

Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
January 9, 2013

REGION I

A CPO in Henderson County responded to a complaint about subjects taking over-limits of walleye at Lock and Dam 18 in Gladstone. Multiple subjects were given compliance checks. No violations were detected.

While conducting ice fishing enforcement, a Region 1 CPO encountered two anglers fishing with three ice fishing devices on a lake designated as a two pole and line lake. During the course of the investigation, the CPO discovered that one of the anglers, a Beloit, Wisconsin man, had purchased an Illinois resident fishing license while being a resident of the state of Wisconsin. The CPO issued the Wisconsin man a citation for falsification/misrepresentation in obtaining an Illinois fishing license and a written warning for unlawfully ice fishing with three devices on a two pole and line lake. The second angler was issued a written warning for unlawfully ice fishing with three devices on a two pole and line lake.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a complaint of hunting without permission where a neighbor crossed the property lines without permission to retrieve a deer during the late winter firearm season.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a complaint of trapping without permission in which untagged traps were found in an area where only he had permission to trap.

A CPO and District Sergeant checked four goose hunters at Double T State Fish and Wildlife Area. Upon inspecting the area, two freshly husked ears of corn were observed near the goose pit. Interviews of the hunters found they had placed their decoys near the two ears but claimed they were there that morning when they began hunting. It was explained that the bright yellow color of the ears should have alerted them to the baited situation. Each was issued written warnings for waterfowl hunting by use or aid of bait. The ears were removed and site staff was alerted to removal of the ears from material which was used to camouflage the pits. It will be recommended that ears be removed from this material in future years. The pits are a new addition to the site this hunting season.

A CPO investigated a deer poaching complaint in southwestern McDonough County. The landlord of a rental property had observed a deer hanging in the garage which he believed to be taken illegally. Attempts to locate the renter were unsuccessful but a slow moving vehicle was observed during one of the trips to the address. By utilizing information gathered by computer, the suspect was identified as the driver of the borrowed slow moving car. Follow-up visits to family members of the car owner, eventually led to the suspect contacting the CPO. An interview of the subject at his residence found he had illegally taken the button buck whitetail deer from a field south of his residence. He was issued citations for unlawful taking of whitetail deer with a firearm, no valid hunting license, and no valid habitat stamp. The shotgun used and the remains of the deer carcass were seized as evidence.

A CPO cited two subjects for hunting too close to a residence during the late winter deer season.

A CPO interviewed a deer hunter relating to the deer permit administrative assignments. The Knox County bow hunter admitted to harvesting a doe on opening day of season, prior to purchasing a hunting license, habitat stamp, and an archery deer permit. He was issued a citation for the deer permit violation and a written warning for the license/stamp violation.

While conducting patrol of Knox County, a CPO observed a trapper setting a trap in a culvert under a Victoria township road. He was also utilizing an off-highway vehicle on the road to run his trap line. His traps lacked proper tagging. He was issued a citation for trapping on a highway right of way. He was issued written warnings for failure to tag traps and for the UTV operation on a right of way.

A CPO conducted an enforcement detail at the annual Prairie Drifters Snowmobile Club Radar Run held at Lake Storey in Galesburg. Little snow cover and slick ice kept participant numbers down compared to previous years. No enforcement action was taken on minor equipment violations on the forty-five participating snowmobiles. Top speed was 126 miles per hour on a modified local resident's racing sled. Unlike previous events, no accidents occurred.

A CPO and PCPO arrested three subjects from Rockford for hunting private property and the railroad tracks. The subjects stated they had been hunting there for several years.

A CPO and PCPO arrested a man from Streator for operating a snowmobile along the Wisconsin/Illinois state line. The man had purchased his Wisconsin registration but failed to make an Illinois purchase.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A CPO cited three Murphysboro waterfowl hunters for entering a freelance area before legal entry hours. One hunter was also issued a written warning for driving his vehicle off road to unload decoys.

A CPO cited a Pinckneyville coyote hunter for a loaded and uncased firearm in a motor vehicle. He was also issued a written warning for hunting with the use/aid of motor vehicle.

A District Sergeant assisted the ISP 13 with traffic control on Highway 13 with multiple traffic crashes due to the snow and ice storm.

A CPO is currently investigating a deer that was harvested by a hunter that was stolen. The case is pending investigation.

A CPO assisted ISP with traffic control during the ice storm.

