



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

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

## **Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis**

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

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones issued a written warning to a South Elgin man for failure to wear a solid blaze orange cap and failure to sign deer permits during the last CWD season.

CPO Palumbo investigated a hunting accident that occurred at a licensed shooting preserve near Lanark. Three Chicago hunters, a guide, and his flushing Labs were hunting ring-necked pheasants. A pheasant flushed to the north end of the picket line the guide was trying to maintain, and it flew to the south across the gauntlet. One of the hunters was lagging behind and off of the line, but he still attempted a shot at the flying gamebird. Unfortunately, the other hunters and guide were in between him and the bird when he fired. Some of the #4 lead shot he was using in his 12-gauge shotgun struck one of his hunting partners in the face, chest, and arm. The hunting group did not feel the injuries were life threatening, so they transported the victim by a privately-owned vehicle to FHN Hospital in Freeport. He was treated in the emergency room and released. All hunters and guide were appropriately licensed and were wearing blaze orange caps.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

An Orion man used his son's deer permit to fulfill a harvest since his son was unable to hunt this year due to work. The man was cited for falsification of IDNR records, which is a Class A Misdemeanor with a suspension of hunting privileges. He appeared in Henry County Court and accepted a plea deal from the Assistant State's Attorney for the charge of unlawfully taking a deer. He was fined a total of \$359.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Jones cited an Elizabeth man for not having his deer permits in possession while hunting deer. He was issued warnings for transportation of an uncased bow and hunting license and habitat stamp not in possession.

CPO Jones cited two Wisconsin residents during the last CWD season for failure to wear blaze orange. One of the hunters was also issued a written warning for not having his hunting license in possession.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran is investigating a hunting incident in which a black Labrador retriever was shot and killed during one of the last hunting seasons.

CPO Beltran attended a DUI instructor school in Peoria. The week-long class will assist officers in DUI laws and procedures.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPOs Posateri, Teas, and Sgt. Petreikis worked the QCCA Bald Eagle Days. They answered questions and interacted with groups of children throughout the three-day event.

A Rock Island man was investigated for using his son's deer permit to fulfill a harvest because he had already used his deer permit. The man was cited for falsification of IDNR records which is a Class A Misdemeanor with a suspension of hunting privileges. He pled guilty to the falsification and was fined a total of \$310.

CPO Francisko completed an investigation regarding a Taylor Ridge man who was issued a citation for not reporting his harvest deer by 10 p.m. the same day it was harvested. A written warning was also issued for failure to attach the temporary harvest tag to the deer immediately upon kill. The man had only purchased an either sex deer permit, and he harvested a doe on the opening night of firearm deer season. He did not want to use his either sex permit on a doe. The next day he purchased an over the counter antlerless only permit and checked the deer in on that permit. It is against the law to purchase a permit for use after the fact.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Fraser assisted Stephenson County Deputies and Illinois State Police with an armed standoff in a gated community. The armed subject was taken into custody after releasing all other occupants in the residence. A forced entry was required by the Stephenson County Tactical Team.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations and written warnings to a Rock Falls man for the unlawful take and sale of a white-tailed deer with the aid of a motor vehicle. The offender observed a deer out in a field while he was driving his truck on a dead-end road southwest of Lyndon. He then left the roadway and took off after the deer, chasing it through the field, until he struck the deer with his truck. The offender then exited the vehicle and hit the deer in the head with a hammer. The deer was loaded into the bed of the truck and paraded around to show it to multiple witnesses. The deer was then sold for US currency. In addition to any fines and fees that are incurred, a civil penalty will be sought for the deer.

CPO Palumbo issued a written warning to a rural Rock Falls man for allowing his dog to run unleashed on the Hennepin Feeder Canal. The dog left the IDNR property and went onto private property where it got caught in a Bridger #3 foothold land set trap. The trap was removed, and the dog was uninjured. The trapper had all the appropriate licenses and permission, and the trap was properly tagged.

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire  
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

## BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt inspected sport ice fishermen at Candlewick Lake Association for compliance to the Illinois Fishing Code. No violations were detected.

CPO Alt completed a boat registration and title Investigation with the Iowa DNR. An Iowa man unlawfully sold a motorboat to an Illinois man without providing the required watercraft title.

## BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Kaufman stopped to assist a vehicle that had run out of gas. The 63-year-old driver, who was on her way to a doctor's appointment, had a warrant for her arrest for assault out of Lee County. After the driver posted bond, CPO Kaufman took her to the doctor's office.

CPO Kaufman received the disposition of a driving while suspended arrest that occurred in Starved Rock State Park. The Indiana woman was ordered to pay a \$365 fine and perform 240 hours of public service.

While on routine patrol, CPO Wagner observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. A traffic stop was conducted, and the operator was found to have a revoked driver's license. The driver was arrested for driving on a revoked driver's license and speeding.

