



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 January 27 – February 13, 2015)

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

CARROLL COUNTY

A Brookville man was out during the snow storm riding his unregistered, uninsured, snowmobile violating several moving regulations when he approached CPO Beltran. CPO Beltran advised him of the several operation violations, his insurance violations and registration violations and issued several warnings and a citation for failure to register his sled.

CPO Audrey Jones cited a Chadwick man for pollution of waterway. CPO Jones received a complaint of someone dumping garbage under a bridge at Rock Creek. CPO Jones located the garbage and interviewed the suspect with CPO Beltran. The subject explained he was storing his garbage there until he could get rid of it. The subject was cited and removed the garbage.

While working snowmobile compliance checks, CPO Audrey Jones stopped ten snowmobiles for compliance checks. The owner of four of the snowmobiles approached and explained he did not have current registration on one of his snowmobiles. He further explained he had the current registration at home and had his wife send a picture of the valid registration. CPO Jones issued him a written warning and explained he needed to get his registration on his snowmobile before it was operated again.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted snowmobile registration and safety equipment checks on public snowmobile trails. No violations were noted.

OGLE COUNTY

A strong winter storm blanketed the area dumping as much as 12 inches of snow in Ogle County. CPO Beltran aided in the rescue and assistance of several stranded motorists and snowmobilers.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Tony Petreikis received a complaint of some subject's road hunting. Responding to the area, CPO Petreikis located

the vehicle on the side of the road. Locating three hunters, CPO Petreikis arrested the subjects for hunting from a roadway, uncased/loaded weapons in the vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Conducting harvest audits, CPO Petreikis arrested two subjects for the illegal taking of deer during the 2014 deer season.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Dennis Frichtl conducted an investigation into the illegal possession of an American alligator by a citizen living in Freeport, IL. A search warrant for the residence was obtained and CPOs Shane Teas, Tom Schoonhoven, Steve Beltran, and Stuart Fraser assisted CPO Frichtl during the serving of the search warrant. A search of the residence resulted in the seizure of one American alligator and several items of suspected drug paraphernalia. Upon consultation with the Stephenson County State's Attorney's Office, charges were filed against the defendant for unlawful possession of an American alligator and possession of drug paraphernalia, along with a warrant for his arrest.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo recovered a stolen Minnesota snowmobile from a Rock Falls man during a registration investigation. The Rock Falls man was also issued a citation for failing to transfer the certificate number on another snowmobile that he was in possession of. CPO Palumbo is currently working with investigators from Minnesota on the case.

CPO Palumbo assisted the Illinois State Police during the blizzard on Feb. 1st. Several motorist assists were conducted throughout the day.

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO ALT was called to assist the Boone County Sheriff's Department investigating a personal injury snowmobile crash which occurred on private property owned by Com Ed. Injuries sustained from the one snowmobile roll over crash included: a fractured elbow and thumb plus a sore hip. Charges are pending to the operator for unlawful operation of a snowmobile on private lands without permission from the owner or lessee.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wire recovered a glass pipe that was thrown from a vehicle during a traffic stop. The glass pipe was sent to the State Police forensic lab. The lab tested the pipe and confirmed the presence of cocaine.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry assisted DeKalb County Sheriff's Department with multiple accidents on January 26th. In the course of an hour and a half there were about 20 accidents due the freezing rain. CPO Murry responded to a rollover accident with unknown injuries. The driver of the vehicle was uninjured. While investigating the crash it was discovered the driver had a suspended Illinois driver's license. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended and operation of uninsured motor vehicle.

LASALLE COUNTY

An individual that CPO Wire had arrested for residential burglary pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 7 years in the Department of Corrections.

An individual that CPO Wire stopped for DUI pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,575. The passenger had been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. She pleaded guilty and was fined \$855.

CPO Finn from Region 1, District 6, was patrolling on a snowmobile near Ottawa when he observed a man with expired

registration on his snowmobile. CPO Finn stopped the snowmobile to inquire about the registration and found the operator to have four violations. The operator was given two citations, one for the registration and one for not having insurance. The operator was also given two written warnings.

CPO Kaufman attended a Cub Scout Winter Day Camp. He explained to the scouts how to plan and what items to have in their backpack while hiking. He also talked about how to dress for winter hiking and what to do if they get lost. Several scouts had their picture taken with the snowmobile CPO Kaufman had brought to the event.

CPO Filipiak arrested an individual for a fishing violation: an individual was ice fishing at Lake Holiday without a valid fishing license. The individual was issued a citation.

CPO Filipiak made a compliance check on 13 snowmobiles. While on the compliance check two individuals were issued citations for mandatory insurance, two individuals were issued citations for no proof of registration and nine written warnings were issued for operation on a roadway.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Due to heavy snowfall, CPO Fraser focused on snowmobile enforcement in Winnebago County. Over the course of several evenings multiple citations and warnings were issued including no insurance, no registration, operating without a valid driver's license, and driver's license not on person.

