



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE: January 1, 2015

(Weeks of December 13 – 28)

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf began a watercraft title/registration investigation. An abandoned 13 ft “V” bottom fishing boat has been sitting at Ferry Landing in Galena for the past few years. The Galena Boat Club would like to have the watercraft removed from their property and a Galena resident is interested taking possession. Attempts are being made to determine the owner. If the owner’s identity cannot be determined the watercraft will be deemed abandoned and titling will be approved per 625 ILCS 45/3C-9.

JO DAVIESS & STEPHENSON COUNTIES

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted assigned “random commercial inspections.” All inspections were of resident retail aquatic life dealers. Five business facilities in Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties were inspected for indigenous aquatic life and their purchase records. The manager of the Freeport Cub Foods was issued a written warning for failure to purchase a resident retail aquatic life dealers license.

MERCER COUNTY

While conducting business inspections, CPO Tony Petreikis learned that two subjects had illegally netted fish and turtles from a local pond. Both subjects were cited and a snapping turtle was seized. One of the subjects was cited for records violations regarding the sale of fish. The other subject was cited for taking a snapping turtle during a closed season.

MERCER & ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES

CPO Tony Petreikis conducted a deer harvest report investigation. He arrested three subjects for taking deer illegally. The parts of two deer were seized.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Conservation Police Officer Steve Francisko completed 13 assigned random commercial inspections during the month of December 2014. Field reports were completed to document each investigation. Four of these inspections were pet shop compliance checks and nine were to check records for people/businesses that possess an IDNR “Resident Retail

Aquatic Life Dealer's" license. These license holders are required by law (515 ILCS 5/20-125) to record: (1) The name and address of the buyer; (2) The name and address of the seller; (3) The date of the transaction; (4) the species and quantity to the nearest half pound, if applicable, or number of whole species bought, sold or shipped; and (5) The license or permit number of the buyer and seller, if applicable. These records are required for each retail transaction. Most who possess this license were not keeping complete records per law. No enforcement action was taken and businesses were advised of what this law requires.

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

BUREAU COUNTY

CPOs Filipiak and Wire were working a late night wildlife detail. As they came over a hill they had to swerve for a vehicle that was parked on the roadway without lights. The CPOs stopped right alongside the car and activated their emergency lights. The passenger of the car immediately threw an item out the window into the ditch. A search of the ditch revealed a crack pipe that tested positive for cocaine. A search of the car revealed a marijuana pipe in the glove box. The driver was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of <2.5g of cannabis, improper parking in the roadway and failure to use headlights. The passenger was cited for felony possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was lodged in the County Jail.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry conducted multiple hunter compliance checks around Shabbona Lake State Park on Christmas Eve. Two hunters were issued written warnings for unsigned archery permits. Those violations were corrected immediately. One hunter was issued a written warning for having his crossbow loaded after legal hunting hours. The violation was explained and corrected.

Sgt. Frazier issued a subject a citation after he received a complaint of a subject hunting within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling. The tree stand was measured with a range finder. The subject was hunting 97 yards from the house.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Murry initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing the driver stop in the roadway, exit his vehicle, and appear to be using the bathroom in the roadway. The driver was issued a citation for no valid insurance and a written warning for parking in the roadway.

CPO Kaufman assisted an individual who was looking for her lost dog in Illini State Park. The dog got out of its collar. With its new found freedom the dog decided to go for a leisurely run. The dog was located after a 30 minute search.

CPO Kaufman conducted waterfowl hunter and boat compliance checks at the Illini State Park boat ramp. No violations were found.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Sgt. Frazier received a report from a park employee who struck an eagle with his State truck after it flew out of a road ditch in Putnam County. The bird was located and determined to be a Golden Eagle. It was placed into an evidence freezer and will be turned over to U.S.F.W. Service.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser was assigned an administrative investigation from the IDNR Point of Sale system in reference to permit violations during archery whitetail deer season. CPO Fraser met with the subject of the investigation and took a statement from him. The subject stated he had been hunting on October 2 when he saw and shot at a whitetail doe, the subject stated he believed he missed the deer so he remained in his stand. Approximately 45 minutes later the subject saw two more deer, a fawn and a doe; the subject shot and killed both deer. When the subject went to retrieve his

arrows and the two deer he shot, he noticed the first deer he shot at had been killed. The subject tagged the two whitetail does and left the fawn lay. The next morning the subject purchased two more archery whitetail deer tags over the counter and returned to the fawn, attached a permit and checked it in via phone. CPO Fraser issued the subject three written warnings for hunting without valid whitetail deer permit, failure to tag whitetail deer immediately upon harvest, and failure to check in deer prior to 10:00 PM on day of harvest.

