



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 16 – 31, 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

While on boat patrol, CPOs Jones and Jansen issued two citations for PFD violations and four written warnings for equipment violations.

HENRY COUNTY

While on patrol at the Hennepin Canal, CPO Posateri approached a fisherman who said, “Well you caught me.” The Colona man did not have a valid fishing license, and a further check showed he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was placed in handcuffs and transported to the Henry County Jail.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a citation to a Galena man for fishing without a license at Depot Park on the Galena River.

CPO Jones issued a citation to a New York man for fishing without a nonresident fishing license at Apple River Canyon State Park.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with a licensed commercial fisherman because he failed to turn in his annual harvest report as required by law. The New Windsor man was issued a citation for the violation.

OGLE COUNTY

While conducting ramp checks along the Rock River, CPO Teas observed a boat with no registration approach the dock. He conducted a safety inspection on the boat, and the operator showed signs of impairment. Field sobriety tests were administered, and the operator was arrested for OUI (BAC of 0.094%).

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri met with a licensed commercial fisherman because he failed to turn in his annual harvest report as required by law. The Moline man was issued a citation for the violation.

CPOs Palumbo, Posateri, and Teas, have been assisting in the search and recovery of a missing two-year-old boy that fell into the Mississippi River from a dock in downtown Rock Island. Side-scan sonar searches, as well as surface searches, are being conducted.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a subject for not having a valid game breeder license. The subject raises deer and sold three does to a meat locker in LaSalle County. The violation was discovered during a commercial inspection conducted by District 6 CPOs.

While on patrol, CPO Teas observed a boat without registration approach the dock on the Hennepin Canal. A safety inspection was conducted, and it was discovered that the operator did not have the registration or any of the required safety equipment in the boat. Two citations and several warnings were issued, and the operator was given a boating digest.

**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

CPO Murry observed a vehicle on the side of the road with the brake lights on. He stopped to check on the driver, and the driver was asleep or passed out in the driver's seat with his foot on the brake. He attempted to wake the driver multiple times before the driver woke up. After an investigation, the driver was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

While on patrol at Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, CPO Murry heard a call from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department regarding a hit and run accident a short distance north of his location. CPO Murry responded to the area; and a short time later, located the vehicle. The driver was approaching his location and was observed driving off the roadway. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was found to be extremely intoxicated. The subject was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman used a sonar boat and an airboat on the Fox River to search for a missing, suicidal individual. The individual was not located.

CPO Jansen cited two individuals at LaSalle Lake for parking in the handicap parking area without a valid handicap placard.

CPO Jansen observed a boat with two children under the age of 13 not wearing PFDs and riding on the aft of the boat in an area not designed for passengers. The boat's operator was issued a citation and two written warnings.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Murry was advised of a post on Facebook about an alligator for sale in Rockford. He investigated the post and located an address and suspect. With assistance from Rockford Police, a search warrant was served on the address. The suspect had gotten rid of the alligator a short time before the execution of the search warrant.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted sport fishing compliance checks at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area's Duck Island Complex. A male subject was found to be fishing while privileges revoked, and he was issued a citation. Two written warnings were also issued for boat safety violations.

CPO Thompson issued two written warnings for an unnumbered watercraft and no fishing license to two male subjects fishing on Lake Wee-Ma-Tuk.

CPO Thompson issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license and a written warning for a boating violation at the Banner Boat Ramp on the Illinois River.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Lazzell investigated a personal injury boating accident that occurred on the Illinois River. The operator and passenger of a personal watercraft were ejected after jumping a boat wake. The passenger sustained injuries which required transport to the hospital. The personal watercraft operator was cited for careless operation of a watercraft and was issued a warning for failure to report a personal injury boating accident as required.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Wheatley investigated a case regarding the poisoning of animals. A man was utilizing fly bait and beer to kill raccoons that were causing problems for a homeowner. Despite the method serving its purpose, it was an illegal means of eradicating the species. The man was advised of this, and he was given different avenues to explore if the problem happens again. The man was also given a citation for poisoning the raccoons.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff and Weishaupt conducted several commercial fishing details on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers, and sonar was used to locate commercial devices. Several commercial fishermen were inspected, as well as inspections of recreational boats. The three details produced one citation and eight written warnings.

