

Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
February 5, 2014

REGION I

District 6 CPOs conducted a snowmobile enforcement patrol on the I & M Canal in LaSalle County. Seven citations were issued for violations of the Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act. Over half of the citations issued were for operation without proof of insurance.

Two District 6 Officers patrolled 60 miles of the I & M Canal on snowmobiles, no violations were discovered.

A District 7 CPO recovered a dead bald eagle in Knox County after a winter storm with strong winds and driving snow. The bird apparently either ran into the Wolf Covered Bridge or nearby power lines. It, along with another eagle from Henderson County, was shipped to the USFWS Eagle Feather Repository in Colorado.

A District 7 CPO assisted the Illinois State Police and Knox County Sheriff's Department with motorist assists and traffic direction at accidents after another passing winter storm.

A District 7 CPO stopped two snowmobiles after observing them crossing a Knox County Highway improperly. Both failed to bring their snowmobiles to a stop and cross at approximately a 90 degree angle. Both operators were issued written warnings for improper operation on a highway.

A District 7 CPO responded to Banner Marsh FWA in Peoria County to a complaint of two individuals who had driven a vehicle out onto the frozen ice of Wheel Lake. When contacted, the father and son had set up an ice house next to their running Ford Mustang and said they heard the crappies were biting. CPO asked about the barricade with "Wildlife Refuge - Area Closed" sign they moved at the boat ramp before driving onto the lake. Their response was, we also saw a no boating sign and thought since we are not in a boat we would be legal. Enforcement action was taken.

A District 6 Conservation Police Officer was waiting to turn left due to oncoming traffic in Starved Rock State Park. A driver behind the officer illegally passed on the left narrowly missing the oncoming traffic. The officer followed the vehicle noting three more traffic infractions. The vehicle was stopped, the driver was issued a citation and posted \$120 bond.

A District 6 CPO patrolled LaSalle County for snowmobile infractions. He issued four citations for no insurance, two citations for no registration and seven written warnings for other violations.

A CPO in Henderson County investigated a complaint regarding the illegal taking of whitetail deer in McDonough County. An individual attempted to cover up an illegal deer kill by purchasing tags after the fact. The subject then reported the deer. Appropriate enforcement action

was taken

While conducting snowmobile safety checks two subjects were stopped and cited for no proof of Insurance.

CPOs conducted a snowmobile patrol detail in Rock Island County. It was a busy day as a snowmobile poker run was going on that included several establishments. Numerous safety inspections were conducted. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued to operators for not having mandatory insurance coverage on the snowmobile as well as registration issues. No snowmobile accidents were reported.

A District 1 CPO cited a Lanark man for failure to display valid expiration decal on his snowmobile. The man had his valid registration stickers since December of 2012. He was warned for not having his certificate of number during operation and failure to have proof of mandatory insurance.

A District 1 CPO patrolled the Hennepin Feeder Canal and the surrounding Rock Falls/Sterling area enforcing the provisions of the Snowmobile Registration & Safety Act. Several snowmobiles were inspected for compliance, with no violations discovered on this patrol.

A District 1 CPO issued a citation to a Sterling man for ice fishing on the Harry Oppold Marina bay with no sport fishing license. This was after the fisherman had advised the CPO that he left his license at home. Further investigation and interview revealed otherwise.

A District 1 CPO conducted a snowmobile accident investigation. A Wisconsin resident was riding on the public snowmobile trail between Nora and Winslow. He heard his snowmobile suddenly get much louder. A faulty exhaust system was suspected. A short time later he noticed flames coming from both sides of the snowmobile's cowling. He quickly exited the snowmobile. The snowmobile was soon engulfed in flames. No injuries were sustained. The snowmobile was a total loss.

A District 1 CPO conducted an inspection on a resident fur buyer. Photographs were taken of some of the buyer's records. The records will assist a downstate CPO with an ongoing investigation.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A citation was issued to a Freeport man for unlawful take of a deer without a valid hunting license. A written warning was issued for unlawful take of a deer without a valid habitat stamp.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A written warning was issued to a Freeport man for failing to report his minor son's archery harvested deer by 10 p.m. on the date it was taken.

CPOs in Winnebago and DeKalb Counties adjusted their work shifts to late evening due to the weekend snowfall forecasted in anticipation of a potential increase in snowmobile use, complaints, and accident activity. Saturday evening alone resulted in the reporting of one

accident to the officers in addition to numerous snowmobile safety inspections completed to recreational snowmobile operators which resulted in the issuance of multiple arrest citations and written warnings for unlawful snowmobile operation without registration, insurance, or the required safety equipment.

