



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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(Weeks of December 28 thru January 13, 2015)

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Audrey Jones observed vehicles parked at a Mississippi Palisades Hunting Area during the late winter antlerless firearm deer season. When she checked the vehicles she noticed one of the vehicles did not have a windshield permit. While waiting for the hunters to come out of the field she heard gun shots on a neighboring property. The first hunter came out of the timber shortly after hunting hours dressed in all camouflage. She asked the hunter for his hunting license, habitat stamp, and deer tags. Upon inspecting the documents, the officer asked which vehicle belonged to the hunter. He explained it was his work vehicle so he didn't have his windshield permit. The officer asked the hunter if he had heard the gun shots and he said he had. The officer explained the hunter was required to wear his blaze orange during any firearm season. The hunter said he was sorry; he even had orange with him in a tote in the back seat of his vehicle. The hunter was issued a citation for the blaze orange violation and was verbally warned for his windshield permit violation. The officer continued to wait for the second hunter who came out of the timber 40 minutes after hunting hours. The hunter had his bow in a case. The second hunter was also wearing all camouflage. The officer checked the hunter's hunting license, habitat stamp, and tags. The Officer asked if the hunter had heard the gunshots and the hunter said yeah they sounded close. The officer explained to the hunter about having to wear orange during the late winter season. The hunter said we didn't have a CWD season in Carroll County. The officer further explained he was correct Carroll County doesn't have a CWD season, but Carroll does have antlerless only season. The officer explained she was going to issue him a citation. The hunter said he wanted to see it in the law before the officer wrote the ticket because he didn't think that was right. The hunter continued to say the officer had ruined his hunting and he was going to go home. The hunter said he had his orange in his truck and didn't deserve a citation. The officer explained his safety was important and asked him if he had found the information in his hunting digest he had in his truck. The hunter explained he found it. The hunter was issued his citation for no blaze orange.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Shane Teas appeared in court on an illegal dumping case which occurred in Ogle County the previous summer. The subject was caught dumping a large amount of household items out of his truck on private property late at night. The subject received 12 months court supervision and was ordered to pay fines and restitution totaling \$1300.00.

The first snowfall of 2015, several sleds were stopped by CPO Beltran for registration and inspection. Citations for no registration were issued.

Hunting from the roadway while under the influence of alcohol is the call that CPO Beltran was dispatched to when he arrived in northern Ogle County to discover a 54 year old man from Davis Junction who had consumed alcohol before shooting at deer from his work truck. Both deer were not hit and the man was issued citations and his shotgun and case were seized.

Several sick raccoons have been sighted and reported in Ogle County. CPO Beltran has received a few calls and has dispatched some raccoons which have been relayed for inspection due to the higher volume of one sick particular species.

Sgt Frazier assisted a young female driver on I-39 in Ogle County during last week's blizzard. He was able to get her tire changed so she could continue on her way to Tennessee.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPOs Jamie Posateri, Ron Palumbo, and Cpt. Laura Petreikis attended the Annual QCCA Bald Eagle Days weekend event in Rock Island County. They attended with the Educational Trailer and spoke to school children and families about our job duties, recreational safety, and wildlife.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf spoke with a concerned citizen regarding the encroachment of an active bald eagle nest. Trees along a seasonal waterway are being cleared in the vicinity of the nest. The owner of the property has been identified and will be instructed to contact the local USFWS officer to ensure federal nest protection guidelines are followed.

In November 2014 CPO Frichtl charged a Winnebago County man with unlawfully pursuing a whitetail deer by the aid of a motor vehicle, a Class A Misdemeanor, in Stephenson County. The man pleaded guilty in December 2014 and received fines totaling \$952.50 and one year supervision.

While working in Stephenson County, CPOs Teas and Fraser received a call of hunting without permission. The caller stated two subjects were field dressing a deer in a field near their home. The CPOs arrived and observed a fresh gut pile in the field and ATV tracks leading to a property across the road. The CPOs along with Stephenson County deputies were unable to locate anyone on the property that night. The following morning, CPO Teas returned to the area and, after making several phone calls, was able to identify who hunted the property the ATV tracks returned to. The hunter was located and it was discovered that he had killed a doe on his property but then took the deer by ATV across the road to field dress it because he did not want a gut pile on his property. CPO Teas located the deer and noticed the hunter had not checked it in. CPO Teas spoke with the landowner and explained the event. The landowner did not want the hunter charged but wanted him warned to stay off his property. CPO Teas again met with the hunter and issued a citation for failure to check the deer and issued warnings for trespass and unlawful dumping.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and written warnings to an Erie man for unlawfully taking a Whitetail buck deer with a bow. This was the result of an investigation of an untagged deer with an arrow hole in it, hanging in a back yard. The deer was supposedly hit by a car; but there were no reports of a deer vehicle collision in that area, nor had the deer been checked in as a road kill in the allotted time frame.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation to a Dixon man for being in possession of an untagged 6 point Whitetail buck deer head and antlers. This stemmed from an investigation of a burglary that had taken place in another county.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and written warnings to a Rock Falls man for the improper tagging, and misuse of tags on archery harvested Whitetail deer. This was the result of an assigned deer permit investigation.

CPO Palumbo completed his assigned commercial inspections of Resident Retail Aquatic Life Dealers in Whiteside County. Retailers that are engaging in the sale of fish and aquatic life that are indigenous to Illinois are required to possess this permit and maintain records of the points of origin of said species, and their sale. Written warnings were issued to a Sterling business for not having a valid permit and not maintaining proper records.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO ALT was patrolling the back roads looking for stranded motorists during the recent below freezing weather when he came upon an unoccupied motor vehicle with airbag deployment that had crashed into a tree. CPO ALT began searching the immediate area for any occupants in the frigid cold when he spotted a man walking several hundred yards down the road. CPO ALT noticed this man being picked up by a passing motorist then given a ride back to the scene where he was identified as the driver of the vehicle. CPO ALT notified dispatch and had the driver warm up in his squad while waiting for a County Sheriff to arrive and report the traffic crash.

