



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

DATE: March 1, 2015

(Weeks of February 14 – February 28, 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

CPO Jones issued a written warning to a Lanark man for unlawfully making food available for deer. The man had a large feeder in his back yard with corn in it.

CPOs Jones and Beltran responded to an injured bald eagle call just north of Millidgeville. The eagle was captured and transported to a licensed rehabilitator to be cared for.

HENRY COUNTY

Conducting meat locker inspections, CPO Tony Petreikis arrested two subjects for the illegal taking of two antlered deer.

CPO Posateri worked a deer permit investigation where the hunter killed a 4 point buck but only had an Antlerless Only permit remaining at the time he shot the buck. Knowing it was illegal to tag the deer with the wrong permit; he went to Walmart to purchase another Archery Combo permit and reported the harvest. The hunter was issued a citation for No Valid Deer Permit prior to taking the 4 point buck.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful attempt to take deer by use of bait case. The Hodgkins man entered a guilty plea and paid in fines \$120.

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful possession of alcoholic beverage while in a hunting area case. A Chicago man and a Berwyn man entered guilty pleas and paid \$120 in fines each.

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful cause of burning of a waste tires case. The Apple River man entered a guilty plea and paid \$307 in fines.

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful set of traps during the closed trapping season case. The Stockton man entered a guilty plea and paid \$502 in fines.

CPO Hoogerwerf closed an unlawful possession of deer and wild turkey case. The Leland man entered two guilty pleas and paid \$764 in fines.

MERCER COUNTY

During the 2014 seasons, CPO Tony Petreikis had 65 wildlife convictions with over \$22,000 in fines (including \$8250 paid in restitution to the IDNR).

Conducting an audit of the deer harvest reports, CPO Tony Petreikis arrested four subjects for the illegal taking of four deer in Mercer and Warren Counties.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Lottery tickets thrown out the passenger window were what prompted CPO Beltran to stop a vehicle in Freeport. The occupants denied any intentional act of littering and suggested perhaps they blew out of the window. A written warning was issued to deter future accidental littering.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and written warnings to a Lyndon and Sterling man for improperly tagging a deer and other deer hunting violations during the first Firearm Deer Season in 2014. This was the result of an ongoing investigation.

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations to an Eldridge Iowa woman for depositing litter on the roadway at a public boat launch and for driving with a suspended driver's license.

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. Com Ed filed a formal complaint to the department against the individuals involved for unlawful snowmobiling upon private property without permission of the owner or lessee. Additional violations discovered and addressed during this investigation included: unlawful operation of an unnumbered snowmobile, unlawful operation of an uninsured snowmobile, failure to transfer certificate of number within 15 days of purchase, and failure to submit informational crash report within five days of accident.

CPO ALT was called to investigate a boat registration and title complaint. The investigation revealed the seller failed to provide the buyer with a watercraft certificate of title at time of sale and the buyer failed to make application for registration and title transfer within 15 days of purchase. Two years had transpired since the sale/purchase of this boat. CPO ALT had to ensure the vessel was not stolen, and then successfully tracked down the seller who signed over a Watercraft Power Of Attorney and Watercraft Application for Registration/Title transfer for the vessel so the buyer could complete the transfer. Verbal warnings were given to educate both parties as to their legal requirements under the Illinois Boating Code and to encourage future voluntary compliance of the law.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wright received a complaint from a landowner of a snowmobiler who had run through his food plots smashing them down. The snowmobile was tracked to a residence. The subject admitted he had driven the snowmobile on the property. It was explained that he needed permission before entering on any private land before snowmobiling on them. The subject was issued a citation and several warning for diffuseness with the snowmobile.

DEKALB COUNTY

On Saturday February 21st Shabbona Lake had its second night fishing event. More than 50 fishermen took advantage of the extended hours to fish. CPO Murry issued one written warning to a subject fishing who did not have her fishing license in her possession.

Conservation Police Officer Wire stopped a snowmobile that did not have registration displayed. The operator of the snowmobile did not have a working tail lamp, valid registration, or insurance. He was issued a citation and two written warnings.

CPO Wire closed out a report where an ATV crashed into a dirt bike on private property. The ATV operator failed to show up in court and was found guilty of recklessly operating an ATV. The ATV operator was fined \$120. The ATV operator paid his fine at a later date.

CPO Filipiak conducted compliance checks on ice fishermen at: Lake Holiday, Mendota Lake, Bakers Lake, and numerous quarry ponds, individuals were all in compliance.