While on patrol of the Mississippi River, CPOs Liebl and Tapley encountered six people onboard a boat who were waving to get their attention. The two adults and four children were boating on the River when they struck a wing dam, disabling their boat. The boat and passengers were towed back to the nearest launch. CPO Liebl completed a boat accident report since the entire lower unit on the boat was destroyed and will need to be replaced. The man had driven in the same area the week before; but the River had dropped several feet, which made it impossible to travel over the wing dam. None of the passengers were injured in the accident.

CPO Weishaupt checked fishermen who were fishing in flooded areas. He also conducted commercial fishing enforcement along the Illinois River, resulting in six written warnings.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Gushleff investigated an incident in which a deceased subject was found in a vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. The subject had been reported missing by his spouse the day before. The cause of death and toxicology results are pending.

CPO Gushleff responded to a boat explosion at the Grafton Marina. The cabin cruiser was entering the marina mouth when the boat exploded. Both subjects ended up in the water, and a marina employee on a set ski pulled them onto

the dock. Both subjects had serious injuries and were airlifted to a St. Louis hospital. CPOs Lentz and Liebl are assisting with the investigation.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage. The driver showed indicators of drug and alcohol impairment, and he failed field sobriety tests. The subject was arrested, and he later submitted to chemical testing. His BAC was .113%. Other chemical tests were sent to the Illinois State Police crime lab.

CPO Weishaupt assisted the Jersey County Sheriff's Department with a rollover crash on Illinois Route 100 by Stump Lake. He stopped a vehicle that drove around the emergency vehicles that were blocking the south bound lanes. A Scots Law traffic citation was issued to the driver. In a separate incident, CPO Weishaupt assisted the Jersey County Sheriff's Department locate a traffic accident. He then followed a blood trail to a residence about a half mile away from the scene of the crash. The driver suffered a head injury in the crash.

CPOs Weishaupt and Gushleff conducted commercial fishing enforcement on Illinois River and Otter Creek.

CPO Weishaupt conducted sport fishing enforcement on department lands.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff was contacted by site staff at Beaver Dam State Park regarding a group of campers that left a large amount of litter at a campsite. Photographs were taken before site staff cleaned the area. He interviewed the registered camper, and she was cited accordingly.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Fraser transferred to Christian County and is in the process of learning the new area. During patrols, he handled two calls regarding wildlife in a residence, issued one nuisance wildlife removal permit, issued warnings for fishing violations, and assisted with locating a wanted subject who fled on foot from a traffic stop.

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

While on patrol at Sangchris Lake State Park, CPO Macias and Intern Roesch noticed ten people at the lower end of the Sangchris dam fishing and casting nets. A few of the individuals were throwing rocks toward the fish to move them closer to the net. Several women were cleaning fish on the bank, and a few others were placing fish inside a cooler. When contact was made, it was discovered that not one person had a valid fishing license and most only spoke Vietnamese. The youngest person served as a translator; and through hand motions and drawings, CPO Macias conveyed the violations that were taking place. A total of four citations were issued, and several warnings were given.

CPO Macias was on a boat patrol on Lake Springfield when he noticed a personal watercraft without any numbers but had a current Illinois registration sticker. A stop was conducted, and when asked why the watercraft had no numbers, the operator said he has never had any since he did not need any. The operator provided his current registration form. The CPO asked the boater to meet him at the ramp. Further questioning revealed the personal watercraft had not had hull numbers for the last five years. A safety inspection was conducted which revealed there was no fire extinguisher onboard. A citation and warning were issued, and the operator promptly crumpled the paper and threw it into the water. The subject was advised to retrieve the paper from the water or he would receive another citation for pollution. The subject retrieved the paperwork.

CPO Macias received a phone call from a man who was sent a new registration on a boat he had sold three years ago. The caller was confused because he was not the one who registered the boat. When the boat's Illinois registration number was checked, it came back as still registered to him. CPO Macias called the IDNR watercraft division and discovered someone else had walked in and paid for the registration. Further investigation revealed the boat has had two different owners in three years, and the current owner had used it in many fishing tournaments. The CPO called the prior owners, and citations were issued for failure to register the boat within the allowed timeframe. The current owner was assisted in registering the boat in his name.

