



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 July 1 – 15, 2018)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Mississippi River, CPOs Teas and Jones conducted a boat compliance check. The operator's breath sample showed 0.120%, and he was arrested for OUI.

CPOs Beltran and Jones patrolled Pool 12, and two subjects were arrested for OUI.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Beltran and Sgt. Petreikis patrolled Pool 18, and two subjects were arrested for OUI. One of the subjects was arrested for his second OUI in two years.

CPO Beltran noticed a man driving over the center line, and he conducted a traffic stop. It was discovered that the driver was drinking vodka and orange juice while checking his phone for messages. His breath test result was under .08%, and he was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol.

OGLE COUNTY

While on patrol in Lowden State Park, CPO Teas conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. After checking the driver's information, it was discovered that he was a registered child sex offender. He was also in possession of cannabis and paraphernalia. The man was arrested and transported to the Ogle County Jail for the sex offender violation, and he was issued civil citations for the cannabis.

A John Deere tractor got stuck in a huge hole while mowing waterways; and the tractor operator discovered a young, white-tailed deer at the bottom of the hole. A tow truck pulled the tractor's tire out of the hole, and CPO Beltran assisted in removing the young deer. The deer was unharmed.

While conducting boat patrol on the Rock River, CPOs Beltran and Teas conducted a stop on a boat. CPO Beltran arrested one subject for OUI.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko responded to an emergency call at the Steel Dam on the Rock River. A Moline man operated his ski boat into a restricted area (clearly marked by buoys and several large signs) above the Steel Dam, and the boat became disabled for unknown reasons. The man failed to have an adequate anchor onboard his boat to stop it in the flood waters above the dam. An unknown boater rendered aid to the disabled boat shortly before the CPO arrived, and the man and his son were saved from going over the low head dam. The boat was tied off to the north side, directly above the dam. The investigation determined the man had committed several boating violations, and he received two citations and a written warning. He also has a mandatory court appearance in Rock Island County Court. Despite all this, the man was adamant about getting a personal watercraft, intentionally entering the restricted area again, to attempt to tow his ski boat away. The man was advised he would be arrested for reckless operation of a watercraft if he or anyone else attempted to remove the boat prior to getting permission from the Northwest Zone Commander.

CPO Francisko and Sgt. Petreikis conducted a boat patrol/fireworks detail on Pool 16 of the Mississippi River. As the fireworks show was nearing the end, a small, ten-foot jon boat with no navigation lights was observed operating near the center of the Centennial Bridge. The boat operator was not wearing a PFD. The River was in flood stage, and the current was extremely fast. The jon boat operator was holding a cell phone in one hand taking video of the fireworks while operating the tiller handle motor with his other hand. A boat safety inspection was conducted. The boat operator was found to be extremely intoxicated (BAC of .173%), and he was arrested for OUI. The man was made to put on a PFD and board the patrol boat as the fireworks ended. The man was issued an additional citation for the navigation light violation, and a written warning was issued for not having a sounding device aboard his boat. He also has an upcoming mandatory court appearance in Rock Island County Court.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran investigated a turtle poaching complaint. During the investigation, some unattended devices were found, and the suspect was warned. It was noted that some of the devices were tagged, and it is possible that the others had been damaged by another person.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo, along with CPOs Posateri and Jones, conducted multiple boat patrols. These patrols were conducted on pools 13 and 14 of the Mississippi River and the Sinnissippi Pool of the Rock River. Several boating violations were addressed with citations and written warnings; and two OUI arrests were made.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak conducted multiple boat patrols and boat safety inspections. Multiple violation citations were issued for children under 13 not wearing a PFD, operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, PFD and fire extinguisher violations, expired registration, over loaded, and failure to display orange flag when pulling a tube or someone skiing.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPOs Finn and Wagner were launching a boat at the Hennepin Boat Launch when they observed another vehicle's brakes give way while that person was unloading their boat. The truck and the trailer went into the water, submerging both. CPO Finn retrieved tow straps, and CPO Wagner backed his squad down the ramp. The tow straps were hooked to the vehicle in the water, and the vehicle was quickly pulled out. There were no injuries or damage to property other than the flooded truck. No enforcement taken.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser observed two anglers in Rock Cut State Park and performed a compliance check for fishing licenses. One subject provided a valid fishing license, while the other stated he was only 15 years old. The subject was asked to provide his name and date of birth, which he did. A subsequent check of the information revealed the angler provided a fake date of birth; however, CPO Fraser was able to identify the subject. The subject was over 16 years of age and required to have a fishing license. The subject was cited for no fishing license and obstructing identification.

