

Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
February 6, 2013

REGION I

A District 1 CPO completed the first portion of a deer hunting permit investigation in Jo Daviess County. The following violations were discovered: unlawfully take of deer without valid archery deer permit, failure to tag deer immediately upon kill, unlawfully loan/transfer deer permit to another person, unlawfully attempt to take deer without valid habitat stamp, unlawfully falsify deer harvest record.

A District 1 CPO conducted ice fishing compliance checks on the Mississippi River and private lakes in Jo Daviess County. No violations were discovered.

A District 1 CPO conducted snowmobile safety and registration compliance checks in Jo Daviess County. The following violations were discovered: unlawful operation of an unnumbered snowmobile (3 counts), failure to transfer snowmobile identification number within 15 days of purchase (1 count), operation of a snowmobile without the mandatory liability insurance (4 counts), unlawful operation of a snowmobile without a working tail/brake light (1 count), unlawful operation of a snowmobile on a highway without a valid driver's license or snowmobile safety certificate (1 count).

CPOs cited two individuals for illegally operating their ATV's on the I & M Canal in LaSalle. One ATV broke through the ice causing the rider and the ATV to enter the freezing water. The operator was able to get out of the water (learned by watching Bear Grylls on Man vs Wild). The second individual on the ATV was able to tie a rope on the upside down ATV that broke through the ice and he tied the other end to his ATV and was able to upright it to prevent it from further damage. Both individuals tried to remove the ATV's before police arrived but were not successful. Both ATV's were towed from the scene.

Following up on a complaint, a CPO interviewed a subject about a deer he killed. The subject admitted to killing the deer without a valid permit in possession. The subject was cited and his 10 point buck seized.

Conducting random checks on the internet, a CPO located two subjects that appeared to have illegally killed animals without valid licenses. The subsequent interviews found that one subject had killed a turkey without a valid tag in possession. The other subject admitted to killing deer and placing his wife's tag on the deer. Both subjects were cited.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A Randolph County CPO located an archery killed deer carcass which had been dumped into a creek. The hunter's leg tag was attached and the investigation continues.

A CPO attended a Hunter Safety Class in Mulberry Grove (Bond County)

A CPO observed a watercraft at Coffeen Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area violating the 25 horsepower limit. After explaining the regulations to the owner/operator of the watercraft a license & boat safety check was administered. The operator was a Missouri resident and was in possession of an Illinois resident fishing license. A citation was later issued for the horsepower violation along with written warnings for the improper license and minor boating violations.

A District 13 CPO conducted a field inspection on five coyote hunters. One subject (who had a hunting license/habitat stamp) did not have it in his possession. He was issued a written warning.

A District 13 CPO conducted two deer permit investigations. Two subjects killed deer during the deer hunting season and failed to immediately tag the deer upon kill. They then went to purchase permits and tagged the deer after they returned. They were both issued citations for failing to tag the deer upon kill.

A District 13 CPO was assigned to instruct a hunter safety class in Mascoutah at the Mascoutah Township Hall on 01/29.

The Monroe County CPO investigated a hunting accident in which a young goose hunter shot himself in the foot. The accident was caused by negligence and failure to follow key gun safety handling rules. In particular, the victim failed to keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction. The subject intentionally placed the loaded 12 gauge shotgun barrel-down on top of his foot while attempting to put a recoil pad back on the gunstock. The shotgun was loaded and the safety was not on. Another hunter pointed out these serious safety omissions to the victim, however before the hunter could correct his errors the gun fired, discharging 1 3/8 ounces of BB shot through his foot. The victim suffered a lost toe with some other complications but is recovering well.

A Monroe County CPO investigated an abandoned boat which was discovered by a commercial fisherman on a sand bar of the Mississippi River. It was still in good condition (minus the motor), and was reported stolen out of Jefferson County, Missouri. After the CPO notified the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, it was released to the rightful owner.

REGION V

A CPO and a CPOT are investigating a snowmobile accident with serious injuries that occurred in northern Saline County.

A CPO and a CPOT responded to a 65 ft. houseboat that drifted from the Rend Lake marina and was on the rocks in rough weather conditions. The watercraft was checked for operator and passengers, secured and the owner was notified of the situation.