A CPO cited a subject for hunting without a valid deer permit. This was an investigation from second shotgun season.

REGION II

Two District 2 CPOs stopped a father and son who were riding a snowmobile in Johnsburg. The father smelled strongly of cannabis on his person and his breath. When questioned, the father turned over a bag of cannabis and a smoking pipe. The father was charged with OUI cannabis, possession of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Several snowmobile enforcement details were conducted on the Chain O' Lakes and Fox River by District 2 CPOs. Approximately 80 citations were issued for no registration, no insurance, no trail use sticker, and careless operation of a snowmobile.

While a District 2 CPO was explaining the insurance requirement to a snowmobile violator at the McHenry Dam, the violator pointed to a snowmobile traveling northbound that was rolling over as we spoke. He said "You should be taking care of guys like that instead of harassing guys like me". The CPO gave him his ID back and went to check on the accident. The operator involved refused treatment and claimed to be uninjured. He received a citation for no proof of insurance on a snowmobile and an Incident Report to complete.

Three District 2 CPOs were on patrol on the Chain O' Lakes enforcing snowmobile regulations. As they were completing a stop, one of the CPOs saw a snowmobile on its side and the operator lying on the ice. The CPOs arrived on scene and learned the operator lost control of his sled and rolled. The operator complained of chest pain and was confused on basic information like his date of birth. One of the CPOs drove to the nearest bar and called for an ambulance. Another CPO transported the operator to shore where he was transported to a hospital for chest pain and a possible concussion. The third CPO assisted on gathering information and removal of the operator's snowmobile.

District 2 CPOs issued approximately 75 citations and several written warnings while working snowmobile enforcement in Lake and McHenry Counties. Most common violations were no proof of insurance and no registration.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A Jersey County CPO received information of a buck unlawfully taken in Jersey County by a

Pennsylvania resident without a firearm deer permit. With the assistance of the Pennsylvania Game Commission an interview was conducted and the subject admitted to the violation. The buck was seized and enforcement action is pending.

A Jersey County CPO investigated a theft complaint. After receiving information of several stolen goose decoys were being used by hunters in Calhoun County, the CPO located the hunting area and discovered several of the reported stolen decoys. The investigation led the CPO to two suspects. Interviews were conducted and both suspects admitted to stealing the decoys from a private hunting area. Enforcement action is pending.

A Jersey County CPO stopped a vehicle for speeding in Pere Marquette State Park. The driver was found to have a suspended driver's license and two passengers were found to be in possession of open alcohol.

A Brown County CPO gave a presentation to a local Cub Scout group. Ten scouts were in attendance.

REGION V

A District 14 CPO instructed the wildlife code to recruits going through the Conservation Police Academy.

While patrolling a complaint area for coyote hunters a Jefferson County man was stopped and arrested for driving with a revoked license, no insurance, and no valid registration. The same CPO cited a Kentucky goose hunter for not having a state waterfowl stamp.

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CPOs worked a predator hunt based out of Prophetstown IL. Complaints of hunters driving in fields and trespassing in Bureau County were received via a TIPS complaint. The CPOs responded to that area and made checks on hunters. A snowmobile was observed operating in a field in the vicinity of this hunting group but was unable to be located. This group received written warnings on minor hunting infractions.

CPOs were doing safety checks on snowmobiles in Carroll County. Multiple safety checks were conducted. Multiple citations were written for snowmobile operators not having proof of mandatory liability insurance. Written warnings were also issued for other snowmobile violations.

A Region 1, District 1 CPO was called out from home at 11 p.m. to handle a serious personal injury snowmobile accident in northern Rock Island County near Barstow IL. The snowmobile operator was transported to Illini Hospital with life threatening injuries. While the CPO was on scene investigating the accident he received confirmation that the snowmobile operator became deceased. The preliminary investigation appears to show the snowmobile operator was traveling at a high rate of speed westbound on a frozen creek. When the operator passed under the low overhead bridge on 227th St. North his head/helmet struck the bottom of the bridge. The Rock Island County Coroner's office ordered toxicology testing. It will be several weeks before results are available.

