicle for traveling 42 mph in a 25-mph speed zone in Starved Rock State Park. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was charged with no valid driver's license and speeding.

While patrolling Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited eight individuals for entering a restricted area and possession of alcohol in restricted area.

While conducting boat enforcement on the Illinois River, CPO Wagner wrote multiple warnings for various minor boat violations.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson received a trespassing complaint. He and CPO Elliott responded, and two male subjects were observed fishing without permission on private property. In addition, one of the individuals was in the water and attempting to snag fish. The men were cited for fishing without permission, and written warnings were issued for illegal snagging.

CPO Thompson issued a citation and a written warning to a man for a 2012 case of unlawful use of another's permit.

CPO Thompson issued written warnings to an individual who took two wild turkeys without a hunting license and habitat stamp.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs Elliott, Gerard, and Lazzell, along with Sgt. Petreikis, conducted a recreational boat enforcement detail. Several vessels were inspected which resulted in one OUI arrest, one citation for insufficient PFDs, and three written warnings for a battery cover violation, overcapacity, and failure to wear a lanyard.

CPO Lazzell cited a fisherman at Lake Camelot for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and fishing without a valid fishing license.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Gerard arrested an individual for unlawfully operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .188%).

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

While on a boat patrol of Pool 21 on the Mississippi River, CPO Wheatley conducted a safety inspection on a vessel. During the inspection, the operator showed signs of impairment. Field sobriety testing was performed, and the man was arrested for OUI.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Goetten, along with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department K-9 unit, stopped a vehicle along the river. The driver was arrested because he had a suspended license. He also was in possession of several drug paraphernalia items and approximately 29 grams of cannabis.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a subject who had littered from a vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park, and the odor of burnt cannabis was detected inside the vehicle. A search revealed some illegally possessed pills, 10-30 grams of cannabis, and

numerous drug paraphernalia items. The driver was arrested for the unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of 10-30 grams of cannabis. A passenger was cited for littering.

CPOs Lentz and Goetten patrolled the Illinois River by boat, and a boat with fishermen was stopped. Several violations were observed, and appropriate enforcement action was taken. One subject was wanted on a Madison County arrest warrant for domestic battery. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County Jail.

CPO Goetten conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle and arrested the subject for driving 115 mph in a 55-mph speed zone.

CPO Goetten checked a fisherman for compliance on the Illinois River. The subject provided an Illinois resident fishing license, but the subject's vehicle registration and identification confirmed he resided in Missouri. He admitted he had falsified residency in Illinois since the 1970s to obtain a license at a cheaper price. He was cited for providing fraudulent information to obtain a resident license and fishing without a valid license.

CPO Goetten checked two fishermen from Missouri along the Illinois River. Neither had a fishing license, and one man was wanted on a no bond warrant for burglary. He was arrested on the warrant, and both were cited for fishing without a license.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Fraser stopped a vehicle traveling without visible registration. The driver stated he recently purchased the pickup truck and was transporting it to "Mudfest" where it would stay and not be driven on the road. The driver did not have registration or insurance for the vehicle. CPO Fraser detected the strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle, and a subsequent search uncovered less than 10 grams of cannabis and cannabis paraphernalia. The driver was given citations for driving without insurance, civil cannabis, and paraphernalia and released.

CPO Fraser cited an angler for fishing without a fishing license. The angler's license privileges were suspended for not paying child support.

CPO Fraser cited an individual for littering cigarette butts into the Sangamon River.

CPO Fraser worked in the Conservation Police tent at the Illinois State Fair and drove in the Twilight Parade.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

CPOs Blakeley, Fraser, Gilmer, and Wichern conducted boat patrols during the Redneck Fishing Tournament in the Bath chute on the Illinois River. Numerous boats were inspected during the two-day tournament. Warnings were issued for not wearing cutoff lanyards, fire extinguishers, type IV throwable PFDs, and careless operation for boaters following too closely to another vessel. Citations were issued to boaters who failed to require their children (under age 13) to wear life jackets while the boat was underway.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias was on patrol on Lake Springfield when he came across a subject fishing who did not have a fishing license. The subject was from New York and did not speak English. The subject called a family member to serve as a translator. Through the interpreter, CPO Macias issued a citation and explained the methods to take care of the violation.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

While checking fishermen, CPO Knop observed a fisherman using a cast net while another person watched. Every time the net was brought in, both people shouted ecstatically as the contents of the net were dumped into a 5-gallon bucket. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the fishermen had primarily been netting crappie and bluegill. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Vaughan and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject had just left a bar on Grass Lake and collided into a second vessel, causing enough damage to sink the boat in a matter of minutes. The preliminary investigation indicated a breath alcohol content of .193%.