While patrolling in a rural area, CPO Wagner observed a truck parked in a field off the main roadway. Upon investigation, a man and small boy were in the cab of the truck. The man had a loaded, uncased firearm in the vehicle. The man claimed he and his son were going to do target shooting on their property. CPO Wagner explained to the man that he was in violation for having a loaded, uncased gun in the vehicle. The man was cited for the violation and released.

## DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Alt responded to a TIP complaint involving an injured deer found by a resident in their yard approximately four hours after the same resident heard two early morning gun shots. This incident occurred the day after deer season had ended. A two-hour blood track and neighborhood canvas failed to shed light on the injured deer. The complainant was the only neighbor to have heard the gun shots. Due to deer's condition, it was dispatched. Closer examination revealed there were no bullet wounds in the carcass. The left rear leg was broken in half with the hind quarters showing signs of a coyote attack. It was apparent this deer had been hit by an automobile. The deer was taken to the IDNR Wildlife Division for CWD testing and disposal.

## LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak patrolled the frozen waterfalls at Starved Rock and observed multiple individuals legally enjoying the waterfalls. Upon entering Kaskaski Canyon, CPO Filipiak smelled the aroma of burnt cannabis. Two individuals were found smoking cannabis behind the frozen waterfall and were issued two civil violation citations.

CPO Jansen completed DUI Instructor school in Peoria.

While on routine patrol, CPO Wagner observed a vehicle crossing the center line. He followed the vehicle for a short distance and observed the vehicle cross the center line and white line multiple times. A traffic stop was initiated; however, the subject vehicle did not stop after the emergency lights were activated. CPO Wagner continued to follow the vehicle and radioed dispatch to call Oglesby Police for assistance. Oglesby Police assisted CPO Wagner, and the subject vehicle was stopped. After the driver was put through a series of field sobriety tests, it was determined the driver was operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The driver was arrested for DUI and transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

CPO Finn attended Illinois Vehicle Code training in Princeton. He also attended DUI instructor school in Peoria.

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

CPO Alt inspected sport ice fishermen at Pierce and Olson lakes for compliance to the Illinois Aquatic Life Code. Two individuals were found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license in possession.

CPO Alt inspected sport ice fishermen at Lake Summerset and Westlake Association Lake for compliance to the Illinois Aquatic Life Code. No violations were detected.

CPO Alt stopped three recreational snowmobile operators who were unlawfully riding upon a controlled access highway. Other violations detected and addressed with this group included failure to display valid snowmobile registration and unlawful operation of a snowmobile without proof of insurance.

CPO Alt stopped two recreational snowmobile operators on a public snowmobile trail. Violations were addressed for unlawful operation of a snowmobile without registration and unlawful operation of snowmobile without proof of insurance.

CPO Alt responded to a TIP complaint from a late season deer hunter involving the theft of his deer blind, seat and portable gas heater. CPO Alt was assigned a second TIP complaint later the same day from a farmer regarding hunting without permission. The investigations revealed the hunter with the stolen articles was hunting without permission on the neighboring farm where the second complaint originated. The farmer photographed, then confiscated, the unlawfully placed hunting equipment. The farmer wanted to turn the hunting equipment over to the Department and file his complaint. The hunting equipment was returned to the hunter, and the hunting without permission violation was addressed.

While monitoring local police radio traffic, CPO Fraser heard a dispatch of a reported DUI driver with the complainant following the suspect. The complainant stated the driver disobeyed a stop sign and nearly struck their vehicle. The driver then drove into a field before continuing down the road. Thanks to the complainant's persistence and knowledge of the area, CPO Fraser located and stopped the vehicle. The driver was arrested for DUI.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson issued a citation and two written warnings to a Fairview man for an encounter that took place during the second firearm season. The violations included failure to tag deer immediately upon kill, unlawful transportation of an uncased bow in a vehicle, and unlawful possession of an untagged deer.

While on patrol near Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Thompson observed a red pickup enter the park. The Peoria man stopped to ask if he could ice fish in the park. CPO Thompson immediately detected a strong odor of cannabis emanating from the vehicle. Upon further investigation, two clear plastic baggies containing cannabis were found. The man was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPO Thompson received a disposition on a case involving a Vermont man unlawfully taking a white-tailed deer from the roadway. The man pled guilty and was fined \$550. His hunting privileges were also revoked for a period of 25 months, and the .17cal HMR was forfeited to the Department. The deer poached in this case was donated to the Astoria Meat Market.

CPO Reid taught a boat safety class in Canton.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid investigated the unlawful taking of a white-tailed deer in Oquawka.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott completed a lengthy boat registration and title investigation. The owners of a 14-foot jon boat attempted to register and title their boat with the IDNR Watercraft Division. Due to a duplicate Hull Identification Number (HIN), the request was denied; and an investigation was initiated. It was later determined the HIN had been removed from the boat and fraudulently used in a sale of a different boat in Iowa. It is always important to check for a clear, legible HIN that matches the HIN written on the title prior to purchase. The owners of the jon boat have now been cleared to go forth with the process of registering their boat.