CPO ALT investigated a complaint in October of a man hunting on a revoked hunting privilege. This was not the first time this hunter was accused for hunting while revoked. Past arrests made to this hunter by the department had already revoked this hunter's privilege for seven years. A lengthy investigation resulted in a judge awarding CPO ALT with a \$5,000.00/10% warrant to the hunter for hunting on a revoked hunting privilege. In December, the hunter was picked up on the warrant, appeared in front of a judge and pleaded guilty to the offense. The judge ordered the hunter to serve 20 days in jail, assessed him a \$550.00 fine, ordered the hunter not to leave the state, not to hunt in Illinois, and to immediately report to probation upon release. This conservation arrest and conviction along with other actions committed by the hunter violated the probation he was serving for a separate criminal case.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Robert Finn from Region 1 District 6 (Putnam County) was called about a 14 year old boy who was involved in a snowmobile accident. The accident occurred on the Hennepin Canal Trail at the Visitor's Center near Sheffield. The Princeton EMS, Bureau County Sheriff's Office and CPO Finn all responded. The boy was transported to Perry Memorial Hospital in Princeton. Bureau County and CPO Finn processed the scene and then went to Perry Memorial to speak to the father who was also riding a snowmobile on the canal. The boy was found to have a broken leg, but because he had on protective gear and a helmet he did not sustain any other injuries. After speaking with the father and examining the scene and the snowmobiles it was determined the boy's inexperience and the lack of snow on a section of the trail was the cause of the accident. The father was issued written warnings for allowing his son to operate his snowmobile too fast for conditions and not putting his valid registration on the snowmobile.

DEKALB COUNTY

On New Year's Eve CPO Murry observed a vehicle parked in the roadway with its flashers on. After approaching the vehicle to inquire if they needed help, CPO Murry observed a male subject standing in the ditch urinating. While speaking to the driver, an open bottle of vodka was seen in the floorboard of the back seat. While contacting parents of the juveniles, one subject starting talking about suicide. That individual was taken into protective custody and transported to the hospital by ambulance. Each subject was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Murry spoke to two individuals at Shabbona Lake State Park who were ice fishing. The subjects had no success fishing and stated that Ice was approximately six inches thick. Each individual did not have their fishing license in possession and were given written warnings for the violation.

CPO Murry conducted compliance checks of multiple snowmobile operators. One operator was issued a warning for failure to display a registration sticker.

Sgt. Frazier and CPO Murry were in DeKalb when CPO Murry noticed flames on the inside of a car parked next to a house. Sgt. Frazier contacted the fire department while CPO Murry went to the door and got the occupants out of the residence. The car was a total loss by the time the fire department arrived.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak arrested two individuals for fishing violations: one individual for fishing without a fishing license and the other for snagging in waters closed to snagging.

CPO Filipiak arrested an individual for DUI drugs. The individual was issued citations for: DUI drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than 2.5g of cannabis, and operation of a motor vehicle with expired driver's license.

CPOs Jansen and Filipiak were on patrol on the Illinois Canyon trails of Starved Rock State Park when they observed five subjects climbing in a restricted area of the trail system. During a consent search, cannabis and paraphernalia were discovered in one subject's bag and a vaporizer and a form of cannabis commonly referred to as "wax" was discovered in another subject's left pocket. Five citations were issued for entering a restricted area and two subjects were issued additional citations for unlawful possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gms, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, fingerprinted, and released on I-Bonds.

CPO Jansen conducted snowmobile compliance checks on the I & M Canal Trail. Three subjects were observed operating snowmobiles on the trail while the trails were closed. CPO Jansen checked with the Site Superintendant and was advised the trails would be opened shortly. Written warnings were issued for operating snowmobiles while trails were closed and were advised of the phone number to call to check on the Trail status in the future.

CPO Wire closed out an illegal harvest of Ginseng case. The violator pleaded guilty to illegally harvesting ginseng and unlawfully removing plants from a nature preserve. He was fined \$600.

CPO Wire investigated an ATV accident on private property. An individual that was being pulled through the snow on a tube struck a wooden fence post. He was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

CPO Wire and CPO Filipiak checked an archery hunter during the chronic wasting disease firearm season. The archery hunter failed to wear the required blaze orange during the gun deer season and was cited. The hunter is no stranger to the Conservation Police. CPO Wire recognized the hunter as one that had been arrested by the Conservation Police for possessing a weapon by a felon.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven initiated an investigation on a subject in possession of a deer that was illegally taken. The subject was issued a citation for illegal possession of a whitetail deer.

CPO ALT responded to possible hunting complaint due to shots being fired from a field and timber owned by the Rockton School District located within the village limits. CPO ALT located the hunter kneeling over a freshly harvested untagged antlerless whitetail deer. The hunter was dressed in full camouflage clothing and not blaze orange clothing required for firearm deer hunters. The hunter was also found to have harvested this deer with an unplugged shotgun and was hunting two separate properties without permission from either landowner. Additionally, it was discovered the hunter was dropped off to this area to avoid detection and was warned last year by the Rockton Police Department not to hunt that particular property during the wild turkey season. The deer was photographed and seized as evidence in this case then donated. Citations and written warnings issued to the hunter included: unlawful taking of whitetail deer, hunting on lands without permission, hunting with an unplugged shotgun, failure to wear blaze orange clothing while firearm deer hunting and failure to immediately tag deer upon kill. A civil penalty was also assessed to the hunter for this illegal harvest.

CPO ALT taught two snowmobile safety education classes to area youth. Topics taught in these classes included: snowmobile registration requirements, snowmobile operation requirements, age of snowmobile operation laws, snowmobile safety equipment requirements and snowmobile accident reporting instructions.

CPO Frichtl conducted a harvest report investigation in which a hunter had purchased over-the-counter archery tags and 50 minutes later the hunter reported the harvest of a whitetail deer. During the course of CPO Frichtl's investigation, the following violations were noted: The hunter had purchased archery permits earlier in the year, prior to the harvest of the deer, which were valid at the time of the harvest. The hunter, however, left his permits at home on the date of harvest. Upon harvesting the deer, the hunter purchased new permits and tagged the deer. CPO Frichtl issued a citation for failure to immediately tag a deer upon kill and written warnings for failure to possess archery deer tags while archery deer hunting, unlawfully taking a deer, unlawfully moving a deer prior to tagging it.

Sgt Frazier was en route to a late night snowmobile detail in Winnebago County and observed a truck go into the ditch. He stopped to offer assistance and issued the driver a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol. The truck received two flat tires and was towed from the scene.

CPO Fraser received two complaints of hunting without permission in Winnebago County. Both spots were heavily patrolled during the late winter firearm deer season and no violations were observed.

CPO Fraser participated in a snowmobile enforcement detail in Winnebago County. Although few snowmobiles were out due to the extreme cold, several violations were observed including operating without insurance and traveling against the flow of traffic.