CPOs Vaughan and VanWiltenburg cited a subject on a jet ski on the Fox River for towing a person without an observer, an improperly fitted life jacket on a young child, no orange flag, improper registration, and no cut-off switch installed on the personal watercraft.

LAKE COUNTY

While on a boat patrol on the Chain O'Lakes, CPO Davis and Sgt. Schreiber observed a boat on plane violating the posted no wake area of Grass Lake. A boat stop was initiated, and the operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. She was arrested and supplied a breath sample showing a BAC of .182%. In a separate incident, CPO Davis and Sgt. Schreiber observed another boat on plane violating the posted no wake area of Grass Lake. A boat stop was initiated, and the operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He supplied a breath sample showing a BAC of .137%, and he was arrested for OUI. The same subject was arrested for OUI by Sgt. Schreiber and CPO Davis in 2017.

CPO Vaughan attended the National Night Out event in Arlington Heights.

CPOs Vaughan, Semenik, and Knop, along with Sgt. Schreiber, attended the outdoor cookout and fishing derby for the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County. The officers assisted with all aspects of the fishing derby and helped multiple kids and young adults catch their first fish.

CPO Vaughan and Sgt. Schreiber assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Marine Unit with a drowning investigation on Petite Lake.

CPOs Semenik and Knop arrested a subject on Nippersink Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject had a BAC of 0.143%.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis 10-30 grams and drug paraphernalia.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Semenik and Davis were patrolling a gravel pit pond that was posted as no trespassing when they observed three subjects fishing in the area. One subject was found to be in possession of 21 grams of cocaine. He was transported to the McHenry County Jail and charged with a Class 1 Felony. The other two subjects were cited for fishing without permission and released at the scene.

While conducting a boat patrol on Wonder Lake, CPOs Davis and Semenik observed a boat traveling without navigation lights when required. A boat stop was initiated, and the operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He submitted to a portable breathalyzer test showing a concentration of .099%, and he was refused chemical testing. He was arrested for OUI.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Honiotes responded to a complaint of an injured eagle and transported it to a licensed rehabilitator.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber issued written warnings for watercraft violations on the Kankakee River.

CPO Farber checked fishermen along the Kankakee River. Two men were found to be fishing without a license, and enforcement action was taken.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland participated in the Chicagoland Emergency Vehicle Parade and Show with his squad and new District 3 patrol boat. That combination won "Best In-Service Police Vehicle" at the show.

CPO Bergland and Sgt. Wollgast assisted the Kendall County Sheriff's Department when human remains were found by volunteers picking up trash on an island in the Fox River near Montgomery. The responding deputies, investigators, coroners, and specialists were transported back and forth across the shallow river via the use of the Department's airboat.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid took a report of a lost/stolen watercraft on the Kankakee River. A heavily intoxicated individual was transported from Grape Island by EMS, and his jet ski was left beached on the island. When he returned the next day,

his jet ski was no longer there. The watercraft and its parts have been entered as stolen, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPOs Reid and Honiotes received a call from two boaters on the Kankakee River regarding a large group of individuals setting illegal trout lines and limb lines along the bank. The two groups got in a verbal altercation after the boats got tangled in the illegal trout lines. Enforcement action was taken against the group for: unlawful devices, no fishing license, alcohol in a restricted area, and having an unauthorized camp fire.

CPO Reid observed a small jon boat without valid registration on the Kankakee River. The small watercraft had four occupants (including two children) and appeared very undersized for the river conditions and heavy recreational traffic as it bounced around off the wake from larger boats. Contact was made with the vessel, and it was discovered they did not have life jackets, a throwable floatation device, or other required safety equipment. The boat also did not have valid registration and was over its passenger capacity. Multiple citations/warnings were issued.

CPO Anderson responded to a call regarding a deceased subject in Kankakee River State Park. The investigation is being conducted by CPO Anderson, Illinois State Police, and the coroner's office.

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

COOK COUNTY

While assigned to patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary observed a man fishing. The man claimed that he was holding the pole for his wife. A warning was issued for no valid sport fishing license, and he was educated on how to obtain a license should he decide to fish in the future. During the patrol, he also issued a written warning to a fisherman who was parked in a restricted area. A warning was issued to a boater for unsecured batteries and no type IV throwable onboard his vessel.