CPO Fraser observed a vehicle traveling north on Highway 251 at approximately 10:30 p.m. with no front license plate and no lights on the rear of the vehicle. Upon stopping the vehicle, the driver stated she did not have valid insurance for the vehicle. The driver was issued two written warnings and a citation with a mandatory court appearance.

CPO Schoonhoven initiated an investigation of a subject harvesting a deer without a valid deer permit. This investigation is pending an interview with the subject.

Since late October 2014 Region I, District 6 CPO Frichtl, and other Winnebago County CPOs have been investigating several hunters who failed to remove their tree stands daily from the IDNR Rockton Bog hunting property and had illegally cut tree branches and limbs near their stand sites. Attempts to identify the illegal hunters and issue citations for the violations were unsuccessful.

CPO Dennis Frichtl seized one of the abandoned tree stands from the Rockton Bog public hunting property and left a seizure tag notifying the owner of the seizure and how to have their property returned.

While completing assigned deer harvest follow-up investigations in Winnebago County, CPO Alt interviewed an individual who supervised his daughter's youth firearm deer hunt from October. The deer harvest was recorded after 9 p.m. when shooting time ended several hours before. The check-in of this deer harvest was after the required 10 p.m. check-in time limit. The investigation revealed the father failed to purchase a youth firearm deer permit while purchasing the apprentice hunting license for his daughter that morning. Realizing the mistake, the father purchased the deer permit after the deer was harvested and checked it in late. A thorough review of the Wildlife Code was made with the father to ensure future compliance of the code. The father was charged under the Parental Responsibilities section of the Wildlife Code. He was also issued two written warnings for the tagging and deer harvest reporting violations.

CPO Alt taught a snowmobile safety education class to area youth. Topics covered included: registration requirements, operation requirements, age of operation requirements, safety equipment requirements and accident reporting requirements/instructions.

CPO Alt is conducting two separate investigations of hunting without permission. Photographs from each landowner's deer stand cameras provided depict evidence of hunting on one property with an individual dressed in blaze orange carrying a shotgun while the other complaint photo provided depicts a uniquely modified pickup truck driving the field late at night. Investigations are ongoing.

District 7, Sgt. (Vacant)

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Brad Thompson testified in Fulton County Court referencing unlawful hunting in a restricted area of a state park. Following a short bench trial, the defendants were each found guilty as charged and fined approximately \$200 for the offenses.

CPO Brad Thompson received a complaint of an injured hawk. Upon arrival, the witnesses explained they were waterfowl hunting and they saw a hawk impacted by a low flying airplane. The hawk's wing was damaged rendering it incapable of flight. Officer Thompson retrieved the hawk and transported the hawk from the scene for evaluation.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell and the East Galesburg Police Department investigated a complaint in reference to the illegal dumping of a deer carcass and plastic buckets along a roadway in Knox County. During the interview of the person who reported the harvest of the deer it was determined he had gifted the deer to a Galesburg man. The Galesburg man explained he processed the deer at his residence and then discarded the carcass and three plastic buckets containing deer parts along the roadway. The Galesburg man was issued an East Galesburg city ordinance fine of \$200 for the illegal dumping of the plastic buckets and issued a written warning by CPO Lazzell for the illegal dumping of the deer carcass along the roadway.

CPO Pat Reid completed a furbearer buyer inspection. An extensive review of records dating back to the fall of 2012 revealed no violations.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Scott Avery issued four citations for deer hunting violations to a Peoria County resident. The subject pleaded guilty to hunting without permission and deer hunting with no valid deer permit. The judge sentenced the subject to pay \$977 in fines/fees and given 12 months supervision.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant cited a subject for hunting after legal shooting hours. After seeing the officer, the subject ducked around a barn and unloaded the gun as he walked toward the officer. The officer heard the shells being ejected and found them lying in the weeds. The subject said he had just forgotten to unload like he usually does.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard received a court disposition from an earlier arrest. A Peoria county subject pleaded guilty to operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject was ordered to pay \$3,095.00 in fines and court costs.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel (Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Jason Hurt conducted a traffic stop in Fox Lake for expired registration on a passenger car. The driver was cited for operation of a motor vehicle with expired registration, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, and driving while suspended.