CPO Fraser and CPO Alt patrolled Winnebago County on snowmobiles and checked areas where snowmobile riders had been reported to be trespassing. The trespassers were not located but several other legal snowmobile operators were checked.

While on patrol from a snowmobile in The Village of Winnebago, CPO Fraser attempted to stop a snowmobile operator for traveling against the flow traffic. Before the operator stopped his snowmobile two more violations were observed. The operator was issued three written warnings for the violations including failure to stop before crossing a roadway and failure to cross a roadway at a 90 degree angle.

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Brad Thompson attended a hunter's safety course in London Mills, IL. There were a variety of topics discussed from wildlife code regulations to firearms safety.

CPO Brad Thompson performed an investigation into a potential permit violation. Upon interviewing the suspect, a full confession outlining the details of the unlawful activity was provided. The offender was issued two written warnings for failure to tag a deer immediately upon harvest and an associated permit violation.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a request for assistance from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office in Oquawka. A blizzard had shut down many rural roads in the county. The officer utilized his four wheel drive truck to patrol roads that were otherwise inaccessible to law enforcement.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell is investigating a complaint for the unlawful dumping of multiple deer carcasses into a Knox County waterway and a separate complaint for the unlawful take of a deer by aid of a motor vehicle.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

Officer Van Zant issued a subject a written warning for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma investigated a complaint in reference to hunting without permission. Upon investigation of the complaint it was determined that the subjects hunting on the property did receive permission from the landowner. The investigation did reveal one subject was hunting without a valid archery deer permit or habitat stamp. The subject was issued a citation for hunting without a valid archery permit and a written warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Siedsma investigated a complaint of a subject hunting deer over bait. Subject was observed in his tree stand and, when asked about the bait, admitted to knowing it was there but denied putting it down. The subject was issued a citation for hunting deer over bait.

CPO Siedsma investigated a complaint of shots fired after dark. Complainant stated he has heard repeated shots for approximately one week, always occurring around the same time, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Complainant notified CPO Siedsma immediately upon hearing the alleged shot, the area was checked and the alleged property was searched. Nothing was discovered at that time and the investigation is still pending.

Sgt. Riedel, CPOs Fehrenbacher, Anderson, and Wollgast presented at the Illinois Parks Law Enforcement Association Winter retreat in Aurora. Officers from over ten different agencies were present.. Topics of instruction included Asian carp and invasive species laws, hunting laws and cases, and snowmobile enforcement.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Schreiber, Wagner, Davis, Semenik, and Winters conducted a snowmobile enforcement detail on the Chain O' Lakes. During the detail, 35 snowmobiles were inspected for compliance with the snowmobile registration and safety act. Four citations were issued for registration and insurance violations.

CPO Kelley and VanWiltenburg conducted a snowmobile enforcement detail at Gateway in Fox Lake. Gateway is a residential drug and alcohol treatment center. Over the past years they have had a problem with snowmobile operators driving on the property and delivering alcohol and drugs to the residential patients. In addition, the property is used as a cut through. Gateway has asked for assistance in patrolling the property to keep snowmobiles out. CPO Kelley and VanWiltenburg issued six citations for snowmobiling without permission and five written warnings.

Officer Kelley issued a citation and three written warnings to a snowmobiler in Ingleside.

CPO Kelley issued a citation for operating an unnumbered snowmobile to an individual on Channel Lake.

CPO Kelley issued a citation for operation without insurance to a snowmobiler on the Fox River at Stratton Lock and Dam.

CPO Kelley assisted CPO VanWiltburg with a snowmobile accident on Grass Lake. A 14-year old boy struck a dock when he lost control of his snowmobile. Two citations and 4 written warnings were issued to other individuals riding with the boy. All individuals were from Wisconsin and had been snowmobiling without insurance or Illinois trail stickers.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for no valid driver's license.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for hunting migratory waterfowl without federal stamp.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for no valid insurance snowmobile.

A District 2 CPO arrested a subject for operation of snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol.

CPOs Jason Hurt and John Farber responded to a complaint from Lake County animal control regarding an individual in possession of several animals, one of which was a young white tail deer. Animal control and the hoofed animal humane society conducted an investigation and seized several animals due to what they deemed to be cruel treatment. A wildlife rehabilitator willing to take the white tail deer has been located and plans are being made to relocate the deer to the rehabilitator.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Eric Schreiber and Jason Hurt arrested a snowmobiler in the McHenry area for operating a snowmobile while under the influence of alcohol, operating a snowmobile with a BAC over 0.08%, and operating a snowmobile without insurance. The subject had a BAC of .185%

CPOs Eric Schreiber, Tom Davis, Scott Wagner, Sgt. Rich Riedel, and CPOT Todd Semenek conducted a snowmobile detail along the Fox River at the McHenry Dam. A total of 40 snowmobile safety checks were conducted resulting in eight citations; four registrations and four insurance violations.

CPO Kelley issued a citation for operation without insurance to a snowmobiler on the Fox River at Stratton Lock and Dam.

CPO Kelley returned a lost purse to a woman from Island Lake. The purse was found at Moraine Hills State Park and turned in to the McHenry Police Department. CPO Kelley was able to locate the woman who was grateful for the return of her property.

CPO Wagner arrested three subjects for no valid insurance snowmobile.

CPO Wagner arrested a subject for no valid registration snowmobile

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast was contacted by a mining company about waterfowl hunters hunting in their quarry channel and interfering with their barge operations. CPO Wollgast boarded the barge tug and was transported to the location to sneak up to the hunters. 3 waterfowl hunters were issued warnings for hunting without permission.

Goose Lake Prairie State Park had received complaints of firearm deer hunters hunting on the elevated railroad bed which runs through the property. CPO Wollgast issued a written warning to one hunter for walking down the railroad

bed after he was done hunting and another hunter was cited for hunting a half hour after legal hunting hours and possessing a loaded firearm on the roadway.

CPO Wollgast assisted ISP and the Grundy County Sheriff's Department with motorist assists during a recent snow event.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Two subjects arrested for multiple hunting violations by CPO Vadbunker pleaded guilty to the following hunting violations: Subject 1 pleaded guilty to failure to tag deer immediately upon kill (3 counts), illegal transportation of an uncased bow in a motor vehicle, hunting without permission, failure to report deer (2 counts), illegal use of a light from a vehicle, and unlawfully loaning a deer permit to another. Four hunting violations were nollied in the plea agreement. Subject 2 pleaded guilty to the following eight hunting violations: hunting without permission (2 counts), uncased bow in a vehicle (2 counts), failure tag deer immediately upon kill, failure to report deer killed, illegal use of a light from a vehicle, and illegally providing deceptive or false information. Two hunting violations were nollied in the plea agreement. Total fines and costs for Subject 1 were \$4900.00 and for Subject 2 will be \$5022.00. All items seized were awarded to the agency with the exception of one of the 8 pt deer heads.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland assisted Kendall County Sheriff's Department with multiple vehicles that slid off the road and got stuck in the ditch during a recent snow storm.