The Conservation Police waterfowl enforcement committee met at the IDNR headquarters. Enforcement strategies for the upcoming 2018-2019 waterfowl season were discussed. Waterfowl enforcement educational efforts for the upcoming CPO recruit classes were also discussed.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wichern received a disposition regarding a case from 2017 involving a nonresident deer hunter. The subject pled guilty to hunting deer by the aid of bait and using a Greene County firearm deer permit in Scott County. The hunter was fined \$1,047 and given twelve months of court supervision.

CPOs Blakeley and Wichern investigated a complaint about numerous dead fish floating down the Illinois River between Meredosia and Naples. The CPOs located and seized a Rushville commercial fisherman's hoop net that contained dead aquatic life. After a short interview, it was determined the commercial fisherman had not checked the net within the legal 72-hour interval. He also failed to properly attach his complete name and address to the tail line of the hoop net. The net was returned to the commercial fisherman, and he was cited for failing to check his net every 72 hours. He was also given warnings for improperly marking his net with his name and address, operating a boat with expired Illinois registration, and improper display of boat registration numbers.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Knop issued citations related to a boating complaint. A boat was using its propeller to spray other boats and people, which led to a verbal/physical altercation and a man exposing himself.

While conducting a recreational boat patrol, CPO Knop encountered a boat violating the posted no wake zone. The boat did not have valid registration, life jackets, a sounding device, fire extinguisher, or Type IV throwable. Multiple citations and warnings were issued.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley and Sgt. Schreiber responded to a complaint of harassment of sandhill cranes at Chain O' Lakes State Park. Sgt. Schreiber located the young children involved and explained the importance of treating wildlife appropriately.

A case of careless operation investigated by CPOs Kelley and Vaughan was concluded with a plea agreement. The defendant was ordered to pay \$212 in court costs and complete a boating education course.

CPO VanWiltburg and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject on Grass Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of 0.17%), violation of posted no wake, failure to display registration, and a civil law violation for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams.

MCHENRY COUNTY

Sgt. Schreiber participated in a multi-agency public relations event in McHenry and conducted voluntary boat safety inspections. Free safety equipment was provided to those not meeting state requirements.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Bergland, Reid, and Honiotes assisted the Grundy County Sheriff's Department and local fire departments in the recovery of a drowning victim who went missing after swimming off a beach along the Illinois River.

CPO Honiotes responded to a report of an injured bald eagle. The juvenile bald eagle was captured and transported to a veterinary clinic for evaluation.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Anderson encountered a boater with a young child not wearing his PFD while boating on the Kankakee River. Citations and warnings were issued to the operator for the PFD violation and other boating safety violations.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

While purchasing equipment at the Joliet Mall for an upcoming event, CPO Honiotes witnessed a woman attempting to calm her overstimulated, autistic son. He was able to talk to the boy and calm him down. He also arranged for the family to leave through the store's loading area.

CPOs Honiotes, Bergland, and Reid took part in the Concerns of Police Survivors – Cycle Across Illinois event in honor of fallen Officer Jaimie Cox of the Rockford Police Department. Officer Cox previously worked for the IDNR as a CPO.

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

COOK COUNTY

While conducting boat enforcement, CPO Ausmus arrived at the Worth Boat launch along the Cal-Sag Channel. He observed a personal watercraft with two occupants, neither of which were wearing PFDs. The passenger got off the personal watercraft, and the operator idled out in front of the boat launch and proceeded to do doughnuts at greater than wake speed. When he asked the operator if he knew why he was being contacted, the operator stated it was because he was not wearing a PFD. A boat safety check was conducted, and the personal watercraft did not have a sounding device as required. The operator was cited for unlawful operation of a personal watercraft without a PFD as required. Written warnings were issued for the wake zone and equipment violations.

CPO Ausmus was traveling on I-55 in stop and go traffic when a sedan passed him and several other cars in an unsafe manner on the shoulder of the interstate. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle. The operator stated she was in a hurry to use the restroom, and she had been having car trouble. When asked why she did not exit a mile sooner, the driver could give no answer. The Texas resident was issued a citation for unlawful passing on the shoulder.