CPO Wagner cited a subject for hunting pheasant at COLSP with lead shot. A written warning was also issued for not wearing a blaze orange cap.

CPO Wagner cited a subject for hunting migratory waterfowl (geese) without a federal waterfowl stamp.

CPO Wagner cited a subject for hunting migratory waterfowl (geese) with an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Kelley issued a written warning to a waterfowl hunter in Lake County. The man had a HIP certification for Indiana,

but not for Illinois. He did, however, have a state waterfowl stamp. As such, he was informed he needed to register with HIP in every jurisdiction he hunted.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis was contacted by the Island Lake Police Department requesting assistance in locating a missing child believed to be in a wooded area. CPO Davis arrived on scene equipped with night vision but was advised the child had just been found in a house near her residence.

CPO Winters and CPO Davis were checking waterfowl hunters in McHenry County where they observed a group hunting in a field. A compliance check was conducted resulting in one citation for hunting without a state waterfowl stamp and four written warnings for failure to maintain separate bag limits.

CPO Wagner cited an archery deer hunter for not wearing blaze orange during the muzzle loader season.

CPO Kelley dealt with a man whose dog was unleashed at Moraine Hills State Park. The man admitted his error and appropriate action was taken.

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

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland checked two waterfowl hunters and found that they had not maintained separate bag limits. One of the hunters didn't have his license on his person or a state waterfowl stamp. One citation and three warnings were issued.

CPO Bergland was patrolling Silver Springs State Park after dark and found a vehicle in the park after closing hours. He approached the vehicle and detected a strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed cannabis and a smoking pipe. The driver was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid stopped a deer hunter on property owned by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The individual stated he knew he was trespassing and had been previously warned. He admitted to mowing a trail through the property so he could ride his ATV and snowmobile and also to cutting down trees to make shooting lanes, including a live oak tree approximately 30' tall. The individual also had a "hitter pipe" and a small amount of cannabis in his pocket. He was arrested for: hunting without permission, invalidated archery permits, and destruction of private property. His compound bow was seized.

CPO Reid checked a suspicious vehicle parked on the side of the road. The driver hurried out of the woods and stated he was "just going for a walk". The bed of the truck was full of an assortment of trapping equipment. Upon further interview, the individual admitted he was setting a trap line along the creek and did not know who owned the property. A trespass complaint exists on the property and the individual was issued a citation for trapping without permission of landowner.

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

COOK COUNTY

Over a several day period, CPO Mooi worked with Cook County Forest Preserve Police on a hunter in the forest preserve

without permission. After searching for several hours CPO Mooi located the illegal hunter and issued him a citation and warning. The case is pending further investigation of multiple acts of hunting without permission.

LAKE COUNTY

While working routine sport fishing, CPO Farber was walking through the boat launch parking lot at Waukegan Harbor when he smelled an odor of cannabis. CPO Farber observed two subjects in a car and after investigating he determined the smell of cannabis was coming from their vehicle. CPO Farber arrested the two Waukegan men for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and drug paraphernalia.

While traveling south on Route 53 at I-90, CPO Farber observed a vehicle weaving on the roadway. After observing the vehicle for several miles, CPO Farber initiated a traffic stop. CPO Farber made contact with the driver and smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. The subject was arrested for improper lane usage, no valid license and DUI. The operator's BAC was two and a half times over the legal limit.

CPO Gilmer checked several waterfowl hunters. He wrote two written warnings to a 16 year old in a hunting party of juveniles and explained to the group the importance of having licenses on them, signed, and the proper stamps attached, etc.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody responded to a trespassing complaint as well as illegal dumping of deer carcasses. A subject from the town of Windsor was cited.

CPO Barnes and CPO Moody responded to a subject who accidentally trapped a bobcat. The bobcat was seized, however no enforcement action taken.

