



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

**DATE: February 15, 2016**

(Weeks of January 30 – February 13)

*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.*

*This report represents the county that the event took place within, not the assigned county of the Conservation Police Officer.*

## **REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis**

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

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

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri gave a presentation to approximately 50 students at Blackhawk College, East Campus in Kewanee. The presentation focused on Chronic Wasting Disease. Additional topics were covered including the duties of a CPO and problems with nuisance animals in an agricultural setting.

CPO Posateri attended the Izaak Walton League Fishing Derby at the Hennepin Canal in Geneseo. The attendance was good due to the sunny morning, but the fishing was a bit slow. No violations were found at that time.

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoogerwerf received a complaint regarding a video of three River Ridge High School students beating multiple raccoons in a dumpster with metal clubs. At the conclusion of the investigation the following citations were issued: unlawful take of raccoons without permission of landowner, unlawful take/possession of raccoons, unlawful take of raccoons without a hunting license, unlawful take of raccoons without a habitat stamp. All three students were given mandatory court appearances. The State’s Attorney will be reviewing the case for possible criminal cruelty to animals charges.

#### **OGLE COUNTY**

CPO Beltran attended recertification training for CPR and HAZMAT.

#### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

CPO Francisko worked checking coyote hunters during an organized event in Rock Island and Whiteside Counties. No violations were observed.

## STEPHENSON COUNTY

A 45 year old man from Roscoe was wanted on an outstanding warrant and hunting illegally in Ridott. CPO Beltran and CPOT Cox were performing a hunting license compliance check when it was discovered that the man failed to have a valid deer permit. Further investigation discovered that the man failed to check in a deer harvested two weeks prior and falsely checked in a deer from the first season for his father. The man's father was interviewed and cited for his hunting violations. Both men have mandatory court appearances.

A 65 year old man from Freeport was interviewed regarding a deer hunting permit violation by CPO Beltran. The man went hunting and did not realize he had lost his deer permits. After he harvested a deer he drove to purchase another deer permit and immediately checked the deer into the online harvest system. CPO Beltran warned the man for his violation and could see in the computer system that he did have a valid deer permit before the harvest. The Freeport man was given CPO Beltran's cell phone number for future reference should he have other problems in the future.

A salvage tag for a found deer was issued to a 26 year old man from Pearl City by CPO Beltran. The man was shed hunting and found a whole carcass with a 22 inch inside spread rack. The deer appeared to have been killed by a bullet and the man wanted to take the head into his possession. CPO Beltran conducted an investigation and discovered the deer was a remnant from the last deer season and issued the salvage tag. CPO Beltran thanked the man for calling and complying with the law, stating that when a person finds an animal or head of a deer (other than sheds) and wants to keep them a call has to be made to the local CPO for the proper investigation and salvage tag.

### **District 6 – Vacant**

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

## BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling near Spring Valley when he observed two ATV's and a truck on private property. The property is a common place for four wheelers even though the owner does not want them to be there and has posted no trespassing signs. All three men were cited for trespassing and for operation on a railroad track.

CPO Wright patrolled along the Illinois River and numerous walleye fishermen were checked in addition to two commercial fishermen. Minor violations were noted and two written warnings were issued.

## DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry received a disposition on a 2015 deer hunting case in which two individuals were arrested for unlawful hunting of whitetail deer over bait, hunting whitetail deer without hunting licenses, and hunting whitetail deer without valid habitat stamps. One of the individuals was arrested for unlawfully attempting to take a whitetail deer with unlawful means – hunting with a rifle, and unlawful possession of firearm without valid FOID. A .270 caliber rifle and a crossbow were seized in the case. The first individual pleaded guilty to hunting without a valid hunting license and hunting whitetail deer over bait. He was ordered to pay a total fine of \$350.00. The second individual was given a total fine of \$750.00. The firearm was forfeited to the Conservation Police as part of the conviction. A forfeiture hearing on the crossbow is pending.