CPOs Fraser and Murry, assisted by Sgt. Wire, handled a single vehicle rollover crash in Rock Cut State Park. The juvenile driver stated she was going too fast while cresting a hill and curve and lost control of her vehicle. The driver was not seriously injured.

CPO Fraser observed a driver going more than double the posted speed limit in Rock Cut State Park. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was found to have a suspended license. He also had no insurance for the vehicle. The driver was arrested, and his vehicle was towed.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Lazzell conducted an enforcement detail at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area. Surveillance was conducted on the occupants of two vessels operating after sunset without navigation lights. Upon checking the vessels, the CPOs located drug paraphernalia and cannabis on the individuals. Citations were issued for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, fishing without a fishing license, and unlawful operation of watercraft after sunset without proper navigation lights. During the enforcement detail, the CPOs also issued written warnings for unlawful take of protected largemouth bass and a PFD violation.

CPO Thompson cited a man for operating a watercraft with multiple occupants without any life jackets onboard. Written warnings were issued for remaining PFD violations.

CPO Thompson conducted an inspection of a truck hauling timber, and two written warnings were issued for improper documentation.

CPO Thompson issued a PFD violation citation to a man on the Spoon River.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott patrolled the Mississippi River and conducted boat safety and registration checks on multiple vessels. One subject was cited for OUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis, failure to transfer certificate of numbers, and operating a motorboat without utilizing the engine cut off lanyard.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a Mapleton man at Lake Lancelot for OUI (BAC of .189%). Additional citations were issued to the operator for children under 13 years of age not wearing life jackets while underway.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted a detail on the Illinois River. He issued two citations for fishing without a fishing license, and a written warning was issued for a PFD violation.

CPO Gerard received a complaint from park staff at Mackinaw River State Fish and Wildlife Area regarding unlawful dumping of a couch and old carpet near the canoe access area. CPO Gerard found an envelope with a name and address in the seat cushion of the couch, and he contacted that person. After a brief interview, the subject was cited. The subject also agreed to remove the items.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt conducted boating enforcement on Pool 25 of the Mississippi River and on the Illinois River.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt conducted boating enforcement on the Illinois River.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley completed an investigation regarding illegal deer hunting and unlawful possession of two deer found on a Colusa man's property. After months of investigation and forensic testing, the man was charged with unlawful possession of a white-tailed deer, possession of a freshly killed species during a closed season, failure to report roadkill deer within 24 hours as required, and hunting without a habitat stamp.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt conducted boating enforcement on the Illinois River and patrolled Pere Marquette State Park.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage, and the driver showed indicators of drug and alcohol impairment. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. He later submitted to chemical tests, and his BAC was .113%. Other chemical tests were sent to the ISP crime lab.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff conducted a fishing compliance check of a subject who was fishing at Beaver Dam State Park. After asking the subject for his fishing license, the man stated he had a license but did not have it on him. CPO Gushleff went to his truck and checked the POS system. The subject had purchased a fishing license. Further investigation revealed that the man had an outstanding warrant for his arrest, and he was arrested. Before transporting the subject to the Macoupin County Jail, he was issued a written warning for not having the fishing license in his possession.

Sgt. Myers and CPOs Weishaupt and Goetten attended a Cops & Bobbers event.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt continues to work on a timber buyer and wrongful tree cutting investigation.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wichern cited a fisherman on the Illinois River for failing to mark his 16 unattended bank poles with his name and address.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPOs Macias and Wichern, along with Intern Roesch, conducted a boat patrol on Lake Taylorville during the fireworks display. Several boats were inspected during the patrol, and the following boating violations were cited: uncertified youth operator, unregistered watercraft, and fishing without a valid license. Warnings were given for no working fire extinguishers, riding outside the gunwales, and expired watercraft registration.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPOs Davis and Kelley followed up on complaints of aggressive operation of personal watercrafts on the Fox River. Multiple citations and warnings were issued to the boaters.