CPO Ausmus was conducting boat enforcement at the Alsip boat launch along the Cal-Sag Channel when he observed a boat operating at greater than no wake speed within 150 feet of the public launch. A boat safety inspection was conducted. The operator was a new boat owner, and this was his second time out on the water. The Hazel Crest man was issued several written warnings for equipment violations. CPO Ausmus assisted the man in getting the boat back on the trailer. The operator was provided with a watercraft safety brochure and educated on watercraft operation and the required safety equipment.

CPO Ausmus conducted a random commercial inspection of a licensed wholesale aquatic life dealer. The business was found to be following all state laws.

CPO Ausmus followed up with the vessel operator of the boat that caught fire on the Chicago River in May. The operator was issued a written warning for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft. The boat was extensively damaged and had to be towed from the scene.

CPO Ausmus was passing a Cook County lake when he observed one angler casting near the spillway with three fishing poles leaning against a railing. A fishing compliance check was conducted. The angler had a valid sport fishing license but claimed to be unaware of the two pole and line limit at Cook County forest preserves. The Cicero man was issued a written warning for too many sport fishing devices and given a fishing digest.

CPO Ausmus was conducting sport fishing enforcement when he contacted two anglers exiting the woods with buckets and fishing equipment. During the compliance check, it was noted the anglers had more bluegill than allowed in their possession and had a large quantity of snails. Snails are illegal to harvest in Cook County forest preserves. The Cook County Forest Preserves Police Department was contacted to assist in addressing the snail issue. The anglers were issued a citation for over-limit of bluegill, and two ordinance violations were issued for unlawfully harvesting snails.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPO Ausmus observed two people fishing on the bank. When the male fisherman noticed the CPO, he walked over to the edge of the woods with a fishing pole and placed it in the trees. The two anglers were asked for their fishing licenses. One angler produced a valid sport fishing license. The second angler stated he did not have a fishing license and that was why he walked over to the woods. The Chicago man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Ausmus and Mooi were on patrol on the Chicago River when they noticed a large pleasure boat with a passenger laying on the rear sundeck. The operator appeared to be having difficulty navigating the River, and the vessel was swerving into the middle. It also stopped under a bridge which caused a commercial water taxi to sound its horn at the vessel. The operator attempted to dock at a local restaurant, and the passenger began dancing on the swim platform while the boat was still underway. CPO Mooi boarded the vessel and conducted a safety inspection. The operator was

deemed to be impaired and was issued citations for OUI, careless operation, and unlawful passenger location. Several written warnings were issued for equipment violations.

CPO Ausmus checked a personal watercraft at Diversey Harbor. The operator was issued written warnings for no visual distress signal when required and no fire extinguisher.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed two boats being operated without visible registration. Safety checks were completed; and the following was found for each boat: PFD violations, no sounding device violations, battery violations, and registration violations. Both operators were educated, and enforcement action was taken against the operators. The boats were ordered off the water because of the high number of safety issues.

While on patrol at a state-owned site, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a group of individuals fishing, drinking alcohol where prohibited, drilling holes in trees on state property, and unlawfully urinating in public. He stopped and spoke to the entire group, and it was learned that the individuals were fishing without valid licenses. Multiple citations and written warnings were given to the group.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol at the southern end of Lake Michigan when he observed personal watercrafts being operated after sunset. Contact with the two operators of the personal watercrafts was made, and the operators were educated on the law. Enforcement action was taken for unlawful operation of a personal watercraft after sunset and before sunrise.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol on the south side of Chicago when he observed a subject driving a car in a very unsafe manner. The vehicle disobeyed two red lights by driving through them in congested traffic. The vehicle's speed was checked using radar, and the car was traveling at double the posted speed limit. He conducted a stop of the vehicle, and the driver offered no reason for the unsafe driving behavior. The subject was cited and bonded and will appear in court on a later date.

CPO Snodgrass was on patrol when he noticed three jet ski trailers at a Chicago boat ramp after sunset. When the three jet skis returned to the ramp, vessel safety inspections were conducted. The operators were issued written warnings for the violations.