CPO Stanbary conducted fish enforcement at Wolf Lake and noticed a fisherman that had drug paraphernalia laying on top of his backpack. The fisherman acknowledged that the silver cannabis grinder was his. When questioned further, he handed over a glass cannabis pipe. The items were seized, and the fisherman was issued a civil cannabis violation. CPO Stanbary also conducted multiple inspections on both powered and non-powered watercraft at the boat ramp of Wolf Lake.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to the owner of a boat who was unlawfully renting his boat to clients without the proper licensing and inspections required by law. In a separate incident, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a boater in Burnham Harbor for no fire extinguisher, unsecured batteries, and no fishing license in possession.

CPO Stanbary conducted a joint boat patrol with CPO Mooi on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. During the patrol, multiple boat safety inspections were completed which resulted in 11 written warnings being issued by CPO Stanbary for equipment and registration violations. A warning was also issued to a personal watercraft operator for operating after sunset. The CPOs also assisted in providing a security perimeter for the Navy Pier fireworks. Later in the patrol, CPO Mooi arrested a boater for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman on the Calumet River for fishing with no valid sport fishing license.

A visitor at William W. Powers State Recreation Area was issued a written warning after he was found in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. The alcohol was discarded, and the subject was reminded that alcohol is prohibited in the park.

A 16-year-old ATV rider was stopped by a CPO after he was found operating in William W. Powers State Recreation Area. The rider was educated on rules relating to the lawful operation of an ATV and that ATVs were not allowed on state property. The rider was issued a written warning and left the site without incident.

CPO Stanbary stopped a vehicle after observing the two occupants smoking cannabis. The CPO found a large baggy of cannabis, two metal grinders, and a pipe hidden in a supplement container. The contraband was seized, and a civil cannabis citation was issued to the passenger.

CPO Ausmus attended a National Night Out event with the Alsip Police Department.

CPO Ausmus checked two anglers at a local pond. He inspected the fish they had caught and found the anglers to be in possession of an over-limit of blue gill. He explained the violation and provided them both a copy of the fishing digest. Each received a written warning for the violation.

CPO Ausmus conducted fishing enforcement at area ponds and observed three subjects fishing in the far back corner of a pond. When he returned to that area a short time later, he observed two male subjects in the same spot as earlier. CPO Ausmus talked with the third angler near his vehicle. The subject produced a valid sport fishing license and stated he had no fish. CPO Ausmus continued around the pond. Halfway back, the two anglers from earlier approached him. They stated they were not fishing and had not caught any fish. CPO Ausmus continued down to the area where he first observed them, and he located a large mouth bass in a bucket, along with two fishing poles with baited hooks in the water. One rod and reel was laying in the water, atop the moss and weeds. CPO Ausmus ordered all three subjects back to the fishing spot and asked for an explanation. Both subjects admitted to fishing, and neither of them had licenses. The licensed angler admitted the bass was his, but he was not sure it was long enough to keep. The bass was measured, and it was of legal size. The two anglers were issued citations for unattended sport fishing devices and warnings for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. The owner of the pole that was in the pond was also issued a written warning for pollution of a waterway.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPO Sanford observed two personal watercrafts operating with no valid registration sticker. A boat safety inspection was conducted on each vessel, and both watercraft were missing the required safety equipment. The operator of each watercraft was issued a citation for no valid watercraft registration, and a written warning was issued for the missing safety equipment. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford observed a personal watercraft creating a large wake within 150 feet of a public boat launch. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the watercraft was missing required safety equipment. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for the wake violation, and written warnings were issued for the missing safety equipment.

While patrolling a Cook County waterway, CPO Sanford observed a watercraft carrying a young child who did not appear to be wearing a PFD. The boat was stopped, and a safety inspection of the vessel was completed. The child in question was 9 years old and not wearing the required PFD. The operator of the vessel was issued a citation for the violation. The boat also had no valid registration and was missing required safety equipment. Written warnings were issued for those violations.

While patrolling state lands, CPO Sanford located an individual in possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. The individual was issued a civil citation for the violations.

While conducting speed radar operations on state lands, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted, and he noticed the vehicle was transporting open alcohol. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for speeding in a state park, and one of the passengers was issued a citation for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at Diversey Harbor on Lake Michigan. Eleven vessel inspections were conducted. He issued four written warnings to four different operators for failing to have visual distress signals on their vessels.