CPO Kaufman closed out two reports from the activity during the Fall of 2014. Three individuals had been cited for illegally taking ginseng from a nature preserve. Each individual pleaded guilty and received a \$400 fine.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn stopped a semi-tractor trailer hauling logs. CPO Finn approached the driver and requested his statement of ownership and his bill of lading since the truck and trailer were registered out of Iowa. The driver was able to provide a driver's license and a driving log book however had no paperwork for the logs he was hauling. CPO Finn contacted the yard the driver was hauling the logs from a verified ownership. CPO Finn then issued the driver a citation for no proof of ownership and gave the driver a warning for no bill of lading. The driver was informed he needed to return to Lacon Illinois where he picked up the logs and gets the correct paperwork before proceeding on.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven conducted compliance checks on snowmobiles and wrote a citation for operating upon a highway without a valid driver's license or safety certificate in possession.

With the ice still thick and several days of warmer weather in Winnebago and Boone Counties, CPO Fraser was able to check many ice fishermen and women. Very few violations were observed except fishing license not on person which was addressed with a written warning.

With the assistance of other local CPOs, CPO Fraser is conducting a deer poaching investigation in Winnebago County. The suspect has been contacted and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Frichtl arrested a Winnebago County man for snowmobile OUI in January 2014. The defendant pleaded guilty to OUI in January 2015. The defendant received a fine of \$2,738.00, 24 months conditional discharge, must report to probation, sentenced to alcohol treatment and may not ingest alcohol or drugs without a prescription.

District 7, Sgt. (Vacant)
(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to information passed along about an alleged permit violation. The report alleged a young man hunted without permits and did not tag his harvest immediately upon kill. CPO Thompson spoke with the parent of

the minor and after a lengthy interview a confession was provided from the young man's mother. Two written warnings were issued to the parent of the minor for the violations.

CPO Thompson attended a week long training event at Illinois Central College in Peoria for furtherance of a Field Training Officer Certification. The course focused on training techniques for preparing probationary officers for a career in law enforcement.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Scott Avery conducted administrative deer investigations in Peoria and Marshall County. A female hunter was issued a written warning for tagging and reporting her deer harvest with the incorrect deer permit.

CPO Lazzell received a court disposition from a 2014 arrest of a subject for unlawfully operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (OUI). The LaSalle County man pleaded guilty to the OUI charge and received one year court supervision and was fined \$1,575.00.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant was checking fishermen 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 backpack. 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 backpack. He was issued two citations for illegal take of over the limit of white bass.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid recovered a dead bald eagle north of Roseville. The adult bird died of unknown causes. An investigation to determine cause of death is ongoing.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard received the court disposition from a previous arrest. On November 2nd, 2014, CPO Gerard cited five men for unlawfully hunting on Caterpillar Proving Grounds property in East Peoria. All five men pleaded guilty. Three of the subjects were ordered to pay \$891.50 plus serve 100 hours of community service.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Tom Davis and Sgt. Rich Riedel investigated a snowmobile going through the ice on Pistakee Lake. The operator initially denied knowledge to the local officer investigating the incident. He only admitted he was the operator when divers were dispatched to the scene. Fox Lake Police charged the subject with obstruction and Conservation Police charged him with careless operation of a snowmobile and pollution of waterway.

CPO Tom Davis, CPO Jeff Kelley, and Sgt. Rich Riedel investigated a personal injury snowmobile accident on Nippersink Lake. Alcohol was involved, but further investigation is pending.

CPO Tom Davis and CPO Jeff Kelley investigated a TIP complaint of a subject fishing with too many devices. The subject was in possession of an undersized largemouth bass and using 10 ice fishing devices. He was issued a citation for the undersized bass and a written warning for too many devices.

CPO Semenik and CPO Winters utilized the snowmobiles and patrolled the Chain O' Lakes. Numerous snowmobiles were checked, five citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Kelley, along with CPO Davis and CPO VanWiltburg, participated in a snowmobile enforcement detail at Gateway Foundation in Lake Villa. Four citations and two written warnings were issued to snowmobilers for snowmobiling without permission of landowner.

CPO Jason Hurt closed out an operating under the influence of alcohol report from late summer 2014. The subject was found guilty of OUI and was given fines totaling \$1426.00 and 12 months court supervision.

CPO Wagner arrested one subject for failure to provide proof of insurance (snowmobile).

CPO Wagner arrested one subject for no valid registration (snowmobile).

CPO Wagner arrested one subject for too many fishing devices while ice fishing.

McHENRY

CPO Semenik and CPO Winters utilized the snowmobiles and patrolled the Wonder Lake Radar Run. Numerous snowmobiles were checked, one citation and one written warning was issued.