CPO Murry received a disposition on a case from Winnebago County in which an individual was arrested for unlawful possession of controlled substance - cocaine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, Improper lighting, and Illegal transportation of alcohol. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,070.00 and ordered to 6 months in Winnebago County Jail.

## LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks – two individuals

were seen drinking tall boy Bud Lights and throwing the cans into the canyon below. The individuals were issued citations for possession of alcohol on the trail and littering. Four individuals remained at Matthiessen State Park after it had closed and the individuals smelled of marijuana. The individuals were issued citation for remaining in an area which had closed and one individual was arrested for cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

As CPO Wire and CPO Filipiak were patrolling Matthiessen State Park on foot, they observed two people in a group throw their Gatorade bottles on the ground. The two individuals were cited under the park code for littering.

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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CPO Alt was checking sport ice fishermen for compliance to the Fish Code on Olson Lake in Rock Cut State Park when he encountered three fishermen unlawfully possessing and consuming alcoholic beverage(s). It has been unlawful to possess and/or consume alcohol in Rock Cut State Park since 1986 and is clearly posted at both entrances. A citation for the offense was issued to the fisherman who claimed the alcohol.

CPO Alt and CPO FRASER pulled into Olson Lake parking lot to check sport ice fishermen for compliance to the act when they observed four vehicles parked in the handicap only lot at the launch. Citations were issued to all four motorists who were directed to move their vehicles and walk down to the lake if they wanted to ice fish.

CPO Alt was checking sport ice fisherman for compliance to the act and found a fisherman fishing without a fishing license and another fisherman fishing with too many devices on the two pole and line fishing only body of water.

**District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

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FULTON COUNTY

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CPO Thompson conducted an interview of a male subject who allegedly harvested a buck and did not tag the deer. Initially, the male subject said it was a friend who actually harvested the deer but he tagged it. After CPO Thompson offered to call the friend to verify his story, the man said that would not be necessary. He admitted he shot the buck in November and did not report the harvest until January. During the interview, CPO Thompson was able to receive admissions on additional violations from the past Fall. A 9 point buck was seized and charges are pending.

CPO Thompson received information alleging a male subject had shot two deer without permits or licenses. After conducting a short interview, the young man admitted to going hunting and harvesting two does without first purchasing permits and licenses. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

During a waterfowl compliance patrol, CPO Thompson spotted a small pile of corn spread out on the banks of a small pond. Additionally, there were an inordinate amount of ducks and geese flying into this location and feeding on the corn. Furthermore, CPO Thompson noticed decoys were piled up on the bank of the pond. In response to the findings, CPO Thompson and CPO Elliott worked a detail in this location. In the early morning hours, several trucks were seen pulling into the pond. Shortly after daybreak, several hunters were seen setting decoys and layout blinds in preparation for a hunt. After all day surveillance, CPOs noted all shots taken and geese harvested periodically throughout the day. Upon completing a thorough compliance check, CPOs found the hunters to have committed the following violations: unlawfully hunting by the use or aid of bait, unlawfully taking Canada geese over the daily bag limit, failure to maintain separate bags and failure to tag waterfowl gifted to another. Violations were addressed and 23 geese were seized as a result.

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## HENDERSON COUNTY

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CPO Reid investigated a deer poaching case in Henderson County. A subject used a 2012 landowner tag to check in a deer killed in 2015. After researching the case it was determined that the individual possessed a valid 2015 tag at the time of the incident. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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## PEORIA COUNTY

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CPO Lazzell completed an ongoing investigation regarding trapping without permission complaints in Peoria County. Illegally set traps were discovered in early January after a person's dog was caught in a leg hold trap along the trails at Dunlap School District (the dog was not severely injured). Additional leg hold traps were found to be illegally set on private property without permission near Dunlap in late January after the close of trapping season. Information obtained from both complainants led to an interview of a Dunlap man regarding the illegally set traps. At the conclusion of the investigation the Dunlap man was arrested and issued a mandatory court appearance for the following violations: trapping without permission of landowner, trapping during closed season, failure to tag traps with name as required and trapping without a habitat stamp. Five leg hold traps were located and seized during the investigation.