CPOs Thornley and Mooi conducted recreational boat enforcement on Lake Michigan. CPO Thornley conducted eight vessel inspections and issued six written warnings for various equipment violations. CPO Thornley checked a kayaker that was waiting to lock through to the river. The kayaker was asked to provide a life jacket, and he stated he did not possess a life jacket. CPOs Mooi and Thornley placed the kayaker, his friend, and their kayaks in the IDNR patrol boat and transported the subjects to the location where they launched from. A citation was issued for no PFD.

While on patrol, CPO Snodgrass observed a boat operating with what appeared to be an expired registration. The boat was stopped, and it was determined that the vessel's registration expired in 2013. The owner stated he had owned the boat for two years and did not have a valid registration for the boat. A vessel safety inspection was conducted, and the vessel was found to have a broken fire extinguisher and no flares. The owner was issued a citation for the registration violation, and two warnings were issued for the flares and fire extinguisher.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Snodgrass conducted a boat safety inspection on a vessel containing four fishermen. During the inspection, he found that three of the subjects did not possess valid Illinois fishing licenses. The fourth subject was in possession of an Illinois resident fishing license and an Indiana resident fishing license. Also, the vessel was found to have numerous safety violations such as not enough PFDs. CPO Snodgrass inspected a cooler in the boat that he believed may be holding fish, and he found it to be full of liquor. Alcohol is prohibited at this site. Two citations and four written warnings were issued to the group for the violations.

While on patrol on Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi observed a jet ski being operated at a high speed inside a no wake zone. A stop was conducted, and the operator was found to be operating underage without a boater safety certificate. After a safety inspection, the operator was issued a citation and a written warning for the violations. The operator was told to take the jet ski back to the owner and obtain a safety certificate before operating the jet ski alone. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a jet ski being operated at a high speed inside a no wake zone; and a stop was conducted. After the safety inspection, the operator was issued a citation for the wake zone violation.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a jet ski without registration being operated by a young child. A stop was conducted, and the operator was found to be ten years old. The operator did not have a boater safety certificate or an adult present. The father of the child was located, and a citation was issued for parental responsibility of the youthful operator. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a child operating a jet ski with another child on the back. A stop was conducted, and the operator was found to be 14 years old, and the passenger was eight years old. The operator did not possess a valid boater safety certificate. The parent of the operator was located, and a citation was issued for parental responsibility of the youthful operator.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi observed a jet ski towing a tube with two passengers. The jet ski was occupied by only the operator. A stop was conducted, and the operator was issued a written warning for failure to have a competent observer and failure to have an orange flag visible during towing. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a jet ski operating after sunset. A stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Mooi was patrolling inside Diversey Harbor when he observed a jet ski operating after sunset. A stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued for operation after sunset and no fire extinguisher.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a boat traveling directly toward the closed Chicago Harbor lock gates. CPO Mooi informed the boat's operator that it would be a few minutes before the lock would open, and he would need to wait north of the gates. While inside the lock chamber, CPO Mooi observed the operator having difficulties getting his boat seated against the wall. Upon exiting the lock, the boat was operating on the south side of the river, against the flow of traffic. CPO Mooi activated the lights on his patrol boat, and a stop was conducted. After

the safety inspection and field sobriety testing, the operator was arrested for OUI. The operator refused to provide a breath sample. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a boat coming out of the lock making a very erratic turn. An attempt was made to stop the vessel, but it continued traveling away from the patrol boat. The suspect vessel operated dangerously close to a commercial vessel, coming directly under the commercial vessel's bow, narrowly avoiding a collision. A stop was finally made on the suspect vessel, and a safety inspection was conducted. The operator was subsequently arrested for OUI (BAC of .162%).

CPO Mooi observed a vessel coming into Diversey Harbor at a high rate of speed, and a stop was conducted. The safety inspection revealed that the boat did not possess a type IV throwable flotation device. A warning was issued for the wake zone violation, and a citation was issued for the flotation device violation.

CPO Mooi is investigating a boat explosion which resulted in the death of one man and the injury of another man.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Ausmus investigated a complaint from the district biologist regarding a goose in distress. The complainant stated the goose had fishing line wrapped around its feet and wings. The complainant attempted to capture the goose but was unsuccessful. CPO Ausmus checked the area later that afternoon, and all the geese were gone.

CPO Ausmus checked several anglers at Mallard Lake. Two subjects were located on a secluded point, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. One angler was issued a written warning for no fishing license, and the second angler was issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at the Des Plaines River. One fisherman was asked if he possessed a fishing license. The man stated neither he nor his 17-year-old daughter had a license. The man was issued a citation for no fishing license, and his daughter was issued a written warning for no fishing license.