While conducting routine ice fishing enforcement in McHenry County, CPO Jason Hurt approached a shanty on Lake Killarney. As he approached, two male subjects exited the shanty and began to collect their tipups and other gear. One subject produced a valid sport fishing license. The other subject advised he did have a fishing license, just not currently in his possession. While looking inside the shanty, CPO Hurt detected an odor of burnt cannabis. When the subjects were asked about the cannabis, they admitted to smoking and gave up a sack of cannabis, a glass pipe, and a small one-hitter pipe. One subject was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and the other subject was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis (2.5-10 Grams) and given a written warning for fishing license not in possession. Both subjects were released on a Notice to Appear.

CPO Jason Hurt and CPO Scott Wagner were conducting ice fishing enforcement on Island Lake. While CPO Hurt was engaged in conversation with a fisherman, he detected an odor of burnt cannabis. When the fisherman was asked about the smell of cannabis, he said he had been smoking a little. The fisherman gave up a glass pipe and a prescription pill bottle containing cannabis. The fisherman was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis (less than 2.5 Grams) and released on a Notice to Appear.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast is handling the investigation of a dead wolf found along a road ditch in rural Grundy County. The female wolf was found by a person who brought it to the attention of the IDNR. The wolf was x-rayed by a local vet and it was determined that the cause of death was due to injuries sustained from being struck by a vehicle. The USFWS is taking a DNA sample to test to see if it is indeed a pure-bred wolf.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Reid and Sgt Simon responded to a welfare check of a suspicious person on Warner Bridge over the Kankakee River. The caller believed the person was contemplating suicide by jumping off of the bridge into the river. A thorough canvass of the area was conducted and the complaint was determined to be unfounded.

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

COOK

CPO Mooi conducted snowmobile enforcement checks during a snowstorm. Two written warnings were issued for snowmobiles with no working lights.

CPO Mooi conducted a traffic stop on I-290 W for a vehicle speeding in the left lane which had not been plowed. The large SUV was creating white out conditions for other drivers. One citation and two written warnings were issued to the driver.

CPO Mooi assisted ISP with two vehicles in the ditch and four motorist assists during the snowstorm.

CPO Klemme was conducting observation of perch fishermen at the North Slip and observed an individual carry a large green bucket to his vehicle, placed it inside and returned to the fishing area. CPO Klemme believed the bucket was heavy based on the way the man was holding the bucket while he carried it. CPO Mooi and an Intern arrived to assist with compliance checks of fisherman leaving the area while CPO Klemme kept watch on the individual who carried the bucket. CPOs Klemme and Mooi conducted compliance checks on the individual who owned the vehicle and his fishing

partner who was carrying another bucket. Upon inspection of the bucket in hand and the bucket in the vehicle, the individuals were found to be in possession of 92 yellow perch. The limit of Lake Michigan yellow perch is 15 per person, per day. Each individual was in possession of 31 fish over the limit. Multiple citations were issued to each individual and a mandatory court date was given. The fish were confiscated and released alive into Lake Michigan.

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CPOs Mooi and Smith were patrolling the area around the North Slip, Calumet Park, Calumet Harbor and William Powers State Recreation Area. While traveling on Avenue "O" toward the entrance to William Powers, CPO Mooi noticed a passenger in the vehicle behind him drinking out of a large silver can of "Clamato". CPO Mooi conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle assisted by CPO Smith. The passenger was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger. After speaking with the driver, CPO Smith issued the driver a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

CPO Farber arrested two ice fishermen at Beck Lake for an over-limit of bluegill. The site specific regulation on bluegill is a 15 fish daily creel limit. In combination the men had a total of 58. Some of the bluegill were released alive while others were dispersed between fishermen with less luck.

CPO Farber attended a Hunter's Safety course in Wheeling. Topics discussed included firearms safety and the Wildlife Code.

CPO Elliott was conducting random commercial inspections in the Cook County area. In the process of one of these inspections, CPO Elliott examined the records of a local taxidermist. The records were incomplete as per the state regulations. CPO Elliott explained the required information needed on the documents. It was determined that the taxidermist was in compliance with all other aspects of the inspection. A written warning was issued.

While patrolling Region 2, District 4, CPO Vaughan conducted three taxidermy inspections, one wild game/bird breeder inspection and one fur bearer breeder inspection. During one of the taxidermy inspections in Cook County a subject was cited for incomplete taxidermy records and possession of untagged animals in taxidermy shop and warned for multiple other violations of the wildlife code.

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CPO Whitchurch received information regarding a subject unlawfully operating a snowmobile on the far southeast portion of a State Fish and Wildlife Area. Upon CPO Whitchurch's arrival, he observed a vehicle towing a snowmobile via a trailer on the public roadway inside the State Fish and Wildlife Area in the area of the initial complaint. CPO Whitchurch observed the trailer which was used to transport the snowmobile did not have a registration plate attached to it. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle would not comment on the recent use of the snowmobile. CPO Whitchurch informed the subject on State Registration Laws. The subject was cited for the registration violation.