CPO Elliott investigated a report of wrongful crop manipulation on Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife property. After canvassing the property, CPO Elliott discovered several areas where crop manipulation took place. He located scattered grain amongst the debris. This has created a baiting situation, and further waterfowl activities have been canceled at that property for the remainder of the season.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

## CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Goetten obtained information on a Fayette County subject harvesting a buck in Calhoun County without a permit, hunting license, or habitat stamp. CPO Compton assisted in the investigation by interviewing the subject. A confession was obtained, and the subject was cited for archery deer hunting without permits and the unlawful take of white-tailed deer. He was also issued two written warnings, and the buck was seized.

CPO Goetten closed a report documenting the arrest of a hunter who harvested three antlered deer in a single season. The subject pled guilty to one charge, and his fine/costs totaled \$1,117.

CPOs Gushleff and Weishaupt conducted a waterfowl enforcement detail in an area where there was a complaint of over bagging geese on a State site. The CPOs issued one written warning.

## GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten closed a report documenting the arrest of a nonresident deer hunter hunting without a permit and hunting deer over a pile of corn. The subject pled guilty to one charge, and his fine/costs totaled \$2,000.

CPO Goetten investigated a Minnesota subject for falsifying residency to obtain resident deer permits. The subject additionally harvested a deer before purchasing the permits. He was cited for falsifying residency and archery deer hunting without permits.

CPO Goetten investigated a subject for harvesting a buck without a permit. The subject was cited, and the buck was seized.

## HANCOCK COUNTY

A Boone County man and his son pled guilty to hunting without permission, and both were fined. The father simply paid his citation, while the son was fined \$120, plus \$312 in court costs. The son will also have his hunting privileges suspended for 18 months.

While on patrol, CPO Wheatley was made aware of an injured bald eagle in the Bentley area. After finding and securing the eagle, he found the eagle was missing his left wing due to being hit by a car. The bird was transported for rehabilitation; but unfortunately, it was pronounced dead shortly after being turned over to a rehabber.

## JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten closed out several reports from 2017. Some of the dispositions included: A subject that was arrested for aggravated battery and aggravated assault following a confrontation on the Illinois River pled guilty to aggravated battery, and he was sentenced to three years in prison; A violent sexual predator that was arrested for unlawfully being present in a public park pled guilty, and his fines/costs totaled \$982; A watercraft operator arrested for OUI pled guilty to OUI, and his fines/costs totaled \$1,097. The boat owner that was arrested for permitting a person to operate while under the influence of alcohol pled guilty, and his fines/costs totaled \$532; A subject that was arrested for drug possession and driving while license suspended pled guilty to driving while license suspended and was sentenced to 90 days in jail; A subject that was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and a controlled substance pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine, and his fines/costs totaled \$1,414; Two motorcycle drivers that were arrested for fleeing and attempting to elude a police officer pled guilty; A subject that was arrested for DUI, driving while license revoked, and other traffic offenses pled guilty to driving while license revoked. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail, and her fines/costs totaled \$1,428; A subject that was arrested for felony DUI (third arrest for same) and drug possession pled guilty to an amended charge of misdemeanor DUI. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail, and his fines/costs totaled \$2,224; A subject that was arrested for OUI pled guilty, and his fines/costs totaled \$1,132; A subject that was cited for hunting without permission and the unlawful take of a turkey pled guilty to hunting on property without permission, and his fines/costs totaled \$390; A subject that was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia pled guilty, and her fines/costs totaled \$1,368; A subject that was arrested for possession of heroin and hypodermic needles pled guilty to

the unlawful possession of a controlled substance, and he was sentenced to four years in prison; A subject that was arrested for felony obstruction after lying about his identity due to felony warrants pled guilty to an amended charge of obstructing identification, and his fines/costs totaled \$1,000. He was also extradited to Florida on the warrants. His acquaintance was also arrested for the unlawful possession of a controlled substance. She pled guilty to an amended charge, and her fines/costs totaled \$943; and a subject that was arrested for the unlawful possession of a controlled substance pled guilty to an amended charge, and her fines/costs totaled \$602.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

After an administrative investigation was conducted, CPO Gushleff cited a subject for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill. The subject shot a deer and did not want to use his either sex tag. He left the deer in the field and went and bought an antlerless only permit. He tagged the deer with that tag an hour later.

CPO Gushleff is investigating another incident in the Carlinville area where a subject admitted to harvesting three deer but only called in one harvest.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern obtained a conviction on an archery hunter charged with hunting deer with the aid of bait. The deer hunter paid \$500 in fines and fees associated with the violation.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias met with several deer hunters who were suspected of taking deer without valid permits. After talking to each subject, it was discovered they did shoot deer without permits. Citations were issued.

CPO Macias completed a boat accident report and contacted the next of kin for the return of property.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins**

**District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber  
(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

While checking ice fishermen on Lake Antioch, CPO Kelley encountered an individual in possession of cannabis. The man was issued a civil law citation.