CPO Bergland responded to a report of a rollover snowmobile accident in Yorkville where the rider's helmet came off. It turned out the snowmobile was just stuck and the operator had just taken his helmet off while he attempted to dig out his sled. However, it was plain to see that the operator had come closer than ten feet from the roadway and he was cited for this violation. He was issued warnings for not having his registration or proof of insurance with him.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid interviewed an individual regarding several tree stands baited with corn. The subject admitted to deer hunting one of the baited stands the previous week but did not return to the property after seeing a Conservation Police truck driving in the area. He related there was a large buck in the area he was pursuing but stated "I knew it was a slippery slope I was on, with the corn." A citation for deer hunting over bait and several written warnings were issued.

CPO Reid and CPO Wollgast interviewed a suspect on a complaint of hunting with the aid of a vehicle and hunting without permission. Witnesses observed, on two separate occasions, a male subject driving up to a flock of geese along the roadway, shooting at the geese, and driving away. On the second occasion witnesses were able to copy the vehicle's license plate. The suspect admitted to investigators that he drove down the road, parked next to a flock of geese, and fired his shotgun into the group of birds. He stated on one occasion that he killed a goose and on another occasion he missed. He also stated he did not have permission to hunt on the property. Charges for hunting with the aid of a vehicle, hunting without permission, and unlawful take are pending.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Whitchurch was observing fishermen on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Cook County when he observed a subject catching numerous yellow perch in a short amount of time. CPO Whitchurch approached a group of fishermen to conduct compliance checks on the fishermen. The aforementioned individual, who was catching numerous yellow perch, immediately packed up his fishing gear when CPO Whitchurch walked in the vicinity. This individual began to walk away through tall grasses carrying his fishing gear and a white bucket. CPO Whitchurch caught up to the subject and requested to see his fishing license which he produced. CPO Whitchurch asked the subject how many perch he had

caught. The subject informed he had his limit of fifteen. A closer look into his bucket revealed he had seventeen yellow perch in his possession. The subject was cited for having an over limit of yellow perch.

CPO Whitchurch was conducting sport fishing checks on individuals who were fishing from the shores of Lake Michigan in Cook County. As CPO Whitchurch was conducting his checks, he observed one individual immediately leave the area and walk out of site carrying a fishing pole, gear, and a white bucket. After CPO Whitchurch checked the fishermen in the area, he walked back to his patrol vehicle at which time he observed the same individual whom he saw walk away with his fishing gear a short time earlier standing by a vehicle. CPO Whitchurch observed this person enter his vehicle and sit in it. CPO Whitchurch repositioned his patrol vehicle around the corner out of site from the individual and checked another group of fishermen. Upon completion of checking the fishermen, CPO Whitchurch walked back over to where he had initially checked the first group of fishermen. CPO Whitchurch observed the same individual who walked away earlier and went and sat in his vehicle, actively engaged in fishing activity. CPO Whitchurch approached the individual and requested his fishing license. The person did not have a valid license. He was cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Whitchurch was observing fishing activity near the conflux of the Calumet River in Cook County. He observed a subject catching yellow perch and appeared to be keeping every fish he caught. The subject ceased his fishing actively and packed up his fishing gear. The subject walked over to his vehicle where CPO Whitchurch caught up to him. When CPO Whitchurch informed the subject he was going to inspect his catch, the subject dumped yellow perch out of a plastic bag onto the floor of his truck behind the driver's seat. CPO Whitchurch then observed the subject toss the plastic bag which housed the fish over to the rear passenger seat area of the truck. The subject continued to move fish around the back seat area of the truck as CPO Whitchurch ordered him to stop. CPO Whitchurch ordered the subject to remove all fish from his vehicle. The subject complied with the order. A total of twenty-two yellow perch were found to be in the subject's possession. The daily limit is fifteen. The subject was cited on multiple counts for possessing an over limit yellow perch.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at Lake Michigan in Cook County when he observed two individuals catching yellow perch and placing them into a white bucket. As CPO Whitchurch conducted compliance checks, the two individuals packed up their fishing gear and began to walk by CPO Whitchurch. CPO Whitchurch requested to see both subjects' fishing licenses which they produced. An inspection of their catch revealed one of the subjects possessed twenty-two yellow perch and the second subject possessed twenty-three yellow perch. Both subjects were cited for possessing over limits of yellow perch.

CPO Whitchurch completed an in depth Cook County investigation into a Chicago based company who was unlawfully conducting a wholesale fish market without a valid wholesale aquatic life dealer's license. After documents were obtained through other retail level inspections, numerous delivery trucks were observed going to and from the business. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the owner and manager of the business on site. CPO Whitchurch provided the owner and manager of the business the information required so they could obtain the proper license from the IDNR. The owner of the company was cited for unlawfully conducting a wholesale fish market without a valid wholesale aquatic life dealer's license.

CPO Whitchurch completed a Cook County investigation into a business located in Chicago who was delinquent in repurchasing a valid resident wholesale aquatic life dealer's license. Records checks revealed the company purchased a resident wholesale aquatic life dealers license back in January of 2007. The company continued to sell aquatic life protected by the Code in subsequent years after the license expired. CPO Whitchurch went to the place of business and informed the owner about the applicable licensing law. The owner showed CPO Whitchurch the area where his businesses kept all licenses required by law in frames on display. CPO Whitchurch located the resident wholesale aquatic life dealer's license on display which had an expiration date of 01/31/2008. The owner was cited for unlawfully conducting a wholesale fish market without a valid wholesale aquatic life dealers license.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a Cook County investigation into a Northbrook business that was operating a wholesale fish market without a valid resident wholesale aquatic life dealer's license. Invoices obtained at the retail fish market level revealed the company in question was selling aquatic life covered by the Code in the Chicago area at the wholesale level. A meeting was set up with the owner of the company at the Wheeling Police Department. CPO Whitchurch informed the subject of the laws pertaining to a wholesale fish market. The subject informed CPO Whitchurch he did not maintain his aquatic life records required by law. CPO Whitchurch cited the individual for unlawfully conducting a wholesale fish market without a valid wholesale aquatic life dealer's license. The subject was issued a written warning for failing to maintain proper records.