CPO Gerard cited three goose hunters for unlawfully hunting within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling. CPO Gerard received a complaint from a homeowner who wanted the hunters prosecuted. The three goose hunters were 75 yards from the house.

CPO Gerard cited an Illinois resident for unlawfully harvesting a whitetail deer in Peoria County. Peoria County was one of many counties statewide that was closed during the late winter antlerless only season. One subject reported harvesting an adult doe with a muzzle loader during the closed season.

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## WARREN COUNTY

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CPO Lazzell completed an investigation of a Warren County deer hunter for suspected violations occurring during the archery deer season. It was discovered the hunter had shot a 4-point buck without possessing an either sex deer permit at the time of harvest. Citations were issued for the unlawful take of an antlered deer without an either sex deer permit and failure to tag the deer immediately upon kill.

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# REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

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## KANE COUNTY

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While conducting sport fishing compliance checks on several of the small lakes in the county. CPO Siedsma issued three written warnings and a citation for license violations to several ice fishermen.

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## LAKE COUNTY

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CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg patrolled an ice-fishing tournament at Bangs Lake in Wauconda. A total of two citations and 20 written warnings were issued for fishing violations.

CPO Wagner while checking ice fisherman issued three citations for fishing without valid sport fishing license.

CPO Wagner while checking ice fisherman issued two citations for fishing with too many sport fishing devices.

CPO Wagner while on patrol issued two citations for operation of ATV on roadway.

CPO Wagner while checking ice fishermen also issued 12 written warnings for fishing without license in possession and one written warnings for too many sport fishing devices.

CPO Wagner while on patrol issued one written warning for operation of ATV on roadway without valid insurance.

CPOs Kelley, Schreiber and Sgt. Riedel responded to a personal injury snowmobile accident on Fox Lake in Antioch. One subject sustained a broken leg and another sustained a broken wrist. The accident happened when one snowmobile operator turned to avoid an ice heave and was struck by the second trailing sled.

CPO Kelley issued five written warnings for fishing violations on various small lakes in Lake County.

CPOs Schreiber and Semenik arrested a subject on Lake Miltmore for fishing without a license, possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

McHENRY COUNTY
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CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg checked ice fishermen in Port Barrington. One citation and two written warnings were issued for fishing violations.

CPO Davis conducted an interview on a subject who checked in a deer twenty-three minutes after permit purchase. It was ascertained the subject shot two deer without having a hunting license or habitat stamp and shot an antlered deer without an either sex permit. He was cited for no hunting license and unlawful take of an antlered deer. The subject also agreed to turn over the 8 point buck as evidence.

CPOs Schreiber and Wagner cited a subject on Lake Killarney for ice fishing with too many devices. The subject was using a combination of five devices and when asked how many the state regulations allowed he stated "three" but the fish weren't cooperating.

CPOs Schreiber and Wagner arrested a subject on Lake Killarney for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPOs Schreiber and Semenik responded to an unusual call from Moraine Hills State Park one evening. As park personnel were closing the park they observed a young male walking the trails unaccompanied. The young man was soaking wet, cold, and lost. He was transported back to the maintenance area where he was dried off and warmed up. According to the child, he was having issues with his stepfather and decided to walk to a friend's house two miles away after school instead of going home. Unfortunately, it was raining heavily and at near freezing temperatures. Luckily for the boy he was found by park personnel and reunited with his mother after determining that he was staying in a safe environment.

CPO Davis seized an 8 point buck at the completion of an unlawful taking of an antlered deer investigation.

CPO Davis and Sgt. Riedel responded to a complaint of illegal fishing on the Fox River. Six fishermen were checked and one citation was issued for fishing without a license. Davis and Riedel checked approximately 15 additional fishermen in McHenry and Kane County and an additional citation and three written warnings for fishing license violations.

