



# 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 August 16 – 31, 2018)

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

## **Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis**

### **District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis**

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones arrested a Lombard man at Lake Carroll for carless operation of a watercraft and operation under the influence.

CPO Jones cited a Brookfield woman for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a posted prohibited area. The woman was also arrested on a warrant for failure to appear.

CPO Beltran arrested a Colorado woman on Lake Carroll for operating under the influence.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri taught at a hunter safety class held in Kewanee.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

While on a boat patrol on the Mississippi River Pool 12, CPO Jones and Beltran cited an Iowa man for children under the age of 13 not wearing life jackets as required.

A Byron man was driving his pontoon boat on Pool 12 when he was stopped by Illinois and Iowa CPOs. CPO Beltran performed a boat safety inspection and discovered the man was intoxicated. The man was charged with his fourth OUI offense.

CPO Jones cited a Forrest Park man for traveling 72 mph in a 55-mph zone.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

While on a boat patrol on the Rock River, CPO Palumbo cited a Lanark woman for operating a watercraft with no personal flotation devices onboard. She and her passenger were fishing from their jon boat within 70 feet of the low head dam in Dixon. Written warnings were also issued for other infractions of the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPO Francisko brought an extensive hunting investigative case involving an Iowa resident to a close. The man was buying Illinois resident permits and licenses when he should have been buying nonresident permits and licenses. The man was charged with multiple counts of fraudulently obtaining licenses, permits, or tags and multiple counts of illegal taking or possession of a protected species. In a plea agreement, the man pled guilty to two counts of illegal taking or possession of a protected species. On count one, the man received 12 months conditional discharge, and a \$1,782.75 fine. He was also assessed a \$250 civil penalty for an illegally harvested doe. A portion of that fine, \$1,207.75, was restitution to the IDNR for license and permit fees the man should have paid. On count two, the man received 12 months conditional discharge (running concurrent to the first 12 months) and fined \$2,328.28. He was also assessed a \$250 civil penalty on the illegal harvest of an eight-point buck, and the skull mount was forfeited to the IDNR. A portion of that fine, \$2,000, will go to the IDNR Conservation Police Operations Fund.

#### OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri attended the East Moline Police Department's National Night Out Against Crime event held at Willow Springs Pool. Several other police, fire, and EMS agencies were present with gear and equipment on display.

CPOs Posateri and Francisko patrolled the Mississippi River during the Tug Fest event fireworks. Just before sunset, a 16-foot jon boat was stopped for a boat safety inspection. There were four men on the boat, and several violations were found. A capacity plate was not found on the boat, the navigation lights were not functional, the PFDs onboard were not easily accessible, and some of the PFDs were in an unserviceable condition. The young men were asked to put on their PFDs; and after a citation was issued, they were ordered to immediately get off the water.

While on patrol on Pool 17, CPO Beltran and Sgt. Petreikis conducted boating enforcement. CPO Beltran arrested two subjects for OUI.

#### STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued several citations and written warnings to two Rockfalls men for unlawfully catching and possessing over limits of smallmouth bass on two separate trips in an area they did not have permission to fish. Some of the bass were under the 14-inch minimum length requirement. In addition to any fines and fees that are occurred, civil penalties are being sought.

### **District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

#### BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### BUREAU COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on the Illinois River, CPO Wagner observed four individuals operating ATVs on St. Bede Academy property. The four individuals were issued citations for operating ATVs on private property without permission.

While conducting sport fish enforcement, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Wagner patrolled Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, and he cited an individual for a PFD violation.

After making a traffic stop for a speeding violation, CPO Wagner found the driver to be wanted on an outstanding Whiteside County warrant for failure to appear. The individual was taken into custody and transported to the Bureau County Jail. The individual was also issued a citation for speeding and no valid insurance.

**DEKALB COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LASALLE COUNTY**

While working at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for entering a restricted area. One of the individuals was also cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Wagner conducted boat enforcement on LaSalle Lake. He wrote citations for expired registration, no fishing license, and a two pole and line violation. Several warnings were issued for boat violations.

While checking fishermen near the Peru Sportsmen's Club, CPO Wagner cited an individual for pollution of a waterway for throwing a bottle into the river.

CPO Kaufman handled a dog bite incident that occurred on the trails at Starved Rock State Park. The injured female came to the Visitor Center. She did not exchange information with the dog's owner or get the dog's rabies tag number. He was unable to locate the dog or the owner.