A District 7 officer arrested an individual for providing fraudulent information to obtain resident hunting licenses and resident archery deer permits. The individual was a Texas resident since 2012 and formerly a California resident. Since 2009 the individual saved \$2,300.00 by purchasing resident licenses and permits instead of non-resident.

A District 7 CPO assisted the Illinois State Police and Knox County Sheriff's Department with motorist assists and traffic direction at accidents after another winter storm.

A District 7 CPO participated in Search and Rescue training with the Knox County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Team. The training held at Lake Storey in Galesburg consisted of three scenarios involving locating a missing person/victim, providing care to injured persons, loading and transporting. Fifteen snowmobiles participated in the exercise. Several media reporters were in attendance including radio, television, and newspaper. A brief presentation was given to participants on Snowmobile Accident reporting requirements and notification of the local CPO.

A District 7 CPO assisted Illinois State Police with numerous motorist assists during snowstorms around the Peoria Area. Most of the vehicles hit patches of ice and slide into the ditch or median. Most drivers stayed with their stuck vehicle until a tow truck arrived, however, some requested a ride to the nearest gas station to stay warm.

A District 1 CPO cited three snowmobilers for operation of unnumbered snowmobiles. All three were warned for no proof of mandatory insurance.

Two District 6 CPOs assisted District 1 CPOs with a serious injury snowmobile accident. The operator of the snowmobile struck the side of a pickup truck. The operator was transported to Rockford Memorial Hospital where he remains in critical condition. The collision occurred in Ogle County and the investigation is ongoing. The operator was from Ogle County and was an experienced snowmobile operator.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A citation was issued to a Pecatonica man for unlawful take of a deer without a valid hunting license.

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A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A citation was issued to a Sugar Grove

man for unlawful take of a deer without a valid hunting license. A written warning was issued for unlawful take of a deer without a valid habitat stamp.

A District 6 officer handled a personal injury snowmobile accident in LaSalle County. Two snowmobiles were traveling in a field when they came upon a field ditch. The first snowmobile crossed the ditch without incident. When the second snowmobile crossed the ditch the skis struck the ditch bank and the snowmobile came to a sudden stop. The operator flew over the handlebars and landed 55 feet away in 8 inches of snow. EMS transported the operator to a local hospital; luckily the operator sustained only minor cuts and bruises. The officer determined the snowmobile was traveling at 28 mph at the time of the accident.

Illinois Conservation Police continue to investigate several reports of snowmobile accidents in Forreston and Stockton Illinois.

A District 1 CPO completed a deer permit investigation of a subject who had purchased an antlerless only permit and checked in a doe 25 minutes later in Carroll County during the first firearm season. After the investigation, it was learned the subject had an “antlerless only” and an “either sex permit” and killed two does. Not wanting to use his only “either sex” tag on the doe, the subject purchased another “antlerless only” permit and switched the tags. The subject was issued one citation and one written warning.

A District 1 CPO stopped a group of three snowmobiles in Ogle County for a compliance check. During the check, the CPO discovered several violations including failure to display registration on two of the sleds, no proof of insurance on two of the sleds, and no certificate of number in possession. Appropriate enforcement was taken.

A District 1 CPO assisted Illinois State Police on I-39 in Ogle County with numerous cars off the roadway and accidents after a snowfall where the road conditions turned to ice.

A CPO in Winnebago County adjusted their work shift to work late evening hours due to the weekend snowfall in anticipation of the potential increase in snowmobile activity. Saturday evening alone resulted in over 30 snowmobiles inspected by the CPO with 19 arrest citations and 13 written warnings issued to snowmobile operators. The snowmobile safety inspections detected a variety of law violations to include: unlawful operation of a snowmobile against motor vehicle traffic flow, unlawful operation of snowmobile upon controlled access highways, unnumbered (unregistered) snowmobiles, non-residents - failure to obtain trail use stickers, unlawful snowmobile operation while driver's license suspended or revoked, unlawful operation of uninsured snowmobiles, operation without a tail light, reflective material on each side of cowling, illegal headlight cover, and failure to stop for inspection.

Conducting reviews of the harvested deer in Rock Island County, a CPO located two subjects involved in poaching a deer. One subject was cited and both subjects received written warnings for their violations. The parts of one deer were seized. On another case, one subject was cited for not transferring his driver's license from Wisconsin. He is also likely facing license fraud charges in Wisconsin for obtaining resident Wisconsin deer permits.