CPO Snodgrass conducted sport fishing enforcement at Diversey Harbor on Lake Michigan. He found a subject to be in possession of two small mouth bass. Site specific rules allow an angler to possess one small mouth bass with a length limit greater than 21 inches. The subject was issued a citation and educated on bass fishing laws pertaining to Lake Michigan.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol at a state-owned lake when he observed a subject fishing, and he requested to see the subject's fishing license. The subject stated that he had a valid fishing license because he just purchased one recently, but he was not able to provide the license. A check of the POS database showed the subject had not had a fishing license for over a year. The subject was cited for the violation and was apologetic for not being honest.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary wrote citations to two nonresident fishermen who were found fishing in Wolf Lake with no valid nonresident fishing licenses. In a separate incident, a written warning was issued to a boater for having no Type IV throwable device and no sounding device aboard his vessel.

CPO Stanbary received a complaint from a resident in Berwyn that her neighbor was illegally trapping animals in his yard. The investigation found that the neighbor was using a recently purchased live trap and was trapping to remove nuisance animals without a nuisance permit issued by the IDNR. The man admitted to trapping two opossums and releasing them on forest preserve property. He was educated on how to properly obtain a permit and was issued two written warning for trapping violations.

CPO Stanbary conducted a joint boat patrol with CPO Mooi on the Chicago River. One written warning was issued to a boater for no Type IV throwable, no signal device, and an unnumbered watercraft. Five vessel inspections were conducted.

While traveling to William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop on a driver of a van for driving in an aggressive manner. After contacting dispatch about the stop, Illinois State Police communications advised the vehicle had been called in as a reckless driver. The operator was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

CPO Thornley conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area and checked several fishermen. Three 16-year-old subjects were fishing, and none of them possessed a fishing license. He explained to the teenagers that they needed licenses, and a written warning was issued to each for the violation. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle speeding inside William W. Powers State Recreation Area; and a written warning was issued for the speeding violation.

While on patrol at Wolf Lake, CPO Thornley checked an adult male who was fishing. It was determined the fisherman did not possess a fishing license, and a citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at various Cook County boat ramps. He checked several personal watercrafts at Calumet Park on the shore of Lake Michigan. Three personal watercrafts did not possess a visual distress signals as required to operate in Lake Michigan. He advised the operators about the safety equipment requirement, and a written warning was issued to each operator for the violation.

While traveling north on Lake Shore Drive, CPO Thornley spotted two individuals fishing at North Slip. As he approached the fishermen to complete a compliance check, he noticed one of the fishermen had cannabis in his hand. The fisherman was issued a citation for the civil cannabis violation.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement at Worth boat launch and completed eight vessel inspections. A written warning was issued to a boat operator for no fire extinguisher.

CPO Thornley patrolled William W. Powers State Recreation Area to conduct general enforcement. Several fishermen were checked at Wolf Lake, including a family of three fishermen. They did not possess valid Illinois fishing licenses. When questioned about not having a license, the individuals stated they believed they were in Indiana. They were advised Indiana was on the opposite side of the road and were issued written warnings for no fishing licenses. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley noticed two fishermen with cans of alcohol. The fishermen were advised that they could not possess alcohol in the park, and they were issued warnings for the violation. He also conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was speeding. The driver was advised of the speed limit and was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement on four vessels at Wolf Lake. One of the vessels checked had four individuals on the boat, but the boat only had a three-person capacity. The operator was issued a citation for overloading. The operator was also issued a warning for a safety equipment violation.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at various inland lakes and checked several fishermen. One of the fishermen checked handed him a 2016 license. When CPO Thornley requested a current fishing license, the subject stated he did not possess one. A citation was issued for no fishing license. In a separate incident, two fishermen did not have their fishing licenses with them. A check of the POS system showed they did have valid licenses, and written warnings were issued for not having the licenses with them as required.

CPO Thornley investigated a boat submerged in the water. The boat's owner was located, and it was determined that no one was on the vessel when it became submerged. The owner was advised that he needed to contact a tow

company to remove the boat from the water, and the owner advised he would remove it himself. CPO Thornley and the owner returned to the boat's location, and the owner removed the boat and its contents from the water.

CPOs Thornley and Snodgrass conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Chicago River, and six vessels were checked. CPO Snodgrass issued a written warning to an operator for an equipment violation.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Mooi observed a pickup truck roll through a stop sign. A traffic stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan at night when he observed a large motorboat enter Diversey Harbor without navigation lights. A stop was conducted; and after a safety inspection, a written warning was issued to the operator.