CPO Whitchurch completed a Cook County investigation into a Chicago based fish and seafood company who was operating both a wholesale and retail fish markets without the required aquatic life dealer's licenses. This company was supplied a written notice from the Illinois Conservation Police in September of 2014 which detailed the required licenses and how to obtain them. Records checks conducted revealed the company had yet to purchase the required licenses. CPO Whitchurch visited the company on site. A portion of the building was open to the public with aquatic life covered by Code offered for sale. The owner of the company was cited for unlawfully conducting a wholesale fish market without a valid wholesale aquatic life dealer's license. He was issued a written warning for unlawfully conducting a retail fish market without a valid retail aquatic life dealer's license.

CPO Whitchurch investigated a complaint in southwestern Cook County of an individual unlawfully placing large amounts of corn on property owned by Commonwealth Edison. CPO Whitchurch visited the site on numerous occasions only to find more corn in the area. Deer were also seen in the vicinity feeding on the corn. CPO Whitchurch learned the identity of the individual by use of a trail camera. A complaint was lodged about unlawful hunting activity in this area back in late November of 2014. CPO Whitchurch did not observe any hunting activity in the area. Contact with the individual was made who admitted to placing the corn at the site on numerous occasions. CPO Whitchurch informed the individual on laws pertaining to placing food or other materials that can be ingested by wild deer where they are present in the wild. The subject was cited for violating this law.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi stopped a vehicle for reckless driving on I-88 in DuPage County. After speaking with the individual it was determined that he was driving under the influence of alcohol. CPO Mooi and a state trooper from District 15 were going to remove the subject from the vehicle when he started the vehicle and fled on I-88 at a high rate of speed. An ISPERN message was issued for the vehicle. CPO Mooi was informed by ISP Dispatch that the individual fleeing from the traffic stop was already the subject of an ISPERN message earlier that morning issued by Lombard Police Department. The following day, arrest warrants were issued for DUI, reckless driving and fleeing and eluding. Lombard Police Department also issued an arrest warrant for domestic battery. The case is pending.

LAKE COUNTY

While working routine sport fishing, CPO Farber was walking through the boat launch parking lot at Waukegan Harbor when he smelled an odor of cannabis. CPO Farber observed two subjects in a car and after investigating he determined the smell of cannabis was coming from their vehicle. CPO Farber arrested the two Waukegan men for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and drug paraphernalia.

While traveling south on Route 53 at I-90, CPO Farber observed a vehicle weaving on the roadway. After observing the vehicle for several miles, CPO Farber initiated a traffic stop. CPO Farber made contact with the driver and smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. The subject was arrested for improper lane usage, no valid license and DUI. The operator's BAC was two and a half times over the legal limit.

CPO Gilmer checked several waterfowl hunters. He wrote two written warnings to a 16 year old in a hunting party of juveniles and explained to the group the importance of having licenses on them, signed, and the proper stamps attached, etc.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES

CPO Moody responded to a complaint of a Tuscola man dumping a coyote carcass off of a bridge over the Kaskaskia River along the Coles/Douglas county line. The man was issued a written warning.

CPO Greuel and Sergeant McReynolds assisted Charleston Police Department with an injured coyote in the city limits. Coyote was dispatched and removed.

CPO Greuel assisted Douglas County deputy with information on a subject hunting without permission complaint on railroad property.

MOULTRIE

CPO Barnes investigated a theft of state property from the Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area in Moultrie County. No investigative leads at this time of the theft of a jack and winch off a large water pump.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited two Decatur men archery deer hunting without the required blaze orange during the Late Firearm Deer Season on Lake Shelbyville COE property in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel cited a Cowden man for failure to immediately tag two whitetail deer upon take. Subject harvested the deer in Shelby County during the archery season and field dressed and transported deer without tagging properly. Subject purchased archery tags the following day to tag the deer and take it to a processor. Subject stated he was trying to save his landowner tags for a later hunt. Subject received a written warning for failure to report harvest by 10 p.m. of day of harvest.

CPO Greuel issued a written warning to a Moweaqua man archery deer hunting in Wolf Creek State Park during firearm deer season without required blaze orange.

CPO Greuel responded to assist a Cowden man who accidentally trapped a bobcat. The bobcat was taken for research purposes.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Reeves received a call of two all terrain utility vehicles chasing and shooting at a coyote. The vehicle operators had been stopped by a county deputy but had no firearms in possession and were released. They did, however, admit to running a coyote. After a short investigation, CPO Reeves and CPO Schultz interviewed all parties involved. The riders did not shoot at the coyote but did run the coyote until it hid in a culvert. Citations were issued for the harassment of wildlife.

CPO Schultz continues to work night patrols in Champaign, Ford, Iroquois, and Vermilion Counties focusing on hunting from the roadway and use of spotlights for hunting.

After an investigation, CPO Reeves set up an undercover purchase of illegally possessed/offered for sale wildlife. Officers Viverito and Wright went undercover to a subject's residence in Decatur and made a purchase of a Whitetail buck skull. Officer Reeves applied for and received a search warrant which was executed by Sgt. Williamson and Officers Reeves, Vivierito and Wright. During the search warrant of the residence, Officers seized various wildlife and aquatic life parts including those of Barred Owls that the subject had been trying to sell. Charges in this case are pending.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Schultz located a ground blind in rural Iroquois County that had been hunted recently. Upon investigation it was found to have a large amount of salt and cracked corn mix spread around it. The investigation is ongoing.

MACON/CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Wright noticed a post on Facebook of a doe killed during 2nd shotgun season near the Macon/Christian County line in which the harvest was never reported. The deer in question was supposedly taken by a 14 year old girl. CPO Wright met with the girl and her father to discuss with them on the importance of reporting a harvested deer. While talking with the girl and her father it was determined that his daughter did not actually shoot it but had put her tag on it. A Decatur man who was hunting the adjoining property had come to their house and stated that he had shot the deer and already had enough meat and wondered if they would like to use her tag. It was then determined that the man did not possess any shotgun permits but only archery permits. CPO Wright conducted two interviews with the Decatur man and was able to get a confession that he had taken the deer just inside Christian County. During the interview the man also admitted to taking another doe with his bow earlier in the year and failed to report that harvest. The man was given a written warning for failure to report his harvest and given citations for unlawful take of a deer, hunting without valid deer permits and unlawful use of another's deer permit. The man's shotgun was also seized.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden completed an investigation into a 34 year old female from Pennsylvania fraudulently purchasing an Illinois resident hunting license and OTC archery deer permits in November 2013. The investigation determined the female was originally from Normal, IL. She moved to Pennsylvania in 2012 but retained her Illinois Driver's License. It is believed she used her Illinois Driver's License to misrepresent her state of residence and illegally purchased resident hunting privileges to hunt while visiting family in Illinois. She was issued a written warning for (1) unlawful purchase of hunting license, by a person born after January 01, 1980, without proof of hunter safety certification and a citation for (2) unlawfully providing false or deceptive information, by a non-resident, to obtain Illinois resident hunting license and OTC archery deer permits. The case was worked in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Game Commission.