CPO Kaufman investigated a report of fox bite. The individual had been treated at a local hospital for the bite. The hospital had contacted the health department, which in turn contacted CPO Kaufman. After talking to the victim's mother, he learned that the family had taken the fox in after its mother had been hit by a car. After being raised inside for approximately four months, the fox escaped from the house. When the victim tried to grab the fox, it bit her and ran off. The victim is currently getting rabies shots. A written warning was issued for take and retain of a live a fox.

CPO Jansen responded to a complaint of an individual refusing to pay for camping at Illini State Park. The subject was located driving a vehicle in the campground. Further investigation led to his arrest for DUI, DUI with a blood alcohol concentration over .08%, no seat belt, and driving while revoked for DUI. A passenger, who was under the influence of prescription drugs and alcohol, was located passed out in the back of the vehicle. CPO Jansen attempted to communicate with her, but she was barely responsive. EMS was called, and she was transported to the hospital in Ottawa for treatment.

CPO Filipiak conducted multiple commercial timber truck inspections on I-39. Individuals were cited for failure to have proof of ownership paperwork and no daily haul log.

CPO Finn responded to a 911 call regarding a missing, suicidal subject at Starved Rock State Park. CPO Finn was assisted by the Illinois State Police, Utica Police Department, Utica Fire, and Ottawa Fire. The woman was found after the Park had closed, and she was sitting on the trails above a large cliff. The woman was transported to the hospital.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

While conducting a boat patrol near Hennepin, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for operating a watercraft without a wearable PFD.

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

CPO Wagner cited an individual at Rock Cut State Park for a child between 8-16 not in a seat belt. The individual was driving down the road with the child standing up through the sunroof.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

After a near head-on collision with a vehicle crossing the center line on Illinois 9, CPO Elliott conducted a traffic stop. Two loaded handguns were located under the passenger seat, and they were seized. Also, over 400 grams of suspected methamphetamine was found in the vehicle. Two subjects were arrested for the possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition without a FOID card, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The Fulton County Sheriff's Department and Illinois State Police assisted with this arrest.

Upon completion of a taxidermy inspection, CPOs Thompson and Elliott addressed violations of failing to maintain proper records.

CPOs Thompson and Elliott conducted boating safety checks at the Spoon River Boat Ramp. The CPOs observed several kayaks approaching the ramp. A female occupant of one of the kayaks appeared to be attempting to hide something on her person. The CPOs conducted a boating safety check on the individuals. After a short interview, the CPOs located cannabis on the male and female subject; and civil citations were issued.

**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**

CPO Elliott conducted recreational boat enforcement and sport fish enforcement at Argyle Lake State Park. Two vessel inspections were conducted, and two sport fishermen were checked. No violations were found.

**PEORIA COUNTY**

CPOs Gerard and Lazzell cited a fisherman at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area for operation of a watercraft without lifejackets as required and unlawful possession/failure to release a slot limit largemouth bass. Five written warnings were issued for additional boating and fishing violations.

**STARK COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell investigated a pollution of a waterway complaint near Toulon. Charges are pending.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WARREN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten, along with Sheriff's deputies, arrested two subjects for possession of methamphetamine at Pere Marquette State Park. In a separate incident, CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. After detecting the odor of cannabis, the vehicle was searched. Approximately 29 grams of cannabis and drug paraphernalia was discovered, and the driver was arrested.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

While conducting boat enforcement at Otter Lake, CPO Gushleff observed a boat with a passenger sitting on the bow with her legs hanging over while the boat was in motion. Several other boaters stopped him to complain that this same boat had been traveling at high rates of speed all day. He stopped the boat, and the operator was cited for the passenger location violation.

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 attended rifle armorer training in Streamwood.

CPO Fraser issued multiple citations for no valid fishing license.

CPO Fraser seized four tree stands from Sangchris Lake State Park. The stands seized were remaining from the 2017-2018 hunting season.

While on patrol in Springfield, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle traveling approximately 5 mph in a 45-mph zone. The vehicle was swerving between the right lane of traffic and the shoulder. CPO Fraser activated his emergency lights and siren to signal the vehicle to stop, but the vehicle continued. Once CPO Fraser realized the vehicle was going to enter I-55, he called for backup. Additional officers arrived and boxed the vehicle in. The driver stopped the vehicle, and it was determined that he was having a medical emergency. An ambulance transported him to the hospital for treatment.