REGION II

A District 2 CPO was on snowmobile patrol with two District 4 CPOs on the Fox River. A male subject pulled into the checkpoint the CPOs had set up and the District 2 CPO noticed the subject had very slurred speech and bloodshot, glassy eyes. When he removed his helmet, he smelled strongly of alcohol. The subject subsequently failed field sobriety testing and was arrested for OUI snowmobile and no insurance. He blew a .155 BAC.

A District 2 CPO cited the same subject twice in one week. Last week, the subject was cited for no proof of insurance on a snowmobile and given a written warning for no registration. This week, the same subject had insurance, but still failed to carry any proof he had applied for registration. He said the CPO last week said it was "okay" if he didn't have it. The CPO reminded him he did not tell him that and gave him another citation.

District 2 CPOs issued 42 citations and 14 written warnings while working snowmobile enforcement this past weekend. Most common violations were no proof of insurance and no registration.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A CPO in Adams County handled a fatal snowmobile accident in Hancock County. It appears the subject was travelling at a high rate of speed when he struck a small ditch and was ejected from the snowmobile hitting the ground. The subject died from severe trauma to the head and upper body.

A CPO in Jersey County responded to a personal injury traffic crash at Pere Marquette State Park. The vehicle ran off the road and rolled over. The driver was not seriously injured. The CPO handled the crash report.

A CPO in Jersey County went to court on three hunters from North Carolina. They had been buying antlerless only deer permits and using someone's resident tags to harvest bucks. The three hunters pleaded guilty in Jersey County to falsification of IDNR harvest records and unlawful take of a whitetail deer. They were fined \$3000 each for a total of \$9000. Two of the three subjects were arrested and convicted in Jersey County in 2008. They were fined \$1000 each in that incident. On the day they went to court and paid the fines, one of the subjects shot his third buck that year. Five deer racks were surrendered to the State per plea agreement.

A CPO in Brown County went to court on five subjects hunting over bait. Total fine amount from all parties involved equaled \$1600.00.

A CPO in Greene County went to court on a subject in Macoupin County for harvesting ginseng without a license. Total fine was \$357. A court order awarded the ginseng to the IDNR.

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REGION V

A District 14 CPO instructed the Wildlife Code to recruits going through the Conservation Police Academy.

While patrolling a complaint area for coyote hunters, a Jefferson County man was stopped and arrested for driving with a revoked license, no insurance, and no valid registration. The same CPO cited a Kentucky goose hunter for not having a state waterfowl stamp.

A CPO assisted Illinois State Police, District 22, with an overturned semi trailer on I-24 because of icy road conditions. Both west bound lanes were blocked from shoulder to shoulder. The CPO helped to slow down traffic to prevent possible rear end crashes as vehicles came upon the stopped traffic. The lanes were backed up for over seven miles.

A CPO arrested a subject at Lake of Egypt for a Class 3 and Class 4 felony amount of cannabis. The subject was ordered to pay \$2,540 in fine and costs and forfeited \$1,246 that he was carrying at the time of arrest.

A CPO arrested a subject for driving while license was suspended on Crab Orchard Refuge. The subject pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay \$495 in fine and costs.

A District 16 Sgt. and CPO instructed Waterfowl School at the ISP academy for the Conservation Police recruit class.

A CPO closed out an OUI report. A non-resident was found guilty of operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol with a BAC greater than 0.08%. He was put on 12 months supervision, assigned alcohol treatment and fined in total of \$1455.00.

A CPO closed out a hunting violation report. Two non-residents were found guilty of unlawfully deer hunting without deer permits and non-resident hunting licenses. They were both fined \$750 each for a total of \$1500.

A CPO closed out a traffic violation report. A resident was found guilty of operating a vehicle while his license was suspended. The subject was fined in excess of \$450.

A CPO is conducting surveillance on Ft. Massac State Park. Five vehicles entered in a restricted area and caused damage to the grounds.

A CPO charged a Jackson County man with OUI this past summer. The man pleaded guilty to the charge of OUI. He was ordered to pay \$1,665 in fines and costs and given 12 months court supervision.

In Williamson County court, two men (a father and son) entered a plea agreement from a 2011 case where a CPO had arrested the two subjects for numerous wildlife violations. The violations in this case involved hunting by use of a motor vehicle and lights of that vehicle, hunting whitetail deer at night from a roadway, loaded un-cased guns, open alcohol, possession of a firearm by a felon and several others. The two men each were found guilty of hunting by use of a vehicle/spotlighting and hunting whitetail deer between a half hour after sunset and a half hour before sunrise. The two men were fined a total of \$10,496.00. The same two subjects had been arrested by this CPO a decade earlier for nearly the same violations. (In that case the fines for the subject totaled \$6,053.00.)