CPO Graden received a complaint of numerous dead whitetail deer dumped in a ditch on a farm in rural Danvers. The ensuing investigation determined two neighboring landowners processed eight lawfully taken deer and dumped the remains on the adjacent property without permission of the landowner. The landowner did not wish to pursue charges. The neighboring landowners agreed to clean the mess up. Each subject was issued two written warnings.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Schultz completed two administrative investigations concerning harvests recorded from firearm deer season.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for OUI this past summer. The subject paid fine and court costs totaling \$1368.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition on two subjects he arrested for deer hunting without permits. One subject paid fines and court costs of \$417 for hunting without a permit and \$275 for hunting without a license. The second subject paid a fine and court costs of \$275 for deer hunting without a permit.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for falsification of resident trapping license. The subject paid a fine & court costs of \$725.

CPO Blazinic received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for burning tires. The subject paid fines and court costs of \$482.

An individual arrested by CPO Blazinic for unlawful falsification of residency to obtain a resident trapping license during the 2013 trapping season was fined \$725.00 and had his hunting/trapping privileges suspended for 13 months. The person has since failed to pay any of his fine resulting in an arrest warrant being issued for his immediate arrest.

JERSEY COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Goetten encountered a suspicious vehicle. A stop revealed three subjects, two under the age of 21, in possession of open alcohol. Upon searching the vehicle, he located a fraudulently made Illinois driver's license belonging to one of the underage passengers. The drivers licensed appeared real, but closer observation revealed an invalid driver's license number and an inaccurate year of birth. The female suspect has an additional charge pending for obstructing a police officer. Enforcement action is pending consultation with the Jersey County State's Attorney.

CPO Weishaupt received a court disposition on three subjects he stopped for speeding 98 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone. The subjects paid fines totaling \$500 each.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Goetten conducted an interview regarding a subject buying a deer permit and then checking in the harvest of a whitetail buck an hour and 10 minutes later. After a short interview, the subject admitted a neighbor shot the buck and offered it to him. He brought his deer permit and tagged it. The investigation revealed the neighbor had harvested two bucks. Enforcement action was taken for the unlawful use of another person's permit, the unlawful take of more than two antlered deer in a season, and the unlawful take of a whitetail deer. The second and third bucks harvested were seized.

CPO Goetten interviewed a subject regarding a subject buying a deer permit and reporting a harvest of a buck an hour and four minutes later. After a short interview, the subject admitted to shooting the deer without having any permits. The subject was cited for archery deer hunting without permits.

CPO Goetten attended a hunting safety class in Virden and instructed students on hunting regulations.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Myers received a court disposition on a subject he arrested for driving a motor vehicle while revoked. The subject paid fines and costs of \$650 and was confined to 10 days in the County Jail.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

BROWN COUNTY

An Outfitter who received a citation from CPO Bettis for records violations was given a \$210.00 fine and received three months of court supervision.

CASS COUNTY

Sgt. Stone and CPO Bettis concluded a Target Illinois Poachers Hotline investigation started by Sgt. Stone involving the unlawful taking of a whitetail deer. Two men were issued multiple citations for hunting by the aid of a motor vehicle, shooting from a roadway, possession of a loaded, uncased shotgun in a motor vehicle, and unlawfully taking a whitetail deer.

CPO Bettis investigated a Beardstown subject for unlawful possession of a baby raccoon. The subject was given information on a local rehabilitator and was going to relay the animal for further rehabilitation. No enforcement action will be taken if the person complies.

MASON COUNTY

CPOs Blakeley and Wichern were on routine boat patrol on the Illinois River in the area of Sanganois FWA when they located a Peoria man archery deer hunting near Stewart Lake. The archery hunter possessed a loaded 22-250 rifle and 9mm handgun and he was not in possession of his 2014 deer permits. The hunter paid \$1,112.00 in fines and court costs for the violations and was ordered to forfeit his 22-250 rifle to the IDNR.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis assisted Menard County and Athens Police Department with a domestic disturbance in Athens. The case is being handled by Athens Police Department.

SANGAMON COUNTY

A watercraft operator who CPO Swance charged for OUI and drug possession this past Fall pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a fine totaling \$1000.00.

A person arrested by CPO Swance for conducting nuisance wildlife removal services without a permit pleaded guilty, forfeited his trapping privileges, and agreed to pay restitution to his clients.

CPO Cochran participated in an interview with Springfield's Channel 20 News regarding the new 2015 boating laws. The interview was conducted at IDNR Headquarters in Springfield.

Sergeants Williamson and McReynolds along with CPOs Cochran, Bettis, Myers, Weishaupt, Rollins, Viverito, Gushleff, & Wright assisted the Illinois State Police and other state and local agencies with security for the Inauguration and related events for Governor Rauner and other constitutional officers which was held at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Lentz inspected the records and furs of multiple fur buyers in the Bond County area. No violations were detected.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley conducted a deer permit investigation. A hunter was found to have had a valid deer permit when he shot a deer, but didn't want to use his either sex permit on a yearling deer he had shot. The hunter left the deer and went to

town to buy a permit. Later that day, he shot a second yearling deer and again didn't want to use his either sex permit. He left the deer lay and went to town again to buy another permit. The hunter was issued one citation for failure to immediately tag his deer and one written warning.

While searching DNR records, CPO Tapley found a hunter to have checked a deer in an hour after buying a permit which was purchased after the end of legal hunting hours. The hunter did have a valid either-sex and antlerless only permit at the time he bought the third permit. It was learned that the hunter shot two antlerless deer and could not find his antlerless only permit. He tagged one deer with the either sex permit and then went to town to purchase an antlerless only permit. He later found the permit that he had lost. The hunter was issued a written warning for failure to immediately tag a deer.