CPOs Davis and Kelley were notified of a boating incident near Carpentersville Dam. A boat motor failed, and the occupants were able to dock at an island. As they waited on land, the boat took on water. With no transportation to shore, they contacted Carpentersville Fire and Rescue. There was no damage to the boat, and it was removed within 48 hours.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley responded to a call regarding a swamped/capsized personal watercraft accident at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. The individuals on the swamped machine, while uninjured, had to be retrieved from Lake Michigan by a boater on another personal watercraft. CPO Kelley helped the people pull the swamped personal watercraft up the beach and onto a trailer.

While patrolling the Chain O'Lakes, Sgt. Schreiber and CPO Knop encountered a boater who was operating under the influence of alcohol (.288%). The operator has been previously arrested for boat OUI, snowmobile OUI, and DUI.

While patrolling Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Knop pulled up to a parked vehicle to tell them the Park was closing. When the passenger rolled down his tinted window, CPO Knop observed that the passenger had extremely bloodshot, glassy eyes. All three occupants of the vehicle were searched. The following items were found: open alcohol, cannabis, and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Davis participated in the Island Lake Independence Day Parade and gave out candy and junior game warden stickers to the children.

CPO Davis and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject on Pistakee Lake for OUI. The subject submitted to a preliminary breath test which indicated a BAC of 0.133%.

CPO Semenik and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a Chicago man on Nippersink Lake for OUI (BAC of .082%).

CPO Semenik initiated a traffic stop on a camper with expired registration leaving Chain O'Lakes State Park. Citations were issued for several Illinois Vehicle Code violations and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Kelley and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis, less than 2.5 grams.

CPO VanWiltburg and Intern Wilcox had the Office of Law Enforcement Education Trailer on display at the Mundelein Farmers Market.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Vaughan participated in a youth event at Richmond Hunt Club. He gave presentations to approximately 100 children and their families. The topics covered included: duties of CPO, wildlife identification, and wildlife behaviors.

CPOs Kelley and Davis responded to a swamped/capsized boat at Crystal Lake. The occupants were trying to re-board their vessel after swimming, and their boat was swamped from the wake of a large boat. A marine patrol official helped tow the capsized boat to shore, and the occupants were uninjured.

CPO Semenik located two subjects smoking cannabis in a restricted area of Moraine Hills State Park. A civil law citation was issued for possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Anderson responded to a call regarding a suspected drug overdose fatality of a 33-year-old male at Kankakee River State Park.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a complaint of three individuals who were fishing in a private quarry lake without the permission of the owner. It was determined that these individuals did not know who owned the property, and two of the individuals did not have a valid fishing license. Citations were issued for fishing on private property without permission.

CPO Reid observed a vehicle traveling 94 mph in a 65-mph zone and recklessly weaving through traffic on Interstate 55. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a court summons for aggravated speeding.

CPO Reid responded to a disturbance call, along with Will County Sheriff Deputies, at the Shepley Road Bridge over the DuPage River. Intoxicated individuals who had been kayaking and tubing were standing in the roadway and arguing with motorists. Several citations were issued to some of the individuals for discarding their beer cans in the waterway. Others were given garbage bags and allowed to clean up the shoreline in exchange for citations.

CPO Reid stopped a vehicle at the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area for travelling 50 mph in a posted 25-mph zone. After noticing indicators of impairment, the driver was asked to perform field sobriety testing. The driver was subsequently placed under arrest for DUI (BAC of 0.171%) and cited for speeding.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Ausmus conducted boat safety and registration act enforcement at Diversey Harbor on Lake Michigan, and ten vessels were checked. One citation was issued for expired registration on a personal watercraft, and five written warnings were issued for equipment violations.

CPOs Ausmus and Sanford conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan. CPO Ausmus issued a citation to a boat operator for not enough PFDs, and written warnings were issued for passenger location and no visual distress signals while operating on the big water.

While conducting boat enforcement at the launch on the Cal-Sag Channel, CPO Ausmus observed a watercraft operating at greater than wake speed within 150 feet of a public launch. The operator was stopped, and CPO Ausmus noticed an odor of alcohol. The operator also had bloodshot, glassy eyes. Field sobriety testing was administered, and it showed the operator was impaired. The operator was arrested for OUI.

CPO Ausmus conducted boat enforcement at Diversey Harbor and observed a subject not wearing a PFD while operating a personal watercraft. The subject was stopped, and a boat safety inspection was conducted. The operator was issued a citation for no PFD while operating a personal watercraft. In a separate incident while conducting boat enforcement at Diversey Harbor, CPO Ausmus issued multiple written warnings for no fire extinguishers, no visual distress signals, and improper display of watercraft registration.