A CPO had two dispositions from Hamilton County cases during the 1st firearm deer season of 2012. Two men pleaded guilty to failure to tag and unlawful possession of deer. The men were fined \$1,880.00 and given 24 months of supervision. A \$250.00 civil penalty was assessed for each of the three deer totaling \$750.00. A separate out of state hunter was fined \$1,500.00 for deer hunting violations.

A CPO caught two subjects with loaded uncased guns in a vehicle while snow goose hunting in Marion County.

A CPO and a CPOT are investigating a criminal damage case involving timber in Jasper County.

A CPO and a CPOT cited a subject for transporting uncased firearms in a vehicle.

A CPO and a CPOT attended a Whitetail Unlimited Banquet in Crawford. The Chapter donated two trail cameras to the Conservation Police.

A CPO and a CPOT cited a subject in Lawrence County for unlawful take white tail deer. The subject killed a doe and wanted to save his either sex tag for a buck.

An unlicensed Outfitter case resulted in the unlicensed outfitter pleading guilty and paying a fine of \$3,400.00.

A CPO responded to a call of an abandoned meth lab in Union County.

A CPO responded to a Trumpeter Swan that had flown into a highline wire. The bird was banded and was recovered at the site. The USFWS was notified of the incident.

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REGION I

A Region 1, District 6 CPO, two Region 1, District 1 CPOs and Region II CPOs responded to the scene of a missing snowmobiler, who was reported to be involved in an accident, to assist the DeKalb County Sheriff's Police. During the search for the injured snowmobiler, police received a call that a train had struck a snowmobile at Lukens Road in DeKalb County. Upon responding to the scene, DeKalb Sheriff's Police, CPOs and fire/ambulance personnel located the injured snowmobiler, who had sustained critical injuries. The injured snowmobiler was airlifted by Lifeline helicopter to St. Anthony's Medical Center in Rockford, IL. The snowmobile, when struck by the train, burst into flames and was pushed two miles down the tracks to the location the train finally stopped. This case remains under investigation.

CPOs arrested a McDonough County boat dealer for failure to apply for registration/title within 15 days by a dealer (3 counts) and for failure to surrender manufacturer's certificate of origin to boat purchaser. He was wanted on a federal warrant for a parole violation (wire fraud) by the U.S. Marshall's service. According to his parole officer, he was engaged in a fraudulent boat

dealership on the East Coast which led to federal prosecution for wire fraud. He is currently acting as the primary salesman for a local boat dealer which manufactures pontoon boats. According to an investigating FBI agent, he is under investigation for fraud relating to his boat sales activity in multiple states including Texas, California, Ohio, Florida, and other states. He would make a sale, demand payment in full, promise to deliver in several weeks, and then fail to deliver a finished product. He then would avoid calls, correspondence, and legal action from past customers. A search warrant on the business was executed on 2/18/2013 by Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Illinois Department of Revenue, and Secretary of State Officers. The dealer is in U.S. Marshall custody and being extradited to the East Coast.

A District 1 CPO completed an investigation into a complaint of damage to IDNR trees. The investigation revealed a neighboring land owner of an IDNR hunting property had created a fence on IDNR property by attaching barbed wire to IDNR owned trees well within the IDNR property. "No Trespassing" signs were also bolted to IDNR trees. The subject complained of hunters trespassing on his land and hunting without permission. The subject stated he would remove the fence and signs from the IDNR trees and place them on his property.

A District 6 officer conducted compliance checks on several ice fishermen on Lake Shabbona and a homeowner association lake. One citation and one written warning were issued.

A District 6 officer conducted a compliance check on a DeKalb county trapper. Out of the 6 traps in the trap line the CPO found one trap not tagged. A written warning was issued.

REGION II

A CPO handled a personal injury snowmobile accident of the Fox River. The two subjects were found to have skipped open water and sunk their sleds in the Fox River. One driver was carrying a passenger at the time. She was transported to a local hospital. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