**LOGAN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MASON COUNTY**

CPO Fraser investigated a boat crash involving two personal watercrafts. Both were operating carelessly in close proximity when one experienced engine failure. The first personal watercraft was in the path of the second which was unable to maneuver around the first. One person suffered a broken leg in the crash.

**MENARD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MORGAN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPO Macias conducted boating enforcement on Lake Springfield. A boat was stopped because it was towing a skier without displaying an orange flag. It was also determined that there were not enough lifejackets onboard. An orange flag was given to the operator of the boat, and citations were for the violations.

**SCOTT COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins**

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

**KANE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LAKE COUNTY**

CPO Knop arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for nude sunbathing.

CPO Kelley cited a man for possession of alcohol and public nudity at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Kelley issued a citation and warning to an individual operating a small, inflatable boat on Lake Michigan. There were had no lifejackets in the boat.

CPOs Knop and Vaughan arrested a subject for driving on a revoked license, unlawful transportation of alcohol by the driver (open container), and possession of cannabis. The two passengers were also cited for unlawful transportation of alcohol. The driver was initially stopped as he was cruising through Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park while dragging his muffler under his car.

CPOs Vaughan and Knop arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.

CPOs Knop and Vaughan arrested several subjects for drag racing in the main parking lot of Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. Several subjects were also cited for possession of cannabis and unlawful transportation of alcohol.

CPOs Winters and Kelley arrested a subject on Grass Lake for violation of the posted no wake area and operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC was 0.192%).

**MCHENRY COUNTY**

While on patrol at Wonder Lake, CPOs Knop and Semenik noticed a boat drive by with their docking lights on and a person sitting on top of the backseat with their legs over the stern. Further investigation found the operator of the watercraft to be OUI.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

CPO Anderson worked with Site Superintendent Wepprecht to reconfigure the waterfowl blind sites on Braidwood Lake. Several months ago, with the cooperation of the IDNR Biologist Bob Massey, work began on the plan to remodel the blind layout to provide a better-quality hunt for the waterfowl hunters on the Lake.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WILL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

All District 4 CPOs, along with the District Supervisor, took part in the Chicago Air and Water Show. The District Sergeant attended all applicable planning and safety meetings, and the CPOs patrolled the event during the practice shows and main shows ensuring the safety zone was adhered to. The event was heavily patrolled to provide a high level of public and waterway safety.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, Sgt. Whitchurch used radar to clock a vehicle traveling 31 mph in a posted 15-mph area. A stop of the vehicle was conducted, and the driver was issued a citation for speeding.

Sgt. Whitchurch was patrolling an IDNR-owned lake when he observed two people fishing. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and neither subject had a valid sport fishing license. Both subjects were issued written warnings.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol at the Des Plaines River when he observed two people fishing. While conducting compliance checks on the two subjects, he smelled a strong odor of cannabis coming from one of the subjects. When he asked the subject if he possessed any cannabis, the subject immediately provided a bag containing not more than 10 grams of cannabis. Sgt. Whitchurch asked the subject what he used in conjunction with the cannabis to ingest it. The subject said he used a can which he had tossed in the weeds on the riverbank. The subject was cited for the cannabis, and a warning was issued for discarding the can.

CPOs Stanbary and Sanford patrolled Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. One written warning was issued to a bank fisherman for no valid nonresident sport fishing license. A jet ski operator was found locking through into the Chicago River 45 minutes after sunset, and a citation was for operating after sunset.

CPO Stanbary investigated a wildlife complaint from a resident of a condominium in Evanston. It was reported that another resident had used a substance called "Bird-Be-Gone" to deter barn swallows from nesting and residing near her residence. The substance is designed to ward off birds, but two birds died after becoming stuck in the liquid. This action caused alarm for other residents of the community. The CPO advised the woman that the barn swallow was a protected migratory bird, and the use of a substance that could potentially cause harm was not recommended.

While on patrol at Jackson Harbor, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to an individual for no valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Stanbary and Snodgrass conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River. During the patrol, multiple vessel inspections were completed. A citation was issued to a boater whose vessel was over capacity. The small Ski-Doo had a maximum capacity of four, and there were five people onboard. This also caused a passenger location violation. A written warning was issued for an unnumbered watercraft and passenger location violation. In a separate incident, a boater was stopped because the CPOs saw a person standing on the swim platform while the boat was under way. A written warning was issued for the passenger location violation.