CPO Knop conducted ice fishing compliance. A fisherman was found to have a short northern pike. The fisherman was asked if he measured the pike, and he admitted he had not. He said that he only kept it because it swallowed the hook, and he was unable to get it out. CPO Knop took the opportunity to inform the inexperienced fisherman of how to legally handle the situation next time.

CPO Kelley encountered an individual ice fishing on Sun Lake. Ice fishing is prohibited at Sun Lake. The man was found with 10 ice fishing devices instead of the two he is allowed at other Lake County Forest Preserve District lakes. The man was also found to be fishing without a valid fishing license. Further investigation revealed the man's fishing privileges were suspended through the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact for a 2011 violation in Oklahoma. The fisherman was cited for several violations, along with written warnings; and he was given a date to appear in Lake County court.

While conducting ice fishing compliance on Deep Lake, CPO Vaughan issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis.

CPO Vaughan responded to a call from Lake County about a snowmobile accident on Grass Lake. No one was injured, and the snowmobiles were removed from the water.

CPO Van Wiltenburg received disposition in two cases. The first case involved an individual arrested for OUI on the Chain O'Lakes. The individual was fined \$1,442 and given one-year supervision. The second case also involved an individual who was arrested for OUI on the Chain O'Lakes. That individual was fined \$1,402 and given one-year supervision.

CPOs Davis, Winters, and Vaughan completed DUI instructor training.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Winters and Knop handled a snowmobile accident where two snowmobiles collided head-on at approximately 70-80 mph. Both riders were ejected from the snowmobiles, and one of the snowmobiles caught on fire. Both riders escaped without serious injury. The riders were cited for operating too fast for conditions and careless operation.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Anderson and Bergland were called to the I&M Canal for a report of a deer that had fallen through the ice. CPO Bergland donned his Mustang float suit, and CPO Anderson secured a line to CPO Bergland. Another

line with a loop at the end was made. CPO Bergland crawled out to the deer, and the loop was placed around the deer's neck. Once back on shore, both CPOs pulled the deer out of the hole and up on top of the ice. The deer was so weak and stressed that it could not stand on the ice. The line was reapplied to the deer, and it was pulled up the short bank. Once on solid ground, the line was removed; and the deer trotted away.

#### KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted compliance checks on pheasant hunters at Kankakee River State Park. While inspecting a subject's birds, an over limit of pheasants was found. Two roosters were discovered in a plastic bag in the rear of his van, and a hen pheasant was found under a blanket in the rear of the van. The subject was issued a citation for an over limit of pheasants.

CPO Farber surveilled three hunters during the CWD shotgun season. The first subject exited the timber with a crossbow, and his only blaze orange was a hat. The subject did not have his deer permits/hunting license in possession. Thirty minutes later, after legal shooting time, two more people exited the timber not wearing any blaze orange. CPO Farber identified himself as a Conservation Police Officer, and one of the hunters immediately placed his shotgun out of sight in front of his vehicle. Both hunters had blaze orange vests in their bags but decided not to wear them. CPO Farber conducted a compliance check and determined that one of the subjects had a revoked FOID card. All three subjects were issued citations for failure to wear blaze orange. The investigation regarding the revoked FOID card is currently pending.

CPO Farber spoke with pheasant hunters in the parking lot of the Kankakee River State Park check station. While speaking with one of the hunters, an uncased shotgun was observed in the hunter's passenger seat. The pheasant hunter stated that he was in a hurry to check out and did not properly case his gun. A citation was issued.

#### KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland was called about an unauthorized person walking their dog in the field at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area while hunters were actively hunting in the field. The dog walker was located when exiting the field to leave the area. The unauthorized visitor was stopped and warned about entering the property during hunting season.

#### WILL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### **District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch** **(Counties: Cook & DuPage)**

#### COOK COUNTY

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman for no valid fishing license. A second ice fisherman was issued a warning for no license in possession.

During a waterfowl compliance check on Lake Michigan, CPO Stanbary cited an Indiana goose hunter for having a loaded shotgun inside a case while it was being transported in a boat. A second shotgun, belonging to the man's son, was found loaded and cased in the same manner. One citation, along with one written warning, was issued for the violations. While speaking with the hunters, the CPO highlighted the safety aspects and illegality of their actions.

A Lake Michigan boater was issued multiple written warnings for equipment violations during a boating safety compliance check. Unsecured batteries, expired flares, and a defective fire extinguisher were all noted.

CPO Stanbary assisted in the investigation of a Cook County deer hunter who committed violations during the first firearm deer season. While hunting at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, the hunter was found to have shot a doe; and instead of immediately tagging the deer as required, he drove to a retailer and purchased an antlerless only tag.

The hunter tagged the deer with his new antlerless tag so he could retain his either sex tag and continue to hunt. The hunter was cited for failing to immediately tag his deer upon harvest.