SHELBY/MOULTRIE COUNTIES

CPOs Greuel, Moody and Barnes investigated several Target Illinois Poachers (TIPS) complaints which were unfounded due to lack of information or evidence; or the person(s) were no longer on site.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPO Schultz were working fishermen at Clinton Lake. Several violations were found including fishing in a restricted area and a non- resident with a resident fishing license and short crappie. Written warnings and citations were issued to the individuals.

CPO Wright and CPO Schultz worked a plain clothes crappie detail at Clinton Lake. Even though the crappie were not biting that day, most of the fishermen were catching bluegills or catfish. No violations were found, however an officer presence was made.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright followed up on a deer investigation involving a Mt. Zion man. The subject was found to be hunting without a valid hunting license, habitat stamp and deer permit. The man admitted to shooting a 7 pointer and knew that he did not have any of the proper permits. Enforcement action was taken.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden has an ongoing investigation into a Pennsylvania resident fraudulently obtaining an Illinois resident hunting license and archery deer permits during the 2013 deer season. He is working with the Pennsylvania Game Commission on this violation.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received an anonymous tip from a hunter. The complainant stated he was hunting Sunday night and heard one rifle shot near his location. He advised that in the past he had trail cam pictures of people trespassing on the property. He advised a local resident in the area called him and informed him a local hunter shot a deer on Sunday and was showing pictures of it to people. He advised it was a large deer. The complainant advised he had multiple trail cam pictures of the deer described. The hunter was telling people he shot the deer with a crossbow. A check through the DNR database indicated the possible suspect reported a harvest on Sunday. The harvest report indicated it was a large buck and was shot with a crossbow. CPO Blakeley made contact with the subject. After a lengthy interview in the field, the subject admitted to trespassing, shooting the deer with a high powered rifle, and recording the harvest with his archery permit.

CPO Wheatley did a license check on a hunter with a buck in the bed of his truck. Upon looking at the deer for tags, he saw a dead raccoon with a visible mark on its foot from a trap. Upon further investigation, two dog proof traps were found. The hunter said he wasn't trapping, but after an interview he admitted to trapping the raccoon without a trapping license.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO James Blakeley located a deer hunter hunting over a baited area during the Saturday of the second muzzleloader season. The hunter placed a salt block 30 yards in front of the stand he was hunting.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis charged a subject for shooting along a roadway to harvest a pheasant and transporting a loaded/uncased shotgun in a motor vehicle. The incident occurred at Jim Edgar Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPOs Swance and Bettis investigated the unlawful taking of a whitetail deer with less than four points on one side. Two Sangamon County subjects were each issued citations for the unlawful harvest. The deer was taken from Jim Edgar Panther Creek.

Sergeant Stone responded to a TIP complaint involving a deer possibly taken illegally. The subsequent investigation by Sergeant Stone resulted in an admission by the suspect of shooting a doe from a roadway with a shotgun during the closed season. Appropriate charges against the suspect and an accomplice are pending.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Swance observed a large plate boat on Lake Sangchris in Christian County. Knowing the lake has a 25 hp limit, the officer kept vigilance on the boat. When the boat came to the ramp, it was discovered the boat operator was running a 60 hp motor. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Cochran received a complaint from park staff at Sangchris Lake State Park alleging a group of individuals had cut down several trees and left a great deal of trash at a campsite in Hickory Point Campground. After conducting a thorough investigation, two individuals were cited for unlawful destruction of timber and littering in a state park. One of the individuals was also given a written warning for fishing without a valid fishing license. One of the subjects was fined \$150 and ordered to pay \$139.95 in restitution to the Illinois Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund. Charges against the other subject, a juvenile, were dismissed.

While conducting wildlife enforcement at Sangchris Lake State Park, CPO Cochran observed two trucks in the same general location displaying the same windshield permit cards on the west side of the lake. After discovering to whom the vehicles belonged, he discovered one of the individuals was hunting whitetail deer without a valid habitat stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MASON COUNTY

A boating case made by CPO Bettis during the Redneck Fishing Tournament resulted in a subject pleading guilty to unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The male subject received 12 months court supervision and paid \$1643.00 in fines and court costs.