A Mahomet subject arrested by a CPO entered a plea of guilty to operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol while boating on Lake of Egypt in Williamson County. The subject paid a fine of \$550.00.

A CPO completed a boat registration investigation. The subject was issued a written warning for failure to apply for title within 15 days of purchasing the watercraft.

A CPO was working a possible hunting by use of an ATV in Williamson County. A single subject on an ATV was observed in a field and shots were fired in the area after the ATV had gotten out of line of sight from the CPO. A half frozen creek forced the CPO to drive a long distance around the creek and another separate ATV was stopped on a railroad right of way. Appropriate action was taken with that subject and the CPO continued to look for the ATV that he had observed hunting in a large field. That ATV was not located at the time of this report.

After a review of the facts involving a disturbance on the opening morning of the Southern Zone youth duck season, the Perry County State's Attorney's Office secured an arrest warrant for one of the subjects involved. The arrest warrant was issued for disorderly conduct on the adult subject who verbally threatened youth hunters over who should have a particular blind site at Pyramid State Park. Currently this subject is out of state working, but arrangements have been made to pick him up on this warrant when he returns to Illinois.

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February 19, 2014

REGION I

A CPO was called to Illini State Park to handle a single car vehicle accident. Due to icy park road conditions the vehicle slid off the roadway into a wooden guardrail. The vehicle sustained damage to the front right side and bent the front right tire steering mechanism. The car had to be towed. No enforcement action was taken.

Conducting reviews of the harvested deer in Rock Island County, a CPO located four subjects involved in poaching three deer and a turkey. All four subjects were cited. Several written warnings were also issued to the subjects. The parts of two deer and a turkey were seized.

A CPO worked the public snowmobile trail system in Winnebago and Boone Counties resulting in over 30 snowmobiles inspected and 35 written contacts issued for violations of the Illinois Snowmobile Safety Act to include: unlawful operation of a snowmobile against motor vehicle traffic flow, unlawful operation of snowmobile upon controlled access highways, unnumbered (unregistered) snowmobiles, non-residents - failure to obtain trail use stickers, unlawful snowmobile operation while driver's license suspended or revoked, unlawful operation of uninsured snowmobiles, and no reflective material on each side of cowling

A District 6 CPO patrolled for snowmobiles over the weekend and wrote ten citations and two written warnings.

A District 6 CPO found two subject's ice climbing in a closed canyon. One citation and one written warning were issued.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A citation was issued to a Chicago man for unlawful take of a deer without a valid hunting license.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. Written warnings were issued to an Apple River man for allowing a minor take of a deer without a valid hunting license and allowing a minor take of a turkey without a valid hunting license.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A written warning was issued to an East Dubuque landowner for unlawful take of a deer without a valid habitat stamp.

A District 1 CPO conducted snowmobile safety and registration checks. Citations were issued for operation of a snowmobile without proof of liability insurance and operation of a snowmobile without registration.

The District 7 Sergeant and two CPOs assisted the USDA and Wildlife staff with Aerial Control Measures relating to the Feral Hog Management in Fulton County. Officers provided security and emergency response, if necessary, while operations were conducted. A traffic stop of a local subject operating an ATV on a township road found he was hunting nearby. Written warnings were issued to the man for not having his rifle properly cased and for operating an off-highway vehicle on the roadway.

A District 7 officer arrested an individual for unlawfully taking of a whitetail deer without a valid deer permit. The individual later purchased the deer permit and reported the deer. Appropriate action was taken.

REGION II

Two District 2 and two District 4 CPOs conducted a snowmobile OUI enforcement detail on the Fox River near Chain O' Lakes State Park. During the detail approximately 100 snowmobiles were stopped and inspected. There were two citations issued for no proof of insurance, one for allowing a youth to operate a snowmobile, and one OUI arrest was made. The arrested subject

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District 2 CPOs issued approximately 40 citations and 15 written warnings while working snowmobile enforcement. The most common violations were no proof of insurance and no registration. Approximately 200 snowmobiles were checked at the McHenry Dam.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO cited a Douglas County male for hunting on CSX Railroad property and Ameren property in Douglas County. The subject was rabbit hunting without permission.