CPO Whitchurch was observing anglers fishing on the frozen waters of Lake Michigan. He observed one subject catching numerous yellow perch and placed the perch at his feet as he caught them. The subject continued to catch 15 yellow perch which is the daily limit. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject continue to fish and catch three more yellow perch. After the subject caught these three fish, he would take them over and place the fish on a pile of yellow perch which were located by another angler. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and advised him of the limit laws. The subject was cited for the offense.

CPO Whitchurch conducted an inspection of a truck belonging to a Chicago based company which sells aquatic life covered by the Fish Code in Illinois at a wholesale level. While conducting the inspection of the truck, it was learned the company owning the truck and responsible for the truck's contents, was operating a wholesale business without a Resident Wholesale Aquatic Life Dealers License. On the next business day, CPO Whitchurch went to the business and contacted management of the company. CPO Whitchurch explained the laws to them and also provided them with the needed information to obtain the proper license. An inspection on location revealed large amounts of products on site which are covered by the Fish Code in Illinois. The company was cited for operating a wholesale fish market without a Resident Wholesale Aquatic Life Dealers License.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi was first on scene to a personal injury accident on I-355 Northbound at Army Trail Road. CPO Mooi assisted and monitored the driver of the vehicle and her young child until Addison Fire Department arrived along with a District 15 ISP Trooper.

CPO Mooi conducted compliance checks on ice fishermen in DuPage County. Two written warnings were issued for unlawful number of devices.

CPO Mooi was first on scene to a three vehicle personal injury accident in Bartlett. CPO Mooi assisted with traffic and monitored the injured parties until Bartlett Fire and DuPage County Sheriff's units arrived.

CPO Mooi and an Intern investigated a complaint of feeding wildlife in unincorporated DuPage County. CPO Mooi found multiple large piles of corn, sunflower seeds and dog food scattered throughout the area. During an interview with the occupant of the residence, it was revealed that he places approximately 50 lbs of corn, 50 lbs of sunflower seeds and 20 lbs of dog food in the area to feed the wildlife in the area. The residence is less than 200 yards from a wetland and less than one-mile from a large forest preserve and is not fenced; a citation was issued for feeding or baiting wildlife.

CPO Mooi and an Intern stopped a vehicle for changing lanes in an intersection, failure to signal, speeding and use of an electronic communication device. The vehicle almost collided with CPO Mooi's squad car and the teenage driver was issued a citation and three written warnings.

CPO Mooi and an Intern conducted a Hunter Safety Course in DuPage County.

CPO Mooi attended a seminar at the Willowbrook Wildlife Center located in DuPage County. CPO Mooi presented information on Nuisance Animal Trapping, Reporting of Roadkill Deer, Feeding Wildlife and Living with Wildlife in Illinois. The seminar was attended by Animal Control Officers, Community Services Officers, Forest Preserve Police Officers and numerous personnel from volunteer and rescue agencies from within DuPage, Cook, Kane and Will Counties.

CPO Mooi investigated a feeding complaint in southern DuPage County. CPO Mooi observed large areas where various seeds, grains and peanuts had been piled and spread for a multitude of animals to eat. CPO Mooi located numerous animal tracks leading to and from the food including deer tracks. A citation was issued to the resident responsible for feeding the wildlife.

LAKE

CPO Elliott was conducting general enforcement at Illinois Beach State Park South Unit when he observed a male subject, operating a black passenger vehicle, drive through an intersection where a stop sign was clearly visible. A stop was made and the gentleman was issued a written warning for failure to obey a traffic control device.

Later that afternoon, CPO Elliott was given a tip of people in a light blue van feeding deer at the north unit of Illinois Beach State Park. CPO Elliott identified a van matching the description with two female subjects. After a short conversation, the driver of the van admitted to feeding the deer a granola bar. CPO Elliott explained the violation to the subjects and informed them about how feeding deer can spread disease. A citation was issued.

CPO Elliott and CPO Vaughan were conducting snowmobile enforcement in Lake County when they observed two snowmobiles traveling westbound on Wadsworth along the roadway and against traffic. The subjects were informed of their violations and a citation was issued.

CPO Elliott along with CPO Vaughan finalized a deer investigation involving two subjects who had multiple violations including the illegal take of two bucks. Citations and written warnings were issued for violations involving Illegal take, unlawful possession, no hunting license, no habitat stamp, unlawful feeding of whitetail deer, unlawful loan or transfer of another's permit, and fraudulent harvest report. The two bucks have been seized as evidence.

