



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 February 1 – 15, 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

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

An Andover man, who used his wife’s landowner deer permits to fulfill the deer he killed, appeared in court and pled guilty to the unlawful taking of a deer. The falsification of IDNR records charge was dismissed. He was fined a total of \$359.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran attended CPR training and law enforcement in-service training.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

While conducting surveillance on an unlawful trap line, CPO Palumbo observed two Prophetstown men unlawfully road hunting from their vehicle. They were driving slowly down a heavily timbered, dead-end road and were in possession of a loaded .22 rifle and a 410 shotgun that was unloaded and cased just prior to the stop. The two had multiple fox squirrels and one rabbit in the bed of their truck. It was later discovered that they were taking part in a local squirrel hunting competition. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and a written warning to a Morrison man with no archery deer permit for unlawfully taking and transporting an untagged white-tailed deer.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPOs Finn and Wagner conducted a snowmobile safety compliance detail on the Hennepin Canal, and approximately 44 sleds were checked. The detail was focused on valid registration, valid insurance and underage operators. Five citations were issued for these violations. Twelve written warnings were also issued. One possible theft was investigated.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Filipiak observed a vehicle traveling 84 mph in a 55-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and he observed a four-year-old child was sitting in the backseat without a car seat. The driver was issued a total of three citations for speeding, no valid insurance, and failure to secure her child in a child restraint system.

CPO Kaufman assisted the Illinois State Police during a snowstorm on Interstate 80. He handled a hit and run involving a semi and a car.

CPO Kaufman conducted numerous snowmobile safety compliance checks. Eight citations and eight written warnings were issued for violations which included youthful operator, no registration, and no insurance.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser stopped a vehicle for speeding in Rock Cut State Park. After approaching the vehicle, a strong, distinct odor of cannabis was detected. A probable cause search of the vehicle uncovered cannabis, a glass smoking pipe, and a cannabis bong. The occupants of the vehicle were issued a total of eight citations.

CPO Fraser received a complaint of cars spotlighting a field several nights in a row near a home. He patrolled the area on multiple nights but was unable to locate any violations.

CPO Fraser patrolled the public snowmobile trails by snowmobile.

CPO Fraser observed snowmobile tracks in Rock Cut State Park. This Park does not allow the operation of snowmobiles. He followed the set of snowmobile tracks to a home several miles away. The owner of the snowmobile

admitted to riding in the Park, and he stated there were no signs stating he could not. The operator was issued one citation and given several warnings for other violations.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid assisted the Oquawka Police Department involving an act of animal cruelty resulting in the death of a pet cat.

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

CPO Lazzell investigated a complaint from a landowner who found multiple hunting stands, mineral blocks, and trail cameras on his property. A neighboring property owner was identified as a suspect and was interviewed regarding the illegal hunting activities. The complainant's neighbor was cited for hunting without permission of the landowner and unlawfully baiting deer. Two written warnings were issued for additional violations.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard conducted sport fish enforcement. Four citations and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully snagging sport fish at Powerton Lake.

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

CPO Blazinic arrested an individual for unlawful use of weapons by a felon, unlawful taking of an eight-point white-tailed deer, hunting from a roadway, and numerous other conservation charges. The individual had a prior felony conviction for domestic battery/bodily injury and unlawful restraint. The subject was transported to the Adams County Jail.

CPO Blazinic attended law enforcement in-service training.

CPO Blazinic responded to a trapping without permission complaint. During the investigation, CPO Blazinic learned that a 13-year-old novice trapper had been trapping on an adjoining neighbor's property which had been leased by a local outfitter. The novice trapper obtained permission to trap from the outfitter, but not the landowner. After interviewing all parties involved, it appeared the trapping without permission was a misunderstanding. The novice trapper did not have a trapping license, and his traps were not tagged with his name and address. He was educated, and his parent was issued two written warnings for no trapping license and untagged traps under parental responsibility.