While patrolling Winnebago County, CPO Fraser stopped a vehicle on Highway 251. The driver was found to have no valid driver's license and no insurance as well as being a violent sexual predator. The driver was issued two citations and a warning for defective muffler and the vehicle was released to a valid driver.

CPO ALT taught the Illinois Snowmobile Safety Act to Cook County Forest Preserve and Homeland Security Officers.

CPO ALT was in marked uniform patrol completing snowmobile safety inspections in Winnebago County and documented Illinois Snowmobile Safety Act violations to include:

- Unlawful operation of an unnumbered snowmobile,
- Parental Responsibility: allowing minor to operate a snowmobile upon a highway without direct control, snowmobile safety certificate, or valid Illinois driver's license,
- Unlawful operation upon a controlled access highway,
- Unlawful operation against traffic flow,
- Unlawful operation of an uninsured snowmobile.

District 7, Sgt. (Vacant)

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of fishing without permission. A landowner reported a male subject seen on his property ice fishing without permission. Equipped with photo evidence, CPO Thompson and CPO Wheatley met with the suspect at his residence. When the suspect was asked about his activities on the property in question he stated he was on the property but was not fishing. After being confronted with the evidence in the photographs, the suspect admitted he did, in fact, fish for a while but demanded he had permission. The landowner provided information contrary to the suspect's statement. A citation and a few warnings were issued as a result.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Patrick Reid conducted two walleye fishing enforcement details at Lock and Dam 18. Written warnings were issued for various boat violations. No illegal fishing activity was detected during the detail.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of a male subject unlawfully hunting rabbits from an ATV and shooting over the road. CPO Thompson spoke with the suspect and after a short interview the suspect admitted to unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm (20 Gauge Shotgun). The suspect admitted a wounded rabbit did cross the roadway and died in the opposite ditch. However, the suspect denied ever firing from or across the roadway and offered to take CPO Thompson to the area he took the rabbits. Upon arriving at the location, CPO Thompson recognized two 20 gauge shotgun shell wads, blood, and rabbit fur on the leaves nearby. After further questioning, the suspect revealed he had, in fact, shot across the roadway at one rabbit. Two citations were issued.

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of trapping without permission on a property in rural McDonough County. After a short conversation with the landowner and seizing the traps, the suspect was identified by the tags attached to the traps. CPO Thompson contacted the suspect and he stated he thought he had permission through the tenant farmer. CPO Thompson explained the law relating to hunting and/or trapping without permission and the suspect stated he understood. A citation was issued for trapping without permission.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted snowmobile registration and safety act compliance checks in Peoria County. Nine snowmobiles were located and checked for compliance. All nine snowmobile operators were in violation of the snowmobile act for multiple violations. Thirteen written warnings and two citations were issued for the discovered violations.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant was checking fisherman at Powerton Lake. As two fishermen came out he asked them how they did. They replied "great, we both have limits." After counting the fish in their buckets he observed one subject had a very heavy looking back pack. The CPO asked if they had any more fish and they said no. One subject was ultimately found to have hidden five extra white bass in his back pack. He was issued two citations for illegal take of over the limit of white bass.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Isaac Gerard cited a Woodford County resident for harvesting a 12 point whitetail buck without an either sex deer permit.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Wagner arrested three subjects for ice fishing without valid sport fishing license, one written warning for unlawful operation of ATV on the roadway and one for fishing license not in possession

SGT Riedel and CPOs Davis, Winters and Semenik conducted a snowmobile enforcement detail at Gateway Foundation in Lake County. The detail was to enforce provisions of the snowmobile act as well as enforcing a standing complaint from Gateway Foundation. Gateway is a residential drug and alcohol treatment center. Over the past years they have had a problem with snowmobile operators driving on the property and delivering alcohol and drugs to the residential patients. In addition, snowmobiles have been using Gateway's property to travel between Fox Lake and Petite Lake, disregarding No Trespassing signs. Approximately six snowmobiles and one ATV were checked. Seven citations were completed for operation on private property without owner's permission.

CPO Semenik and CPO Winters followed up on a trapping complaint in Lake County. The subject was issued one citation for unlawfully trapping out of season and four written warnings for various trapping violations.

In the week following a significant snowfall on February 1st, CPO Jason Hurt conducted snowmobile enforcement in Lake and McHenry Counties. Eleven citations and five written warnings were issued for insurance and registration violations.

McHENRY

CPOs Davis and Winters, CPOT Semenik, and Sgt. Riedel organized a joint snowmobile enforcement detail with the McHenry County Conservation District Police to enforce the provisions of the snowmobile registration and safety act. The detail was conducted on MCCD property and the trail system. During the detail, approximately 40 snowmobiles were checked for compliance. Two citations were issued for operating a snowmobile without registration.

CPO Wagner arrested two subjects for operation of unnumbered snowmobile.

CPO Wagner arrested four subjects for failure to provide proof of mandatory insurance.