CPO Elliott and CPO Gilmer were conducting general enforcement at Illinois Beach State Park when they witnessed an individual crouching behind his car parked along the entrance roadway to the park. While crouched it was noticed that a squirrel ran from the guy. After investigating the situation it was found that the guy had been trapping squirrels with a live trap at his residence in Beach Park and releasing them at the state park. The individual was cited for the incident.

CPO Elliott has also been performing commercial inspections in District 4. A check of a taxidermist with CPO Gilmer found a few tagging violations. Written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Farber arrested an Elmhurst man on two failures to appear warrants for DUI and driving while suspended. The subject was cited for driving while suspended, no insurance, and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gr and drug paraphernalia. The subject was housed at the Lake County Jail.

CPO Elliott was conducting sport fish enforcement in Lake County. CPO Elliott observed three ice fishermen at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor. A compliance check revealed one fisherman was not in possession of his sport fishing license. A written warning was issued.

CPO Elliott was conducting sport fish enforcement in Lake County. CPO Elliott observed a couple of fishermen on the Des Plaines River. A compliance check revealed the fishermen had caught two northern pike each and all four fish were of the legal size. Both gentlemen had their sport fishing license and their proper fishing equipment. In discussion with one of the fishermen, CPO Elliott maneuvered downwind of the subject. A strong odor of cannabis was detected and CPO Elliott addressed the issue. The fisherman was in possession of a substance suspected to be cannabis as well as a metallic pipe with burnt residue. CPO Elliott arrested the subject, seized the articles as evidence, fingerprinted him, and released him on a Notice to Appear in Court at a later date. Investigation is pending.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

FORD COUNTY

A Gibson City man was convicted in Federal Court for mail fraud, tax evasion and illegal application of a pesticide inconsistent with its labeling. He was sentenced to serve 97 months in Federal Prison and ordered to pay restitution of a total of \$75,862.00. Sgt. Brian McReynolds, Sgt. John Williamson, CPO Trent Reeves, CPO Jennifer Lee and retired CPO Debbie Mansell worked on the case in conjunction with US EPA Criminal Investigation Division, IRS Criminal Investigation Division, IL EPA and IL Dept. of Agriculture.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for littering on the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Area at the McGee Wildlife Area after finding a large amount of miscellaneous trash dumped in the parking lot.

CPO Moody assisted the Moultrie County Sheriff's Department on a complaint of a woman who had locked herself in her bedroom and was threatening to harm herself with knives. The woman received medical help and left voluntarily.

SHELBY COUNTY

While on patrol in rural Shelby County, CPO Barnes observed numerous garbage bags dumped in a creek. CPO Barnes searched through the garbage and found evidence linking the garbage to a Tower Hill subject. The subject was interviewed and issued a citation for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Barnes received a court disposition for a Tower Hill subject who he had cited for shooting a whitetail deer with a .17 rifle and spotlight. The subject pleaded guilty to two Class A misdemeanors of hunting by use of conveyance and hunting between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise. The hunting from the roadway and unlawful use of a rifle during deer season were dismissed. The subject was fined \$767.00.

CPO Dan Greuel issued a written warning to a tractor trailer driver hauling logs in Shelby County for a hauling log violation.

CPO Dan Greuel issued a written warning to a Shelby County ice fisherman for no valid fishing license.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson assisted the DeWitt County Sheriff's Department with a child sex offender residency issue. The sex offender's living restriction prevented him from living within 500 feet of any park or state area. Sgt. Williamson verified the location of state property that fell within the 500 foot limitations.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden received a complaint from the McLean County Sheriff's Department in reference to an individual unlawfully shooting a crow from his motor vehicle. A witness described seeing a small, gray, Toyota, passenger car pull onto the shoulder of the road. A gun barrel emerged from the driver's window and the male driver shot a crow that was in a farm field adjacent to the road. The witness took a photograph of the offender's license plate with her cell phone and forwarded the information to the McLean County Sheriff's Department. The investigation determined that the offender recently purchased a new Stevens, side-by-side, double barrel, .410 shotgun. The man was out rabbit hunting in the morning and did not have the opportunity to kill any rabbits with his new gun. While driving home, he encountered two crows in a farm field along the road. He shot one of the crows because he wanted to check the accuracy of his new gun. The dead crow was left in the field. The offender was issued four written warnings and two citations: (1) unlawfully hunting from a public roadway and (2) unlawful discharge of a firearm from a public roadway.