CPO Tapley gained information from a confidential informant about a hunter in Clinton County who was known to poach. CPO Tapley, using his investigative skills, found he had harvested a deer in October 2014 but did not report his harvest. When Tapley interviewed the hunter, he learned the hunter had killed another deer in November 2014 and had also not reported this harvest. CPO Tapley issued the hunter one citation for failure to report deer harvest by 10:00 p.m. same day as kill and a written warning for the second offense.

JACKSON COUNTY

While conducting a deer investigation, CPO Rolfingsmeier found a Madison County hunter to have committed multiple violations. According to IDNR harvest records, this Madison County hunter took an 8 point buck while bow hunting in Jackson County. The hunter failed to purchase a hunting license or habitat stamp. CPO Rolfingsmeier contacted the hunter and issued him one citation and two written warnings and the 8 point buck's antlers were seized.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray seized two lock-on tree stands from property where hunting is not permitted. One of the stands was baited with corn. The investigation continues.

MONROE COUNTY

While conducting a deer investigation on a Madison County bow hunter, CPO Rolfingsmeier found multiple deer hunting violations that occurred in Monroe County. After interviewing the hunter, CPO Rolfingsmeier found the hunter failed to purchase deer permits before he had harvested the deer. The hunter was issued one citation for the deer permit violation and two written warnings.

CPO Schachner received a report of an injured bald eagle near Valmeyer. The mature adult eagle was captured with the assistance of the landowner and a nearby homeowner and his family. The eagle had a severely broken wing and was transferred to a licensed rehabilitator for recovery and veterinary care.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz met with two separate trappers who had incidental catches of bobcats. Both trappers had caught the bobcats in 220 Conibear traps. CPO Lentz turned over the bobcats to wildlife biologist Kent Boyles.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Charles received a Target Illinois Poachers Hotline (TIPS) complaint of a possible deer that had been poached on property in Randolph County. CPO Charles made contact with the complainant and investigated the complaint. However, after contact with numerous homeowners in the area he was unable to determine the identity of the poacher. The case is still under investigation.

CPO Charles and CPO Sievers completed an inspection of a fur buyer in Randolph County. The fur buyer did not have some of the required information that he must maintain in his records, thus the fur buyer was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Charles, CPO Sievers and CPO Ray completed an inspection of a fur buyer in Randolph County. The fur buyer had multiple years of inaccurate reporting and other violations of required information that he was required to maintain. The fur buyer was issued a citation for a records violation and written warnings for the other violations related to his fur buying business.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray received a report in reference to the theft of an Apple iPhone at Frank Holten State Park. CPO Ray later acquired picture evidence and a thumb print of the suspect selling the stolen iPhone. The iPhone was recovered and placed into evidence. The suspect was arrested for theft under \$500.00 and transported to St. Claire County Jail.

CPO Ray seized a lock-on tree stand from property where hunting is not permitted. Investigation continues.

CPO Ray taught the basic hunting laws in an hour long presentation at the Millstadt Hunter Safety course.

CPO Sievers, Rolfingsmeier, and Schachner attended the Let's Go Fishing Show at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. The CPOs handed out IDNR literature and answered many hunting and fishing questions from the IDNR booth.

CPO Rolfingsmeier while conducting a deer investigation on a Madison County bow hunter found violations that occurred during the Archery season. CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted an interview on the hunter and found that the hunter failed to purchase deer permits before he had harvested the 6 point buck. The hunter admitted after he shot the deer he went and purchased deer tags the following day. CPO Rolfingsmeier seized the 6 point bucks antlers and issued the hunter one citation and three written warnings.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a phone call from CPO Charles, who was off duty, about a poaching complaint in Washington County. The reporting person said someone at his neighbor's house had shot a deer with a rifle earlier in the day. CPO Tapley responded to the house and spoke with a male subject there. The male subject originally denied shooting a deer and said he knew nothing about it. After CPO Tapley divulged more details he knew about the case, the male subject said his small dog was in the edge of the field barking at some deer out in the field. He said the deer began to charge after the dog, so he went inside and got a .22 rifle and shot at the deer. The male subject said he didn't hit the deer, but after CPO Tapley told him he knew the deer was bleeding and laid down by their lane, he admitted to hitting it, but said it ran away. After finding a .22 shell casing by the blood in the lane, the male admitted he shot at it again at close range. He said the deer then ran away and he did not find it. CPO Tapley and the male looked for the deer, but could not find it. The male subject was issued two citations for unlawfully attempting to take a deer and unlawfully attempting to take a deer with a rifle. The rifle was seized as evidence.

CPO Holland closed a case on an investigation concerning violations which occurred in 2013 and discovered through social media. The investigation took place more than a year ago and involved four violators with charges in Clinton, Marion and Washington Counties. Various citations were issued for numerous game violations including failing to tag deer, fraudulent use of deer permits, taking of whitetail deer with rifle and felony illegal commercial use of wild game. In all, a combined total of eight game charges and \$3290.00 in fines were levied against the four subjects (\$1000.00 of which was deposited into the Conservation Police Officer Operations Assistance Fund). A total of ten deer head/racks were seized and destroyed. One subject had his hunting privileges suspended for a 22 month period and his Firearm Owner Identification card was suspended for a period of one year.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Jourdan, Williams, Diggins, Schoenhoff and Sgt Cariens responded to a double fatal boat accident on Rend Lake. CPOs Jourdan and Williams are investigating the accident. The accident is also under investigation by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and Coroner's Office.

CPO Williams located three subjects on a local outfitters property while conducting a wildlife patrol. One of the subjects had driven his 4 x 4 pickup down a trail into a field and became stuck. The other two had arrived to assist in getting the truck out. At the complaint of the owner, all three subjects were warned against future trespass and the driver of the truck received a Notice to Appear in Franklin County Court for criminal damage to property.

While checking waterfowl hunters, one of the hunters checked did not have his Firearm Owners Identification card. The hunter assured CPO Williams his Firearm Owners Identification card was at home. Following an inquiry on the subject it was determined his Firearm Owners Identification card was revoked and the card returned to Illinois State Police. The hunter's shotgun was seized and the hunter issued a Notice to Appear in Franklin County Court.

CPO Lay checked five waterfowl hunters that were duck hunting together on Rend Lake. One hunter was cited for having an unplugged shotgun, another hunter was issued a written warning for not registering for HIP, and another hunter was issued a written warning for not having his Federal or State Waterfowl stamps.