CPO Davis, Wagner, and Winters worked the Wonder Lake ice fishing derby. During the checks one citation and two written warnings were issued. In addition, one female subject was found in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. She was charged and released on a notice to appear.

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

CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Honiotes, Mieure and Sgt. Simon participated in the Department’s CWD sharpshooting program. One of the shooting locations is being monitored for harassment.

District 3 CPOs participated in CPR and First Aid training.

Several CPOs performed Hazardous Materials training and LEADS training.

CPOs Anderson and Mieure continue to investigate residency issues with Indiana hunters claiming residency in Illinois.

CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Honiotes, Mieure, Reid, Vadbunker, Wollgast and Sgt. Simon attended First Aid/First Responder/CPR training in Wilmington.

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

CPO Anderson cited a subject for an undersized bass while he was ice fishing at Mazonia FWA

CPO Wollgast assisted a Costco property manager with the rescue of a whitetail deer that had somehow gotten trapped inside a fenced area on the property for about a month. A portion of the fence was taken down and the deer was lured out with some corn.

CPO Wollgast performed a boat inspection for a subject wishing to register a PWC (Personal Watercraft).

CPO Wollgast caught two youths trespassing on private property and issued them written warnings.

CPO Wollgast is currently handling two additional boat inspections.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

CPO Vadbunker was nominated as the District 3 CPO of the Year.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

CPO Bergland attended Region 1 In-Service training.

**WILL COUNTY**

CPOs Reid and Honiotes patrolled several properties for people hunting shed deer antlers without permission from the landowner.

CPO Reid conducted an unlawful dumping investigation. A company was dumping construction debris in a rural area. The owner was cited for the dumping and faces fines and restitution for the clean-up cost.

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols on private and corporate property for people unlawfully hunting for shed deer antlers. Several citations and warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Reid had a vehicle blow through a stop sign and nearly hit him. He stopped the vehicle and found the driver to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested for the violations.

CPO Reid and Honiotes investigated a complaint of an alligator being possessed illegally. A small alligator was found and arrangements made to transport it to a licensed rehabilitator.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Klemme worked several days at the Chicago Fishing and Outdoor Expo in Schaumburg.

CPO Klemme completed an investigation that occurred during archery deer season. A hunter had taken a 6 point buck in Massac County and didn't realize until after the kill that he possessed an antlerless only deer permit. He decided to purchase a permit in Johnson County the next day and tag the deer before attempting to process it. He was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPO Klemme issued several written warnings to individuals illegally feeding deer.

CPO Klemme and CPOT Poffenberger were checking fisherman and encountered a subject fishing without a license. He was issued a citation.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Busse Woods issued written warnings for fishing with too many devices and fishing license not in possession.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Deep Quarry issued a written warning for fishing license not In possession.

CPO V. Smith attended the Schaumburg Sportsman Show and answered questions from the public.

While investigating a complaint at Bluff City Cemetery CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for unlawful feeding of deer.

CPO V. Smith #501 inspected several fishing boats, in Burnham Harbor, returning to the boat launch and issued written warnings for no type IV flotation device and battery terminals not covered.

CPO Macias was called to inspect an abandoned Jon boat that was found when an individual purchased a house. CPO Macias checked the history of the watercraft and found the original owner from 1988. The homeowner decided to keep the boat and CPO Macias assisted with the transfer.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were enforcing ice fishing regulations at Montrose Harbor in Chicago when they noticed four people ice fishing. When encountered, it was discovered one did not have a fishing license and a citation was issued.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were at William Powers State Fish and Game Area when they witnessed a driver not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign. The subject was issued a written warning for failure to obey a traffic control device.

CPO Macias was checking a subject fishing in Tryner's Pond in Tinley Park and the subject was in compliance with the fishing laws. When they were walking back to the subject's car, CPO Macias noticed an expired registration. CPO Macias issued a warning

CPO Macias witnessed a female driver not coming to a complete stop while driving into William Powers Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Macias initiated a stop and issued the female driver a warning.