CPO Stanbary conducted boating enforcement at ramps throughout Cook County, and multiple boat safety inspections were completed. One written warning was issued to a boater for improper display of registration; and another boater was issued three warnings for no signal device, no fire extinguisher, and improper display of registration.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at various lakes. One man was issued a warning for not having his fishing license on his person while fishing.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Montrose Harbor, and he checked several fishermen. One of the fishermen checked did not have his fishing license on him. It was determined the fisherman had a valid license, and he was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Klemme, with assistance of the US Coast Guard Investigative Service and US Coast Guard Cal Harbor, conducted a stop on the vessel "Collective Aspiration." The vessel was operating as an illegal charter and had a charter of 24 passengers onboard at the time of the stop. The owner/captain was issued a citation for no Coast Guard captain's license and no passenger for hire license.

CPO Klemme attended a joint meeting with the City of Chicago, Chicago Police Marine Unit, US Coast Guard Investigative Service, and US Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit. The meeting covered a variety of topics including

licensing and permits for all agencies involved and the increasing amount of charters and commercial traffic on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. CPO Klemme discussed regulations related to passenger for hire and rental boat licenses. State registration requirements and general boat safety issues were also discussed.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a boating enforcement detail on the Chicago River, and several boat safety inspections were performed. Two written warnings for passenger location violations were issued, and two written warnings were issued for no active navigation lights after sunset and before sunrise. In a separate incident, CPO Snodgrass observed a boat traveling at a high rate of speed on the Chicago River. The boat was creating a large wake and causing problems for other boats along the River. The vessel was stopped, and the operator was issued a citation for the wake zone violation.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing from the bank of a lake; and a fishing compliance check was done. The individual did not have a valid sport fishing license, and the individual was wanted on a Cook County warrant. The subject was arrested for the outstanding warrant, and a written warning was issued for the license violation.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford and Sgt. Whitchurch observed an individual fishing from the bank of a waterway. CPO Sanford conducted a fishing compliance check and determined the individual did not have a current valid sport fishing license. The individual had a valid sport fishing license in 2016 but failed to purchase one in 2017 and 2018. The individual was issued a citation for the license violation.

While conducting a boat patrol, CPO Sanford observed a personal watercraft operating nearly an hour after sunset. A watercraft stop was initiated, and a safety inspection on the vessel was conducted. The operator was issued a citation for unlawful operation after sunset and before sunrise.

While on patrol on state lands, CPO Sanford observed an individual consuming alcohol where prohibited. The individual attempted to conceal the alcoholic beverage as he approached. CPO Sanford seized, then emptied, the remaining alcohol; and a citation was issued to the individual for possession/consumption of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Sanford conducted a traffic stop on a motorcycle operating off the roadway. The driver of the motorcycle was issued a citation for unlawful operation off roadway and a written warning for violation of classification. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford observed three individuals fishing from the bank of a lake. After conducting a fishing compliance check, he discovered none of the three individuals had a valid sport fishing license. One of the individuals was also found to be in possession of alcohol where prohibited. One individual was issued a citation for possession/consumption of alcohol and a written warning for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. The other two individuals were issued written warnings for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Mooi is investigating the circumstances of a boat explosion which killed one person in Wilmette. A joint investigation with other State, local first responders, and investigators is ongoing.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a sailboat almost strike another vessel. The operator was having difficulty controlling the vessel, and the vessel did not have valid Illinois registration. A stop was conducted, and the owner was issued a citation for operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPOs Mooi and Ausmus were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed two vessels entering Diversey Harbor with passengers seated on the gunwales. Stops were conducted, and written warnings were issued.

While on patrol of Lake Michigan during the Air and Water Show, CPO Mooi observed a vessel cutting through the Air and Water Show Security Zone. A US Coast Guard boat stopped the vessel before he could get to the vessel. A joint boarding was conducted, and a safety inspection was completed. The operator displayed numerous signs of impairment and was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The operator refused to provide a breath or blood sample.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago inner city lagoons when he observed a man fishing and tossing garbage into the water. The man was issued a written warning for pollution of a waterway and made to clean up the garbage in the nearby area. In a separate incident, he observed a man attempting to duck behind some trees and bushes. CPO Mooi approached the man and observed him fishing with a fishing line attached to a water bottle. The man was found to have no valid sport fishing license, and a citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Mooi assisted the US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor with the boarding of a suspected charter vessel during midweek fireworks on Lake Michigan. The boarding was another example of the great working relationship between the Conservation Police and US Coast Guard personnel in keeping the boating public safe.