CPOs Ausmus and Snodgrass patrolled the Chicago River and Lake Michigan, and several boat safety inspections were performed. One operator was issued a citation for a wake zone violation, and a written warning was issued for unlawful passenger location. A second operator was cited for a child PFD violation after three children under age 13 were observed not wearing life jackets while underway. The operator was also issued written warnings for no signaling device where required and no fire extinguisher.

While on patrol on Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi received a call on the marine radio about a boat striking two other vessels and leaving the area. A joint boarding with US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor was conducted, and the operator was issued two citations for failure to stop and render aid after an accident.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a vessel with children onboard who were not wearing life jackets. A safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was cited for not having child life jackets onboard the vessel. The vessel was ordered back to its dock.

While on patrol inside Burnham Harbor, CPO Mooi observed a vessel with children onboard who were not wearing life jackets. A safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was issued a citation for the children not wearing life jackets as required. The operator was also issued a written warning for a fire extinguisher violation, and the vessel was ordered back to its dock.

CPO Mooi observed a minivan drive into and over the curb on Lake Shore Drive, almost striking several pedestrians. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was asked to complete field sobriety testing. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .349%) and was transported to the hospital for observation.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan and the Chicago River when he was asked by US Coast Guard Station Calumet Harbor boarding officers to assist in a vessel stop. A safety inspection was conducted, and the operator appeared to be impaired. Field sobriety testing was conducted, and the operator was determined to be operating under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .208%). The operator was arrested.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a boat underway with a passenger standing on the swim platform. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was issued a written warning for passenger location and failure to have the safety cut-off lanyard attached.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a boat underway with a passenger sitting on the gunwale. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the operator was issued a warning for passenger location and failure to have a visual distress signal. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a small, inflatable lifeboat which appeared to be overloaded. A safety inspection was conducted, and a citation was issued for overloading. Written warnings were also issued for life jacket and visual distress signal violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling in the playpen area of Lake Michigan when he observed a boat without registration. A stop was conducted, and the operator was found to not have any visual distress signal as required. A written warning was issued for the violation. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a wave runner with a female passenger who was not wearing a life jacket as required. After a registration and safety inspection, the operator of the wave runner was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and careless operation of a watercraft. The operator refused to provide a breath sample.

While on patrol on Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi observed a vessel without registration. A safety inspection was conducted, and a citation was issued for operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Ausmus conducted a sport fishing compliance check on a family. Two adult males did not have a fishing license, and they were issued written warnings. In a separate incident at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Ausmus observed a subject fishing and drinking a beer. A fishing compliance check was conducted. The Marine Corps veteran admitted he did not know alcohol was illegal in the area, and he was issued a written warning. During the conversation, CPO Ausmus discovered the angler had a service connected disability, and he was advised about the exemption to hunting and fishing licenses for Illinois veterans with service connected disabilities.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement in the Chicago harbors, and he checked several anglers. One angler was found to be without a fishing license. The angler was educated and issued a written warning.

While on patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Snodgrass observed two boats operating with young children aboard, and the children were not wearing life jackets. Both boats were stopped, and it was determined the children were under 13 years of age and are required wear life jackets at all times when the boat is underway. Both operators were issued citations for the violations.

CPOs Snodgrass and Stanbary, along with Sgt. Whitchurch, were on patrol on the Chicago River when they observed a subject operating a boat that was creating a wake. The Chicago River system is posted as a no wake zone. CPO Snodgrass attempted to make a boat stop on the subject, but the subject continued up the River and failed to yield. The CPOs observed the boat operator switch spots with another passenger aboard the boat, and the new operator stopped the boat. They spoke with the first operator, and it was determined he may be under the influence of alcohol. CPO Snodgrass conducted field sobriety testing on the operator and found him to be under the influence. The subject was arrested and cited for OUI and the wake violation.

While on patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Snodgrass observed a boat with three young children aboard. The children appeared to be under the age of 13, and they were not wearing PFDs. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and it was determined that all three children were under 13. The operator was issued one citation for the three violations.

CPOs Stanbary and Thorley conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. One individual was issued a citation for operating a personal watercraft after sunset. Six vessel inspections were completed by CPO

Stanbary, and one boater was issued several written warnings after multiple equipment violations were found. In a separate incident, CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River. A total of nine vessel inspections were completed. Two citations were issued to boaters for no wake violations, and one citation was issued to a boater for having a child under 13 without a PFD on while underway. Six other written warnings were issued for equipment violations.