CPOT Semenik and CPO Winters patrolled the McHenry County Snowmobile Trails. Twelve citations and six written warnings were issued for insurance, registration, and trail sticker violations.

CPO Jason Hurt followed up on a snowmobile accident that occurred on the Fox River following the operator's release from the hospital. The operator was cited for failure to provide proof of mandatory insurance.

KANE

CPO Siedsma investigated a trapping complaint alleging the trapper would leave trapped animals in body traps for several days. The trapper was interviewed and a citation was issued for failure to check traps daily.

CPO Siedsma conducted snowmobile enforcement from state issued snowmobile on three separate dates. Enforcement resulted in the issuing of eight written warnings and seven citations. Four citations were issued to one operator who attempted to avoid inspection and fled the scene. The subject was stopped and issued citations for no registration, the main reason he fled, no valid proof of insurance, failure to stop, and careless operation of a snowmobile. During the three days of enforcement over 170 miles of public trails were patrolled and over 55 snowmobiles were stopped for inspection.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Bergland and Wollgast handled a personal injury snowmobile accident in rural Grundy County. A snowmobile operator drove his sled at a high rate of speed on property he owned and forgot about a large ditch on the property. He jumped the ditch crashing into the other side. He was taken to the hospital and was fortunate to only sustain fractured vertebrae and is expected to fully recover. The operator was issued a citation for operating a snowmobile too fast for conditions and a person operating a different sled with the victim was issued a citation for no registration.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker reports that a defendant pleaded guilty to illegally hunting by the aid of bait and was assessed \$500 in fines and costs and the tree stand and the firearm used were forfeited to the DNR. The defendant's husband pleaded guilty to illegally hunting by the aid of bait-accessory, illegally hunting without permission, and an invalid deer permit. He was assessed \$1500 in fines and costs and his firearm, deer stand and deer permits were forfeited to the DNR. In another deer case, a defendant pleaded guilty to illegally hunting by the aid of bait (2 counts), failure to wear required blaze orange, no valid deer permit, and unlawfully hunting before legal hours. He was assessed \$2500 in fines and costs and his deer stand and firearm were forfeited to the DNR.

CPO Vadbunker handled a personal injury snowmobile accident in Kankakee County. The victim fractured his femur

requiring surgery after driving the sled into a ditch. Citations were issued for snowmobiling without permission of landowner and failure to have certificate of number in possession. Warnings were issued for no proof of insurance, failure to display valid registration, failure to transfer certificate of number within 15 days, operating too fast for conditions.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Mueller reports that five defendants in the Wired Arrow case pleaded guilty in Cook County Court. Three defendants were fined \$500 each plus court costs, four months supervision, two of these also had forfeiture of a deer; one defendant fined \$750 plus court costs, 12 months supervision and forfeiture of bow and deer; one defendant fined \$1200 plus court costs, 12 months supervision and forfeiture of a deer head. There are four defendants left, including the two primary operators of the business.

CPO Mueller and Reid conducted snowmobile inspections on the I & M canal trail. Approximately 30 snowmobiles were checked and they issued five warnings for registration violations.

CPO Reid completed a hunting investigation where a subject was using his vehicle to get close to flocks of geese on property he did not have permission to hunt on and to shoot at the geese. The subject was cited for unlawfully hunting without permission, unlawfully hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, and for unlawful take of Canada Geese.

CPO Reid met with several corporations and private property owners to obtain signed trespass complaints prohibiting the use of off-road vehicles, hunting and any other unauthorized use of their properties.

CPO Reid interviewed a suspect who he previously encountered operating an ATV on property without permission. During the initial encounter the suspect fled from officers and refused to cooperate with law enforcement. CPO Reid was able to identify the suspect and eventually tracked him to the residence of a relative. Several citations were issued for operating an ATV on private property without permission.

CPO Reid interviewed an individual for deer hunting on property without permission. The subject had been arrested several times in the past for the same violation and other wildlife violations. He admitted that he knew he didn't have permission to hunt on the property and he was issued two citations for hunting without permission and hunting with invalidated archery deer permits.

CPO Reid conducted several interviews related to deer permit violations. The investigation is ongoing.

GRUNDY, KANKAKEE, KENDALL & WILL COUNTIES

CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Mueller, Reid, Wollgast and Sgt Simon worked the blizzard event on Feb 1. They provided emergency assistance to motorists who were involved in accidents or were stranded in their vehicles during the snow storm. They provided assistance to 80-100 motorists during the event. CPO Wollgast was part of an emergency delivery of snake venom to a Chicago hospital during the storm. His 4-wheel drive squad was required to navigate certain parts of the Interstate due to the weather.

CPOs Bergland, Honiotes, Mueller, Wollgast and Sgt Simon participated in CWD sharpshooting activities.

CPOs Anderson, Wollgast and Vadbunker completed required Hazardous Materials training.