This same CPO handled two snowmobile accidents; one was another personal injury accident. The first one involved a subject falling through ice and the second involved two young children pulling each other on a sled behind a snowmobile. The subject hit a park pole and injured his ribs. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A case initiated by the Jasper County Sheriff's Office on Christmas Eve led to securing two felony arrest warrants for obstructing justice, and two search warrants. A convicted felon shot a coyote with a rifle and then coerced his girlfriend into confessing to shooting the coyote even though she was not present. Unfortunately these plans were made while the felon was incarcerated and the entire conversation was recorded after being advised it was being

recorded. The subject raised money for bail by selling a large deer mount. On Feb. 7th the Jasper County State's Attorney issued two arrest warrants for the subject and his girlfriend for felony obstruction. A Sgt. and a Jasper County Deputy served the first arrest warrant on the girl friend when she appeared in court on the original charges. Based on an interview with her a search warrant was obtained for two residences in Crawford County. CPOs and CPOT's, Jasper and Crawford County Deputies started to serve the other arrest warrant while the Sgt. was securing the search warrant. While serving the arrest warrant an active Meth lab was discovered, the felon and one other subject was arrested. The ISP Meth response team was called out. The search warrants were executed with multiple wildlife parts being seized along with evidence of the Meth Lab. Multiple charges are pending.

District 16 CPOs are completing administrative investigations.

District 16 CPOs completed their inventories.

District 16 CPOs are currently training 3 CPOTs in Step II of the process.

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REGION I

A CPO in Henderson County responded to a complaint of unlawful taking of paddlefish during the closed season on the Mississippi River. The investigation is ongoing.

Two CPOs in Winnebago County responded to a complaint of a Rockford resident who was shooting rabbits in his back yard in the city limits. The investigation revealed the man did, in fact, repeatedly shoot a wild cottontail rabbit using a pellet rifle. This subject was a repeat offender for this poaching activity and was arrested for unlawful taking rabbit during the closed season. The shooters pellet rifle was also seized as evidence in this case.

Two CPOs in Stephenson County responded along with the Illinois State Police and Stephenson County Sheriff's Police to a school lock down as a result of handgun shots being heard by students in the immediate area. After unsuccessfully locating an assailant around the school, it was believed that coyote hunters in the area were the cause of the firearm shots being made. The CPO learned the shooting originated from a father and son who were target shooting with a newly purchased handgun at a nearby rural residence.

The Quad City Conservation Alliance (QCCA) Expo Center in Rock Island hosted its annual "Outdoor Show" February 14th – 17th, 2013. IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPOs staffed the IDNR Conservation Education Trailer during this event. The CPOs received many positive comments on the quality of the trailer. Hundreds of children and adults enjoyed looking at all the different fish and animals represented in the trailer.

A Peoria County resident pleaded guilty to OUI and paid \$1887 in fines and fees.

After receiving a tip from a retired Conservation Police Captain, District 1 Officers arrested an Elmhurst man for collecting plants on State Forest Property. The man also had several bladed weapons, archery devices, and a firearm. Officers arrested him for no valid FOID card and illegal plant collection.

A District 1 Officer warned a 72 year old Lena man for deer permit violations.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A Montgomery County CPO and CPOT were checking fisherman below Lake Lou Yaeger spillway and observed two males smoking cannabis. Both males were arrested and booked into Montgomery County jail for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

A Montgomery County CPO and CPOT issued two tickets and four warnings to a group of raccoon hunters for failure to have hunting licenses and habitat stamps.

A Montgomery County CPO and CPOT wrote 4 warnings at Coffeen Lake for minor boating violations.

A District 13 Officer received information of possible fraudulent use of deer permits in Washington County. After investigating the complaint the officer discovered that a hunter had illegally shot two deer and called another person to bring their deer permit to tag the deer. The investigation was completed and citations were issued to the individuals for their illegal actions. CPOs investigated a hunting without permission complaint and arrested a subject.

CPOs completed a commercial fish inspection.

A District 13 CPO and a CPO Trainee issued a citation to a trapper for failure to have his traps tagged. The trapper had set his traps in a farmer's field without permission and ended up catching the farmer's dog in the leg trap. The dog was released without any serious injury.

A District 13 CPO and CPO Trainee continued the field training process this week which included DUI training, Vehicle Code training, taxidermy inspections, and other conservation laws. The CPO and Trainee taught a hunter's safety course and attended the St. Louis Boat Show.

A St Clair County CPO cited a subject for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill after conducting a deer permit investigation that was assigned by the Springfield Headquarters. The subject that was cited admitted to shooting a buck when he only possessed an antlerless only deer permit. He stated he went to the vendor and purchased a tag and came back to where he shot the deer to apply the tag.