CPO's Wright, Schultz and Reeves attended a week long course at Champaign Police Department for FTO Training.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic spoke to the Quincy Citizens Police Academy Alumni at the Quincy Mall. He spoke about the IDNR, Conservation Police duties, and answered questions from the group.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition in Calhoun County. An outfitter pleaded guilty to failure to ensure clients are properly licensed. Seven hunters pleaded guilty to not being properly licensed. Each paid \$120 fine.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Greg Weishaupt investigated a personal injury snowmobile accident in Greene County. The subject was traveling on the wrong side of the road in a ditch when he hit the entrance to a field road at 40-45 mph. The snowmobile went airborne and the operator flew off. The operator had a severe laceration on his forehead and spinal damage. He was flown to St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition in Jersey County. The driver of a vehicle pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$552.

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CPO Weishaupt attended and taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course in Dow.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Chris Gushleff was called to assist a Trooper that had a timber truck stopped for overweight and did not have any paperwork for the logs he was hauling. The driver left the site of the log cut and was transporting the logs to a storage yard. He had no proof of ownership paperwork.

CPO Chris Gushleff attended and taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course in Carlinville.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition in Madison County. The driver of a vehicle pleaded guilty to driving while license suspended and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was fined a total of \$800. The passenger pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and was fined \$750.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition in Madison County. The operator of a boat pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$300.

CPO Mike Goetten received a court disposition in Madison County. The driver of a vehicle pled guilty to possession of cannabis and was fined \$200.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Drone attended and taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course in Nebo.

STATE OF MISSOURI - CPO Goetten referred a case to a Missouri Conservation agent who later cited the subject for providing fraudulent information to obtain a resident fishing license. He pleaded guilty in Missouri to the violation and was fined \$228.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Swance investigated a complaint of the theft of several expensive deer stands and a trail camera on leased property. Some of the missing stands were located in an outbuilding of an adjacent land owner. The land owner stated his great grandson and his friend had taken down deer stands over the weekend, but he originally believed the deer stands were theirs. As a result of the investigation, multiple deer stands were returned and arrangements made to compensate for the remainder of missing items.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Swance was patrolling the Sangchris area and spotted a truck being operated in a corn field located on the park. Upon contact, the hunters stated the ground was frozen so they could drive out to the hunting area. The CPO briefed the hunters on park rules and the need to remain on the road or using the designated parking areas. In concert with the site superintendent, the driver was issued a citation.

CPO Cochran seized an abandoned ladder stand at Sangchris Lake State Park with no owner's information marked on it. The stand was supposed to be removed by January 31st, 2015 following the close of archery deer season.

CPO Cochran responded to a complaint regarding an ATV trespassing on a landowner's private property. CPO Cochran located the suspect and, after a brief interview, the landowner of an adjacent property admitted to allowing his children and their friends to ride ATV's onto the complainant's property. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Cochran observed a vehicle parked near Strawkis Boat Launch at Sangchris Lake State Park. CPO Cochran located an individual fishing west of the dock and conducted a compliance check. After measuring the fish on a bump board, CPO Cochran determined the subject failed to immediately release three crappie which were below the legal length limit. When asked what the subject was using to measure the fish, it was revealed he was using the handle of the fishing rod. Enforcement action was taken.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Cochran received a court disposition regarding a randomly assigned deer/turkey outfitter inspection conducted back in November 2014. The outfitter paid \$142 fine for failure to maintain required records.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Swance responded to a hunting without permission complaint in which a land owner located several deer stands and trail camera. The CPO was able to canvass the area and located the subjects involved. After searching the Point of sale data base, it was found the subjects were juveniles, had not attended Hunter Safety class and had no hunting license. They did however have deer permits. After discussing the issue with the illegal hunters and their parents, the tree stands were removed and the CPO was able to get the young hunters enrolled in a local Hunter Safety course.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern received information from a TIPS complaint regarding a poached 8 pt whitetail deer near Mauvaise Terre creek. It was determined an Indianapolis man shot the deer with a shotgun during closed season on private property without permission or the proper licenses. The individual paid \$487.00 in fines and court costs for poaching the deer and the deer meat was donated to a local Christian church food pantry.

CPO Wichern completed an over the counter deer permit investigation. A hunter shot a female fawn with his bow and chose not to tag it with his either sex archery permit. The untagged deer was transported to Cass County where the hunter purchased an OTC antlerless only deer permit and then he reported the deer harvest to the IDNR.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Swance completed a deer investigation involving a Sangamon County resident. The hunter admitted he harvested a small fawn in Peoria County and purchased an over the counter deer permit to cover the harvest. The hunter stated he wanted to save his either sex tag for a buck. Citation was issued for failure to immediately tag his harvest.

SANGAMON COUNTY

District 10 officers worked the annual Deer and Turkey classic located at the Prairie Capital Convention Center. Conservation Police answered numerous questions reference hunting and conservation laws.