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

COOK

*After an extensive investigation CPO Klemme charged a subject with operating a watercraft without a title –

Class A misdemeanor and operation of an unnumbered watercraft. In January CPO Klemme worked with the Assistant State's Attorney to present a plea agreement to the subject. He pleaded guilty to operation of an unnumbered watercraft and made a \$1000.00 donation to the Conservation Police Assistance Fund. He also paid a court fee of \$397.00.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area when a subject was observed driving his motor vehicle on the public roadway. The subject drove up to CPO Whitchurch and was complaining about some of the road closures inside the State Fish and Wildlife Area due to the recent winter storm. CPO Whitchurch observed an Illinois Vehicle Code violation while the subject was operating the motor vehicle. A check on the individual's license plate and driver's license revealed he was currently issued a restricted driving permit which only allowed him to legally drive to and from his employer listed on the restricted driving permit. CPO Whitchurch was able to ascertain the subject was no longer employed by the employer listed on the restricted driving permit and was just taking a leisurely drive through the State Fish and Wildlife Area. Therefore, the subject was in violation of his issued restricted driving permit. The subject was arrested on scene and cited.

CPO Whitchurch and CPO Macias both attended the Tinley Park Fishing Show which was held at the Tinley Park High School located in Tinley Park. CPOs Whitchurch and Macias spent a combined total of 32 hours at the show. CPOs Whitchurch and Macias answered many questions pertaining to fishing, hunting, trapping, boating, snowmobiling, and commercial laws pertaining to fish and wildlife.

CPO Whitchurch completed an inspection investigation into a Cook County taxidermy business. This taxidermy business was found to be operating a taxidermy business without a valid taxidermy license. A full inspection of records along with fish and wildlife was completed on scene. All other taxidermy regulatory requirements were met by this taxidermy business. The owner of the business was cited for unlawfully operating a taxidermy business without a valid taxidermist license.

LAKE

CPO Vaughan completed a deer hunting investigation where a non-resident hunter was hunting without a valid deer permit, hunting license, habitat stamp and within approximately 20 yards of a pile of pumpkins. The subject was issued citations for unlawful hunting without valid deer permits and unlawful hunting with the use of bait. The subject was issued written warnings for no hunting license and habitat stamp.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Elliott completed an ongoing permit violation which occurred during the 2014 archery deer season. During the investigation, one 13 point antlered deer and one 9 point antlered deer were seized. Additionally the following violations were addressed: Subject 1 was cited for using tags of another, falsification of records, unlawful hunting without valid deer permit, and Unlawful hunting without valid hunting license. Subject 1 received written warnings for unlawful hunting without habitat stamp, unlawful possession of illegally taken game, and feeding wildlife. Subject 2 was cited for loan/transfer tags to another and falsification of records. Subject 2 also received written warnings for unlawful hunting without hunting license, unlawful hunting without habitat stamp, unlawful possession of illegally taken game, and feeding wildlife.

CPO Gilmer was conducting sport fishing enforcement through the ice at North Point Marina in Winthrop Harbor. As he approached an ice shanty, he saw one male subject smoking marijuana through the window. CPO Gilmer opened the door to the shanty and heard water splashing. There were three subjects and none would admit to the drug pipe. CPO Gilmer looked through the tackle boxes for hidden fish and found marijuana. Once the marijuana was found the subject he saw with the drug pipe stated he threw it into Lake Michigan through the ice fishing hole and said the only reason he was hiding it was because he didn't want the marijuana to be found. After all, one subject was cited for marijuana and pollution of waterways for the drug pipe being thrown into Lake Michigan. One subject was cited for illegally drinking alcohol in the harbor and the other received written warnings for fishing in a location not allowed and not affixing name and address to his ice fishing shanty.

On 01/14/2015, CPO Elliott attended Court in McDonough County referring to a case where two subjects were unlawfully hunting from a truck on the roadway. The subjects plead guilty to six violations involving unlawfully hunting by use and/or aid of a motor vehicle, unlawful deer hunting using an unplugged shotgun, and hunting without permission. Total fines were nearly 3,000 dollars.

CPO Elliott made a public appearance at the Rosemont Sporting Goods Show where he addressed and answered questions. Topics discussed were Recreational Boating, Hunting, Fishing, Charters, and Methods of taking certain animals. Additionally, new IDNR laws and changes to IDNR laws as of 2015 were handed out and discussed.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for dumping trash and furniture in a rural area of Coles County. After searching through the garbage, evidence was found connecting the garbage to the subject. When asked why the subject dumped the garbage the subject stated she had missed her garbage service pickup and they wouldn't take the furniture.

CPO Barnes was contacted with a dumping complaint in rural Coles County. Upon investigation of the numerous bags of garbage, evidence belonging to a Mattoon subject was found. The subject admitted to dumping the garbage and a citation was issued.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Casey man for unlawful take of whitetail deer in Cumberland County during the 2014-2015 Archery Deer Season. The subject was also issued four written warnings for violations stemming from the same incident.