A St Clair County CPO was assigned to the IDNR booth at the St. Louis Boat and Sports show on both Saturday 02-09 and Sunday 02-10.

A CPO and CPOT conducted a deer permit investigation where a man checked in a deer shortly after buying the tag. The tag was also purchased after legal hunting hours. When asked what happened, the man was upfront in stating he killed the doe but did not want to burn his "buck" tag on it. He then decided to go to a nearby convenience store and buy an over-the-counter antlerless only firearm tag. The man was issued a citation for failure to immediately tag his deer upon kill.

A CPO and CPOT conducted a deer permit investigation where a man checked in a deer shortly after buying an archery deer tag. The man initially was very confident in when he had killed the 15 point buck, which was the day before the tag was purchased. When confronted with the information from the POS system, the man started to change his story, but eventually admitted to killing the deer and buying the tag the next morning. It was also determined that the 20 year old killed a buck with a muzzleloader but did not have an FOID card. Citations were issued for failure to tag, failure to report harvest by 10:00 p.m., unlawful take of white tail deer, and hunting without a valid archery deer tag. The FOID violation is being presented to the State's Attorney for possible prosecution. The 15 point deer rack was seized as evidence.

A Madison County Officer was called to Cahokia Mounds for a complaint of an individual bow hunting on the site. There is no hunting allowed at the site, and this incident occurred on Feb. 7. The CPO spent about 2 ½ hours searching the woods with no suspect being located.

District 13 Officers worked the St. Louis Sport and Boat Show over the weekend.

A St. Clair County CPO arrested a subject for unlawful use of a permit from the first shotgun deer season. The hunter legally tagged and transported a doe with an either sex permit to the residence. The hunter unlawfully replaced the either sex permit with a recently purchased antlerless only, over the counter permit and reported the harvest. The hunter stated he did not want to burn his tag this early in the season.

A St. Clair County CPO arrested a subject for unlawful use of a St. Clair County shotgun permit for a harvest in Randolph County.

A Monroe County CPO investigated a second-hand complaint on trapping from the roadway and trapping without permission. The original witness confronted/spoke to the illegal trapper on scene and copied the violator's license plate number. After checking the vehicle registration, the CPO learned it was a subject which he previously cited for the same violation two years before. The CPO foot patrolled several roads near the area of the complaint, which resulted in

the discovery of evidence solidly linking the trapper to unlawful roadside trapping. The CPO visited the trapper at his residence and during the interview the trapper reluctantly admitted he had a bad habit of roadside trapping which he just couldn't break. The trapper received a citation for trapping from the roadway and warnings for additional trapping violations.

REGION V

A CPO and a CPOT continued investigating a complaint from November 2012. Violations discovered through an interview included hunting without permission, no permit, no hunting license and unlawful take. The investigation is ongoing.

A Region 5 District 15 officer reports the following case dispositions.

DEER Cases-

6 subjects charged in Effingham County for deer permit violations pleaded guilty and paid fines of \$1,000.00

4 subjects charged in Fayette County for deer hunting with no permits, transporting loaded firearms in vehicles, and failure to tag deer paid fines totaling \$1,522.00. A Fayette County hunter charged with using another's deer permit paid a fine of \$792.00.

3 subjects charged with operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI) paid fines of \$1,808.00, \$1,126.00, and \$968.00.

District 16 CPOs are currently conducting administrative investigations.

District 16 CPOS are currently involved with field training with 2 and 3 trainees.

A CPO is assisting in an investigation that involves Asian carp. The case is and has been under investigation for about a week.

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February 27, 2013

REGION I

A District 1 Sergeant started an investigation involving a deer that was illegally taken in Rock Island County. Through the course of the investigation, it was determined numerous deer were illegally taken and possessed. The last pending case was completed in February of this year. As a result of this investigation and at the conclusion of all pending cases, the violator pleaded guilty in 2 states and 3 counties. He pleaded guilty to three felonies (unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon- Muscatine County, IA; violation of felony probation for aggravated domestic battery- Mercer County, IL, and unlawful taking of protected species, deer- Rock Island County, IL). He pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawfully taking wild turkey. Several wildlife charges were dismissed as part of plea agreements reached in all jurisdictions. He served approximately three years in jail. His fines in all jurisdictions totaled \$4396.00. All equipment and evidence seized in both Illinois and Iowa was awarded to the Illinois and Iowa DNR.