While on patrol, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle driving on the shoulder of I-290, near Mannheim Road, in heavy traffic. A stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle driving on the shoulder of I-290, near 25th Avenue, in heavy traffic. A stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River, near Wolf Point, when he observed a boat with a person standing on the swim platform while the boat was underway. A stop was conducted; and after a safety inspection, the operator was issued a written warning for the violation. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River, near the Chicago Lock, when he observed a vessel with no registration decal. A stop was conducted; and after a safety inspection, a written warning was issued for not displaying the decal.

While on patrol, CPO Mooi observed a truck drive onto the shoulder at a high rate of speed on I-290. The driver drove on and off the shoulder multiple times before he was able to catch up to the driver. A stop was conducted, and a citation was issued for driving on the shoulder.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a fisherman on the bank of the River. A compliance check was conducted, and the man was found to have no Illinois fishing license. A citation was issued for the violation. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi observed a vessel with a passenger on the sun deck. A stop was conducted; and after a safety inspection, a written warning was issued for the violation.

While patrolling state lands, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle come to a stop and park in a no-parking zone. CPO Sanford stopped and spoke with the driver. It was discovered that the vehicle was uninsured, and the driver had an expired driver's license. The driver was issued two citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and unlawfully parking where prohibited. The driver was also issued two written warnings for other violations to the Illinois Vehicle Code.

While conducting speed radar operations on state lands, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was discovered that the vehicle was uninsured. The driver was issued a citation for the insurance violation, and a written warning was issued for speeding. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling well above the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was discovered that the vehicle was uninsured. The driver was issued citations for the speed and insurance violations, and a written warning was issued for driver's license not on person.

While patrolling a lake, CPO Sanford observed a rowboat in operation. A safety inspection was conducted on the rowboat, and it was discovered that the vessel did not have enough wearable PFDs onboard. The owner/operator was issued a citation for the PFD violation. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford conducted a fishing compliance check and discovered neither individual had a valid sportfishing license. One individual was issued a citation for the license violation, while the other was issued a written warning.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford conducted a boat safety inspection on a watercraft operating along a Cook County waterway. It was discovered that the vessel did not have valid registration, and the vessel was missing required safety equipment. The operator was issued a citation for the registration violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations to the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

DUPAGE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Mooi observed a vehicle swerving on Route 59, and the vehicle almost struck the center median. A traffic stop was conducted, and he could immediately smell the distinct odor of burnt cannabis emanating from the vehicle. The driver was issued a civil citation for possession of marijuana under 10 grams.

CPO Mooi is investigating the theft of a trail camera from private property.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted fish enforcement patrols, and three written warnings were issued to Champaign County residents for no fishing license, fishing license not in possession, and failure to change address.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted boat safety inspections at Clinton Lake and issued one written warning to an area resident for a PFD violation.

CPO Graden completed an investigation involving a subject who purchased a watercraft in 2015 and failed to register it or pay required taxes on the transaction. After repeated attempts to gain voluntary compliance from the subject were ignored, he contacted the Illinois Department of Revenue (IDOR) for assistance. Through a joint effort with the IDOR, it was determined the delinquent taxes due for the value of the vessel constituted a Class 3 Felony. An arrest warrant for the subject was sought and served. The subject was charged with (1) failure to file a sale and use tax return, (2) failure to transfer watercraft certificate of number, and (3) failure to make application for watercraft identification number. The Class 3 Felony was dismissed by the court, and he pled guilty to lesser charges. The subject was assigned six months of court supervision and ordered to pay a total of \$2,026 in court costs, fines, fees, etc. Following the court action, this case was turned over to the IDOR for collection of delinquent taxes.

CPO Reeves responded to a property damage boat accident on Clinton Lake. The boat had been punctured by a partially submerged tree and partially sank. No one was injured.

CPO Reeves arrested a Maroa man at the Clinton Lake Spillway for an outstanding warrant out of Macon County. The subject was lodged at the DeWitt County Jail in lieu of bond.