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

CPO Wheatley responded to a call regarding an injured bald eagle in Nauvoo. The eagle, "Poncho," was located, restrained, and secured for travel to a rehabilitator for treatment. Poncho was incapable of flight and had difficulty walking. CPO Wheatley believed the bird had lead poisoning based off its actions and his experience with rescuing eagles. The rehabilitation facility reported that Poncho was doing well and was being treated for lead poisoning. If the bird's condition continues to improve, he may be released this spring.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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 Cochran issued salvage tags to residents to be able to claim the antlers on dead deer they located.

CPO Cochran issued a nuisance permit to remove raccoons that were destroying a Taylorville resident's attic. The homeowner was educated on how to prevent further infestation and the best practice to remove raccoons.

CPO Cochran assisted CPO Macias in completing a boat accident investigation.

CPO Cochran conducted boating enforcement on Sangchris Lake. Appropriate enforcement action was taken for no serviceable fire extinguisher and no battery covers on two batteries in a motorboat.

CPO Cochran made a public relations appearance at the Pana Sportsman's Club during a League Trap Shoot.

CPO Cochran scouted several properties in preparation for the next hunting season.

CPO Cochran checked snow goose hunters during the Conservation Light Order season. One hunter was hunting without his FOID in possession and no HIP registration.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias attended law enforcement in-service training.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan conducted numerous snowmobile patrols via squad and snowmobile. Several citations and written warnings were issued.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Vaughan, Davis, and Winters completed DUI instructor school.

CPO Vaughan investigated a snowmobile accident that occurred on Nippersink Lake. The snowmobile and operator struck a duck blind on the Lake. The operator was transported to Centegra Hospital in McHenry.

CPO Vaughan conducted numerous snowmobile patrols via squad and snowmobile. Several citations and written warnings were issued.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis observed a subject changing the license plates on a vehicle at a gas station, and a license plate check showed the plates returned to a different vehicle. As the vehicle left the gas station, CPO Davis observed a traffic violation and initiated a stop. The driver did not have a valid driver's license and was issued three citations. The vehicle was towed.

CPO Vaughan conducted numerous snowmobile patrols via squad and snowmobile. Several citations and written warnings were issued.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Sgt. Wollgast stopped to assist a motorist stranded on an unplowed country road. The female driver had drifted off the road and was stuck in a snow drift. She said she was traveling from Bloomington to Peoria. The woman was unsure how she ended up in Grundy County. The Grundy County Sheriff's Office was called, and Officer Damron and Sgt. Corey arrested the woman after she failed a field sobriety test for DUI. Illegal drugs were also found inside the car before it was towed.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber responded to a call about a man who fell through the ice approximately 40 yards from shore at Mazonia-Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area. Another man heard him yelling and drove down to where a father and kids were sledding using a kayak. They used the kayak to rescue the man from the water. The man was in the water for approximately 15 minutes, but he was in good condition. He was released from the scene without being taken to the hospital.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland assisted the Kendall County Sheriff's Department in removing and pushing out stranded motorists during the recent heavy snowfall event.

WILL COUNTY

CPOs Honiotes and Farber assisted the Channahon Police Department with a fatal snowmobile accident. The snowmobile was traveling down a roadway and was struck by a truck.

CPO Reid responded to a disoriented, hypothermic young man who was wandering the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area. The young man was uncertain how he ended up in Will County because he last remembered being at school in Normal. He was taken to the hospital and treated for hypothermia and injuries. The Illinois State Police Investigative Unit is handling the investigation.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPOs Ausmus and Stanbary conducted sport fishing enforcement on Salt Creek, below the Busse Lake spillway. Two warnings were issued for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Ausmus conducted state historic site checks of the Douglas Tomb, Hotel Florence, and Pullman Factory.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass patrolled IDNR-owned property adjacent to Wolf Road Prairie. The CPOs were checking on the abandoned houses and signs of hunting activity in the area.

CPO Ausmus assisted a tow company/scrap yard in Riverdale with getting the correct documentation for two "junk" watercraft they towed and stored for the Riverdale Police Department.

CPO Ausmus checked three ice fishermen. Two shelters were found to be unlabeled, and written warnings were issued to the anglers.