A District 1 Sergeant was called while off duty regarding a traffic stop initiated by the Mercer County Sheriff's Department. The Deputy stopped a vehicle which was occupied by three subjects who were in possession of firearms, cannabis, and two dead raccoons. One of the subjects was a convicted felon. The Sergeant went on duty and responded to assist in the investigation. At the conclusion of the investigation, it was determined the subjects were illegally raccoon hunting. During interviews with the subjects the Sergeant also determined the felon illegally shot two deer during the 2011 deer season and that two of the subjects had illegally squirrel hunted. The convicted felon was charged with: possession of a firearm by a felon, unlawful possession of cannabis < 2.5gms, unlawful transportation of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of illegally taken protected species (raccoons), unlawfully hunting squirrels without a valid hunting license, unlawfully deer hunting without a valid deer permit, unlawfully deer hunting without a valid hunting license, unlawful taking of a whitetail deer (doe)- illegal method .22 Rifle, and unlawfully taking a whitetail deer (8pt buck) without a valid deer permit. The other subject was charged with: unlawful possession of cannabis <2.5 gms, contributing to unlawful activity (accessory) transport of loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of illegally taken protected species (raccoons), and unlawfully hunting squirrels without a valid hunting license. Both the subjects were issued multiple written warnings for additional wildlife violations.

The second subject pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of cannabis < 2.5 grs. His fines and costs totaled \$670.00. He pleaded guilty to accessory- unlawful transportation of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle (driver) and unlawful possession of illegally taken species (raccoons). His fines and costs totaled \$789.00 for his conservation violations.

The Winnebago County Sheriff's Department called a CPO to report a personal injury single sled snowmobile accident involving an 8 yr. old girl and her uncle outside the village of Roscoe in Winnebago County. The victims and their families were met at Rockford Memorial Hospital where written statements were obtained. The investigation revealed the uncle was allowing the 8 yr. old girl to drive her parents unregistered and uninsured full size snowmobile around a friend's private property while he was riding on back. Upon approaching a snow mound, the uncle reached around and grabbed the handlebars while blanketing the little girl's hands then depressed the throttle to full as they jumped the mound. This action caused a loss of control which resulted in the snowmobile to colliding head-on with the backside of a parked pickup truck. The collision ejected the uncle over the head of the 8 yr. old causing bruising to her face, three front teeth to be chipped, and deep lacerations to each shin. The uncle struck the tailgate face first causing a severe concussion and broken nose. In addition to the careless operation, registration, insurance violations, the uncle's blood alcohol concentration was .197%.

District 6 CPO concluded an investigation into a recent snowmobile crash in DeKalb County. The investigation resulted in charges against a Sycamore, IL man for OUI, operating a snowmobile at a rate of speed too fast for conditions, and operating a snowmobile without a valid driver's license/ snowmobile safety certificate.

A CPO cited an individual for possession of an American Alligator. The alligator was seized.

A CPO cited two individuals at Starved Rock State Park. One individual was cited for hiking off of the trails and another for parking in a fire lane at the lodge.

A CPO cited an individual for operating a snowmobile without a valid driver's license or snowmobile safety certificate. He was issued a warning for not having proof of insurance.

A District 6 officer responded to a call of an individual throwing an object off of a bridge into the Illinois River. The caller had been sitting at her residence looking at the river when she noticed an object fall into the river. She saw a vehicle parked on the bridge and a male standing next to it. The caller was very concerned she might have witnessed a crime being committed and called the Illinois State Police who contacted the District 6 officer. When the officer arrived the caller told him that her neighbors had been behind the vehicle on the bridge and watched the individual throw the object into the river. The neighbors thought something was odd about the individual and his behavior when they saw him. They gave a description of the vehicle, the individual, and the object. The object was "orange and about the size of a basketball". The officer searched the bank and quickly located a basketball. On the basketball written in black marker was a name and phone number to call if you found the ball. The officer determined the phone number was to a restaurant and the name on the ball was the restaurant's mascot. The officer called the restaurant and asked for the name on the ball. The restaurant's manager and owner knew nothing about the basketball. For the next couple of days the officer would drive thru the restaurant's parking lot looking for a vehicle that matched the description the witnesses had given. A vehicle matching the description showed up 3 days later. An employee had thrown the basketball into the river. He wanted to see how far the ball would go, since he did not have a phone he decided to put the restaurant's phone number on the ball. The officer told the employee the ball went about 200 feet, from the center of the river to the shoreline, then issued him a citation for pollution of a waterway.