CPO Mooi is investigating the unlawful take of wildlife in unincorporated Lemont. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago lagoons when he observed a man fishing with multiple fishing poles. Upon closer observation, the man was seen using three poles on the two-pole and line only lagoon. A records check revealed the man had received a written warning from another CPO for the same violation in the recent past, and he was issued a citation for the violation.

CPOs Ausmus and Mooi were on a boat patrol on the Chicago River when they were flagged down by kayak tour staff because a kayaker was in medical distress. The CPOs and kayak tour staff rendered aid and called for assistance. The Chicago Police Department Marine Unit and Chicago Fire Department also responded. The man was taken ashore and transported to an area hospital. The CPOs located the patient's son and transport him back to the dock.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass patrolled the Chicago River following the Chicago Air and Water Show. The CPOs stopped two personal watercrafts operating at greater than no wake speed and conducted boat safety inspections. Two written warnings were issued for the wake zone violation, and one warning was issued for no sounding device. During the inspection, a pontoon boat was observed operating on-plane down the River past the CPOs. The CPOs stopped the pontoon boat operator and issued him a citation for violation of a no wake zone.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass were notified of a capsized vessel near Jackson Harbor on Lake Michigan. The CPOs responded and located the operator and passengers. The investigation revealed the 14-foot boat was being operated in 3-4-foot waves. The boat was passed by two large power boats which caused the smaller boat to take on water. Once the boat was filled, the waves continued to help it sink. All occupants were wearing PFDs and escaped to the break wall unharmed. The boat remained capsized, but floating; and arrangements were made for its removal.

#### DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Ausmus investigated a complaint of unlawful possession of a protected tortoise. A desert tortoise was found in a wooded area in Wheaton, and it was taken to an animal clinic. He was tracked down the owner, who was in possession of two other desert tortoises. The family was gifted the tortoises in the 90s when living in California. The owner had records of the transaction and proof the tortoises were taken from the wild in the 1950s, well before they were listed on the threatened or endangered species list. The two tortoises were in good health and very well cared for. After lengthy discussions with the District Heritage Biologist who specializes in herpetology, it was determined the best course of action would be bring the owner into compliance with the proper permits.

CPO Mooi was following the DuPage River looking for fishermen when he observed a driver dumping trash out of the driver's window. The woman stated she had dropped food into her ashtray and did not want it staying in the car. A written warning was issued for littering from a motor vehicle.

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

## Vermilion)

### CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell investigated a call regarding an injured bald eagle. An injured juvenile red-tailed hawk was found and transported to the U of I for treatment.

### DEWITT COUNTY

While conducting a recreational boat patrol on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden arrested a 47-year-old male for OUI. The subject refused to provide an evidentiary breath sample. In a separate incident, CPO Graden arrested a 42-year-old male on Clinton Lake for OUI. He was also cited for failure to transfer the watercraft certificate of number. The subject refused to provide an evidentiary breath sample, blood sample, or urine sample.

CPO Graden cited a Lincoln man for traveling 86 mph in a 55-mph zone on Rt. 10.

CPO Viverito was patrolling Clinton Lake when he observed a man urinating outside of his vehicle. The subject got into his vehicle and started to drive away. CPO Viverito stopped the subject to discuss urinating in a public place. An investigation ensued which led to the arrest of the subject for DUI.

### 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 CPO Viverito was patrolling Moraine View State Recreation Area with K-9 Hank, Hank indicated on a vehicle in a parking lot commonly used by anglers. An investigation ensued which led to the arrest of two Normal men for drug related charges.

### PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Georgetown resident for fishing without permission.

## **South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes**

### **District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

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

### CLARK COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Georgetown man at Mill Creek Lake for fishing without a valid license.

CPO Wellum assisted the Casey Police Department with a domestic dispute. The male subject involved in the dispute was arrested for domestic battery.

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with the location of a hit and run vehicle in rural Clark County.

CPO Wellum made a vehicle stop on an Indiana resident and issued a citation to the driver for no valid driver's license. Warnings were also issued for improper lane usage and no rear registration light. Two of the passengers were issued citations for consumption of alcohol by minors. Another passenger was issued a citation for unlawful delivery of alcohol to a minor.

CPO Wellum assisted with locating and arresting a Clark County resident who was hiding in a wooded area. The subject was arrested for criminal trespass to a vehicle and trespass to railroad property.