CPO Viverito conducted two investigations stemming from campground complaints at Clinton Lake State Recreational Area. The violations varied from disorderly conduct to reckless driving, and three arrests have been made.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright was on patrol when he observed a subject trying to trailer his watercraft. When the operator exited the boat, he had trouble walking. Field sobriety tests were conducted, and the Decatur man was placed under arrest for OUI.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Viverito trained with the Illinois State Police Criminal Patrol Team. The training consisted of classroom sessions and a ride along with the Criminal Patrol Unit. The training mainly focused on nervous responses from adrenalin dumps and how to conduct mini interviews during stops.

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a semi-truck driver a citation for destruction of state property (stop sign) and a written warning for operation of motor vehicle off a designated roadway at Fox Ridge State Park.

CPO Mieure issued a citation and a written warning to a Mattoon woman for speeding and no proof of insurance.

CPO Mieure issued a Lerna woman a written warning for speeding on Illinois Route 130.

CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man a written warning for an expired decal on his watercraft on Lake Charleston.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Taylor was called out a midnight to operate the District's airboat to search for three subjects that had not returned from a float trip on the Embarras River near Greenup. The two men and one woman were found around 2:30 a.m. They were exhausted but not injured.

CPO Mieure issued a Neoga man a citation for not having an observer onboard his boat while pulling a tuber on Lake Mattoon. In addition, the man was issued written warnings for failure to transfer certificate of number and uncovered battery terminals.

CPO Mieure issued a Tuscola man a written warning for not displaying an orange flag while pulling a tuber on Lake Mattoon.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Martinsville man and a Paris man written warnings for watercraft violations at Twin Lakes.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

While on patrol on Route 16, Sgt. McReynolds had an oncoming pickup truck crossover into his lane and run him off the highway. A vehicle stop was conducted, and the driver blamed his driving on spilling a soda. The Shelbyville man was cited for improper lane usage.

While conducting fish enforcement on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Greuel cited a Tuscola man for violation of a no wake area.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with traffic control at a rollover traffic accident south of Shelbyville.

CPO Mieure conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle travelling westbound on Illinois Route 16. The Ramsey man was issued two written warnings for speeding and no valid proof of insurance.

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

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl arrested a Missouri man for fishing without a valid fishing license. Initially the man said he had bought a license but did not have it with him. A check showed the man had not purchased a license since 2014 because his privileges were revoked for child support.

CPO Goetten conducted a fishing compliance check on a fisherman at Horseshoe Lake State Park. It was discovered that the subject provided him with a fishing license that belonged to another person. The fisherman could not obtain a fishing license due to failure to pay child support. He was cited for obstructing a CPO and fishing without a license.

CPOs Sievers and Rolfingsmeier assisted with the Presidential security detail by guarding the I-270 bridge over the Mississippi River.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Doza Creek Waterfowl Management Area. Four male subjects were using a drone to produce a rap music video.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner cited a male subject for fishing without a fishing license, and the man's wife was issued a written warning for no valid fishing license. Twenty-four days later, he caught the same subject fishing on state property; and he still did not have a fishing license. The rod, reel, and rod holder were seized as evidence; and forfeiture to the State of Illinois will be requested. In addition, the subject received two additional citations for driving an uninsured vehicle with a suspended driver's license. He also received a written warning for incorrect registration.

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 Folden arrested a man at Rend Lake for unlawfully operating his watercraft while under the influence (BAC of .169%). The operator showed many signs of impairment and failed field sobriety testing.

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake. Six written warnings were issued for boat equipment violations.

CPO Lay issued a fishing without a license citation to two Franklin County residents at Rend Lake.

CPO Lay investigated the illegal use of "jugs" to fish at the Old West Frankfort Lake (this lake is a two pole and line only body of water). The Franklin County resident had placed his name and phone number on the jugs; however, the subject did not have a fishing license. The fisherman was cited for not having a license, and he was issued a written warning for placing the jugs on the Lake.