A CPO is investigating a mountain lion complaint in Union County. As of now, the complaint is unfounded however it is still under investigation.

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A CPO interviewed a deer hunter relating to the deer permit administrative assignments. The Stark County bow hunter admitted to harvesting a doe on opening day of season, prior to purchasing a hunting license, habitat stamp, and an archery deer permit. He was issued a citation for hunting without a valid hunting license and written warnings for the habitat stamp violation and the deer permit violation.

A CPO received a complaint about a subject hunting without permission. The complainant advised they found a deer had been illegally taken and removed from their property. Conducting an investigation on the suspected violator, the CPO found the subject had failed to check in two deer during the season and committed several other hunting violations. Upon completion of the investigation, one deer and a few tags were seized. The subject received citations and warnings for his violations.

A CPO in Henderson County completed a case involving the unlawful taking of whitetail deer with a rifle. A .17 caliber rifle and handheld spotlight were awarded to the IDNR.

A District 1 CPO completed an administrative investigation on possible deer permit violations in Ogle County. The investigation resulted in the discovery of a subject who shot two deer with a bow but only had enough permits to take one deer. The subject recovered both deer and transported them to his residence. The following day, the subject purchased additional archery permits from Wal-Mart and used one of the permits to tag and report the harvest of the unlawfully taken deer. One deer rack was seized and the subject was issued one citation and two written warnings.

A District 1 CPO completed an administrative investigation on possible deer permit violations in Ogle County. The investigation resulted in two citations and three written warnings after the subject admitted to taking a doe on the opening day of archery season despite not having any archery permits, no hunting license, and no habitat stamp. After killing the deer, the subject recovered the deer and transported it untagged to Wal-Mart to purchase the required permits.

A District 1 CPO and CPOT completed an administrative deer permit investigation in Lee County. After interviewing the subject and multiple changes in the subject's story, it was

determined the subject unlawfully harvested a small buck but did not have any archery permits to do so. The subject left the deer in the woods while he went to purchase his permits. The subject later tagged the deer and recovered it. The deer meat was seized and the subject was issued a citation and two written warnings for his violations.

A CPO cited a Marshall County resident for killing a deer and failing to attach a deer permit immediately upon kill.

A Region 1, District 6 CPO, while waiting on several waterfowl hunters at a local boat ramp, received a complaint from a landowner regarding waterfowl hunters possibly hunting within 100 yards of his residence. The complainant's residence was very close to the CPO's location at the boat ramp. Upon arrival on-scene, the CPO located the hunters. The CPO waded into the river to check the six hunters who were hunting from two separate boats. While conducting a field check, the CPO discovered one hunter possessed an unsigned federal waterfowl stamp and four hunters were in violation of the separation of bag regulation. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

The Quad City Conservation Alliance (QCCA) expo center in Rock Island hosted its 29th annual "Bald Eagle Days" January 11th -13th. IDNR Region 1 District 1 Sergeant and a CPO staffed the IDNR Conservation Education Trailer during this event. The CPOs received many positive comments on the quality of the trailer. Hundreds of children and adults enjoyed looking at all the different fish and animals represented in the trailer.

A District 1 CPO took the appropriate enforcement action on a Dixon man for unlawfully trapping along the highways, trapping without permission from a land owner, failing to tag traps, and failing to check traps each calendar day. This occurred in Lee County.

A District 1 CPO investigated a Byron, Illinois man for permit falsification and violations. The man purchased a permit after he had killed a deer and tagged it after the kill. Citations and written warnings were issued.

Several Region 1 CPOs were dispatched to an ice rescue call in Bureau County. The caller on scene observed a parked truck with an ice auger in the back. He did not see anyone on the ice and there was a large hole in the ice. The caller was afraid someone had gone through the ice and called 911 as a precaution. As the CPOs were en route the deputies arrived first and located two men fishing a different pond on the same property. All fishermen were alive and accounted for and no one went through the ice that day.

ICE SAFETY. There is no such thing as 100% safe ice. You cannot judge the strength of ice just by its appearance, age, thickness, temperature, or whether or not the ice is covered with snow. Strength is based on all these factors -- plus the depth of water under the ice, size of the water body, water chemistry and currents, the distribution of the load on the ice, and local climatic conditions.