District 4 CPOs attended the Rosemont Outdoor Show.

District 4 CPOs attended the Schaumburg Outdoor show.

CPO Whitchurch attended the Chicagoland Fishing and Travel and Outdoor Expo in Schaumburg on two consecutive days where large amounts of public interactions took place. Information was passed on to the public regarding State Wildlife Laws, Fishing Laws, Boating Laws, Trapping Laws, and IDNR Property Use Laws.

CPO Whitchurch received a complaint of two individuals who were committing disorderly acts on IDNR owned property in Cook County. CPO Whitchurch located the two individuals and made an arrest of the two individuals.

CPO Whitchurch observed a vehicle commit an Illinois Vehicle Code Violation on IDNR property. A traffic stop was conducted when it was learned the registration plate on the vehicle was not valid because the car dealership where the vehicle was purchased failed to submit information on the vehicle to the Secretary of State. It was also learned the driver of the vehicle was driving without a valid driver's license. The driver was arrested and bonded. The driver will appear in court at a later date. CPO Whitchurch contacted the Secretary of State Police and an inquiry into the car dealership was initiated.

CPO Whitchurch was informed of a vehicle which was left inside an IDNR owned property in Cook County after posted closing hours. CPO Whitchurch searched on foot during darkness trying to locate the subjects. Eventually two subjects were located a long way away from their vehicle. The two subjects did not pay attention to the posting closing time. Enforcement action was taken on scene.

CPO Whitchurch continued investigating a multi-state deer poaching investigation. Information from other law enforcement agencies is being gathered at this time.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations and boating laws at Lake Michigan in Chicago when he observed two subjects drinking beer and walking around the area. CPO Whitchurch observed these two subjects return to their vehicle with open beers and drive off. CPO Whitchurch conducted a stop on the vehicle at which time two open beers were observed inside the vehicle. After making contact with the driver, it was learned the driver of the vehicle did not possess valid proof of insurance; he was driving while his license was suspended, and the license plates were not properly registered to the vehicle. Also, both the driver and passenger possessed open alcohol in the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was not impaired. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and bonded on multiple violations and will appear in court at later date. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

CPO Whitchurch conducted ice fishing enforcement at Cook County inland lakes. A total of five violations were observed and documented during a weekday patrol.

#### DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi conducted Ice Fishing Enforcement in DuPage County. No violations were observed.

#### LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for operation of an uninsured vehicle after stopping a car for speeding and failure to signal.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for unlawful ice fishing with too many devices. The subject was using four tip ups while fishing at North Point Marina.

CPO Vaughan has issued several written warnings in Cook County for unlawful fishing without fishing license in possession.

CPO Farber has been conducting ice fishing enforcement in Lake and Cook Counties. Several written warnings have been issued.

## **REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes**

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

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

#### **COLES COUNTY**

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Missouri man in rural Coles County for illegal take of whitetail deer and illegal use of another's tags. The man had shot an 11 point buck in the archery deer season and used his father's resident archery permit to tag it. The buck head was seized and the man received multiple written warnings as well. CPO Snodgrass initiated the investigation and provided a large amount of evidence leading to the citations.

Sgt. McReynolds, CPOs Barnes and Moody attended a Legal Update class through Mobile Training Unit #13 in Mattoon.

#### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

CPO Greuel cited an Olney man in Cumberland County for a traffic offense; subject was trying to determine his location on his cell phone when he crossed into CPO Greuel's lane causing him to leave the roadway to avoid collision.

#### **SHELBY COUNTY**

CPO Barnes issued citations and written warnings to a Shelby County man for numerous trapping violations. CPO Barnes found an opossum trapped in a leg hold out of season. CPO Barnes released the opossum and found several other traps placed along a roadway and untagged. CPO Barnes made contact with the closest resident and discovered the traps belonged to the subject who also did not have a trapping license.

OTHER: CPO Barnes was the guest speaker at a Macon County wildlife dinner at the Faith Baptist Church, Decatur, IL.