CPO Ausmus followed up on a complaint from staff at Moraine Hills State Park. A vehicle had been locked in the Park at closing, and it was gone upon their return the next morning. Tire tracks were found where the vehicle drove around the gate. The registered owner was from Des Plaines, and he was interviewed. It was determined that he was using the restroom at closing and became locked in the Park. The elderly male was unable to find a staff member so he exited the Park via the bike path. A written warning was issued for remaining in a closed area, and the subject was educated about the closing times.

CPO Ausmus was on routine patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he came upon a vehicle in the ditch. The driver admitted he was going too fast around the curve when trying to exit the site at closing. Site staff pulled the vehicle out of the ditch, and the driver was issued a warning for driving too fast for conditions.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed a snowmobile being operated in an open field after a heavy snowfall. He stopped the snowmobile operator when the subject returned to the residence that backed up to the field. The operator failed to have valid registration or insurance, and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Whitchurch observed a snowmobile being operated on property which was posted as being private. A stop of the snowmobile was made; and it was learned the snowmobile had no valid registration, no insurance, and the operator did not have permission to be operating a snowmobile on the property. A citation was issued for the registration violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a musky fisherman at Busse Lake for having no fishing license in possession. The fisherman stated he lost his original license and was unsuccessful when he tried to get another copy from a vendor.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a motorist after he observed her driving without taillights after dark. The young driver was unaware her lights were not illuminated and was grateful for being made aware.

Numerous snowmobile compliance checks in the District were completed. One written warning was issued to a rider for failing to display 16 square inches of reflective material on his cowling. Another snowmobile rider was cited for expired registration. A third rider ran out of gas in a high-tension power line right-of-way. The rider was issued three written warnings for failing to display 16 square inches of reflective material on his cowling, no proof of insurance, and riding on property without permission or consent of the landowner.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at the South Slip. One individual was asked for his fishing license. He stated he had one, but it was at home. A check of the database showed he did have a license, and a written warning was issued for license not in possession.

CPO Thornley checked fishermen at DuSable Harbor. While checking an individual, he spotted cut yellow perch fillets. CPO Thornley educated the man about being unable to use the cut bait, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a sport fishing enforcement detail at Navy Pier. He found three subjects to be using perch fillets as bait. He informed them it was unlawful to fillet the perch and use it as bait. All three subjects were issued written warnings for the violations.

CPO Snodgrass and Intern Custer were on patrol when they observed three snowmobiles operating on private property. They also observed the operators enter the roadway and proceed for approximately 75 yards. They initiated a snowmobile stop on two of three sleds that were still on the roadway. After speaking with the two individuals, it was found that the third individual was at a nearby residence. CPO Snodgrass and Intern Custer relocated to the residence to speak with the subjects. It was determined that that they did not have permission to operate on that property. All three subjects were issued citations for unlawfully operating a snowmobile on a public roadway, and warnings were issued for unlawfully operating on property without permission.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga conducted numerous fishing compliance checks. Two individuals at Wolf Lake were found to be actively fishing with unattended ice fishing devices. The individuals were educated as to the ice fishing regulations, and written warnings were issued for the violation.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi issued two ice fishermen written warnings for not possessing their fishing licenses while fishing. CPO Mooi stressed the importance of being able to provide a copy, either a hard copy or electronically, to Law Enforcement in the field.

CPO Mooi is investigating possible trapping violations in multiple counties.

CPO Mooi conducted a taxidermy inspection, and no violations were observed.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement along the Des Plaines River. He found an angler who was not in possession of his fishing license. A records check revealed the angler had not purchased his 2017 fishing license, and a citation was issued.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Graden completed an investigation, which began in the fall of 2016, into a complaint of an illegally taken white-tailed deer. The investigation determined a DeWitt County hunter used a .270 caliber rifle to shoot a mature buck from the roadway. The deer harvest was reported to the IDNR as a bow kill. The subject was issued four written warnings and five citations for the following violations: falsification of IDNR records; unlawfully hunting white-tailed deer by use/aid of a motor vehicle; unlawful take of a white-tailed deer with a .270 caliber rifle; unlawfully hunting white-tailed deer from a public roadway; and unlawful discharge of a firearm from a roadway/right-of-way. Both the 10-point deer shoulder mount and the .270 caliber rifle were seized as evidence.