CPOs Stanbary and Snodgrass conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River, and a total of eight vessel inspections were completed. Two citations were issued to boaters who had children under the age of 13 without life jackets while underway. Two written warnings were issued to boaters with expired registration. One boater was issued a written warning for improper lighting. The boater had strings of Christmas lights on that were interfering with his navigation lighting.

CPOs Stanbary and Snodgrass, along with Sgt. Whitchurch, conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River. During the patrol, CPO Snodgrass stopped a boat for a no wake violation. The operator showed signs of impairment, and field sobriety testing was administered. The man was arrested for OUI, and he was also cited for the wake violation.

CPO Stanbary issued two civil cannabis citations to the occupants of a boat when drugs and paraphernalia were discovered in plain view during a boat inspection. One of the offenders was issued a written warning for no sport fishing license.

While on patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Stanbary conducted eight vessel inspections. A boater was issued a written warning after CPO Stanbary observed passengers riding on the swim deck of a watercraft while it was underway. A bank fisherman was issued a written warning for no sport fishing license, and two warnings were issued to an individual on an inflatable craft for no registration and no fire extinguisher onboard.

CPO Stanbary conducted boating enforcement at the Alsip Boat Ramp. Numerous vessel inspections were completed, and four written warnings were issued to separate boaters for equipment and registration violations.

CPO Stanbary is investigating a hit and run boat accident that occurred in Burnham Harbor. A boat owner returned from vacation to find that his boat had been damaged while parked in his slip. The boat's swim platform, ladder, and gel coat were damaged. Red paint transfer was found on the victim's boat.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was passing numerous vehicles in a lane designated for bicycles. The driver was issued a citation for the violation. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing along the bank, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. The individual was fishing without a valid sport fishing license and was issued a citation for the violation.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing along the bank of Lake Michigan. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual did not have valid sport fishing license. A citation was issued for the violation.

CPOs Sanford and Ausmus conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan. They conducted a boat registration and safety inspection on a small, motorized boat tender. It was determined there were not enough PFDs onboard, no sounding device, no fire extinguisher, and the vessel's visual distress signals were expired. The operator was issued a citation for the PFD violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations. In a separate incident, CPOs Sanford and Ausmus observed a vessel operating with unlawful passenger location. A safety inspection was conducted, and it was discovered the vessel did not have enough PFDs onboard. The visual distress signals were also expired. The operator was issued a citation for the PFD violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations.

While conducting a boat patrol, CPO Sanford conducted a safety inspection on a vessel that was creating a wake in a no wake zone. The vessel was registered but was not displaying any registration numbers or sticker. The operator was issued a citation for operation of unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement of inland lakes, and a written warning was issued for no fishing license in possession. He also assisted the US Coast Guard with five individuals on personal watercrafts operating in a careless manner, and he issued written warnings to each of the operators. In a separate incident, he investigated an oil sheen at Burnham Harbor. CPO Thornley also checked six kayaks at Sag Slough, and no violations were found.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. Six vessel inspections were completed by CPO Thornley. A boater was operating his watercraft on the Chicago River with a child under 13 not in a life jacket as required, and he was issued a citation for the violation. Another boater was issued a written warning after multiple equipment violations were found during a boat safety inspection.

CPO Thornley conducted commercial aquatic life inspections at several businesses.

While on patrol at Montrose Harbor, CPO Thornley conducted a fishing compliance check. The individual did not possess a fishing license and was issued a citation for no fishing license.

CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle driving on the shoulder at I55 and Lake Shore Drive. A check of the driver's information showed a suspended driver's license. Citations were issued for improper driving on the shoulder and driving while suspended. The driver will appear in court at later date.

CPO Thornley conducted a boat safety check on an inflatable kayak. The operator was unable to provide a life jacket and was issued a citation for no PFD when required.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

While conducting boat safety inspections at Clinton Lake, CPO Viverito observed a pontoon boat violating the no wake zone near the boat ramp. A stop was conducted which led to the arrest of a Clinton resident for OUI.

CPO Viverito was on patrol with his K-9 partner, Hank, when he heard a Clinton Police Officer call for a K-9. They responded to the scene, and Hank performed a free air sniff of the vehicle which led to an arrest for possession of a controlled substance.