CPO Greuel is investigating the unlawful cutting of timber in Cumberland County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson tracked two snowmobiles from McLean County to the Power House Pub in the town of DeWitt. When Sgt. Williamson stopped the two snowmobiles he found multiple violations: operation of a snowmobile on a roadway with a revoked driver's license, no registration, and no insurance on one of the snowmobiles. A citation and several written warnings were issued to the Stanford man. The Leroy man received several written warnings and was taken to the DeWitt County jail on a warrant for three counts of destruction of property.

East Central Illinois and Indiana

CPO Cottrell continues to work with Indiana DNR on residency violations that are occurring between Indiana and Illinois.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Reeves closed a Macon County case that involved a male subject being charged with unlawful restraint and domestic battery. The subject received a two year sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections after pleading guilty to the charges.

CPO B. Wright received a tip regarding shots fired near a house in Decatur along a creek. While investigating the complaint, two raccoons were found shot near a tree and a trap that was out of the water. The trap was untagged, but due to a description of the suspect CPO Wright was able to determine who placed the trap. After a short interview a Decatur man (who had been arrested by CPO Wright last year for similar violations) admitted to setting the traps and killing the raccoons. The man was issued five citations for unlawful placement of traps out of water, unlawful take of a raccoon out of trapping season, untagged traps, exposed bait and firing a rifle within 300 yards of a dwelling.

CPO B. Wright arrested a Decatur man for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis - less than 2.5g.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for OUI in Calhoun County. The subject pleaded guilty and was fined \$657.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on two subjects he arrested for possession of cannabis in Jersey County. The first subject pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$1163. The second subject pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$609.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia in Jersey County. He pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$567.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on two subjects he arrested for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia in Jersey County. The first subject pleaded guilty to possession of 10-30 grams of cannabis and was fined \$764. The second subject pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and was fined \$622.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for DUI and drug paraphernalia in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to DUI and was fined \$1849. Two passengers pleaded guilty to transportation of open alcohol.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for DUI (.259 BAC) in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to an amended charge of OUI. He was sentenced to alcohol treatment; assigned 12 months court supervision, and fined \$4012.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for driving while license revoked in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty, was fined \$362, and assigned 24 months court supervision.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for driving while license revoked in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty, was fined \$352, and assigned 12 months court supervision.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for driving while license revoked in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty, was fined \$522, and assigned 12 months court supervision.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for OUI in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty, was fined \$677, and assigned court 12 months court supervision.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for DUI, squealing tires, and no insurance in Jersey County. The subject arrested pleaded guilty to an amended charge of reckless driving. He was fined \$1002, assigned 2 years court supervision, and required to complete 240 hours of community service.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for OUI in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to OUI, was fined \$1672, and assigned 18 months court supervision.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for hunting without deer permits in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to hunting without permits, was fined \$267, and assigned 1 year court supervision.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on three subjects he arrested for falsification of residency, unlawful take of whitetail deer, unlawful use of another hunter's permit, and unlawful take of three antlered deer in a single season in Macoupin County. The first subject pleaded guilty to falsifying residency and the unlawful take of a whitetail deer. He was fined \$1,656 and lost his hunting privileges for 18 months. The second subject pleaded guilty to the use of another hunter's permit. He was fined \$657. The third subject pleaded guilty to the unlawful take of three antlered deer in a single season. He was fined \$750.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject from Missouri that he arrested for fishing without a license in Macoupin County. On the subject's first court appearance, the subject presented the Macoupin County State's Attorney with a resident fishing license in an attempt to have the charge dismissed. The State's Attorney notified CPO Goetten, who conducted an investigation to confirm the subject did not reside in Illinois. At the follow-up court date, CPO Goetten met with the subject, conducted a follow up interview and cited the subject in Montgomery County (location of purchase) for falsifying residency. The subject pleaded guilty to fishing without a license in both counties. He was fined \$120 in Macoupin County and \$400 in Montgomery County.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for driving while license revoked, possession of cannabis, and drug paraphernalia in Macoupin County. Due to his criminal history, the Macoupin County State's Attorney increased the charges to felony driving while license revoked. The subject pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 3 years in the Department of Corrections and was fined \$452.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

While on routine boat patrol on the Illinois River, CPOs Cochran and Wichern located two youth firearm deer hunters and one archery deer hunter on private property just north of the Meredosia Federal Refuge. The oldest youth hunter was hunting unsupervised in a heavily baited deer stand and the second youth hunter possessed an unplugged shotgun with a supervising adult. The bow hunter was also located in a baited stand and charged with hunting deer by the aid of bait. The non-hunting supervising adult was charged with allowing a youth hunter to hunt deer by aid of bait and failing to supervise the youth's firearm deer hunt. The supervising adult paid \$232.00 in fines and court cost and the bow hunter paid \$120.00 fine for hunting deer by aid of bait.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran interviewed a subject, who admitted to shooting the deer without having any hunting license, habitat stamp, or permits. The subject was arrested for the unlawful take of a whitetail deer.