CPO Viverito focused on fish enforcement on Clinton Lake. Over a four-day period, CPO Viverito discovered six individuals in the possession of short crappie. The investigation resulted in four of the individuals being cited, and another two were issued written warnings.

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

District 11 and District 19 Sergeants and CPOs attended law enforcement in-service training.

CPO Wright observed a vehicle parked at a common fishing area on Lake Decatur. While approaching the vehicle, he could smell the odor of cannabis. The driver of the vehicle was smoking the cannabis when CPO Wright tapped on the driver's side window. A civil citation was issued for the paraphernalia.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted two follow-up investigations regarding the unlawful harvest of white-tailed deer.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Marshall subject for deer hunting without a deer permit.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Charleston man for no fishing license while he was fishing below the dam on the Embarrass River.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure is investigating an abandoned boat with an Indiana registration number.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this activity.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this activity.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds observed a woman driving recklessly and speeding on Route 16, and a traffic stop was conducted. The Cowden woman was issued a speeding citation and two written warnings.

CPO Greuel issued written warnings to an Effingham man for harassment of wildlife (shining).

CPO Greuel issued a Chicago man a written warning for fishing violations at Eagle Creek State Park.

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

CPOs Sieves and Tapley worked two controlled pheasant hunt details at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. Four hunters were found in violation during the first detail. One hunter shot over the roadway, two hunters were in possession of lead shot, and the fourth hunter was walking in the ditch along the paved portion of the road. Three citations and one written warning were issued. Four hunters were found in violation during the second detail. The hunters were observed in a posted restricted area, and they were issued written warnings.

CPO Tapley attended law enforcement in-service training.

CPO Tapley completed a deer hunting investigation which resulted in the issuance of a written warning.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier received a complaint from a landowner that someone had knocked down his gate, and the landowner found a license plate at the scene. CPO Rolfingsmeier located the driver of the vehicle, and he admitted to driving through the gate. The driver was cited for criminal trespass and criminal damage to property.

CPO Liebl was contacted by the site superintendent of Horseshoe Lake State Park regarding a large pile of trash that was dumped in a hunter parking lot. A search of the debris revealed a name. A call to that person revealed she had hired a person to remove and dispose of her items as she was moving from her house. The woman stated that the man called the night before to say he went to the landfill, but it was closed. He reassured her that he had located a dumpster to properly dispose of the materials. After hearing about the obvious lie, the woman phoned the person responsible and told him to immediately go pick up the trash. When he arrived to pick up the debris, he was pulling an enclosed 6 x 12 U-Haul trailer. The man ended up filling the entire trailer and the bed of his pickup. The man was issued a citation for his offense and given a mandatory court date.

MONROE COUNTY

While conducting waterfowl enforcement, CPO Schachner observed a subject shoot at Canada geese 30 minutes after legal hunting hours. The subject also had several muskrat traps placed nearby which were not tagged with name and address as required by law. The violator was cited for hunting after hours and warned about the untagged traps.

CPO Schachner received a complaint of an injured bald eagle on the ground near a well-known eagle nest. The eagle did not appear to have any obvious physical injuries but could only fly approximately 120 yards before tiring and landing awkwardly. The eagle was captured using a large landing net. It was suspected to have mercury or lead poisoning, and it was transferred to a licensed rehabilitator.

CPO Sievers received complaints about a group of waterfowl hunters shooting at ducks after the duck season had closed. The subjects were located and observed. No ducks flew over during the observation period, and the four hunters were checked prior to the end of shooting hours. One hunter had a duck shoved into the bottom of his lay out blind. The second hunter did not have a state waterfowl stamp or a federal waterfowl stamp. The two 18-year-old hunters were each issued a citation and a written warning.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Liebl was notified of a possible trapping without permission incident. The caller stated he just saw an opossum and a red fox caught in traps on property that was recently listed for sale by a local bank. CPO Liebl located the animals in the traps, as well as three other traps set in the area. A check of all the traps showed none of them were tagged with the owner's name and address. Before leaving the area, a truck pulled into the field. The owner of the traps had arrived to check them for the day. The trapper had just started trapping that year and was unfamiliar with all the laws. The trapper was issued one citation for untagged traps, and written warnings were issued for other violations. The trapper was given a copy of the "Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations" for future reference.