A minimum of 4 inches of clear new ice is needed to support 1 person on foot. This does not include all the gear a fisherman may bring with them. So if you do go onto the ice, have a survival plan. Carry rope, ice picks and a flotation device to help save your life or that of a companion. A PFD can provide extra warmth and flotation in case you fall through. If you do go through the ice, return to the direction you came from. Put your arms and hands on top of the ice. Using ice picks, dig into the ice and kick your feet. Lie flat on the ice and roll away toward the shoreline. If your friend goes through the ice, remain on shore and call 911.

A CPO cited a subject for hunting deer without a valid permit.

A District 1 CPO completed a deer permit investigation. The investigation revealed three deer were taken illegally. A Chadwick man was issued tickets for taking an antlered deer without a valid either sex deer permit and failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. A Thomson man was issued a ticket for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. Warnings were issued for unlawful possession of a deer, falsifying a deer harvest record and failure to check deer in by 10 PM.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a theft of traps complaint. Thirty four stolen traps were recovered. Charges are pending.

The District 7 Sergeant received a complaint from an archery deer hunter that he had been interrupted by two subjects calling coyotes on property without permission. Investigation determined that the coyote hunters had been calling coyotes on two separate properties where they didn't have permission. An investigation into shots fired at deer is continuing with enforcement action pending.

REGION II

A CPO arrested a subject for DUI drugs on Route 120 and Wilson Road in Lakemoor, Illinois. Another CPO and a CPOT assisted with the arrest. The subject was observed smoking cannabis at the stop light, parked directly adjacent to the CPO's squad.

A CPO and a CPOT arrested a subject while ice fishing on Crystal Lake for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

REGION III

A CPO received a call of a deer carcass dumped in the ditch about 2 miles east of Wapella with the leg tag still attached to the deer. After finding the deer he went to the residence of the person who tagged the deer. While talking to him about the deer a second untagged deer rack was located and an Illinois Department of Conservation Refuge sign were found to be in his possession. After questioning him on the possession of the illegal items and the illegal dumping of a deer carcass appropriate enforcement action was taken.

During a deer permit investigation it was found that a bow hunter in Livingston County shot two does during a hunt and only had one tag in his possession. The hunter stated that he was trying to do things right but did not want to pass up the opportunity.

During a deer permit investigation in Livingston County it was found that three women in one household had tagged three deer within one hour after purchase of their tags in a two day

period. During the questioning the mother stated that she purchased a second tag and tagged a deer that her husband shot after it came in wounded with a broken leg and body injuries from another farm. She stated that they spoke with a game warden in the area and that he recommended getting a tag for the deer. Then I asked the one daughter about the deer she shot. She described shooting the deer on the Saturday afternoon just before dark. I then informed her that it was checked in at 11 AM. I then asked the second daughter about the deer she shot and stated that she could not remember when she shot the deer and had no details. I then asked what the real truth was. The girls' father then admitted that he shot three deer on Friday and had the second daughter tag that deer. The father then stated that his son shot a second deer on Saturday and the first daughter tagged that deer. He admitted that they did that so they could keep their either sex tag. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A CPO had a disposition for an out of state hunter in Hamilton County. The man pleaded guilty to hunting without a non-resident deer permit, falsification to obtain a permit and transportation of uncased and loaded firearms. The man was fined \$2,950.00 and forfeited four handguns.

A CPO arrested two different groups of men on different days for waterfowl hunting Rend Lake after legal hunting hours.

A CPO finished an investigation that will be forwarded to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Agency for prosecution. The case involves three men killing 36 ducks over the legal limit and wanton waste.

A CPO apprehended three individuals hunting snow geese over bait south of Nason. This case will also be sent to the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Agency for prosecution.

Three CPOs conducted a waterfowl investigation that began on December 30th. A CPO met with one of three hunters that killed approximately 54 ducks between the hunters. After conducting two interviews with a Perry County hunter, the hunter eventually confessed to killing approximately 18 gadwalls and dumping them in the weeds. The other CPOs also received confessions from hunters they interviewed. The case will be forwarded to the USFWS.

A CPO had a disposition of unlawful take of white tailed deer with a rifle in Union County (Missouri resident). \$1245.00 with \$250.00 donated to Conservation Police Operations fund and forfeiture of firearm.

A CPO had a disposition in Union County of falsification of residency to obtain resident tags and licensing over the course of several years by a Missouri resident and unlawful take of white tailed deer. Fines totaled \$3420.00 with \$250.00 donated to Conservation Police Operations fund.