District 11 CPOs responded to an unlawful hunting of coyote complaint in Shelby County. Two Shelbyville men were cited for running a coyote down with an ATV until the coyote was not able to run anymore. A second man shot from the public road three times within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling and hunting by use or aid of a vehicle.

A District 19 CPO worked snowmobile enforcement in Livingston County. During the shift several snowmobiles were checked. Subjects from Chatsworth, Pontiac and surrounding areas were issued six written warnings and three citations for snowmobile code violations.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A Fayette County CPO seized a 12 point deer at the conclusion of an investigation where a subject did not have a permit.

Two CPOs assisted in aerial eradication of feral hogs in Marion, Clay, and Fayette Counties. Thirteen hogs were killed.

Two CPOs caught two fishermen in a restricted area on Newton Lake.

A subject arrested in Jasper and Crawford Counties for poaching deer and manufacture of meth was sentenced to five years.

A CPO is currently working on a 2013 case involving a North Carolina subject who took a 14 point deer and used a resident landowner's permit to tag it in Pope County. The landowner also let other subjects use his permits in 2012 to take two bucks.

A CPO assisted the US Forest Service apprehend nine subjects riding ATV's on Forest and private property in District 14. The subjects were issued nine federal citations (totaling \$1,800.00) and issued 18 written warnings.

A citation and written warning were issued out of radio surveillance and subsequent compliance

check of a group of coyote hunters. They sent one member of their group across the fields in an UTV to flush coyotes from a ditch line.

A CPO arrested a man in Jefferson County for operation of snowmobile with expired registration. He was also issued a couple of written warnings for snowmobile violations.

Four subjects, who possessed five untagged deer in Hardin County, were charged and received \$3000.00 in fines. Five subjects, in a Pope county case, were charged with hunting waterfowl over bait. They received a total of over \$2000.00 in fines.

A Tennessee hunter pleaded guilty to taking an antlered deer without a valid non-resident deer permit in Pope County. The hunter was fined \$500.00.

A CPO served an arrest warrant on a subject who verbally threatened some subjects over who should have a particular duck blind at Pyramid State Park during the youth waterfowl season. After securing the Herrin subject in the Perry County Jail for bonding on the warrant, he was immediately taken to court for this offense. The subject pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct in Perry County Court and was assessed a fine of \$300.00.

A Perry County resident requested CPO's assistance with a neighbor dispute. An investigation revealed the neighbor had raised the level of a pond dam which was causing occasional flooding on the complainant's property. It was determined there was no criminal intent with the neighbors actions so the complainant is going to pursue the matter in civil court.

CPOs are investigating a subject for potentially committing multiple permit violations.

A CPO completed an investigation into a fish kill on the Cache River. Biologists estimated over 20,000 fish killed with a total value just under \$20,000. The kill was not pollutant related, but occurred because of electrical failure at a gate structure, allowing the river level to be drained considerably.

A CPO charged a subject in Johnson County court for numerous deer hunting violations. The subject was ordered to pay \$1,480.00, given 18 months court supervision and forfeited his shotgun.

A CPO charged a subject that fled the scene of a boat crash at Lake of Egypt. After obtaining an arrest warrant, the subject was finally caught and returned to Johnson County. He was charged with reckless operation and ordered to pay \$956.00 in fine and costs.

A CPO issued two subjects written warnings for minor speeding infractions.

A CPO assisted SIU Police Department in attempting to locate a missing SIU student by searching Giant City State Park's remote areas and parking lots.

A District 16 Sergeant instructed water survival at the IDNR Police Academy.

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REGION I

A District 6 officer was on I-80 heading back to his assigned county when he was passed by a vehicle doing 84 mph in a construction zone. The officer conducted a traffic stop and issued a citation.

A District 1 CPO conducted a deer harvest investigation. A Mt. Carroll man was cited for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill and warned for failure to sign deer tag and bow hunting without permits.

A CPO in Henderson County assisted the local ESDA coordinator with monitoring the local road conditions during high water. Unseasonal weather had caused local streams and rivers to flood. The officer reported that a major state route was unsafe to use. As a result, the road was closed to auto traffic for two days. The officer also closed the entrance to the Henderson Creek State Fish & Wildlife area due to the fact four feet of water was on the roadway entrance.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on a Prophetstown man for unlawfully cutting down trees for firewood and for taking his vehicle off the roadway in Big Bend Fish and Wildlife Area.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a snowmobile accident in Whiteside County.