CPO Stanbary observed a driver weaving in and out of traffic without using his signal and speeding when the roadways were dangerously icy. A traffic stop was performed, and the driver was cited for driving too fast for conditions.

CPO Stanbary conducted fishing compliance checks at the Lake Michigan lake front and local harbors. Multiple written warnings were issued for fishing licenses not in possession and unlawful cutting of yellow perch for bait in a waterway where bag limits apply.

CPO Klemme attended the Schaumburg Fishing Show. She provided information to many outdoor enthusiasts regarding fishing, boating, and outdoor recreation.

CPOs Klemme and Stanbary conducted a deer investigation which stemmed from information obtained regarding the registration of harvest and a tagging violation. The hunter was interviewed, and a citation was issued for failure to immediately tag the deer after kill.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at various lakes. A fisherman at Arrowhead Lake was issued a written warning for not having his fishing license in possession.

CPO Thornley checked a group of fishermen at Wampum Lake. A citation was issued to one of the fishermen for no fishing license, and a written warning was issued to a second fisherman for no fishing license in possession.

CPO Thornley assisted the Illinois State Police with a two traffic crashes on I-55 which resulted in several injuries.

CPOs Thornley and Snodgrass conducted sport fish enforcement at various lakes. As the CPOs approached two fishermen at Tampier Lake, one of them stood up, walked to a bag, and placed his fishing pole under the bag. When questioned about the act, the man initially stated he was not fishing. He then admitted to CPO Snodgrass that he was fishing. The man was issued a citation for no fishing license.

CPOs Thornley and Snodgrass checked several fishermen at Lemont Quarries. Upon checking a group of four fishermen, it was determined two of the individuals did not have a valid sport fishing license. They were each issued a citation for no valid sport fishing license. A third individual was issued a written warning after admitting to throwing cigarette butts onto the ice.

CPO Thornley received a call from staff at William W. Powers State Recreation Area reporting there was a suspicious person in the park. CPO Thornley traveled to the site and addressed the incident.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area and Lake Michigan. The first fisherman checked at the South Slip did not have a valid, nonresident sport fishing license; and a citation was issued.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at the North Slip. A fisherman was issued a written warning for not having his sport fishing license in possession. Two other individuals were checked as they were walking out. Security personnel advised both individuals had been fishing. One of the two fishermen did not possess a valid sport fishing license. A written warning was issued to the individual, and he was advised not to fish until he purchased a sport fishing license. Later, the same individuals were spotted fishing at the South Slip. CPO Thornley approached the fishermen, and the man without the fishing license put his pole down and picked up his cell phone. CPO Thornley asked the fisherman if he caught anything, and said he was not fishing. The CPO advised the man that he had been watching him fish for the fifteen minutes. The individual was issued a citation for fishing with no valid sport fishing license.

CPO Thornley conducted a deer investigation involving a hunter who shot a deer in DeKalb County. After speaking with the individual, it was determined the hunter did not have a habitat stamp. The hunter was issued a written warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that passed another vehicle on the left shoulder at a high rate of speed on the interstate. CPO Thornley issued the driver a citation for improper lane usage.

CPO Snodgrass checked several fishermen at Lemont Quarries. One subject was found to be using five ice fishing devices. The state limit for ice fishing devices is three. He was issued a citation for the violation. CPO Snodgrass also wrote two warnings to other anglers for fishing violations.

CPO Snodgrass conducted numerous fishing compliance checks at several Cook County Forest Preserve District lakes. He issued five written warnings for violations under the fish code.

CPO Snodgrass checked a subject at Flatfoot Lake. The subject was using four ice fishing devices where there is a two pole and line limit. He was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a sport fishing enforcement detail at Diversey Harbor on Lake Michigan. He found three subjects to have minor violations under the fish code. All three subjects were issued written warnings.

CPO Snodgrass checked several fishermen at Busse Woods. One citation and three written warnings were issued for minor violations.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass conducted a random commercial taxidermy inspection in Steger. CPO Ausmus discovered an untagged aquatic species in the taxidermist's freezer, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Ausmus assisted CPO Snodgrass with a deer permit investigation. The suspect admitted he lost his archery permits but went hunting anyway. The suspect harvested a buck and took it back to his residence without tagging it. The suspect then purchased a second set of tags and reported his harvest. A citation was issued, along with a written warning.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass checked several ice fishermen on Cook County Forest Preserve District lakes. An Orland Park man was found to have five fishing devices at a two pole only body of water. Two of the devices were unattended. The angler thought he was allowed three devices, but he had no excuse for the other two poles. He was issued a citation for too many sport fishing devices, and warnings were issued for unattended fishing devices and an untagged ice shelter. Several other individuals were checked; and warnings were issued for fishing license not in possession, failure to tag ice shelter, and unattended fishing devices.