A CPO had a disposition in Pulaski County of a Louisiana subject who killed two antlered deer with only one either sex permit: \$700.00 and \$250.00 donated to Conservation Police Operations fund and forfeiture of firearm.

A District Sergeant gave a waterfowl presentation to a hunting club on waterfowl regulations. Approximately 45 hunters attended the question and answer session.

Dist. 16 CPOs are conducting administrative investigations assigned from the Springfield Office.

A CPO responded to a stranded elderly man in a boat on Crab Orchard Lake. The CPO got him back to the marina and loaded his boat for him. The man was on his maiden voyage in his recently purchased used boat which needs carburetor work.

A CPO was working waterfowl enforcement in Pulaski and Johnson Counties when a freezing rain/sleet storm came through Southern Illinois. The CPO assisted several vehicles off the roadway along I-57. Numerous crashes occurred in several counties. Two of the crashes were fatal in Williamson County.

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REGION I

A CPO and a CPOT responded to a “hunting without permission” complaint in Stephenson County. A coyote hunter’s dog reportedly crossed onto property without permission while pursuing a coyote. The hunter then followed his dog onto the land with his firearm, also without permission. The hunter argued he was only retrieving his dog which the law does not provide the hunter that right. Further investigation revealed this hunter and his dog have chased coyotes through this same neighbor’s woods repeatedly since 2003 despite the landowner’s telling him he cannot hunt their ground. The hunter was cited for hunting without permission.

A CPO and a CPOT arrested a Winnebago County resident who falsified a deer harvest record. The individual’s friend killed a deer during the firearm deer season, did not tag the animal, and gave it to the suspect. The suspect then proceeded to purchase an over-the-counter deer permit, hunting license, and habitat stamp at a local retailer then phoned in the harvest record as their own without checking the deer in at the check station.

A CPO and a CPOT completed six field and boat inspections on area waterfowl hunters on the Rock River in Winnebago County. Violations detected included: failure to maintain separate bag limits, failure to sign the federal waterfowl stamp, operation of a boat blind w/o a fire extinguisher, unnumbered watercraft, and insufficient number of wearable PFDs.

A CPO began a boat dealer investigation. The dealer has not been making application for title and registration as required by statute. Multiple agencies are involved at the local, state, and federal level. Boat registration inspections have been conducted for customers that will allow

them to secure registration without Manufacturers Statements of Origin which they have been unable to obtain from the company.

A CPO in Henderson County cited an individual for unlawful taking of whitetail deer. The subject reported killing a 10 point buck with a bow on the first day of the shotgun deer season. An investigation revealed multiple conservation violations.

A District 1 CPO completed a theft of traps investigation in Orangeville. The investigation revealed the following:

- An Orangeville man had stolen traps on two separate occasions while trespassing. Sixty pieces of trapping equipment were retrieved.

- The man recently discarded a river otter he had illegally possessed since 2011.

- The man had been in a minor snowmobile crash. The snowmobile was not properly registered and did not have the mandatory liability insurance.

The man was issued tickets for unlawful possession of a river otter during a closed season, criminal trespass, hunting without permission, theft less than \$500, disturbing the traps of another person, removing furbearing animals from the traps of another person and operation of a snowmobile without required liability insurance. Several written warnings were also issued.

A District 1 CPO issued a ticket for unlawfully attempting to take a coyote during a firearm (CWD) deer season without the required blaze orange.

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties in Jo Daviess County. A written warning was issued to an archery deer hunter for entering a closed area. The area was closed to all hunting except CWD hunters with site specific permits.

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties in Jo Daviess County. A written warning was issued to a CWD firearm deer hunter for failing to display the site windshield permit as required.

A CPO and a CPOT were patrolling the trails at Starved Rock State Park when two males in their late teens passed by them. They smelled the strong odor of marijuana and confronted the males. A male admitted to having marijuana and gave an officer a pipe and a small bag of marijuana. After asking the male if he had any more marijuana, the male handed him a bag from the trunk of the car. As the officers were completing the paperwork, the male tried to throw a shopping bag in the trash. The CPOT asked the teen to bring the bag over to him. The bag contained more marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The teen was taken to the Starved Rock law office where he was processed as a juvenile. The other teen was released without charges.

A CPO and CPOT received information about a suspiciously harvested 10 point buck. They interviewed the hunter who eventually admitted to illegally taking the deer without a hunting license, habitat stamp, and deer permit. The male was issued three citations and faces the loss of his hunting privileges.