While driving in the town of Marshall, CPO Wellum noticed a vehicle that matched the description of a vehicle that had been reported stolen by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. When he ran the plate, it turned out to be the stolen vehicle. CPO Wellum had a Clark County Deputy handle the incident.

#### COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man and woman on the Embarrass River a written warning each for fishing without a license.

At Fox Ridge State Park CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man two written warnings for parking in a prohibited area and operation of motor vehicle off a designated roadway. In a separate incident, CPO Mieure issued a Charleston woman two written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code and a Park violations.

CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man on Lake Charleston a written warning for no valid decal on his watercraft.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure recovered an immature bald eagle that was killed by electrocution on a power pole. The eagle was transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued an Indiana man a written warning for speeding on Rt. 133.

CPO Mieure issued an Indiana man on Twin Lakes a written warning for no type IV throwable.

#### MOULTRIE COUNTY

While checking USACOE dove fields, CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

#### SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a subject from Shelbyville for harvesting ginseng out of season and trespassing to harvest ginseng.

CPO Barnes cited two subjects from Tower Hill for fishing without a license at Lake Pana.

CPO Mieure issued a Palmer woman a written warning for fishing without a license at Lake Shelbyville.

## **District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

### **BOND COUNTY**

CPOs Tapley and Lentz conducted a boat patrol on Governor Bond Lake. Three citations and three warnings were issued.

### **CLINTON COUNTY**

CPOs Sievers, Schachner, and Liebl conducted a commercial fishing detail on the Kaskaskia River. A damaged, abandoned gill net and hoop net were removed from the River.

CPO Tapley was off duty when he received a phone call from a Corps of Engineers Ranger about a subject who had intentionally ran over some gulls at the Coles Creek Boat Launch at Carlyle Lake. CPO Tapley contacted CPO Goetten, and CPO Goetten spoke with the subject at his residence in Jersey County. The subject confessed, and a citation was issued.

### **MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Goetten checked a fisherman along the Mississippi River. The subject provided a fishing license; however, discrepancies were discovered. It was determined the subject provided a fishing license issued to another person. The fisherman could not obtain a fishing license due to failure to pay child support. He was cited for obstructing a CPO and fishing without a license.

CPO Liebl was asked to assist with a search for a vehicle with a person inside that went into the Mississippi River near the Arch. The vehicle was reported to have gone in the River the day before, and searchers were not able to locate the vehicle. Sonar was used to search the area. Several older vehicles were discovered, and one target of interest was marked for further investigation.

### **MONROE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

CPO Lentz took the following action at Coffeen Lake: 14 civil citations issued for cannabis; five citations for no fishing license; one citation for no lights on a watercraft after sunset; two citations for PFD violations; and one citation for keeping an undersized largemouth bass. He also issued two citations for no competent observer on a watercraft at Lake Lou Yaeger and one littering citation on Shoal Creek. One citation was issued to a driver for operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration for non-insurance reasons.

### **RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CPO Sievers observed a sport utility vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on a county road while teenage girls were sitting in the back windows and hanging onto the vehicle's luggage rack. He stopped the vehicle, and the male driver only had a learner's permit. The front seat passenger was the only person who had a driver's license, and the car belonged to his mother. There were four passengers in the backseat. CPO Sievers contacted the owner of the vehicle and the driver's mother. The driver was issued written warnings for no driver's license and reckless driving.

### **ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

While on patrol at Frank Holten State Recreation Area, CPOs Liebl and Rolfingsmeier observed a vehicle parked in the back of a parking lot with its lights on. While driving past the vehicle, a male occupant was observed in the backseat

being intimate with a female occupant. When the male occupant exited the vehicle, the distinct odor of cannabis was detected. A check of both individuals revealed the female occupant had a \$10,000 warrant out of St. Louis County for larceny. She was taken to jail for her warrant. The male was issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis.

CPO Rolfingsmeier arrested a subject for fishing without permission along the Mississippi River.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### **District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens**

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

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake. One citation was issued for operating a personal watercraft after sunset, and five written warnings were issued for boat violations.

While checking fishermen at the West Frankfort Old City Lake, CPO Williams determined one fisherman was wanted on a warrant out of Saline County. The subject was taken into custody and transferred to the Franklin County Jail without incident.