A District 1 CPO interviewed a subject for possible permit fraud. It was discovered the father had harvested all the deer in his family but used the kids' tag to check in the deer. Charges are pending.

A District 7 Sergeant is working on an investigation that started out as an administrative investigation from Springfield. It lead to a second suspect who shot multiple deer.

A CPO inspected records from a McDonough boat dealer which were seized upon execution of a search warrant. Boat purchasers have been contacted and interviewed, a computer was relayed to ISP Computer Evidence Recovery Unit in Springfield, and the FBI agent investigating the interstate fraud was contacted.

A Peoria County CPO responded to an off road vehicle trespassing complaint in January of 2012. 8 individuals were stopped as they were leaving the property and cited for criminal trespass. The offenders pleaded guilty to the offense and were sentenced to 6 months court supervision. Fines and costs totaled \$6013.70.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A St Clair County Officer arrested a subject after conducting a deer permit investigation. It was found that the subject went out in the field without a hunting license/habitat stamp, and without a deer permit. He shot a doe and then went to purchase a deer permit after he field dressed the deer and left it lay in the field. After returning to apply the tag, he then called in the deer harvest.

After an interview by the officer he admitted to the violations. He was cited with hunting with no valid hunting license and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. He was issued written warnings for hunting

with no valid habitat stamp and failure to have a hunting license and deer permit in possession while hunting. He has a mandatory court date in Macoupin County (county of violation).

A St Clair County Officer attended a Hunter Safety class to give instruction of the legal aspects of hunting to a class of 150 students at the Collinsville VFW.

A District 13 officer received information of possible fraudulent use of deer permits in Randolph County. After investigating the complaint the officer discovered that a hunter had illegally shot a buck but had not obtained a deer permit at the time of the harvest. The hunter then purchased a deer permit after the fact and reported the harvest. The investigation was completed and citations were issued to the individual for the illegal hunting.

A CPO in Madison County patrolled secondary roads during a snow and ice storm. Several motorists were assisted after sliding off the roadway and getting stuck.

A CPO in Madison County continued with deer permit investigations. A Godfrey man was issued a citation for failing to immediately tag upon kill when he decided not to burn his "buck" tag on the doe he just shot. Instead he went to the local Wal-Mart and bought an OTC antlerless firearm permit and used it later to tag his deer.

A District 13 CPO assisted a local police department with a child neglect/endangerment case. An 8 year old autistic child was left at home in a bedroom with no access to food or water. The child was accompanied only by the family dog, which had urinated and defecated several times on the floor. The parents were arrested by the local police department. The 8 year old and two younger siblings were placed with family members.

A St.Clair County CPO issued a written warning to a St. Clair County archery deer hunter. The subject failed to report his harvest in the correct county.

REGION V

A CPO and CPOT conducted a timber truck stop. The driver had no proof of ownership which led the officers to investigate the timber buyer. The officers observed timber buyer records violations and the case is still under investigation.

A CPO assisted the White County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police in investigating the report of a vessel capsized on the Wabash River near the Mt. Vernon Indiana Bridge. The vessel was determined to have been abandoned and washed ashore in a log jam.

A CPO and CPOT are investigating two Louisiana residents who deer hunted in Crawford County this past season. One of the subjects shot a buck with doe only permits, and the other subject shot a buck with a rifle and did not have permits. The CPO worked this case with the officers in Louisiana.

A CPO and CPOT caught two subjects rabbit hunting on February 23 in Marion County. They had killed one rabbit.

A CPO is investigating an arson at Wildcat Hollow in Effingham.

A CPO investigated a trapping complaint in Union County. A subject had his Great Dane dog caught in an unlawful leg hold trap on his own property. The traps were seized pending investigation. A total of 6 unlawful traps were discovered.

A CPOT performed motorist assist of a subject who had struck a deer which was crippled. The CPOT dispatched the deer and it was taken to motorist's home where documentation was completed and the deer awarded to subject.

District 16 CPO's are working the 2 CPOT's in completing their step in the field training process.

A Sergeant assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Department on a traffic accident with traffic control.