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley finished up a deer poaching investigation. CPO Tapley observed a deer head hanging from a tree while he was investigating an unlawful timber cutting case. During the investigation, and after speaking with several people involved, CPO Tapley learned the group had been shooting deer at night out of a vehicle with a spotlight and a rifle. At least three deer were confirmed to have been killed (a 9 point buck, a doe, and a button buck); however, one suspect admitted they had shot 8 or 9 deer but couldn't find all of them. Deer meat from deer illegally taken, the 9 point buck, a spot light, and a .22 caliber rifle have been seized. Charges in this case are still pending.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier completed a deer investigation on a St. Clair County deer hunter. The hunter used his elderly mother's deer tags to harvest an 8 point buck and a doe during the 2013 firearm deer season. The hunter was issued a citation for unlawful take of whitetail deer and unlawful possession of another's deer permit while in the field, and several written warnings. The 8 point buck skull was seized for evidence.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishing enforcement at Baldwin Lake caught three Missouri residents fishing in the restricted area. All three were issued citations.

REGION 4, DISTRICT 13 ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a complaint call regarding trespassers on a large rural property known for its wildlife. The local police department was on-scene when CPO Schachner arrived. After a 2.5 hour foot search it was determined the subjects likely were "picked up" by a friend. Contact was made via phone and it was determined the two subjects were hunting shed antlers. They were each issued a citation for antler hunting without the owner's permission.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles of Region 4 District 13 assisted ISP and local police departments on a traffic stop from an ISPERN dispatch of

a potential dangerous vehicle on I-64 in Washington County. The vehicle information included a potential drug lab in the vehicle. The vehicle was located, stopped and determined not to be a danger.

CPO Charles received a disposition from an OUI case in Clinton County. The operator of the watercraft pleaded guilty to the charges and received a fine of over \$2800.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay conducted a taxidermy inspection in Franklin County. Fellow District 14 CPO Jourdan assisted with the inspection. The taxidermist was found to have some record keeping discrepancies. A current taxidermy handbook was left with the licensee with instruction on what needed to be corrected. The taxidermist was issued a written warning.

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

CPO Lay investigated a hunting without permission of landowner complaint in Jefferson County. It was determined through the landowner's statement that two upland game hunters had trespassed on his property while hunting the area. Both hunters provided statements that they had not been on the complainant's ground. The hunters were subsequently issued one citation each for hunting without permission of the landowner with instructions about a court date for contesting the tickets.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden was off for the holiday. CPO Folden received information on his personal cell phone from a concerned citizen in reference to poaching. The anonymous individual said they observed and photographed an individual shooting a firearm from the passenger's side window of a truck directly in front of their house. The individual provided CPO Folden the photographs and the exact location of the violation. The photographs clearly displayed a tan Chevy truck occupied by two with the passenger aiming a long gun out of his window. CPO Folden showed the photograph to local law enforcement and sportsmen in an attempt to identify the suspect vehicle. CPO Folden received information from another individual who overheard a conversation in relation to this incident and provided the Officer with details leading to the location of the suspect vehicle. CPO Folden went to the residence and verified the vehicle was the same as in the photographs. CPO Folden interviewed the owner who admitted to driving the vehicle that day. The person admitted to driving around with a buddy looking for coyotes to shoot from his truck. He told CPO Folden they did not find any coyotes and became bored. The driver told CPO Folden they had a .243 rifle (cased), a 12 gauge shotgun (cased), and a .9mm handgun in the vehicle. The driver told CPO Folden that his buddy shot at a couple of road signs with the handgun from the vehicle. The driver told CPO Folden his buddy also shot at several blackbirds out of the window of the truck with his shotgun. The driver told CPO Folden blackbirds were the target when the photograph was taken. CPO Folden called the second suspect for interview. The second individual verified the story, admitting that the acts were wrong and wanted to be cooperative. CPO Folden issued citations to each person for unlawful transportation of an uncased firearm and warnings for unlawful use of a vehicle to hunt coyotes and unlawful shooting upon a roadway.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson arrested two Tennessee subjects in 2013 for the unlawful take of deer with crossbows and unlawful use of a resident deer permit to report a deer harvest. The subjects confessed to only buying the antlerless only permit with the intent to use resident either sex permits. The deer were seized and the subjects pleaded guilty in court. In 2015 the CPO conducted a taxidermy inspection and observed an order, for a 9 point buck mount, using the same permit the

Tennessee subjects were cited on. The CPO is working with Tennessee Fish and Wildlife to seize the already mounted deer and an ongoing investigation continues.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins, while on stationary patrol at an intersection frequented by timber trucks, witnessed an Eldorado driver in a pickup truck pass a coal truck on the right shoulder of a single lane road. The truck fish tailed and nearly slid into the side of the semi. CPO Diggins stopped the driver and cited him for improper overtaking on the right.