CPO Cochran conducted sport fishing enforcement at Sangchris Lake State Park. Numerous violations were discovered, which resulted in multiple subjects arrested for failure to immediately release undersized sport fish.

CPO Swance was patrolling restricted areas when he observed three men fishing. Two of the men did not have fishing licenses. The men were escorted from the area and the two without required sport fishing licenses were issued citations.

CPO Swance conducted fishing checks at Sangchris Lake. One bank fisherman was observed in a restricted area. Upon contact the fisherman denied fishing then stated he bought a license last January. The fisherman denied drinking alcohol and claimed the empty beer cans were not his. The officer had the fisherman return to his squad to check for a license. The fisherman was noted to have a strong smell of alcoholic beverage. Of course checks revealed no fishing license was ever bought. Citation was issued and the fisherman was asked to clean up his debris.

CPO Swance investigated a stolen signs complaint from Sangchris Lake. A stolen sign was located at a residence and had been partially painted over to advertise the home owners business. The subject admitted to painting the sign but denied stealing it. Charges are pending through the State's Attorney.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Swance completed an administrative investigation involving a subject who purchased a permit and reported a harvest in a very short amount of time. The hunter admitted he hunted near his home and harvested a buck. He then drove to Walmart and bought his permits and license. The CPO explained the need to purchase those items before hunting and the requirement to immediately tag the deer. Citation was issued.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Bettis arrested a Mason County resident for failure to tag whitetail deer, as required, immediately upon harvest.

CPO Swance completed an administrative investigation involving the purchase and reported harvest of a deer. The hunter, who had free permits, purchased an additional permit and reported a harvest within 17 minutes. The hunter admitted he failed to immediately tag the deer but felt if he didn't move the deer, he could buy the tag later. CPO Swance went over the laws regarding tagging deer. Written warning was issued.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Swance completed an administrative investigation regarding a subject who purchased a deer permit at the beginning of legal hunting hours and reported a harvest from neighboring county in a very short period of time. The hunter admitted to a friend that he shot the deer the night before and offered it to him. He stated he transported the deer back to Sangamon County where he bought the permits. The hunter also failed to buy a hunting license before he harvested another deer. Multiple citations were issued and the hunter's bow was seized.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance conducted waterfowl enforcement as migrating geese arrived in the area. Two hunters were observed actively hunting near the end of legal hours. Legal time passed and the hunters appeared to still be "flagging" geese. Several minutes after legal shooting time CPO Swance observed the hunters shoot at a flock of geese, harvesting one. Before CPO Swance could get from his place of observation to the hunters, they had shot at two more flocks and killed two more geese. The hunters were met in the field by CPO Swance each carrying freshly killed geese. When questioned about legal hunting hours, the hunters did not know what time they were required to stop. Citations were issued.

CPO Swance completed an administrative investigation regarding a subject who purchased a deer permit after legal hunting hours and reported a harvest using that tag the same day. The hunter reluctantly admitted he was saving his either sex tag for a buck. Records indicate the hunter harvested two more does without using his either sex tag. CPO Swance explained the violation and a citation was issued.

CPO Swance was completing his patrol when he observed an older subject walking along a busy road. The CPO could also see a bicycle lying in the ditch. CPO Swance stopped to check on the man. The man stated he was riding home from work when his vision glasses fell apart and he had lost a lens. The temperature was sub-freezing so the CPO allowed the man to sit in the squad while he and two passersby's looked for the lens. The lens was not found; however, one of the passerby's took contact information for the man and offered to help him get new glasses. CPO Swance arranged a warm ride for the man and his bicycle.

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley stopped a subject for a minor traffic violation in the country southwest of Greenville. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested and taken to the Bond County Jail.

CPO Tapley received a call about an unlawful timber cutting case. The case is still under investigation

CLINTON COUNTY

A subject arrested by CPO Tapley in 2014 for OUI pleaded guilty and was fined \$979.

CPO Tapley received a phone call about two men snagging paddlefish in the Kaskaskia River below the Carlyle Lake Dam. CPO Tapley watched them from a distance and saw the two men snagging fish. The men were throwing back Asian Carp and eventually caught a paddlefish. One of the men took the fish to his car where he put it in a large bag and then walked across the street and hid the fish in some tall grass. When CPO Tapley approached them, both men denied catching any fish. One man said he was fishing for catfish with stink bait, however, in the 40 minutes that CPO Tapley watched them he had not baited his hooks. CPO Tapley retrieved the fish and the bag and asked the two men about it. They denied catching it or hiding it. Both men were issued citations for snagging. After they were released, another fisherman told CPO Tapley there were at least two other paddlefish the men had caught. CPO Tapley went back up to the grass field and recovered two more paddlefish that had been hidden in the tall grass.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Ray issued a Madison County man a citation for archery deer hunting in Jackson County for failure to tag a white tail deer immediately upon kill. Several written warning was issued for hunting license and permit violations.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten was showing CPO French around Pere Marquette State Park when they came upon on a minivan parked on one of the cutouts on Scenic Drive. The minivan looked unoccupied but both passenger's and driver's side windows were down. CPO Goetten went to look in the minivan to verify the owners of the minivan were safe and found four individuals sitting in the cargo compartment. CPO French went around to the back and noticed the strong odor of cannabis emanating from the minivan. Search of the vehicle and persons revealed eight pipes (six were found in a juvenile female's bag) with burnt cannabis residue and less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. Two adult males were transported to Jersey County jail for possession of drug paraphernalia and two juvenile females were turned over to their parents.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray is investigating a complaint involving several subjects shooting at and killing two Canada Geese (out of season) on a subdivision pond. The juvenile subjects have been identified and the investigation is on-going.