A CPO and CPOT cited two fishermen for illegally snagging fish.

A District 1 CPO arrested a man from Byron for hunting illegally in the cemetery in Freeport.

A District 1 CPO arrested a man from Byron who claimed residency in Illinois but possessed a Connecticut driver's license and Connecticut resident hunting privileges

A District 1 CPO patrolled the Hennepin Canal State Park. While completing paperwork in his squad, a truck pulled up. The driver of the truck got out and said sarcastically to the CPO, "Are you here to take me to jail today?" The CPO made conversation with the gentleman and he said he was there to drop off a raccoon he had trapped overnight. The landowner had been having problems with raccoons getting into his garbage and he used a "Have a Heart" live trap to capture the animal. His plan was then to take it to the state park approximately 5 miles away and release it. The CPO kindly asked the landowner if he had the required state habitat stamp needed to hunt or trap any wildlife species and the gentleman responded, "Well ... maybe you are going to take me to jail?" The CPO explained the required permits and how wildlife diseases (distemper, rabies, mange, etc) can be spread from one area to another by humans relocating animals. A written warning was issued and the landowner said he would gladly share the information with his neighbors and friends.

Two District 6 CPOs responded to a call of a female on a ledge at Buffalo Rock State Park. A male and female were hiking in a restricted area of the park. The female decided to climb down a sandstone cliff to a ledge and once there she was unable to climb back up. The male located another hiker at the park. The hiker contacted a DNR employee who called the Conservation Police. The CPOs had Utica Fire Department dispatched to the scene. The female was rescued using rappelling equipment. She was not injured. Both were cited for being in a restricted area and destruction of natural objects in a state park.

A District 6 CPO received a complaint of hunting without permission. The officer was waiting at the hunter's truck when he came out of the woods. During the hunter compliance check it was found the hunter did not have a hunting license. The hunter did have tags and a habitat stamp. The hunter thought he had gotten the license when he bought the deer tags. He stated he had purchased his tags at a large retail store and the clerk was not familiar with the Point of Sale system. A written warning was issued for no hunting license. When the officer asked whose property he was hunting he stated a neighboring property owner. The officer informed him he was on the wrong property. Since the complainant was another hunter, not the owner of the property, no enforcement action was taken at that time. The officer informed the hunter if he receives a complaint from the property owner the hunter would be receiving a citation for hunting without permission.

REGION II

CPOs completed an investigation on a subject whose deer check-in was flagged due to the limited time discrepancy between time of purchase and time of check-in. During the interview it was also ascertained that the subject shot a deer during muzzle loader only season without a permit. He was cited for the violation and given three written warnings for various tagging violations.

A CPO and CPOT completed a follow-up investigation with the Wisconsin DNR regarding a possible falsification of fishing license. An interview of the subject led to a citation being issued against a Wisconsin resident for purchasing an Illinois resident fishing license.

A CPO and CPOT arrested a subject for DUI. The violator was discovered when the CPOT observed the driver crash her vehicle in a parking lot. The driver had a BAC of .342.

CPOs completed a tagging investigation. The suspect was arrested for falsification of record, unlawful take or possession of deer, and improper tagging of deer in Bureau County. The suspect's 8 point buck was seized by the CPO in Grundy County.

A CPO cited a subject for failure to report a snowmobile accident. It was reported by the Homeowners Association on Petite Lake. After speaking with neighbors, it was discovered it happened a week prior to our contact and involved personal injury to a 10 year old boy. The operator claimed the throttle stuck and threw him off the snowmobile and then proceeded to strike the boy and a pier. He was also issued written warnings for operating too fast for conditions, un-numbered snowmobile, and no insurance. There was no snow on the ground at the time of the accident.

A CPO and CPOT completed a tagging investigation. The two week investigation concluded with a two hour interview with the suspect admitted to taking an 8 point buck in McHenry County without a permit. He then purchased the permit after the kill. He was cited and his 8 point buck was seized.

A CPO and CPOT encountered two deer hunters in McHenry County. The CPOT inspected the licenses and permits. It was noted that the CPO was holding the permits, including leg tag, and one hunter had blood soaked hands. The CPO asked if the deer was tagged and the hunter responded "No, I forgot." The CPO asked about the possibility of bait in the field. The hunter advised he had baited earlier in the year and did not know if bait was still present. The hunter took the officers directly to the area where a bait block was observed. The hunter was issued two citations.