A timber investigation by CPO Bettis resulted in a timber buyer pleading guilty to failure to pay proper amount of 4% harvest fee to IDNR. He was fined in Sangamon County court a total of \$2000.00, which includes a \$1000.00 fee to be paid to the Illinois Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund. In addition, the subject also paid \$4,318.98 in late 4% fees and late penalties to IDNR Forestry.

CPO Bettis was investigating a hunting without permission complaint when he learned the suspect was wanted on a \$10,000 warrant for failure to appear in court for a FOID card violation. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Mason County jail. The hunting without permission case is still under investigation.

An unlawful deer hunting case investigated by CPO Rollins resulted in a subject being found guilty on two of six charges in Mason County court. The guilty charges included unlawful take of a whitetail deer and hunting without a valid deer permit. The violator was fined \$882.00.

CPO Rollins is currently investigating a complaint of hunting without permission and theft of a trail camera. The suspects admitted guilt and charges are pending.

MENARD COUNTY

A ginseng case made by CPO Bettis resulted in two subjects pleading guilty to unlawful harvesting ginseng root. Each subject paid fines of \$1106.00. In addition, they both must pay \$2000.00 in restitution to two Menard County landowners. Total fines and restitution for the two subjects totaled \$6212.00.

CPO Bettis taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course at the Porta High School Ag class in Petersburg. This is a yearly effort by the current Ag teacher to educate his students in Conservation Education and Hunter Safety.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance assisted Illinois State Police with a coyote that had been struck by a vehicle on I-55. The coyote was injured but remained elusive. Eventually the coyote was captured but it was determined that the coyote couldn't be saved due to its injuries. The coyote was subsequently euthanized.

CPO Swance was patrolling for waterfowl activities when he observed a couple of hunters set up to hunt geese. As he watched the pair from a distance, the legal hunting hours passed but the hunters remained hidden in layout blinds. At 7 minutes past legal hunting hours, the two hunters fired at passing geese, killing two. Before he could make contact, the hunters fired on two more groups of passing geese. Upon contact, the hunters were unsure of legal shooting hours. The late shooting was addressed and enforcement action was taken.

SCOTT COUNTY

On Christmas Eve, CPO Wichern received information regarding a poached whitetail doe near Blackburn Lake. After a short interview with the suspected poacher, it was determined the deer was shot with a .223 rifle after legal deer hunting hours. Appropriate citations were issued.

On the evening of December 17th, CPO Wichern charged a Scott County man with illegal transportation of open alcohol and parking on the roadway while investigating deer shining complaints

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Zach French arrested a female subject in Horseshoe Lake State Park for driving while license suspended and suspended registration.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Eric Charles heard a radio broadcast from State Police communications of a motor vehicle accident along a highway in Randolph County that involved injuries. The officer was close to the location and was the first officer on scene. The officer arrived at the same time as the first responders and was able to assist them in traffic control. The driver required medical attention and was transported to the hospital.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay and CPO Williams investigated a subject who killed two bucks during one morning hunt. The subject explained he had killed both deer while archery hunting. CPOs determined the subject purchased his second either-sex deer permit 50 minutes after posing in a photograph with both deer. The subject confessed to not having the second permit at the time of harvest. Citations were issued for unlawful take of deer and failure to report harvest.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan and CPO Williams conducted waterfowl enforcement at Rend Lake. While checking a group of hunters returning to a boat ramp, it was found the hunters had not separated their five ducks they had taken. The owner of the

boat also was lacking the required number of life jackets and registration markings on the bow of the boat. A citation and written warnings were issued.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson is investigating a deer found untagged.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins cited a hunter for hunting deer without a valid hunting license at time of kill. The hunter was issued a written warning for not having a valid deer permit, no habitat stamp and failure to tag upon kill.

CPO Diggins investigated a TIPS complaint for illegal dumping of carcasses. No suspect information was obtained in the investigation. No action taken in complaint.

CPO Diggins issued a hunter a citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill and a written warning for illegal dumping of carcasses.

WHITE COUNTY

CPOs Schoenhoff and Diggins are investigating a boundary dispute between the owners of a nature preserve and a private landowner.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith conducted an investigation resulting in one citation issued for unlawful possession of wild turkey and one warning issued for fraudulent records.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith assisted Effingham County in searching for a subject who was involved in a shooting near the walking trail in Effingham. The suspect's vehicle was left there and not recovered since the incident last week. He was not in the area.