CPO Mooi conducting fish enforcement and issued multiple written warnings for failure to have a fishing license in possession.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell issued a written warning to an individual for no valid fishing license while checking fishermen at Crystal Lake.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPOs Graden and Wright conducted recreational boat patrols on Clinton Lake. Several written warnings were issued for Boat Registration and Safety Act violations.

CPO Graden cited a fisherman at the Clinton Lake spillway for unlawful possession of less than 10 grams of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Viverito responded to a call regarding a domestic assault at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area campground. DeWitt County deputies were already on scene when he arrived. He interviewed the victim who was already receiving medical attention from EMS. A Champaign man was arrested for domestic violence and several park violations.

CPO Viverito and K-9 Hank were patrolling Clinton Lake State Recreation Area when Hank alerted on two vehicles in a parking lot near a hiking trail. CPO Viverito located the owners of the vehicles, and the vehicles were searched. Two men were arrested for drug related charges.

CPOs Wright and Graden were on a boat patrol on Clinton Lake when they stopped a boat being driven by a Pontiac man. Both officers noticed many indicators of the driver being intoxicated. After conducting sobriety testing, the man was placed under arrest for OUI (BAC was 0.142%).

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

While on patrol in Moraine View State Recreation Area, CPO Graden arrested a 35-year-old driver for driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal transportation of alcohol. The driver provided an evidentiary breath sample which documented his blood alcohol concentration was .117%.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported from this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell issued two written warnings to a fisherman. The subject was not in possession of his fishing license and driver's license.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum arrested an Edgar County resident boating on Mill Creek Lake for OUI (BAC was .136%).

CPO Wellum issued a Clark County resident a warning for being in Lincoln Trail State Park when the site was closed.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop on a Coles County resident for speeding. The registration on the vehicle was suspended due to an insurance violation, and the vehicle was towed. The driver was issued a citation for speeding and driving with suspended registration.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited two Mattoon subjects on Lake Mattoon for boating without life jackets.

CPO Mieure arrested a Charleston man wanted on a warrant for failure to appear for traffic court.

CPO Mieure issued two written warnings to a Charleston woman for non-moving vehicle violations.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted with location of overdue "tubers" on the Embarrass River. The subjects had been on the River for over 13 hours before being located. There were no injuries, but all three subjects were tired and cold.

CPOs Greuel and Mieure arrested a Neoga man at Lake Mattoon on a warrant.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued one written warning to a Metcalf man for disposing household trash in Walnut Point State Park trash bins.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued one written warning to a Georgetown man for an unserviceable fire extinguisher onboard his boat.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody wrote citations and warnings for various boating related incidents on Lake Shelbyville.

CPO Greuel cited a Sullivan man for speeding.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject on the Kaskaskia River for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Barnes cited a Lovington subject at Woods Lake for boating without a life jacket.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Shelbyville man on the Kaskaskia River for no life jacket. In a separate incident, he cited a Shelbyville man for possession of cannabis.

CPO Greuel cited a Shelbyville man for fishing without valid fishing license.

CPO Greuel cited a Peoria man on Lake Shelbyville for a PFD violation. In a separate incident, he cited a Tuscola man at Lake Shelbyville for failure to transfer certificate of number on a watercraft. CPO Greuel also cited a Sadorus man at Lake Shelbyville for failure to transfer certificate of number on a watercraft.

CPO Barnes cited a Marshall subject for pollution of a waterway after observing the subject throw beer cans into the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Barnes cited a Decatur subject at the Lake Shelbyville spillway for fishing without a license.

CPO Barnes cited three Donovan subjects on the Kaskaskia River for fishing without a license.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with a report of a burglary in progress on a farm in the Oconee area. The suspect was located and interviewed.

CPO Barnes cited a Donovan subject at the Lake Shelbyville spillway for fishing without a license.

CPO Barnes cited a Sullivan subject on the Kaskaskia River for boating without a life jacket.

While on patrol on Lake Shelbyville, Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel assisted three individuals in a boat that ran out of gas. The boat was towed to the Findley Marina.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl arrested a Missouri man for fishing without a valid fishing license. The man said he had recently bought a license but did not have it with him. A check of his license history showed he had not purchased a fishing license in Illinois since 2006.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Tapley attended a hunter safety course in Taylor Springs. Forty-one students were in attendance.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPOs Tapley, Rolfingsmeier, and Sievers worked at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. No significant activity occurred.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Lay, Folden, and Williams assisted with the search and recovery of a suspected drowning victim at Rend Lake. An elderly Jefferson County man appeared to have been fishing along a rocky shoreline area of Rend Lake. The fisherman was found via sonar equipment, and the Rend Lake dive team recovered the victim from water.