CPO Liebl taught the law portion of a hunter safety education class in Collinsville. Approximately 70 students attended the class.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed a lost/stolen bow investigation from the 2016-2017 archery deer season. In November 2016, an archery hunter had left his bow behind in a campground parking area after he returned from a morning hunt. When he prepared for the evening hunt, he could not locate his bow. He was not sure if someone stole it from his truck or if he had left it somewhere. The hunter had not reported the missing expensive bow to the Conservation Police or the Randolph County Sheriff's Department. In April 2017, CPO Sievers received an anonymous tip that an archery hunter had taken a bow from the Randolph County Recreational Area. CPO Sievers began the investigation to locate the hunter who lost the bow but was not able to identify him. He decided to wait until the 2017-2018 archery season to see if that hunter would return and talk about the missing bow. The hunter's friend returned and heard that CPO Sievers was investigating the lost/stolen bow. The friend put him in contact with the victim. CPO Sievers then contacted the archery hunter who was supposed to be in possession of the bow. The hunter still had the bow and admitted that he found the bow lying next to a trash can in the campground parking area. The hunter stated that he would transfer the bow to the owner if it could be verified that the bow belonged to that person. The owner provided a receipt with matching serial numbers. CPO Sievers returned the bow to the rightful owner, but some of the accessories missing were missing.

CPO Sievers completed a timber truck investigative stop. The driver's proof of ownership was not correct because it did not have the log harvest location listed. The driver described the location of the timber harvest. CPO Sievers was familiar with the location and had seen the timber being harvested. The name of the current owner of the land was verified, and it corresponded with the timber grower's information on the proof of ownership. The driver was issued a written warning for not having the location completed on the form.

CPOs Sievers and Schachner assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department in locating a male subject who was armed and suicidal at Turkey Bluffs Fish and Wildlife Area. The subject was found deceased, and the Randolph County Sheriff's Department is handling the investigation.

CPO Sievers checked a trapper that had just placed six traps. He did not have a trapping license, and the traps were not tagged with the trapper's name and address. The trapper also placed piles of corn in front of his trail cameras. The trapper was issued one citation for no trapping license. Two written warnings were also issued.

CPO Sievers was contacted by CPO Schachner about an eagle carcass found by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department. The Randolph County Sheriff's Department transferred the eagle to CPO Sievers, and it will be transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

CPO Sievers attended the Kaskaskia River Eagle Fest Days and law enforcement in-service training.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a call from site workers at Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area regarding a very drunk and “high” subject driving off the posted roadway. The vehicle was located, and the driver was observed to be driving erratically. The subject was impaired and was cited for DUI, driving while revoked, illegal transportation of open alcohol, and operating off-roadway.

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 Lay issued a citation to a subject who was fishing at a Rend Lake project pond without a fishing license.

CPO Lay completed an investigation and submitted interview information to the US Fish and Wildlife Service regarding a case involving an over limit of geese.

CPO Williams concluded an administrative investigation into a hunter’s deer harvest. The hunter was cited for failing to tag and then transport the second doe that they shot. The hunter had an either sex and an antlerless only firearm permit in their possession, but they did not want to use the either sex permit on the second deer. A second antlerless only permit was purchased after the fact and used for the deer.

While on patrol in Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area, CPO Schoenhoff conducted three traffic stops for drivers traveling over 50 mph in a posted 35-mph zone. Three citations were issued to each of the drivers for speeding.

CPO Diggins issued two written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations for speeding and proof of insurance.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating the report of an illegal deer harvest.

CPO Diggins conducted upland game patrols. Several hunters were checked, and no violations were found.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden has been conducting point of sale records research to look for hunters who have reported harvests of deer and did not have hunting licenses or habitat stamps. The search revealed a man and women, who lived at the same residence, had each harvested a deer but had no hunting licenses or habitat stamps. Because the subjects were living in the same house, and the CPO believed that they thought they had their licenses prior to harvesting the deer, only one subject was cited. CPO Folden issued a citation for hunting without a hunting license, one written warning for hunting without a hunting license, and two written warnings for hunting without habitat stamps.