CPO French was working on Chouteau Island after closing and noticed a vehicle driving on the island. The driver's license was suspended. CPO French initiated a traffic stop and cited the driver for the suspended license and warned the driver and passenger about being on the island after hours

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO Sievers conducted a records/inventory inspection on a previously uninspected commercial business operating as a retail fur buyer/tanner/root buyer and as a manufacturer/converter of various tanned fur items. The majority of the records were lacking required information and some records were missing nearly all information. After much discussion with the businessman, CPO Sievers clarified the legal operating aspects/requirements of the various licenses related to furs and the receipts/invoicing of various purchases etc. It was determined the poor records were due in some part to the owners confusion and as well as his complacency with maintaining the records and completing all required information. He was also notified that due to the manner he conducted his manufacturing business that he was purchasing the tanning license unnecessarily. CPO Schachner's review of the ginseng records revealed they were also missing required information as well as failure to document a purchase.

The businessman was issued written warnings related to:

- Prohibition of possession of aquatic life parts for commercial use (turtle parts and mussels).
- Failure to maintain proof of legal possession of inedible deer parts.
- Failure to record all information required on fur buyer receipts.
- Unlawful sale of raw/green fur during closed period.
- Failure to properly document transfer of raw/green hides to manufacturing business.
- Failure to forward ginseng records to IDNR as required.

He received a citation for failure to maintain complete records of ginseng purchases. His acceptance of responsibility for his violations indicates he will likely have no additional future issues. A follow-up inspection has been scheduled with him several months in the future to ensure he completely understands the regulations and is in compliance.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ray and Sgt. Manker responded to a hunting accident. A 69 year old male fell while attempting to remove his deer stand and was air lifted by Arch Helicopter. He fractured his C-3 and C-4 vertebrae from his fall. He is currently recovering and has no paralysis from this incident.

CPO Sievers presented the Conservation Police Lodge Trailer during the Eagle Fest at the Jerry Costello Lock and Dam.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner was working the last days of archery deer season on foot checking baited deer stands. As he was checking two deer stands for CPO Rolfingsmeier (who was off that day) a hunter exited one of the baited tree stands and quickly walked to his nearby residence and entered the front door. CPO Schachner was a short distance behind and spoke to the hunter's teenage son in the driveway. The son was clearly uncomfortable discussing his father's whereabouts or his deer hunting efforts. CPO Schachner then knocked at the door and spoke with the hunter's wife who also behaved as if she had no idea what her husband was doing or where he was located. She re-entered the house to "look" for her husband and did not return for approximately 5-10 minutes. Upon returning she claimed she did not know where he was and he was out somewhere in one of their vehicles. CPO Schachner left a business card and since he knew the subject was home, he simply waited. Twenty minutes later the hunter called the CPO and they met at the residence (where the hunter was hiding all along). After a brief interview the hunter admitted placing the deer bait (corn, acorns and commercial deer bait) and hunting over it as well as allowing both of his teenage sons to deer hunt over the bait. The hunter was issued a citation for deer hunting with the aid of bait and warnings for allowing his sons to do the same. The hunter admitted he knew it was illegal, but claimed they also hunted out-of-state where they were allowed to bait and it was a hard habit to break.

CPO Ray issued a St. Clair County man a citation for failure to tag white tail deer immediately upon kill while archery deer hunting. A written warning was issued for a permit violation.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Jourdan and Williams investigated a report of a wild captive raised deer near the Sesser-Valier School. The deer was located, persons raising the deer were educated about wildlife rehabilitation and the deer was relocated to a licensed rehabilitator. A written warning was issued for unlawful possession of a whitetail deer.

CPO's Lay and Williams were patrolling private land which borders the Rend Lake Corps of Engineers property. The Officers observed a subject on an ATV/Side by side unit operating on the Corps ground in an area not authorized for such use. After a search of the immediate area, the operator was located exiting an adjacent field. The operator was stopped and cited for operation on public lands not designated for ATV use.

CPO Lay completed two Random Commercial Taxidermy inspections in Franklin County. CPO Troy Williams assisted with one of the inspections, due to the large amount of items possessed by the taxidermist. Both inspections were completed without any violations found.