While conducting a recreational boat patrol on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden cited a male watercraft operator for OUI (BAC of .168%). He was also cited for operation of a motorboat with insufficient wearable life vests.

CPO Reeves arrested a male subject for OUI on Clinton Lake. The subject was released on a notice to appear and has a court date in August.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Cottrell investigated a fish kill at Lake Iroquois. The fish kill appears to have been caused by natural causes and high temperatures.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright is investigating a report of a wild alligator that was brought into Illinois from Louisiana.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden continues to conduct background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited two Vermilion County residents that were kayaking on the Vermilion River for not wearing life jackets as required.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a Clark County resident a citation for an insufficient number of PFDs.

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation for a Clark County resident.

COLES COUNTY

While on patrol at Oakland Lake, CPO Wellum issued an Edgar County resident a citation for fishing with no sport fishing license.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Reeves utilized sector scan sonar to locate and recover a victim from a fatal boat accident on Kaskaskia River. The victim was initially located with the sector scan sonar; however, river conditions and a large log jam delayed the recovery of the man for several days.

While on patrol at Lake Shelbyville, CPOs Greuel and Wellum cited an Effingham man for OUI (BAC of .112%).

CPO Greuel was on patrol at Lake Shelbyville and cited a Bondville man for OUI (BAC of .145%).

CPO Wellum issued a Shelby County resident a citation for not having a fire extinguisher on a watercraft when required while boating on Lake Shelbyville.

CPO Wellum arrested a Champaign County resident at Wolf Creek State Park for DUI.

CPO Wellum arrested an Urbana resident for OUI. The subject was also issued citations for a no wake violation and minor consumption.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a call about two men snagging below the Carlyle Lake Dam. Two men were found snagging, and a female was found to be fishing without a valid fishing license. Citations were issued.

While on patrol at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area, CPO Tapley observed a vehicle traveling 53 mph in a 35-mph zone. The vehicle went past a group of young children who were walking on the roadway, and the driver did not slow down. A traffic stop was conducted, and an open beer was found in the center console area. The driver was issued one citation and one written warning.

CPOs Tapley and Sievers responded to a report of an intoxicated subject in the tent camping area at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. The subject was a visitor and was escorted out of the campground by the CPOs.

While working a boat patrol on Carlyle Lake with Sgt. Manker and CPO Liebl, CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted a safety inspection on a jon boat. He noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the boat operator, and field sobriety tests were conducted. The subject failed the tests and was arrested for OUI.

CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted sport fishing enforcement at Dam West Spillway. He checked a fisherman, and the subject did not have his fishing license on him. Further investigation revealed the subject was wanted on a warrant out of Madison County for larceny. The subject was arrested and taken to the Clinton County Jail.

CPO Liebl worked a boat patrol at Carlyle Lake. Violations addressed included failure to use lanyard cut off switch, operation of watercraft with over powered motor, no Type IV PFD device, batteries not covered, and improper lighting after sunset.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl received a disposition regarding an illegal dumping case involving a Missouri man. The man was found guilty and was given 12 months supervision. He was also fined \$750.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner received the disposition regarding a case involving a subject shooting at two fishermen. The subject was found guilty of a Class 3 felony for possession of a firearm without a valid FOID card and was given two years of probation. The subject was also fined \$1000 and forfeited the firearms involved.

CPO Sievers assisted the Illinois State Police with traffic control on Illinois Route 154 because of a tractor trailer accident.

CPO Sievers responded to the Kaskaskia River for an injured eagle complaint. The eagle was not located, but a person in a nearby cabin stated that they had been watching a pair of eagles teaching their young to fly and catch fish.

CPO Sievers assisted Randolph County Sheriff's Deputies with a foot pursuit that started with a traffic stop on a stolen vehicle.

CPO Sievers responded to a 911 call that was dispatched by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. Two men were swimming at the Randolph County Recreational Area dam, and one of the men went over and into the concrete overflow. The man fell over ten feet to the concrete bottom. The Chester Fire Department recovered the subject from the overflow, and he was taken to the Chester Hospital. The two male swimmers were issued citations for unlawfully swimming.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner cited a subject for littering at Frank Holten State Recreation Area. The subject walked past two obvious trash cans before throwing his Styrofoam food container on the ground next to the lake. The subject claimed he did not see any trash cans.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake. The following enforcement action was taken: 14 written warnings for boat equipment violations, one citation for over capacity on watercraft, and one citation for passenger location. He also assisted with a boat accident.