CPO Lay spoke at a Lions Club meeting in West Frankfort. Topics included CPO responsibilities and duties.

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake, and one written warning was issued for boat violations.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay, Sgt. Cariens, and Rend Lake Corps of Engineers rangers responded to the Ina boat access area of Rend Lake after learning of a reported boat accident. The boat with five occupants had been operating a half mile northwest of the Ina access area when they hit a submerged stump which caused significant damage to the boat's hull. The boat's operator was able to bring the boat to the launch at Ina and pull it out of the water. No injuries were reported; however, the damage to the hull was estimated to be over \$2,000.

Sgt. Taylor and CPO Williams attended a training course at Rend Lake College for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS). Instruction was provided on the rules and regulations concerning the operation of UAS and the support roles for law enforcement.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued one citation for speeding and seven written warnings for equipment and moving Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPOs Roper and Smith patrolled the annual "Uncorked Festival" at Red Hill State Park. No enforcement action was taken during the event.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a Centralia man for unlawfully poisoning wildlife. The man placed methomyl poison near his barn to control nuisance animals. Methomyl is extremely toxic to small animals and typically, within minutes, kills anything that ingests it. Other animals, including pets, that consume the dead animal can be poisoned as well. Poisoning wildlife is a serious offense and carries a minimum fine of \$500 and up to a year in jail.

CPO Buhnerkempe issued two citations for no valid fishing license, one citation for failure to release one short bass, one written warning for a minor fishing violation, and one civil citation.

CPO Smith issued two citations for possession of alcohol in a prohibited area.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While on patrol at Borah Lake, CPO Roper observed a watercraft with expired registration pulling in to the boat launch. The boat was stopped, and it was discovered the owner of the boat had recently purchased it. The new owner failed to apply for registration of the watercraft. The subject was issued a citation for operation of an unnumbered watercraft, and written warnings were issued for failure to strap the boat battery down and failing to have a fishing license in possession.

While on patrol at East Fork Lake, CPO Roper observed the following: 1) two individuals fishing from a boat. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and neither individual possessed a valid sportfishing license. Other safety equipment violations were also discovered on the boat. Both subjects were issued a citation for fishing with no valid sportfishing license, and the operator of the boat was issued warnings for the safety equipment violations. 2) a watercraft pulling up to the dock at the boat launch area with a young child not wearing a required life jacket. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for a child under 13 not wearing a required PFD. In a separate incident, CPO Roper conducted a boat safety inspection and observed an infant in a car seat placed on the floor of the boat. The infant was not wearing a required life jacket. The operator of the watercraft was issued citation for a child under 13 not wearing a required PFD.

CPO Roper received a complaint regarding an individual who was unlawfully trapping raccoons inside the city limits of Olney. It was determined that this individual was trapping the raccoons to train hunting dogs. The man was issued one citation for unlawfully trapping a raccoon and retaining it alive.

CPO Smith issued one written warning for a battery cover violation.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson assisted the Illinois State Police by running sonar grid patterns to try to locate guns that were allegedly tossed into the Mississippi River.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

District 16 CPOs participated in an extensive search for a missing camper at Pyramid State Recreation Area. The camper's body was found in Clear Lake several days after his disappearance.

CPO Johnson continues to contact landowners who have been deceived by an unlicensed timber buyer. The subject has been convicted of harvesting timber without a license in the past.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek, in collaboration with the US Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Union County Animal Control, investigated a population of hogs that was introduced into the wild on Shawnee National Forest property. Approximately 20 pigs of several different ages, sexes, and varieties were released from a stock trailer near a wilderness area in the National Forest. Traps have captured several hogs, and the effort to capture the rest is ongoing.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

While patrolling Lake of Egypt with CPO Sommers, CPO Lewis cited a boater for OUI. The CPOs stopped the boat because the operator was behaving unusually. A safety inspection was conducted, and the operator showed signs of impairment. The breath test showed a BAC of .094%.

CPO Somers was on boat patrol at Lake of Egypt when he observed a pontoon boat without navigation lights when required. He conducted a stop of the pontoon boat, and the operator had bloodshot eyes and an odor of alcohol on his breath. He stated he had taken a multitude of prescription medications earlier that afternoon. The operator failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for OUI. The subject refused chemical testing, resulting in a suspension of his privilege to operate a watercraft for two years.