CPO Greuel and Wellum attended PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor recertification at Springfield Police Department.

Sgt. McReynolds, CPOs Barnes, Greuel and Moody attended In-service training at IDNR Headquarters in Springfield, IL.

### **District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

Multi-Counties: Ford, Iroquois, Champaign

CPOT Ausmus, CPO Reeves and Sgt. Williamson are currently conducting an in-depth investigation into the unlawful deer hunting activities in Ford and Iroquois counties by both resident and non-resident hunters. They have been assisted by CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford in various parts of the investigation. The investigation started from the arrest of a Ford County woman for felony retail theft in which she allegedly stole \$454.00 worth of non-resident licenses and deer permits.

#### **DEWITT COUNTY**

CPO Viverito and K-9 "Hank" continue to move along successfully in the Canine Academy being held in Macon County.

CPO Viverito is assigned to DeWitt County and will begin active patrols with "Hank" hopefully within a few weeks.

## MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright conducted a traffic stop in Decatur where, after arriving at the drivers' door, an odor of cannabis could easily be detected coming from the vehicle. After further investigation and a resulting search of the vehicle, cannabis was found, some packaging material was found, as well as a large amount of cash. The passenger of the car later admitted the cash and cannabis was his. He was arrested and taken to the Macon County jail.

## MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden completed an investigation into a Heyworth couple who had been involved in the unlawful take of a whitetail deer. After a thorough investigation into suspicious activity, the husband later confessed to CPO Graden that he had killed a 7 point buck back in November, but only had one either-sex firearm tag left, and if he tagged and reported it, then he would have been done with harvesting "bucks" for this season; therefore ending his hopes of killing a "big" one he had been seeing on the property where he was hunting. The husband stated he had his wife go with him to Walmart and purchase a tag, hunting license, etc. and then he called in the 7 point "buck" under her name; now allowing him to go out in hopes of finding the big one. Due to CPO Garden's thorough investigation, an over-harvest of antlered deer did not occur, and now the "big buck" can be seen or legally harvested next season by the ethical hunter.

## VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford are in the early stages of investigating the possible illegal sale of migratory bird mounts in the Vermilion County area. More information will be provided as the investigation continues.

## REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

### **District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner**

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

## BROWN COUNTY

CPO Myers and Blakeley assisted the Brown County Sheriff's Department in looking for a missing person. CPO Myers and Blakeley used a boat and sonar to search the Illinois River. Footprints were found leading to the river. Due to weather, the search was called off.

## MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten met with the Macoupin County State's Attorney regarding an investigation into theft and hunting without permission. Charges were filed against two subjects for possession of stolen property and hunting on property without permission from the landowner.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten conducted a welfare check on a vehicle stopped on the side of the road in Macoupin County. After running the vehicle registration, the CPOs determined the registered owner was suspended. Upon making contact with the driver, she lied about her identity. Eventually, she admitted to providing false information to avoid prosecution for driving while license suspended. A search of the vehicle revealed open alcoholic beverages. She was arrested and transported to the Macoupin County jail.

CPO Michael Goetten stopped and cited a subject for driving 89 mph in a 55 mph zone with poor road conditions due to weather. The subject did not have any insurance.

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

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

**MORGAN COUNTY**

A Texas archery hunter paid a \$600.00 fine for hunting deer without an Illinois hunting license or habitat stamp near Apple creek in southern Morgan County.

A Morgan County commercial fisherman paid a \$400.00 fine for two counts of disturbing the licensed commercial nets of another fishermen on the Illinois River, and will be serving a (24) month commercial fishing suspension for the violation.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke conducted a deer investigation in Pawnee. One suspect admitted to unlawfully using a friend's permits to tag/harvest nine deer between 2009 and 2014. The investigation resulted in all three suspects being issued citations. The violations included failure to report harvest of whitetail deer, tagging a deer of another's, using tags of another's to report the harvest of white tail deer, failure to tag whitetail deer immediately upon kill, failure to report harvest of a white tail doe, and unlawful possession of three whitetail deer taken using a another's permits. In total six sets of buck antlers and a crossbow were confiscated.