A District 1 CPO stopped a group of snowmobiles in Ogle County for a compliance check. The CPO discovered registration and insurance violations on the snowmobiles. Appropriate enforcement was taken.

Conducting reviews of the harvested deer in Rock Island County, a CPO located a subject of interest. Driving to the subject's home, the CPO was told that the subject (of interest) had moved to Wisconsin a year previous. The subject was cited for falsification to obtain resident license and other licensing violations. Two other subjects were also cited for illegal deer hunting activities. Part of one illegally harvested deer was seized.

A CPO noted a subject who was trying to sell two deer skulls which he had found last year in February. An interview noted the subject did not know it was illegal to sell salvage deer. The subject was warned about this and enforcement was taken on other violations noted.

A District 1 CPO conducted multiple deer harvest/license investigations. Five citations were issued for unlawful take of a deer without a valid habitat stamp. Eight written warnings also were issued.

A District 7 CPO patrolled DNR sites in Knox County. Ice fishermen were checked at Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area, Victoria PHA, Buffalo PHA, T-Lake PHA, and Spoon River State Forest. One patrol was conducted on snowmobile. All fishermen checked were properly licensed and obeying catch limits.

REGION II

A District 2 CPO arrested an ice fisherman for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Two District 2 CPOs checked over twenty lakes and thirty or more ice fishermen on Saturday and Sunday. No violations were noted.

A District 2 CPO responded to a call of a snowmobile that was operating on the Fox River in Johnsborg. As the operator was traveling north on the river, he began to see open water and realized he was not on safe ice. The operator turned towards the middle of the river and his snowmobile broke through the ice. The operator was able to get out of the water and refused treatment from the fire department. The operator was issued a citation for careless operation of a snowmobile and pollution of the waterways.

A District 2 CPO stopped three timber trucks hauling logs in Algonquin. None of the three drivers had a hauling log. The drivers, from Homer Inc. out of Lockport, were each issued a citation.

A subject cited by a District 2 CPO pleaded guilty to hunting without permission in Lake County Court. As part of the plea agreement, he made a \$500 contribution to the Illinois Conservation Police Officer's Fund. He was fined additional \$191 in court costs. The subject will get his bow back but charges are still pending for straw purchasing involving an AR 15. The AR 15 will be destroyed.

A subject cited by a District 2 CPO for unlawful feeding of whitetail deer appeared in Lake County court even though it was not required. He brought an attorney and pleaded guilty. He was fined \$286 including court costs.

REGION III

A CPO was patrolling near the Clinton Lake Marina and observed numerous deer in the fields around the entrance. As he was leaving the marina he noticed a truck parked in the roadway and a man standing outside the truck with the passenger side door open. The CPO stopped the truck and noticed the strong smell of an alcoholic beverage and the smell of burnt cannabis. The CPO seized an open bottle of beer, cannabis and a pipe. Citations were issued.

A CPO assisted McLean County Deputies with a case near Shirley, Illinois. The CPO was asked to help identify several furbearers that a local resident stored in the back of his pickup truck. The man stated that they were all road kill and he was going to skin them for their hides. After

inspecting the animals it was found that there were five squirrels, three raccoons, three opossums, two rabbits, and two domestic rabbit carcasses in the bed of the truck. In the cab of the truck there were two live and one dead domestic rabbits. After questioning him about the rabbits in the cab the owner stated that is where he kept them in the winter. When asked why he did not remove the dead rabbit he stated that his hands were cold when he fed them. McLean County was filing numerous animal cruelty and wildlife offenses against the owner.

A District 11 CPO cited a Paris, IL man for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill and falsification of department records in Edgar County.

A Shelbyville man who was arrested by a Conservation Police Sergeant pleaded guilty to retail theft in Shelby County and was fined \$388.00, \$6.65 restitution and given 90 days in jail. The man who had been in trouble several times bonded out of jail on a previous charge and went to a local gas station and took 19 Slim Jims without paying for them. A Conservation Police Sergeant witnessed the event and arrested the man, taking him right back to where he had just left.

A District 11 CPO cited a Christian County man for deer hunting without a valid deer permit in Madison County along with a number of written warnings.