CPOs Diggins and Williams assisted two Missouri residents when their boat broke down on Rend Lake. The subjects were unfamiliar with the Lake and could not remember which ramp they had launched from. The CPOs towed the boat back to the ramp; and while at the ramp, three personal watercrafts arrived. It was approximately 30 minutes after sunset, and citations were issued to the operators of the personal watercrafts.

While on patrol in Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation, CPO Williams noticed a vehicle had driven off the road from a picnic shelter to the shoreline of Rend Lake. The driver was located, and the subject had a fire burning on the shore. A citation was issued for the campfire, and written warning was issued for operating off the roadway.

CPO Lay received a disposition from a 2017 case. A Franklin County driver was found guilty of driving with a suspended license. The driver was given 24 months supervision, fined \$979, and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service.

CPO Lay found a kayak paddle abandoned at the Wayne Fitzgerald "Sailboat Harbor" parking lot. The paddle was secured in the abandoned property section to see if an owner comes forward.

CPO Folden patrolled Rend Lake on multiple occasions and documented only minor violations.

Sgt. Cariens arrested a man on Rend Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC was 0.15%) and operation of an unnumbered watercraft. He was also issued warnings for failure to transfer registration and uncovered battery terminals.

CPOs D. Taylor and Williams, along with Sgt. K. Taylor, conducted sonar training at the Rend Lake Marina. The remote-controlled sonar boat will allow operators to utilize side scan sonar in bodies of water where a traditional boat mounted unit would be impossible or impractical.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating a complaint in which a landowner crossed over property lines and planted a food plot on the neighboring property. The violating landowner also cut down trees and cut a fence. Charges are pending in this case.

**HARDIN COUNTY**

CPO Diggins issued one nuisance removal permit to the City of Rosiclare for beaver damage to a levee.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

CPO Folden assisted CPOs Williams and Lay with the search for a missing bank fisherman on Rend Lake. CPO Folden was on land and directed traffic on Highway 37. During the incident, CPO Folden was dispatched to check on a separate vehicle accident. He assessed the scene and documented no injuries. The scene was turned over to the Illinois State Police when they arrived.

**POPE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**SALINE COUNTY**

CPO Diggins issued two written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations and one written warning for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Folden has been working a case disposition for an investigation handled by multiple Illinois CPOs and Michigan DNR officers. During this investigation, four large bucks were seized and forfeited to Illinois because they were unlawfully taken by two Michigan men. Two Illinois residents assisted the Michigan men by loaning them deer permits and falsifying information to report harvests. Multiple charges were filed on the Illinois and Michigan violators resulting in a total of \$10,952 in fines.

**WHITE COUNTY**

CPO Diggins attended a hunter safety class in Carmi.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

**CLAY COUNTY**

CPO Smith observed a timber truck hauling logs and stopped the vehicle to conduct an inspection. The driver did not have any discrepancies.

CPO Smith received information from CPO Jourdan regarding a Clay County man wanted on a warrant for logging violations issued out of Williamson County. CPO Jourdan was the investigating officer for the individual's logging activities. CPO Smith found the man at his residence and advised him of the outstanding arrest warrant. The man was arrested and transported to the Clay County Sheriff's Department. The man posted a \$1000 bond and was released.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

While on patrol, CPO Smith found several sunflower fields. September 1 is the opening of dove season.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Lake Sara when he observed an individual fishing from the bank. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual was not able to produce a fishing license. It was determined the individual did have a fishing license; it was just not in his possession. The subject as issued a warning for not having fishing license in his possession.

#### FAYETTE COUNTY

While conducting a ginseng enforcement detail, CPO Compton observed a vehicle parked in a remote area of Ramsey Lake State Recreation Area. He noticed a subject walk out of the woods toward the vehicle. After a brief interview with the subject, he admitted to digging ginseng and hiding it in the woods prior to walking to his vehicle. He was planning on returning later to collect it. A search of the area found 54 ginseng roots and a small shovel hidden underneath a nearby log. The subject was charged with unlawful digging of ginseng during the closed season and unlawfully digging on a state site.

#### JASPER COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on Newton Lake, CPO Smith issued a written warning to two boat operators for failing to turn on their navigational lights at sunset. He also issued a written warning for a PFD violation.

CPO Roper was on patrol at Newton Lake when he observed a vehicle parked in the grass, off the designated parking area. The owner of the vehicle was bank fishing next to the vehicle. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and no fishing violations were observed. The subject was issued a warning for parking outside of a designated parking area.