**SCOTT COUNTY**

CPO Wichern received information regarding road hunting in Scott County near the Illinois River. After a short interview it was determined a Pike County man shot at a group of deer from the roadway. He was charged with hunting & shooting from the roadway and attempting to take deer during closed season.

A Scott County hunter paid a \$1025.00 fine for poaching a deer with a rifle near Blackburn Lake on Christmas Eve 2014.

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

**MADISON COUNTY**

CPO French and CPOT Snodgrass completed a deer investigation on an Alhambra subject. The subject was hunting while suspended. Subject used his grandmother's tags to harvest a trophy 9 point buck and several does over the past two firearm deer seasons. Several citations were written and the 9-point buck was seized.

CPO French and CPOT Snodgrass heard a radio call-out for a vehicle on I-55. The nature of the call was a passenger in the vehicle had a gun to the head of another person in the vehicle. Being in the area, CPO French and CPOT Snodgrass set up to wait on the vehicle. The vehicle was spotted and with the coordination of a Madison County Deputy, CPO French and CPOT Snodgrass initiated a stop on the vehicle. The subsequent stop resulted in the arrest of four subjects who were part of a motorcycle gang, recovery of five loaded handguns and small amount of cannabis. The case was turned over to Illinois State Police where several charges are pending.

CPO French arrested an Okawville subject in Horseshoe Lake State Park for operating a motor vehicle while license suspended.

**ST. CLAIR COUNTY**

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working Baldwin Lake came across multiple violations for possession of alcohol in a prohibited area and multiple people fishing without a license. Citations and written warnings were issued for the violations.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles received a disposition from a case in Washington County involving an Missouri hunter that harvested a trophy buck using an antlerless only deer tag. The hunter was assessed a \$450 fine and the buck mount was forfeited to IL Department of Natural Resources.

CPO Charles received a disposition from a case in St Clair County in which a hunter had harvested a buck but did not have a valid permit. The hunter received a \$300 fine and forfeited the buck to IL Department of Natural Resources.

## REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

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

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

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Williams investigated a hunter who harvested a deer during second firearm deer season without a deer permit. Upon harvesting an 8 point buck, the subject attempted to purchase a Franklin County either sex permit which were sold out. The subject then purchased a Winnebago either sex permit and unlawfully reported the harvest. The subject confessed, was cited and the deer seized.

CPO Lay visited a local logging site, documenting the activity within Franklin County.

CPO Lay investigated an abandoned camp site inside Wayne Fitzgerrell State Park. The camp site contents were collected and the permittee's father was contacted and provided with the abandoned gear.

## HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden conducted an investigation involving two non-resident deer hunters who reported harvests of deer and did not have non-resident hunting licenses or habitat stamps. This is the second consecutive year the hunters failed to purchase the required licenses and stamps. CPO Folden issued the hunters citations in 2015 and they pleaded guilty to the violations. To CPO Folden's surprise the citations did not deter the hunters from repeating the same violation. CPO Folden mailed a citation and written warning to each subject again in 2016.

CPO Folden reopened an investigation involving an outfitter. Several public complaints initiated an initial investigation into the legality of the outfitter's hunting activities. No violations were documented during the initial investigation. The new information includes equipment a landowner located on his property. The landowner took the equipment and provided it to CPO Folden. This case is still under investigation.

CPO Folden and his wife were invited and attended the United Bowhunters of Illinois annual banquet in Springfield. The president of UBI presented CPO Folden with an award as UBI Conservation Police Officer of the Year. CPO Folden gave a brief speech to over 100 attendees at the banquet on the importance of sportsmen groups and their continued support of Conservation Police Officers. CPO Folden thanked UBI for their generous donations over the years of trail cameras, GPS Units, and other equipment.