CPO Ausmus conducted a random commercial taxidermy inspection in Tinley Park. No violations were discovered.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located an individual fishing from an untagged ice fishing shelter at Wampum Lake. The individual was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located an individual fishing with three ice fishing devices at Busse Lake. This lake has a limit of two devices. The individual also had an untagged, unattended ice fishing device. Two written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located an individual fishing with six ice fishing devices at Belleau Lake. The state limit is no more than three ice fishing devices. The individual was issued a citation for the violation. Written warnings were issued for an untagged ice fishing shelter and untagged, unattended ice fishing devices.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located two individuals utilizing perch as cut bait at DuSable Harbor. Per the Illinois Fish Code, no species may be dressed or fileted on any waters to which a size or bag limits are applicable. The individuals were educated as to the regulation, and written warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located two individuals utilizing perch as cut bait at Diversey Harbor. The individuals were also found to be fishing from an untagged ice fishing shelter and utilizing untagged, unattended ice fishing devices. The individuals were educated as to the regulations, and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located three individuals utilizing perch as cut bait at Navy Pier. The individuals were educated as to the regulation, and written warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga conducted a random commercial taxidermy inspection in Franklin Park. Upon completion of the inspection, the owners/taxidermists were issue four written warnings for record-keeping and tagging violations.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located two Indiana residents bank fishing near the mouth of the Calumet River. After conducting a fishing compliance check, it was discovered the individuals were fishing without a valid, nonresident sport fishing license. The individuals believed they could fish boundary waters of Lake Michigan under their Indiana sport fishing license. The individuals were educated on the Illinois-Indiana reciprocity agreement, and they were issued written warnings for the violations.

While conducting deer feeding enforcement, CPO Mooi observed a woman walking out of the woods with a backpack. The woman became defensive when asked what was in the backpack, and she stated she had done nothing wrong. The woman was informed that there had been numerous complaints of people illegally harvesting roots from state and forest preserve properties, as well as complaints of feeding deer and wildlife in the area. The woman opened the backpack, and an empty bread loaf bag was found inside. The woman was issued a written warning for feeding deer. In a separate instance, CPO Mooi observed a Chicago man smoking cannabis inside his vehicle while watching a group of deer eat from a pile of bread. The cannabis cigarette was confiscated, and the man was issued a civil citation for possession of less than 10 grams of cannabis.

CPO Mooi issued a citation to a Chicago man who was involved in a boat accident on the Calumet River.

CPO Mooi assisted the Chicago Fire Department and Cook County Animal Control in rescuing a deer trapped in the South Slip of the Calumet River. CPO Mooi and the Animal Control officer climbed down onto the ice. The deer was injected with a tranquilizer, allowing it to be covered and lifted off the ice. The deer was taken by Cook County Animal Control for treatment of superficial injuries and exhaustion.

#### DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi issued a written warning to an elderly Naperville man for nuisance trapping without a permit.

CPO Mooi issued two ice fishermen written warnings for not possessing their fishing licenses while fishing. The importance of being able to provide a copy, either hard copy or electronically, was discussed with the fishermen.

CPO Mooi issued a citation to a Roselle man for the take of white-tailed deer without a deer permit.

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

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

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

CPO Reeves conducted three investigations into hunters taking deer without a valid permit. In each case, a hunter took an antlered deer without a permit. Citations and warnings were issued during these investigations, and three bucks were seized.

**DEWITT COUNTY**

CPOs Viverito and Reeves checked fishermen at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. The detail focused on short fish, over the limit, and fishing in restricted areas. Three citations and five written warnings were issued for unlawful fishing activities.

While working at Clinton Lake, CPO Viverito noticed two vehicles parked in a restricted fishing area. K9 Hank was deployed, and he alerted to a blue van. A search was conducted, and illegal contraband was found that resulted in two citations.

**FORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**IROQUOIS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MACON COUNTY**

CPO Graden closed out a case regarding unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol that occurred on Lake Decatur. The watercraft operator pled guilty, and he was ordered to pay a fine plus court costs totaling \$2,192. Additionally, the subject was directed to attend a Victim Impact Panel, perform 10 hours of alcohol-related education, and 20 hours of alcohol treatment.

**MCLEAN COUNTY**

CPO Graden assisted the McLean County Sheriff's Department with a manhunt for an intoxicated subject who had forcibly entered a home near Moraine View State Recreation Area. CPO Graden located the subject and took him into custody without incident. The subject was turned over to the Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

**PIATT COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**VERMILION COUNTY**

CPO Cottrell conducted a follow-up investigation that resulted in a subject being cited for unlawful use of a deer permit by allowing a nonresident family member to hunt with his permit. Two written warnings were also issued.

CPO Cottrell issued two written warnings to a subject for allowing his dogs to chase deer in the area. Several complaints had been lodged by neighboring landowners.

**South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes**

**District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued three written warnings to a Martinsville man for no valid deer permit, unlawful take of white-tailed deer, and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

CPO Mieure conducted a boat title registration investigation.