REGION IV

A CPO in Jersey County conducted an investigation into the unlawful take of an 11 point buck in Macoupin County. During interviews it was determined a subject harvested a buck during the firearm deer season. Two days later while hunting with his remaining "antlerless only" permit, he harvested a second buck and tagged the deer with his mother's landowner permit. The subject was cited and the buck was seized. A CPO in Jersey County conducted an investigation into the take of a trophy class buck in Greene County. The investigation revealed the archery deer hunter harvested the buck without an archery permit. The subject was cited and the buck was seized.

A CPO in Greene County recently cited a subject from Louisiana for unlawfully taking a whitetail deer in 2012. This subject was hunting with an outfitter in Greene County. An inspection of the outfitter records revealed more violations. The violations included improper record keeping and failure to ensure hunters had proper license and permits.

A CPO in Greene County attended a hunter safety course in Macoupin County.

A CPO in Adams County attended a hunter safety course in Adams County.

A CPO in Brown County attended a hunter safety course in Pike County.

REGION V

A citation was issued to a man for unlawfully hunting waterfowl over bait. The violation took place during the 2013 waterfowl season in Jefferson County. The same CPO spoke to over 100 students at the Hamilton County High School Career Fair.

A CPO cited a Franklin County man for driving off the roadway in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, no valid driver's license, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

A man was tracked down and cited for placing a deer feeder illegally during the previous deer season in Hamilton County. He was currently under a suspension for previous hunting violations. The CPO placed him under arrest for violating the wildlife code while under a period of suspension. The man bonded out on the charge at the Hamilton County Courthouse. The same CPO cited a man for hunting without permission in White County on a complaint. The trespasser had been told previously by the landowner to not be on the property.

Two CPOs following up on an administrative investigation uncovered multiple violations in White County. The man was cited for unlawful take of a third antlered deer, unlawful take of an antlered deer without an "either-sex" permit. In addition, the man was issued multiple written warnings for conservation violations and two deer racks were seized.

A man was arrested at Dolan Lake in Hamilton County for possession of cannabis.

A CPO investigated a Gallatin County landowner for unlawfully allowing two South Carolina and one North Carolina hunters to use his permits. The investigation revealed the hunters took an 8 point, 10 point and 14 point buck. Nine citations and eight written warnings were issued. The same CPO investigated a Missouri hunter for unlawfully taking a 9 point and 14 point buck. The CPO worked with the Missouri Department of Conservation to seize the hunter's phone and then subpoenaed cell phone records. The hunter had pictures of him posing with the deer in front of a cabin. The CPO located the cabin in Pope County. The subject has been issued multiple citations with more charges pending.

A CPO issued a citation to an ATV driver for possession of open alcohol on the Clear Creek Levee.

A CPO responded to call from Illinois State Police that two subjects were next to a highway at night near Tamms. The caller stated that one subject was forcing the other into traffic at gunpoint. Upon arrival it was determined that the subjects were just highly intoxicated and there was no firearm involved.

A CPO took a mountain lion sighting in Pulaski County.

A CPO cited a fisherman in Perry County for fishing without a license.

CPOs issued multiple written warnings to boaters and a citation for fishing without a license citation while patrolling Lake of Egypt.

A CPO instructed the new recruit class on the OUI/DUI Seated Battery Testing at the DNR Academy in Springfield.

A CPO charged a subject with damage to state supported property at Ft. Massac State Park. The

subject pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay \$725 in fine and costs and to also pay \$1039 in restitution for the damage caused as well as given 12 months court supervision.

A CPO is investigating a boat title case in Williamson County.

A CPO received information from park personnel at Lake Murphysboro State Park that a couple bags of household trash were deposited in a park trash can. A name and address were found in this trash. Upon interviewing the senior citizen whose name was with the trash, she admitted to putting the trash in the can. She had missed her regular trash day at the house and did not think it would hurt to put the trash in the park's can. She was issued a written warning for the park violation and she promised not to do it again.

A CPO assisted the Carbondale Police Department and an Illinois State Trooper with a warrant arrest at the Huck's in Carbondale. The subject ran from the police officers after giving a false name and during the foot chase the trooper was slightly injured. The Union County subject had four local arrest warrants and will also be charged with obstructing justice and resisting arrest. The CPO helped with controlling the scene and made sure the trooper was able to get home after suffering a pulled hamstring muscle.

A CPO gave a CPO career presentation to a high school class at Carbondale High School.

A CPO has pending investigations for deer permit violations found through the POS system.