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a case from the first firearm deer season of 2015. This case involves the loaning of permits between out of state hunters. Four citations were issued to two out of state hunters. One was cited for the unlawful loan of a whitetail deer permit to another. Another out of state hunter was cited for the unlawful take of whitetail deer, hunting without a valid deer permit and possession of another's deer permit. The illegally taken 8 point buck was seized.

**POPE COUNTY**

CPO Williamson is working on an investigation related to a sunken houseboat at the Golconda Marina.

**SALINE COUNTY**

CPO Diggins closed a 2015 drug case in Saline County. The two defendants both pleaded guilty to a lesser offense than what was originally charged. The defendants pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis 2.5 grams but less than 10 grams. The men were given 6 months supervision and fined \$835.00 and \$875.00. The cannabis and paraphernalia seized in the case was destroyed.

**SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPO Lay completed a two day Defensive Tactics Instructor re-certification course at the Springfield Police Academy.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

Investigating an administrative case, CPO Taylor interviewed a subject that purchased two deer permits and checked in two deer approximately one hour later. The subject stated he had an either sex deer permit with him when he shot the two deer. The subject admitted to killing the two deer that morning and driving to a Walmart to purchase the two deer permits that he used to tag the deer. The subject was issued 1 citation for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill and 1 warning for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

CPO Compton received a complaint about someone shooting snow geese from the back of a moving pickup truck while driving down a county road. I drove to the scene and discovered that a 16 year old subject was in fact riding in the back of the moving truck and shooting snow geese. Nine geese were killed in this manner. The driver of the truck (the 16 year old's uncle) was in possession of a loaded uncased 243 rifle in the front of the truck. Multiple citations and warnings were issued and the rifle was seized.

**JASPER COUNTY**

CPO Taylor worked Newton Lake Fish and Wildlife area conducting boat inspections and checking fishermen. Numerous boats were inspected and issued several written warnings for no fire extinguishers, batteries not covered, and no type four throwable PFD.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

Investigating an administrative case CPO Taylor interviewed a subject who purchased two deer permits at 6 p.m. and checked in two deer approximately one hour later. The subject stated he killed the deer earlier that day and had a valid either sex deer permit and antlerless only deer permit with him while he was hunting. The subject killed the two deer and left them in the woods and went to Walmart to purchase two antlerless deer permits. The subject returned to the deer and used the two tags he had just purchased to tag the deer. The subject was issued one citation for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

District 16 officers completed In-service training last week. Training covered - First Aid, CPR, legal updates, Report Beam update, I-Phone update, radio procedure updates and Defensive Tactics training - ground fighting.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO M. Thompson stopped a car in Ferne Clyffe State Park for speeding. The driver was not wearing their seat belt, did not have valid proof of insurance, no front license plate, the vehicle registration was expired and did not have their driver's license in their possession. The driver was cited for not wearing a seat belt and issued written warnings for the other violations.

CPO M. Thompson completed an administrative investigation of a hunter unlawfully taking a deer during the late winter hunt. After interviewing and determining the extent of the violation, the hunter was issued a written warning.

CPO M. Thompson stopped two coyote hunters. They had their rifles loaded and uncased in their truck, one did not have his hunting license or habitat stamp or driver's license. The vehicle registration was expired and one of the hunter's had failed to renew his FOID card. Each hunter was cited for transporting the loaded, uncased rifles and each were issued written warnings for the other violations.

CPO Thompson stopped a subject hauling logs on a back hoe trailer. They did not realize they were required to have proof of ownership paperwork. The subject was cited after the timber laws were explained.

CPO Thompson completed an administrative deer harvest investigation resulting in the subject being issued a citation for not having a deer permit prior to deer hunting. The subject stated that the store was closed so he thought he would come back and buy the permit afterwards

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPOs Mohrman and Thompson along with CPOT Knop manned the IDNR booth at the Marion Fish and Boat Show. The CPOs answered many questions regarding fishing regulations and boating rules. Over three cases of 2016 fishing regulation booklets were handed out.

CPO Lewis cited a subject for allowing his son to transport an untagged deer.