A CPO and CPOT completed an investigation into hunting deer by use or aid of bait. During the six week investigation, the CPO saw the corn was supplemented on many occasions and found two gut piles in the field. The CPOT and CPO conducted an interview with the landowner who stated he does not hunt. He provided the name of the hunter, along with a telephone number. The CPO called the hunter and set up an interview. During the interview, the hunter gave a full confession and provided a written statement. The hunter was charged with two counts of hunting deer by use or aid of bait.

REGION III

After seeing a picture and blog on a local fishing guide's webpage showing a picture of him loading a deer into his boat at a boat ramp on Lake Shelbyville a CPO went and spoke with the man. After lying multiple times the man finally admitted that he shot the deer on LSCOE property with no tag. He was cited for hunting with no valid deer tag and illegal take. He was arrested earlier this summer on multiple boating violations as well.

A CPO arrested two Pana men on the LSCOE property. After speaking with the men, it was revealed that the father had tagged multiple deer that his son had shot including at least one buck. Additionally, neither of the men were wearing blaze orange during the firearm deer season. Each man received a citation and multiple written warnings.

A CPO arrested a Decatur man who was driving just outside the LSWMA for driving with a suspended license.

CPOs made an arrest of a male subject in Champaign County for hunting deer over bait and unlawful feeding of deer. The subject was found in his tree stand bow hunting over two large piles of apples that he admitted to placing there to hunt over.

CPOs made an arrest of two male subjects for hunting by aid or use of a motor vehicle in Champaign County. The two subjects were stopped in their vehicle after being observed using a spotlight to shine wildlife. Once the stop was made a loaded handgun was found in the vehicle at the driver's feet. Both were issued multiple citations and the two firearms in the vehicle were seized.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A District Sergeant and two CPOs responded to a vehicle that possibly drove off I-64 and into the flooded Little Wabash River. Other search and rescue teams tried to locate the missing man and vehicle from the river the day before and were unsuccessful. The CPO and Sergeant found the vehicle with sonar from a boat. CPOs assisted in the retrieval of the man and vehicle with divers and the tow operator.

A CPO cited a Florida hunter for hunting deer over bait in Gallatin County. He also cited a man for operating as an outfitter without an outfitting license.

A CPO stopped an individual on an ATV at 5:30 a.m. during the late antlerless deer season. The ATV had fresh blood on the rear section and the driver said he killed a deer the previous day. The CPO was unable to locate the reported harvest. The driver confessed that it was his last firearm deer permit and he didn't report the harvest because he didn't tag the deer. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A CPO cited a deer hunter in Pope County for transporting a loaded, uncased rifle in a vehicle and attempt to take deer with a rifle during the archery season.

A CPO went to the residence of a man on an administrative investigation. His wife said he was out deer hunting. The CPO knew the man didn't have deer permits. The hunter was called home. The hunter arrived on an ATV wearing blaze orange with slugs in the vest pocket but no gun. The man admitted to hunting without a permit and hiding his gun in the woods. He was cited for hunting without a permit.

A CPO gave a presentation to a Boy Scout group in Mt. Vernon.

A CPO completed a trespass investigation at a local outfitter's property during the deer season.

District 15 CPOs have been investigating deer permit violations. Multiple citations have been issued ranging from failure to tag to falsifying/transferring permits.

Over the last deer/duck hunting weekend, CPOs and a Sergeant worked Wayne, Clay, Richland, and Marion Counties. Twelve citations were issued for failure to tag deer, no blaze orange, transporting loaded uncased firearms, and hunting without permission.

A CPO and a USFWS officer responded to a boater in distress on Crab Orchard Lake. A Williamson County man had taken his 13 year old son and another boy duck hunting on the south end of the lake. They were in a 14 foot Jon boat powered by a trolling motor. They later told the CPO that they were aware of the forecasted 34+ mile an hour winds from the South. They had planned on hugging the shoreline. A duck decoy had broken loose and the man's thirteen year old son took the boat out to retrieve the decoy and was caught in the wind. The trolling motor was not enough power to bring the boat back to the island and was quickly swept to the north in very high waves. The boy was located on the north shoreline and the father and son were picked up off the island. The Cartersville EMS checked the boy and he did not need any further treatment. The father was issued a citation for parental responsibility for allowing his son to operate the boat without having taken a boat safety class.