CPO Diggins received a complaint of ATV'S operating on the bike trails at Glen O Jones Lake after a recent snow storm. The riders were located the following day and issued written warnings and they were advised of the park regulations pertaining to ATV'S.

CPO Diggins assisted CPO Folden on a road hunting complaint that occurred on the Presidents Day holiday. CPO Folden received pictures of the suspect vehicle from a complainant during the illegal act of shooting from a motor vehicle. CPOs located the suspect vehicle at a residence in McLeansboro. CPO Folden later contacted the owner and received a full confession from him and his passenger. CPO Folden issued citations to both men.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff conducted a taxidermy inspection. The inspection was conducted on mounts, storage and paperwork. No violations were found.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor observed a vehicle stopped in the roadway in an area where hunting is known to take place. He approached the vehicle found three subjects in the vehicle with three open beers. Each subject was issued a citation for illegal transportation. The driver was given field sobriety test and passed.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith attended a Hunter Safety education class at the Effingham County Sportsman Club. CPO Smith addressed issues related to wildlife laws and hunter safety issues.

CPO Smith responded to 1800E approximately 3/4 mile north of Route 40 in reference to a complaint received regarding two whitetail deer dead along the roadway. The caller advised he thought the deer may have been poisoned. Upon arrival to the area CPO Smith noted the deer carcasses were gone. There were two blood spots at the edge of the roadway. This area is located in a heavily populated area on the east side of Teutopolis. CPO Smith's opinion on the matter is that the deer were struck by a vehicle and no wildlife violations observed. No further investigation.

FAYETTE COUNTY

During a waterfowl enforcement detail in Fayette County, CPO Compton noticed a large amount of snow and blue geese in a corn stubble field near a county road in Fayette County. CPO Compton concealed himself in an area where he could observe the geese. About one hour later CPO Compton witnessed a local subject drive down the county road and exits the vehicle with an uncased loaded shotgun. The hunter crossed the road with gun in hand and stalked about 100 yards toward the geese. The hunter stood up and fired into the still feeding birds killing five of them. After the hunter returned to his vehicle CPO Compton approached the hunter. The hunter received a citation for unlawful transportation of a loaded firearm in a vehicle and two written warnings for uncased gun in a vehicle and unlawful hunting from a highway.

CPO Compton charged a Loogootee man for unlawful trapping on land for coyotes by placing a foothold trap within 30 feet of exposed bait. The subject was using a dead dog and a sheep for bait. The man also received a warning for coyote trapping during the closed season

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor investigated a complaint of a subject killing a deer soon after he purchased a deer permit. The subject confessed to killing the deer prior to purchasing the deer permit. The subject was issued a citation for hunting without a deer permit.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith responded to a residence in reference to a sick raccoon that was sitting on the ground in the same spot for the last few days. Upon arrival, the homeowner advised CPO Smith that the raccoon was actually chewing its leg off. CPO Smith observed the raccoon and concluded that it was obviously sick and immobile. CPO Smith dispatched the raccoon and transported the carcass away from the home. The raccoon was suffering from a broken rear leg and malnutrition.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor spoke to approximately 40 students at a Hunter's Education class in Wabash County.

District 16 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Taylor assisted the Jackson County Sheriff's Department with a traffic accident and traffic control. A large semi-truck and trailer had slid off the road effectively blocking the entire road.

CPO Taylor responded to a complaint of hunting from the roadway. A group of hunters were reported after they attempted to shoot geese from the roadway and too close to a residence. The complaint has become quite regular due to the large amount of snow geese in the area.

CPO Mohrman concluded a deer permit investigation in Jackson County. During the course of the investigation it was determined a non-resident purchased resident archery deer permits using his former Murphysboro address. The subject purchased these permits after he harvested two does but did not buy a hunting license or habitat stamp. This was the first time the subject has done this and he stated to CPO Mohrman this will be the last time he does it. The subject was charged with falsification/misrepresentation to obtain a permit, archery deer hunting without a valid Illinois archery deer permit, and hunting without a hunting license.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson reported that a subject he arrested for OUI this past summer at Lake Egypt pleaded guilty and was fined \$1300. His BAC was at .18%.

CPO Thompson reported that a subject he arrested for driving while license revoked at Ferne Clyffe State Park pleaded guilty to an amended charge of reckless conduct and paid \$1500 in fine and costs.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted State Police on the location of a subject who had threatened to kill a female in rural Union County. After multiple addresses were investigated without locating the suspect, he was then located driving in the area and arrested after a traffic stop. The subject was driving under the influence of alcohol.