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

While patrolling Red Hill State Park after 10 pm, CPO Taylor observed a vehicle parked in the Park. After running the two subjects' information through the Illinois State Police dispatch, it was discovered that one of the subjects had a warrant for a probation violation out of Lawrence County. The subject was arrested and transported to the Lawrence County Jail. The subject is being held on \$30,000 bond.

#### MARION COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol at the Salem Reservoir when he encountered a man walking back to his vehicle with a fishing pole and a plastic bag. Upon seeing the officer, the fisherman quickly threw the rod and bag into his vehicle and shut the door. When CPO Buhnerkempe approached the vehicle, he detected a strong odor of cannabis. CPO Buhnerkempe told the subject to retrieve the bag from the vehicle, so it could be inspected for fish; but he refused. CPO Buhnerkempe attempted to place the subject under arrest, but he resisted. Emergency assistance was requested, and an officer from the Salem Police Department responded with a taser and K-9. The subject was subsequently taken into custody, and a search of his vehicle was conducted. The search yielded over 23 grams of methamphetamine packaged for sale, a scale, another controlled substance, and a small amount of cannabis. The subject was arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis, and two counts of resisting arrest. He was transported to the Marion County Jail, and his vehicle was seized pending forfeiture.

A federal waterfowl case originating in Marion County was recently adjudicated. The investigation revealed the subjects unlawfully killed 49 Canada geese in one calendar day in January 2018. All six subjects pled guilty to federal charges of unlawfully taking over the limit of Canada geese, and they paid a total of \$4,500 in fines.

CPO Buhnerkempe assisted Marion County deputies and the Illinois State Police with a fatal traffic accident on Rt. 50 in luka. One subject was killed, and three others with serious injuries were flown to St Louis.

CPOs Roper and Compton were on patrol at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area when they observed two individuals fishing on the bank. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and they were unable to produce their fishing license. It was determined both individuals did have a fishing license but just not in their possession. Both individuals were issued warnings for not having the fishing licenses in possession.

#### RICHLAND COUNTY

While checking boats on East Fork Lake, CPO Taylor observed a watercraft operating after sunset with no navigation lights on. After stopping the boat, he observed that the boat's registration expired in 2017. The subject was issued citation for expired registration, and a written warning was issued for improper lighting after sunset.

CPOs Roper and Taylor were on a boat patrol at East Fork Lake when they observed a boat traveling through the no wake zone at an elevated rate of speed. The boat was stopped, and a watercraft safety inspection was conducted. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for operating a watercraft above the no wake speed in a no wake zone.

#### WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a Fairfield man for fishing with no valid fishing license.

### **District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

#### ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### JACKSON COUNTY

While patrolling with CPO Johnson, CPO Lewis cited a boat operator for OUI on Kinkaid Lake. The operator showed signs of impairment during a boat safety inspection, and he submitted a breath test which showed a BAC of .148%.

CPO Somers was patrolling at the Mount Joy Marina and conducted a stop of a boat. The operator had a moderate odor of alcohol on his breath, glassy, bloodshot eyes; and his speech was mumbled and slurred. The operator complied with field sobriety testing and was arrested for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The subject refused chemical testing, resulting in a suspension of his privilege to operate a watercraft for two years.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol at Lake of Egypt, CPO Somers observed a pontoon boat without navigation lights operating near the Egyptian Hills Marina and conducted a stop of the pontoon boat. The operator had bloodshot eyes and an odor of alcohol on his breath. The operator stated he had taken prescription medications for anxiety and depression. The operator failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and drugs. The subject refused chemical testing, resulting in a suspension of his privilege to operate watercraft for two years.

#### MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited the president of a local bass fishing club for organizing a fishing tournament without a permit. This tournament was on Pinckneyville City Lake. CPO Lewis recognized the participants from a previous incident in which the same club had a tournament at Pyramid State Recreation Area. They did not have a permit for that event, and CPO Lewis had advised the president of the regulation. Further investigation revealed the president was obtaining permits for some tournaments, but not all. His intent with purchasing some permits was to give the illusion the club was legal. CPO Lewis cited the club president for the tournaments at Pyramid State Recreation Area and Pinckneyville City Lake for organizing fishing tournaments without a permit.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**UNION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Jourdan coordinated the execution of an arrest warrant on a timber buyer. The buyer, who recently had his timber license suspended for two years, was taken into custody on felony charges. The buyer is alleged to have failed to pay two Williamson County residents more than \$10,000 for timber removed from their property. A Williamson County court date has been set for September.