A CPO arrested two duck hunters for hunting without permission of the landowner.

A CPO arrested an Alexander County man for possession of more than 25 shell limit and failure to maintain a separate bag limit.

A District Sergeant attended the Underwater Sonar Expo in New Orleans to learn of the newest sonar technology.

A CPO assisted the White County Sheriff with sonar on the Wabash River. It was reported by his family that a man was missing and a set of tire tracks were found near the river bridge. The Sheriff called a recovery team from Indiana and the ISP. The Indiana Team was not able to locate the vehicle after 10 hours of searching. A CPO was dispatched with side scan sonar and located the truck and missing man within 10 minutes of launching. Divers were brought in to recover the vehicle from the river. It is believed that the man suffered from a medical condition and drove off into the river after losing consciousness.

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REGION I

A Region 1, District 6 CPO continued an investigation into a CWD season firearm deer hunting complaint. The District Sergeant received a phone call from a citizen regarding illegal hunter(s) who were hunting within 300 yards of a residence and hunting without permission. Upon the

CPO's arrival on-scene the suspect(s) were gone. The CPO met with DeKalb County Sheriff's Police on scene and later with the caller and complainant. The CPO discovered that a deer had been killed well within the 300 yard distance from the complainant's residence. The case remains under investigation.

A CPO in Winnebago County received an ISPERN dispatch complaint of a DUI driver on Rt. 173 at I-90. The CPO located the vehicle almost immediately because it was driving the wrong way up the I-90 exit ramp trying to get back onto the Interstate. The suspect driver, from the state of Michigan, failed field sobriety testing and was also in possession of an open 25 oz. Foster's beer can which he had been consuming while in transit. Once at the jail, the driver blew a .209% breath alcohol concentration.

A CPO received a complaint of a suspected felon who had posted images of a deer he had poached on Facebook. Investigation found the suspect to not possess a valid hunting license, habitat stamp, or a deer permit. His FOID status was revoked due to three burglaries and one aggravated fleeing and eluding felony convictions. He had posted images of himself posing with a whitetail deer, shotgun in hand during the first Late Winter Antlerless Only Deer Seasons. After avoiding the CPO throughout the morning, he was observed in a friend's vehicle near his home. He was transported to a local Police Department and interviewed. He provided a videotaped confession to his recent violations and was issued citations for unlawful taking of whitetail deer, deer hunting without a valid deer permit, and hunting without a valid hunting license. The State's Attorney's Office filed long form complaints for unlawful use of weapons by a felon and unlawful possession of firearm with a revoked FOID status. A Petition to Revoke his probation was also filed. The judge set his bond at \$50,000, 10% to be released.

The District 7 Sgt. received a complaint about traps set along a rural roadway and located several 220 Conibear traps in bucket sets. He was able to determine a suspect even though the traps were not tagged with a name and address as required. The Sgt. passed this information on to another CPO and the traps did belong to the suspect. A citation and several written warnings were issued.

District 1 officer arrested a man from Oregon, Illinois who had purchased a deer permit and claimed to harvest a deer 18 minutes later. The man's hunting location was 15 minutes from the store where he purchased the tag. He was hunting an elevated tree stand and he had to walk at least 10 minutes to reach his stand. He needed additional time to prepare his hunting gear and gather his harvest information.

A CPO in Henderson County responded to a poaching complaint in Lomax. Two whitetail deer were killed with a high power rifle. The investigation is ongoing.

A CPO in Henderson County developed information regarding the illegal taking of a furbearing mammal. Charges are pending in the case

A District 1 CPO completed a deer and turkey hunting permit investigation. The following violations were discovered: unlawful loan of deer permit to another person, unlawful attempt to

take deer without a valid habitat stamp, unlawful possession of a firearm without a valid FOID and unlawful possession of firearm ammunition without a valid FOID.

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

A District 7 CPO conducted deer permit investigations and issued several written warnings for admitted violations.

Following up on hunting complaints, a CPO cited five subjects for deer tagging violations. Some subjects did not want to use their either sex deer tags on an antlerless deer. Other hunters tagged deer that had been killed by someone other than themselves. Several written warnings were also issued to the subjects.

REGION II

A CPO followed up on an accident involving an ATV that broke through the ice on Bangs Lake. Emergency personnel were called to the scene at approximately 10:15 pm and found the male subject in the water clinging to one of the tires. He was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released. The subject was subsequently arrested for pollution of waterway, driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and driving a motor vehicle with a BAC over 0.08%. The subject had a BAC of 0.091%. He was also charged \$550 by a local recovery service to have the ATV removed from the water.