COLES COUNTY

While on patrol on Lake Paradise, CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man for having no personal flotation devices on his watercraft for him and his minor son.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Paris man for not wearing blaze orange while coyote hunting during the late winter firearm deer season.

While on patrol, CPO Mieure came across three vehicles parked along a field approximately 500 yards from the decoy spread where the hunters were in lay out blinds. A compliance check was initiated. During the check, an Indianapolis man pulled up his waterfowl stamp and HIP on his iPhone. After questioning the man, he admitted to making the purchases from his blind using his cell phone after one of his friends pointed out that a DNR Officer had arrived. One citation was issued for no nonresident hunting license, and two written warnings were issued for failure to register with HIP and not having a state waterfowl stamp at the time he was hunting.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Shelbyville subject for deer hunting without a valid deer permit.

Region 3 CPOs attended a meeting at the Lake Shelbyville Visitor's Center.

CPOs Greuel and Reeves taught a Defensive Tactics training session.

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a hunter at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area a citation after he was found to be in possession of more than his limit of pheasants.

CPOs Tapley and Sievers conducted a detail to check hunters at a controlled pheasant hunting area at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. A citation was issued to a hunter who shot at a pheasant flying over the roadway, which was almost over the CPOs' vehicle. Two other hunters were issued citations for use of lead shot (non-toxic shot is required at this site). Another hunter was issued a written warning for hunting on the roadway after he was found hunting in the ditch within the public right-of-way.

CPO Tapley attended a week-long training course in Peoria to become a certified Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor.

#### MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was working the pheasant area at Horseshoe Lake State Park when he stopped to check a pheasant hunter that had just left a hunting area. The hunter's shotgun was in the vehicle, and a check revealed the gun was uncased and loaded. The man stated he had finished hunting one area and was headed to another. He admitted he was just being lazy when he did not unload or case his shotgun. A citation was issued for unlawful transportation of a loaded, uncased firearm.

CPO Liebl was notified of a vehicle stuck in the mud at Horseshoe Lake State Park. The abandoned vehicle had several issues that were concerning, including the driver door being open, the keys still in the ignition, and a purse, wallet, and cell phone still in the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was the same as the identification found in the purse. Local police were asked to do a welfare check at the woman's residence. It was discovered that no one had seen or heard from the woman in two days. Although not reported missing at that time, relatives immediately became concerned with the news of her vehicle being found. Searches using drones, planes, ATVs, and over 50 officers and volunteers discovered no one in the area. The subject's body was located two days later, and the investigation is ongoing.

#### MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

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

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Folden, Lay, Sommers, and Williams are investigating a waterfowl over limit case.

CPO Schoenhoff investigated a supervising adult and minor who harvested a seven-point buck in Franklin County. After interviewing both subjects, it was determined that the minor was only in possession of an antlerless only deer permit at the time the buck was harvested. The supervising adult then purchased an either sex deer permit for Hardin County and reported the harvest. The supervising adult was issued citations for unlawful take of white-tailed deer (Accessory) and failure to tag immediately upon kill (Accessory). Written warnings for unlawful take of white-tailed deer without a

valid either sex deer permit (Accessory) and falsification of information for white-tailed deer harvest report. The seven-point buck head was seized as evidence.

CPO Diggins assisted CPO Williams with a waterfowl complaint and investigation.

CPOs Lay and Jourdan began an investigation into the suspected illegal harvesting of 44 ducks. The ducks were found dumped under a bridge and had not been cleaned of any meat.

CPO Lay investigated a reported harvest record of a doe kill in November. It was learned that the youth hunter had shot a doe and did not want to use his either sex tag. He purchased an antlerless only permit after the kill. The youth's parent was issued a written warning for failure to tag immediately (parental responsibility).

CPO Lay issued a citation to a woman after an investigation revealed a huge amount of trash illegally dumped on private property.

CPO Lay conducted two separate timber/logging activity inspections.

**GALLATIN COUNTY**

CPO Diggins conducted upland game patrols. Several hunters were checked, and no violations were found.

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**HARDIN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

CPO Lay conducted duties of the evidence officer by transferring a deceased bald eagle to a US Fish and Wildlife Service Agent.

**POPE COUNTY**

CPO Johnson cited four subjects for hunting the waterfowl refuge on the Ohio River.

**SALINE COUNTY**

CPO Diggins conducted upland game enforcement. Written warnings were issued for hunting too close to the roadway, blaze orange violation, and Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

**WHITE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

**CLAY COUNTY**

CPO Smith was on routine patrol when he observed two pickup trucks parked along a divided highway. Before contact was made with the first vehicle, CPO Smith identified them as coyote hunters. As he approached the first vehicle, he observed the driver look down and attempt to grab something. CPO Smith exited his squad and observed two uncased

firearms. One of the firearms had a magazine loaded into it. CPO Smith issued the hunter a citation for uncased firearms.

#### CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt conducted late winter antlerless only firearm season enforcement. They observed a hunter approximately 30 yards off the roadway and conducted a compliance check. The hunter had the proper license and permit. When walking back toward Sgt. Hyatt, CPO Smith observed a freshly placed pile of cracked corn approximately 20-30 yards from the hunter. The hunter was asked to come over and explain who placed the bait there. Even though he admitted to walking within a few feet of it, he said he did not place the corn there. Sgt. Hyatt found another pile of cracked corn on the opposite side. The hunter was issued two citations for hunting deer over bait and for feeding white-tailed deer.

CPO Taylor stopped a log truck and performed an inspection. The driver's haul sheet did not have proper information of where the logs were harvested, and the load was not properly documented. The driver was issued a citation for no proof of ownership.

After the antler only deer season, CPO Taylor received a call from a hunter stating he had shot a four-point buck. The subject was informed of the importance of identifying his target subject, and a citation was issued for unlawful take of antlered deer during the antlerless only deer season.

#### EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a citation to an individual who received compensation for performing taxidermy work without a valid taxidermy license. This individual was also given a written warning for dumping deer carcasses in a creek. CPO Taylor had issued a citation for pollution of waterways to this individual the previous week.

#### FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Compton received information in December that a female subject in Vandalia may have been involved in the unlawful taking of multiple deer in Bond and Montgomery counties. After a lengthy investigation, the female and two male subjects were charged with multiple deer hunting violations in Bond, Clinton, Fayette and Montgomery counties. Five deer were identified as being taken unlawfully. An eight-point deer head, a crossbow, and a compound bow were seized.

#### JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith was checking fishermen as they arrived at the boat launch when he observed a boat was being loaded onto a trailer. A safety equipment and fish check was conducted, and CPO Smith found 11 largemouth bass in the live well that were 18 inches and longer. The daily limit at Newton Lake for largemouth bass is three. CPO Smith seized all 11 fish and issued one citation to each of the two individuals for exceeding the daily limit of largemouth bass. CPO Smith also assessed a civil penalty for the bass.

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### MARION COUNTY

CPOs Tapley and Buhnerkempe spoke with a subject regarding a deer hunting violation. The subject was also wanted on a warrant. The subject was arrested; and after a brief interview, the subject confessed to the hunting violation. A citation was issued, and the subject was taken to the Marion County Jail.

CPO Tapley arrested a subject in Centralia after he was found to be in possession of a glass smoking device with suspected methamphetamine in it. After a more extensive search of the vehicle, an Illinois driver's license and a debit card were located. The owner of the driver's license and debit card had reported them stolen about a week prior. The subject was taken to the Marion County Jail.

District 15 CPOs conducted a waterfowl poaching investigation involving six individuals and a large over limit of geese.

#### RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith received a TIP complaint of goose hunters shooting after hours. The area in question was located, and CPO Smith observed four hunters in a blind. He watched the hunters pack up and leave the blind before checking the hunters. A written warning was issued to one of them for not having a hunting license, state waterfowl and federal stamp in possession.

#### WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe attended a five-day field sobriety test instructor course in Peoria. He is now certified to instruct law enforcement officers in conducting standardized field sobriety testing.

### **District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

#### ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson received a call from staff at Ferne Clyffe State Park regarding a car that had been parked in the same location for multiple days. CPO Johnson ran the license plate and found that the car belonged to a woman who had been reported missing. The proper authorities were notified in Missouri, and they notified her family. The body of the missing woman was discovered approximately two hours later at the bottom of a 75-foot cliff. The Illinois State Police was notified, and they are investigating this incident. The area was covered with ice and snow during the time she was missing. Her family described her as very adventurous and liked to explore the parks.

#### MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a complaint about a deer hunter who did not report her harvest on the same day. The investigation revealed the hunter shot the deer on the Sunday of the first firearm season but did not report the harvest until the following day. Not only had she checked the deer in late, but she also used an archery tag and called in as a bow kill. The hunter advised she had forgotten to call in the harvest until Monday. She stated she did not know what to do, so she checked it in as a bow kill. Because the investigation revealed her husband was equally responsible for the incorrect harvest report, CPO Lewis cited him for entering the false information.

CPO Lewis issued five citations and two written warnings for driving deer at Pyramid State Recreation Area during the second late winter season. The deer drive covered a large area of the Galum Unit. After the incident, several other hunters, who were planning to hunt the Galum Unit that day, thanked CPO Lewis for stopping the deer drive as it had ruined their hunt for the day. Two of the thankful hunters had traveled all the way from Tennessee for one last chance at a buck.

CPO Lewis issued two citations for unlawful dog training at Pyramid State Recreation Area during the late winter firearm season. Dog training is not allowed on the site during upland or waterfowl seasons. CPO Lewis issued the citations because the trainers showed knowledge of their violation by attempting to elude him. They were observed trying to hide behind trees and brush, but they were not difficult to locate because they wore blaze orange and had several vocal beagles.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**UNION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Sommers conducted waterfowl enforcement.