GALLATIN COUNTY

After receiving a complaint from a Gallatin County farmer having a cow being shot at night, CPOs Diggins and Schoenhoff conducted a decoy detail near the residence. A vehicle was stopped for shining the decoy with its headlights; the vehicle had pulled completely off the road to view the decoy. No weapons were found in the vehicle but the driver was cited for no valid insurance and issued two written warnings. Warnings issued were for no seatbelt and use of motor vehicle to shine wildlife.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Sgt. Cariens cited a man from Nason for driving off the roadway in multiple areas of the Rend Lake State Wildlife Area.

CPO Jourdan concluded a dumping on state lands investigation at Ten Mile Creek SFWA. Two subjects received money to haul debris from a disassembled modular home. Instead of taking the debris to the local landfill, they dumped truck-loads of the home next to a boat ramp on state property. Interviews were conducted on the subjects and they admitted to the offense. Both men were issued citations for the crime.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Compton cited a subject for transporting a loaded, uncased gun in a vehicle. He observed the subject exit his truck with the uncased gun and sneak up on some feeding snow geese.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith investigated a complaint originating from Sam Parr State Park. Park personnel advised there was considerable damage in the park. CPO Smith arrived and met with IDNR staff. The staff showed CPO Smith a concrete water fountain that was lying along the roadway a few hundred yards from the main entrance to the park. The concrete water fountain had been ripped from the foundation from White Oak picnic area and dragged down the road to the area where it was abandoned. CPO Smith discovered another concrete fountain had been destroyed at the south boat

launch area. Tire tracks of two ATVs' were spotted at both scenes. Two standing wooden outhouses were destroyed. One was dragged approximately 100 yards from where it was sitting. CPO Smith took several pictures of the tire tracks and damaged areas. Investigation is pending.

Sgt. Hyatt cited a subject for unlawfully using a 200 hp boat motor at Newton Lake which is restricted to a 25 hp limit.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe served a felony warrant on a Wayne County man for unlawful possession of a firearm with revoked FOID and felony resource theft. The warrant was issued in relation to an ongoing case in which two brothers unlawfully harvested three whitetail bucks.

District 16 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

A group of hunters who were arrested by CPO Vasicek pleaded guilty to multiple federal migratory bird hunting violations. Charges included unlawfully using electronic calling devices during the regular waterfowl season, unlawful harvest of over the daily bag limit of white fronted geese, and retaining birds alive. Fines totaled \$2400.00

CPO Vasicek attended the Ducks Unlimited State Convention in Peoria. Vasicek was selected as the Ducks Unlimited Conservation Officer of the year. Ducks Unlimited CEO Dale Hall, IDNR Director Wayne Rosenthal, and State Chairman William Sarafin were in attendance at the event.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman, while on patrol in rural Jackson County, discovered an IDNR tree planter which was missing for a couple years. The owner of the property where the tree planter was parked told CPO Mohrman that the machine broke down and he was planning on fixing it before returning it. Unfortunately time got away from the subject and he never got around to the repairs. CPO Mohrman advised the subject that the IDNR could fix the planter and it needed to be picked-up. The subject was fine with the officer and district forester retrieving the planter and has already asked to borrow it again for future tree plantings.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted an ISP Trooper on a traffic stop after the trooper reported the subject had a firearm. The subject was taken to jail and the car was towed.

CPO Thompson completed a taxidermy inspection noting several record keeping violations, untagged specimens and improper records for federally protected waterfowl. The taxidermist was issued a citation and written warnings.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted the Massac County Sheriff on a burglary alarm near the county line. It appeared the strong winds had blown open a door.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis issued a citation to a Perry County bow hunter for taking a doe without a valid permit during the 2014 deer season. During the investigation the hunter advised she had forgotten to get a permit.

UNION COUNTY

A group of firearm deer hunters from Georgia who were arrested by CPO Vasicek pleaded guilty to multiple wildlife charges in the Union County Courthouse. The three hunters pleaded guilty to 10 of 18 various wildlife charges including

unlawful take, unlawful possession of whitetail deer, unlawful take of three antlered deer (by one subject) and falsification of information provided to IDNR. Four Class A misdemeanors and six Class B misdemeanors were pleaded to. 84 months of wildlife code privileges were suspended collectively. Fines totaled \$12,083.00.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston was on patrol around Crab Orchard Lake when he was flagged down by two females. They told CPO Boston their car was rolling into Crab Orchard Lake and they couldn't stop it. CPO Boston ran to the vehicle and stuffed a spotting scope under one of the front tires. CPO Boston got the vehicle started and backed it to level ground. The two women were very grateful.

CPO Lewis cited a Williamson County bow hunter for taking an 8 point buck without a valid permit. The hunter had a taken a 7 pointer a few days before and properly tagged and checked it in. He then failed to purchase an additional permit before harvesting the 8 pointer.

CPO Boston and CPO Mohrman represented the Office of Law Enforcement at the Marion Boat and Fishing Show. The three day event drew large crowds which kept the CPOs busy answering questions. The top two questions were about the new fishing tournament rules and when the new Burning Star site will be open to fishing.