REGION III

CPOs made an arrest of a male subject in Champaign County for hunting deer over bait and unlawful feeding of deer. The subject was found in his tree-stand bow hunting over two large piles of apples that he admitted to placing there to hunt over.

CPOs made an arrest of two male subjects for hunting by aid or use of a motor vehicle in Champaign County. The two subjects were stopped in their vehicle after being observed using a spotlight to shine wildlife. Once the stop was made a loaded handgun was found in the vehicle at the driver's feet. Both were issued multiple citations and the two firearms in the vehicle were seized.

After seeing a picture and blog on a local fishing guide's webpage showing a picture of him loading a deer into his boat at a boat ramp on Lake Shelbyville, a CPO went and spoke with the man. After lying multiple times the man finally admitted that he shot the deer on LSCOE property with no tag. He was cited for hunting with no valid deer tag and illegal take. He was arrested earlier this summer on multiple boating violations as well.

A CPO arrested two Pana men on the LSCOE property. After speaking with the men, it was revealed that the father had tagged multiple deer that his son had shot including at least one buck. Additionally, neither of the men were wearing blaze orange during the firearm deer season. Each man received a citation and multiple written warnings.

A CPO arrested a Decatur man driving just outside of the LSWMA for driving with a suspended license.

REGION IV

A Monroe County CPO and District Sgt. were working waterfowl hunters on a cold snowy morning when they heard numerous volleys from a remote waterfowl blind on a nearby lake. They covertly observed four subjects waterfowl hunting and noted that their ducks were piled in a nearby boat and there were numerous additional dead ducks out on the lake and ice. Footprints, feathers, an unfired shell and blood in the snow indicated one of the subjects took additional ducks to an accomplice vehicle on a nearby roadway. Upon checking the hunters, it was discovered they were two fathers and their two very young sons. None of the subjects could or would state exactly how many ducks they killed, however one father admitted the boys could not hit anything and probably only killed 2 or 3. After the CPO collected the dead ducks out on the lake and ran down several cripples on the far bank, the adults were interviewed. It was learned that “grandpa” drove out to bring them additional shells and carried away a large number of additional ducks. (Which were recovered a short time later by the CPO and Sgt.) The four hunters had exceeded their daily limit of ducks by a considerable amount. The two fathers and accomplice (grandpa) received multiple waterfowl citations and the hunting equipment involved was seized as evidence. They also received numerous warnings for allowing their young sons to violate various waterfowl laws.

A District 13 Officer received information of possible fraudulent use of deer permits in Washington County. After investigating the complaint the officer discovered that a hunter had illegally used another person’s deer permit to tag his 9 point buck. The deer head was confiscated and both individuals received citations for their illegal actions.

A Montgomery County CPO and his trainee conducted three deer permit investigations and issued three citations for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

A Montgomery County CPO and his trainee arrested a subject for driving suspended, driving on expired plates, driving with no insurance, and arrested the subject for a Montgomery County warrant for failure to appear on a fishing license citation.

A Montgomery County CPO and his trainee arrested a subject on the last day of deer season for failure to tag a deer immediately upon kill.

Madison County CPO and PCPO checked goose hunters in district. No violations were detected.

A Madison County CPO and PCPO conducted a commercial fishing inspection on a roe harvester. No violations were detected.

A Clinton County CPO and a CPO Trainee received a call about trapping without permission. Two traps were found on the property and were seized as evidence. The case is still under investigation.

REGION V

A CPO completed three administrative investigations in which enforcement action was taken on a Jefferson County deer hunter and a Franklin County deer hunter for improper use and lack of deer permits.

A CPO served notice to two Franklin County hunters of a pending administrative suspension hearing and arrested a woman in Franklin County for driving while license suspended.

District 16 is currently conducting administrative investigations. Several cases are completed but the majority is ongoing.

A CPO came across an elderly woman walking in freezing rain close to Herrin. She was pulling a cart with a suit case. The CPO found that she was attempting to get to a motel where she was going to meet a relative the next day. The CPO called the motel and explained the woman's situation. She was taken there by the CPO and given a discounted rate for the night.

A District Sergeant responded to a hunting without permission call in Union County. Upon his arrival the landowner ended up knowing the hunting party.