CPO Tim Lay investigated a suspected theft of a trail camera and hunting without the owner's consent case. The complainant had photos from various trail cameras on his property which showed the suspect walking through the owner's property with his bow and in camouflage clothing. Another photo showed the suspect leaving the property with one of the trail cameras in his possession. The case is pending a review by the State's Attorney for prosecution of theft and trespass charges.

CPOs Lewis and Mohrman responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Franklin County. The complainant stated a group of waterfowl hunters that had been previously warned by CPO Williams was again hunting on his property. Upon arrival the hunters were observed shooting at ducks several minutes after the legal shooting hours. The hunters were cited for hunting without permission and issued written warnings for hunting after hours.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff shipped several recovered deceased Bald Eagles to the Federal repository. The Eagle found in Gallatin County was reported dead with no foul play suspected.

CPO Schoenhoff handled a trapping complaint. A resident was attempting to trap animals getting into the garbage. A written warning was issued for a trapping violation and a contact number was given for the local biologist to obtain information to prevent further issues.

POPE COUNTY

CPOT Semenik completed Step 2 of Field Training with CPO Johnson. During the training, CPOT Semenik worked the firearm deer seasons and waterfowl season. The CPOT assisted in the arrest of multiple subjects for (unlawful take of deer with a rifle, unlawful transport of loaded guns, hunting by use of bait and unlawful take of deer without a permit and failure to report deer harvest). The CPOT also checked numerous waterfowl hunters. The CPOT will return to the Chicago area and complete the remainder of his field training.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins assisted the Saline County Sheriff's Office with the recovery of a stranded motorist in flood waters. A male driver drove through flood waters covering Texas City Road. CPO Diggins used an assigned boat to recover the driver

who was sitting on the roof of his car with no footwear and very light clothing. The temperature the day of the rescue was approximately 30 degrees with a 20 mile per hour wind. Fortunately the driver did not receive frost bite or suffer any hypothermia. The driver was treated on scene by EMS and was released.

CPO Diggins cleared a TIPS report in Saline County on a subject who illegally possessed wild raccoons at his residence. The individual pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of a wild animal and retaining it alive. He was fined \$120.00 and ordered to give raccoons to the local rehabilitator.

CPO Diggins received a TIPS complaint in the northwest section of Saline County regarding the poaching of deer and dumping of carcasses. Extra patrols have been conducted in the area since the complaint and no other deer poaching incidents have been reported to date.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff investigated a hazardous material spill/leak of oil wells near 250N and 375E. Drilling mud and water were discovered by an inspector. The clean-up is ongoing and the EPA will be doing a follow up.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Paul Smith cited a female subject for failure to check traps and removed a dead red fox from a live trap.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO D.Taylor Investigated an administrative case in Crawford County for a subject killing a deer 22 minutes after he purchased a deer permit. Subject was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting deer without a deer permits.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe seized a 2002 Dodge 1500 pickup truck in relation to a deer poaching case in Richland County in which three subjects unlawfully took 13 deer at night with a high powered rifle. A seizure warrant was obtained through the Richland County State's Attorney's office and the Conservation Police will be seeking forfeiture of the violator's vehicle.

CPO Buhnerkempe was on patrol in southern Richland County when he observed a silver pickup truck parked in the middle of a county road. CPO Buhnerkempe approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver. CPO Buhnerkempe asked the subject if there were any firearms in the vehicle and he said there was a rifle in the back seat. While speaking with the subject, CPO Buhnerkempe detected a strong odor of cannabis on the subject's breath. The subject said he had smoked cannabis approximately 10 minutes prior. CPO Buhnerkempe located an uncased .17 caliber rifle in the back seat. CPO Buhnerkempe ran the subject through dispatch and discovered his FOID status was revoked. After arresting the subject, CPO Buhnerkempe located a marijuana pipe in the subject's boot. The subject was charged with felony possession of a firearm with revoked FOID, DUI drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, and transportation of an uncased firearm. He was issued a written warning for parking on a roadway. He was incarcerated at the Richland County Jail pending bond.

CPO Buhnerkempe investigated a trespassing complaint in which the complainant had a trail camera photo of a subject carrying a crossbow on his property. CPO Buhnerkempe located the suspect in the picture with the help of local Wayne County residents and interviewed him about the incident. The subject confessed to trespassing, hunting with no license and permits, using his wife's permits on harvested deer, and unlawfully using a crossbow to hunt deer.

District 16 – Sgt. (Vacant)

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Taylor checked several duck hunters. A resident hunter was found to have minor boating violations which were documented with a written warning.

CPO Taylor was following up on a deer hunting case that occurred during the first firearm season. One witness had made two conflicting written statements. After the interview, it was determined that the violator had influenced the witness to write a second statement to benefit her. During the interview, he stated that his first statement was the truth and would be what he would testify to if brought into court.

CPO Mohrman and district wildlife biologist Whitton ran the property lines at the new Site W. The recently surveyed and marked property corners and boundaries on this 4500 acre site were viewed and recorded. Also noted were areas of concern on this newly acquired property which will be addressed at future planning meetings.

CPO Mohrman located and removed an unlawful deer stand from the newly acquired Site W. The site previously known as Burning Star #5 was not open to any hunting this season.

While walking out of an area on the Shawnee National Forest in remote Jackson county CPO Mohrman located an abandoned meth lab. CPO Mohrman was in the area checking a baited deer stand when this discovery was made. The Illinois State Police meth task force responded and removed the lab.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson assisted Johnson County deputy with a building search of a church after receiving alarm notice that a door had been opened. Several churches in the county had recently been burglarized. After the church had been cleared, the pastor went through and noted that some things had been moved around, but nothing was missing.

CPO Thompson assisted a Johnson County deputy with a domestic complaint. CPO Thompson had been at the resident a couple of weeks earlier and issued the subject citations for deer hunting violations.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited three waterfowl hunters at Pyramid State Park for attempting to take a Trumpeter Swan.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston arrested a Bethalto man for hunting without permission in Williamson County.

CPO Boston completed a deer investigation of a Marion subject. The man was cited for no valid deer permit and other written warnings were issued.

CPO Boston cited a Creal Springs subject for two deer permit violations. The man was also given written warnings on other violations.

CPO Boston issued a citation to a Creal Springs subject for failure to tag a deer upon harvest. The subject also was given written warnings on other violations.

CPO Boston conducted compliance checks of waterfowl hunters in Williamson County. Three written warnings were issued for boating offenses.