CPO Smith cited a subject for failure to report a hunting accident. The subject initially reported being shot but an unknown person. Later after an investigation by the Effingham County Sheriff Department, the subject admitted to shooting himself. Additional charges are pending.

FAYETTE COUNTY

During an investigation, CPO Compton discovered a man had killed a 10 point buck by bow and arrow while hunting without a deer permit. Citations were issued and the deer was seized.

During an investigation, CPO Compton discovered that two brothers, ages 17 and 14, bow hunted without archery deer tags in early October. The 14 year old harvested a 6 point buck. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Compton charged a Marion county subject with destruction of plant life for unlawfully running over corn stalks with his ATV while waterfowl hunting at the Carlyle Wildlife Management area. The subject had his ATV permit revoked for that area.

CPO Compton observed two subjects riding dirt bikes off road at Ramsey Lake State Park after sunset. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Compton and CPO D. Taylor traveled to Arkansas to assist with interviews on subjects who had been illegally killing deer in Illinois for several years. The Special Investigations Unit of the Arkansas Game and Fish Enforcement Division, along with officers of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Illinois Department of Natural Resources, conducted a two day special investigation that centered in Faulkner County. The investigation focused on illegal deer hunting activity in both Arkansas and Illinois. The two day investigation resulted in the collection of evidence and statements that supported thirty (30) Game and Fish Violations in Arkansas and numerous charges from Illinois which are still pending. The officers interviewed approximately twenty individuals over the two day investigation. There were a total of eight deer heads seized that had been harvested illegally in Illinois and one alligator that was harvested illegally in Arkansas. There were many violations that were uncovered during this special investigation that actually occurred in Illinois. There are currently several additional charges pending in Arkansas and Illinois as a result of this operation.

The special investigation resulted in the following citations and warnings being issued in Arkansas: (1) falsifying information citation, (2) CWD citations, (3) checking citations, (1) no hunting license citation, (1) lending license citation, (1) wildlife records requirements citation, (8) tagging warnings, (4) checking warnings, (5) aiding or abetting warnings, (2) CWD warnings, (1) possession of game without written information warning, (1) taking of alligator prohibited warning. The total bond for the citations issued in Arkansas was \$2,430.00.

CPO Buhnerkempe seized a 2002 Red Chevy truck. The truck was used in the killing of 13 deer. One deer which scored 170 was intentionally run over with the truck. Three subjects have been charged in the illegal take of 17 deer total. Charges include: felony resource theft, unlawful use of lights from a vehicle, no valid FOID card, unlawful hunt after legal hours, and unlawful take of deer.

District 16 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman cited a Carbondale subject for making feed available to deer. The subject had a commercial tripod feeder set-up a short distance from his house filled with corn. Coincidentally, in front of the feeder was placed a hunting blind. The subject did not admit to hunting from this blind in front of the feeder but did admit to having the feeder.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson and CPO Somers conducted waterfowl compliance details at Mermet Fish & Wildlife Area. A subject was observed hunting waterfowl. The subject was checked and found to have a revoked FOID and also wanted on warrant. The subject was transported to the Massac County Jail and cited for unlawful take of four mallards and failure to maintain separate bags. The ducks and two shotguns were seized. Other hunters were checked and were issued five written warnings for various violations.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek stopped a vehicle on Shawnee, discovered open alcohol in the vehicle on driver and passenger. The driver was determined not to be DUI, cited open alcohol.

CPO Vasicek located two hunters in the middle of the night who had pulled into a field lane. The subjects had a loaded .22 rifle in truck and a freshly killed coon in bed of truck. They stated they were looking for a coon dog. Their hunting licenses were not in possession. The subjects maintained they had walked the coon up and not road hunted it. Several citations were issued.

CPO Vasicek gave a presentation at the Youth Waterfowl Banquet in Union County. Approximately 300 people attended. The following day [on his day off](#), he guided two youth hunters on a successful youth hunt where they harvested six mallards, one shoveler, two white fronted geese, and one Ross goose harvested.

CPO Vasicek assisted Union County on a domestic dispute involving weapons at their request.