CPO Lay investigated a disabled boat on Rend Lake. A 36-foot motor boat with dual inboard outdrive motors experienced a mechanical issue. After the air cleaner/carburetor arrester was removed, the wiring to the motor began to smolder and smoke. All the occupants in the boat got into the water as a precaution, and they were picked up by other boaters. The disabled boat was towed into the dock area, and there were no reported injuries. Damage to the motor area was estimated at over \$2,000. No fire suppression devices had to be used, as the fire was out when responding units arrived.

CPO Lay cited a boat operator on Rend Lake for not having enough life jackets on his boat. In a separate incident, CPO Lay cited a jet ski operator on Rend Lake who was towing a person on a tube without having a competent observer. The operator of the jet ski did not have a sounding device or a fire extinguisher.

While conducting a compliance boat safety check on Rend Lake, CPOs Lay and Diggins requested to see the life jackets. When the seat to the storage area was lifted, they found a 3-foot long black snake in with the life jackets. An attempt was made to remove the snake from the boat; however, the snake managed to slither into the enclosed rear area of the boat. No violations were found on the boat.

CPOs Haggerty and Folden responded to a report of two watercrafts involved in an accident. The anchored vessel was partially submerged. After arriving on scene, the operator of the striking vessel showed signs of impairment and was asked to submit to field sobriety tests. The operator of the striking vessel had a BAC of .160%. The subject was arrested for OUI and transported to the Franklin County Jail. No injuries were reported from either vessel. CPOs Lay and Diggins also assisted with this accident.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPOs Folden and Haggerty patrolled the Ohio River by boat from Cave in Rock to Golconda. Several boats were inspected, and only minor infractions were found resulting in the issuance of written warnings.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued one citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. He also issued two written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code speeding violations.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Somers assisted the White County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police and U.S. Marshals Service in the search and capture of an escaped inmate from the White County Jail.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor checked a watercraft on the Wabash River. There were four occupants and only three life jackets. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation and given a life jacket to be returned to the CPO when they got back to the boat ramp. In a separate incident, CPO Taylor conducted a boat safety inspection and noticed the operator showed signs of being under the influence of alcohol. Field sobriety tests were administered, and subject was arrested for OUI (BAC of .200%).

CPO Taylor received a phone call from a Lawrence County Deputy regarding possible ginseng found at a residence they were searching. The Deputy sent a picture to confirm it was ginseng, and the Deputy was instructed to seize the bag of ginseng. CPO Taylor contacted the subject, and the subject stated he dug the ginseng the year before and did not have a ginseng license. The dry ginseng weighed approximately one pound. Citations were issued for possession of ginseng out of season and digging ginseng without a license.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

While on patrol at Pyramid State Recreation Area, CPO Lewis observed a subject holding a large tub and wading in Red Head Lake at the boat launch. When the subject saw CPO Lewis, he sunk the bucket to hide it. The subject was asked to retrieve the tub, and the tub contained 154 mussels that were less than two and one-half inches in size. The subject was cited with unlawful take of undersized mussels and the removal of animals from their natural habitat on IDNR lands. He was also issued written warnings for collecting the mussels on IDNR lands without the consent of the agency and unlawfully wading into an area not designated for swimming. The surviving mussels were returned to the water.

CPO Lewis responded to a fishing without permission complaint, and he located two fishermen on the complainant's property. The property is well marked with no trespassing signs, and every tree bordering the property is painted purple. Both fishermen received a citation for fishing without permission.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and two other responding officers were called to a rural residence for a report of an armed subject inside the house who was also under the influence of meth. This subject was extremely paranoid and thought people were trying to kill him. There were two hostages inside the house that feared for their lives. CPO Vasicek and the other responding officers hailed the subject while maintaining cover behind the patrol vehicles in front of the house. The subject eventually exited the house through the front door and was taken into custody without incident. A loaded handgun was located just inside the door.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPOs Johnson and Vasicek conducted boat patrols at Lake of Egypt. The Lake was extremely congested with boat traffic culminating in a firework display on the water. After the display, hundreds of boats were navigating through heavy boat traffic to ramps and houses on the Lake. The CPOs stopped a boat with insufficient navigation lighting. During the inspection, CPO Vasicek suspected the operator was highly impaired, and field sobriety tests were conducted. The operator was subsequently arrested for OUI (BAC of 1.82%).