CPOs Folden and Williams observed a UTV driving out of Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area, and CPO Williams attempted a traffic stop on the UTV. The UTV fled by running a stop sign and onto the State Route. CPO Williams was able to use the description of the UTV and driver to locate the subject and UTV at their residence two days later. The subject confessed to fleeing from the traffic stop and was arrested for fleeing to elude police, disobeying a stop sign, and operating UTV on the roadway.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins completed one timber truck inspection. No violations were found.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan met with a landowner who had trespass issues during spring turkey season. Several subjects walking out to hunt were observed on the landowner's trail cameras. One of the hunters ended up in the owner's barn, and a trail camera and car parts were stolen from the property. The trespassers were identified from the photos, and charges are pending in Jefferson County Court.

CPO Williams investigated a boat accident which occurred in the Jefferson County portion of Rend Lake. The occupants of a pontoon boat, unfamiliar with the many unmarked underwater hazards in the north portion of the Lake, went north to avoid storms covering the south portion of the Lake. One of the pontoons on the boat was punctured by a stump, and the boat became stuck. The US Army Corps of Engineers staff were unable to free the boat, and the occupants were transported safely to shore. A TowBoatUS crew recovered the boat the next day.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted a timber truck inspection and issued one written warning for a violation.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith observed a vehicle sitting on Old Route 50, next to the Little Wabash River Bridge. Two people were fishing, and a compliance check was completed. One person was under 16, and the other was 19. The 19-year-old did not have a valid sport fish license, and a citation was issued for fishing without a license.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor responded to the Wabash River, near Hutsonville, for a report of a body floating in the River. Crawford County Fire and Rescue and Indiana Conservation Police also responded. The subject was found and was believed to be involved in a vehicle accident that occurred near the River in Indiana. Indiana DNR is handling the investigation.

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

CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt were patrolling the Newton Lake area when they observed a fishing boat approach the west launch using its large motor that exceeded 25cc. CPO Smith issued the boat operator a citation for using the large motor.

CPO Smith observed an adult man and woman, with several young children near them, fishing from the bank at Newton Lake. After observing their activity for a considerable amount of time, CPO Smith approached them and asked to see their fishing licenses. The woman handed CPO Smith her license; but the male did not have one. The male said he was helping the children fish. CPO Smith did not observe him assisting any of the children with fishing. The man was cited for no fishing license. The woman had a largemouth bass on a stringer which did not meet the length limits for Newton Lake, and she was issued a written warning. The fish was released back into the Lake.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith patrolled Forbes Lake and issued several written warnings for boat equipment violations. Warnings were issued for two fire extinguisher violations, one for PFD violation, one no wake violation, one orange flag violation, and one unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Smith issued a boat operator a citation for insufficient number of life jackets.

CPO Smith issued a fisherman a citation for fishing without a license at Raccoon Lake. The fisherman also had a valid warrant for his arrest out of Marion County. CPOs Smith and Buhnerkempe arrested the subject and transported him to the Marion County Jail.

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

CPO Johnson received information about a subject illegally harvesting ginseng. He went to the subject's house and was able to seize 120 ginseng roots. The subject was issued citations for no license, harvesting out of season, and unlawful possession of ginseng.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson received a call regarding three subjects with a gun on the Tunnel Hill Trail. He located one of the subjects, and the subject stated he was recently out of prison and spending time with his friends. The subject was barefoot and stated he had walked miles without shoes. He complained of extreme foot pain and was transported to the location of the other two subjects. CPO Johnson discovered the gun was an air rifle. One of the subjects was cited for the display of a gun on the trail.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPOs Vasicek and Lay, along with Perry County Sheriff's deputies, participated in the search and investigation of a missing person at Pyramid State Recreation Area. The subject's vehicle was found abandoned in a remote area of the site. The coordinated effort included investigations, watercraft usage, K-9 utilization, and ground searches. The investigation continues.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson issued a citation to a driver on I-57 for speeding (88 mph in a 70-mph zone).

CPO Johnson observed a boat pulling into a dock at the Lake of Egypt. A boating safety inspection showed the subject was missing all the safety equipment required to operate a motorboat. He was issued a citation for no life jacket, along with multiple written warnings.

CPO Johnson received a complaint of a subject shooting a deer from a truck. The subject was located two days later, and an interview was conducted. The subject stated he hit a small deer with his truck and wanted to put it out of misery. He used his revolver from the truck to fire shots into the deer. He then exited the truck and attempted to dispatch the deer. He was cited for hunting from the roadway, and he was issued multiple written warnings for the deer violations.