CPO Folden investigated a complaint of a trespass involving a coon hunting competition. The guide responsible for the illegal activity was issued one citation for hunting without permission. Further investigation will be conducted into the legality of the specific coon hunting event.

CPO Diggins conducted timber truck enforcement, and one citation was issued for failure to keep a daily log.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued seven written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations and two citations for an insurance violation and UTV on a State highway. He also attended a hunter safety education course and conducted evening park patrols for illegal off-roading damage to grounds.

CPO Folden received a call from CPO Johnson regarding people still shooting at geese 20 minutes after legal shooting time. CPO Johnson, who was off-duty, located the hunters and identified himself. He advised the hunters that CPO Folden was on duty and en route. When CPO Folden arrived, he was briefed by CPO Johnson and introduced to three young hunters who were new to waterfowl hunting. CPO Johnson had documented the shooting times as 5:36 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. Each of the three hunters said they shot both times. They said they thought they could hunt until 30 minutes after sunset. CPO Johnson had also observed the three hunters driving down a levee in their truck with uncased firearms. Each subject had licenses and stamps, but one did not have them in his possession. CPO Folden issued three citations for shooting after legal shooting hours, three written warnings for unlawfully transporting uncased firearms, and one written warning for not having a hunting license in possession as required. CPO Folden educated each hunter on the importance of the shooting times.

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 period.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this period.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this period.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith met with a person about an administrative investigation involving the early call in of a deer harvest. The person stated he observed what he thought was a doe approaching him. He went ahead and took the shot and killed it. When he found the deer, he realized it was a small basket rack, 6-point buck. He said one side of the deer's rack was deformed and was only a few inches tall. He did not have an either sex archery deer permit. He did not know what to do other than purchase an either sex archery deer permit and use it to tag the buck. Two written warnings were issued to the individual.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this period.

JASPER COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Taylor observed a boater operating a 70-hp motor on the Lake. He spoke to the boater and informed him the Lake was a 25-hp max lake, and the boat operator said he knew that. He was issued a citation for unlawfully operating a 70-hp motor on a 25-hp lake.

CPO Smith was patrolling the west boat launch at Newton Lake when he observed a fisherman approaching the boat dock area running his large motor. The fisherman was issued a citation for exceeding the motor size, and written warnings were issued for equipment infractions. Another boat approached the dock area, and the operator was in violation of the same law. The second operator was issued a citation for exceeding the motor size, and a written warning was issued for an equipment infraction. Several written warnings were issued to other boater/fishermen for equipment violations.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Williams attended law enforcement in-service training.

While checking rabbit hunters, CPO Compton checked a Salem subject and found a loaded .22 rifle in his truck. The subject said he did not realize it was loaded when he left the house.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Smith met with a Mount Carmel woman at her residence about an administrative investigation involving the early call in of a deer harvest. She stated she went archery deer hunting the morning of October 1, 2017 and harvested a doe. She had in her possession the previous year's archery deer permit and thought it was valid. She then realized the permit was expired and went to Rural King in Mount Carmel where she purchased a valid archery deer permit. Two written warnings were issued.

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

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued 10 citations to two Alabama subjects. The subjects hunted in Illinois and took five deer to a processor in Alabama. The Alabama Department of Conservation was called, and an investigation was conducted. The deer were determined to have been harvested in Massac County, Illinois. CPO Johnson further investigated the matter and found the subjects were using resident landowner permits to report the harvest. Multiple bucks from 2013 to the current year were illegally harvested by the subjects. They were charged with unlawful take of deer, hunting without a permit, failure to report harvest, and unlawful use of another's permit.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis received complaints from several landowners about the same deer hunter trespassing on their properties. An investigation into the allegations was performed, and it was determined the hunter shot a deer while hunting on Pyramid State Recreation Area, near the property line. The deer ran off IDNR property after being hit. The hunter tracked the deer across one complainant's property and found it on a second complainant's land. At the request of the two landowners, the deer hunter was issued two citations for hunting without permission.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.