



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 June 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

CPO Jones cited a Chicago man for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a posted prohibited area at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

While conducting recreational boat safety inspections, CPO Jones checked a Lanark man who was in possession of his limit of largemouth bass. The man had one bass that was not the legal length. CPO Jones took a photograph of the short bass and released it back into the Mississippi River. A citation was issued to the man.

HENRY COUNTY

While patrolling the Hennepin Canal by UTV, CPO Posateri observed a man fishing. As she approached the man, he laid down the fishing pole and said he was not fishing. She showed him the binoculars and asked him why he put his fishing pole down. The man said he did not have a fishing license. He was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

While conducting recreational boat safety inspections, CPO Jones checked a boat that had no wearable life jackets. The operator of the vessel was issued a citation for the violation.

While on boat patrol on the Mississippi River Pool 12, CPOs Jones and Posateri arrested a Dubuque man for operation under the influence of alcohol. The subject's boat was also having motor issues, so it was towed back to Midtown Marina.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Beltran arrested two subjects on the Mississippi River for operating under the influence of alcohol.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran charged a 49-year-old Oregon man with operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol after he failed a field sobriety test.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko stopped a pontoon boat on the Rock River after sunset due to a navigation light being out. The boat operator was found to be heavily intoxicated and was arrested for OUI. A citation was also issued for the navigation light violation.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Murry responded to a residence where a deer had birthed a fawn near a garage. When the resident opened the garage for the morning, the fawn entered the garage and laid down under some equipment. The fawn had become stuck to a sticky mouse trap that was under a lawn mower. CPO Murry was able to cut the fawn's hair from the mouse trap and place the fawn outside where it had been born. The fawn ran around for a couple minutes, then ran off toward its mother who was in a nearby tree line. Residents are reminded that this is the time of year when fawns are born. It is very common to see a fawn without its mother around. Please leave the fawn alone or call a CPO if you know the mother has been hit by a car or has not returned after a period of time.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo is investigating the taking of snapping turtles during the closed season and the taking of other (turtle) species.

CPO Palumbo was conducting fishing compliance checks along the Rock River when he came upon two individuals fishing. Both were found to be fishing without a fishing license. The Sterling man was arrested on a Whiteside County failure to appear warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking individuals at the Hennepin Canal, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license. One individual was cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

While checking fishermen along the Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for snagging.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Filipiak observed a vehicle traveling 48 mph in a posted 25-mph zone. After the initial stop, the individual was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

CPO Filipiak was on a boat patrol on the Illinois River when he observed a boat with children under the age of five not wearing life jackets. A safety inspection was conducted, the operator was arrested for operation of a motorboat under the influence of alcohol.

While patrolling Starved Rock State Park, CPO Murry observed a man walking on the roadway with his child; and the man was smoking a "joint." A citation was issued to the man for possession of cannabis. CPO Murry also cited two individuals for possession of alcohol in a restricted area. Five other individuals were cited for entering a restricted area and climbing.

CPO Murry wrote a speeding citation to a female driver who passed him at 100 mph in a 70-mph speed zone.

While working the Starved Rock area, CPO Wagner cited several individuals for entering a restricted area, possession of alcohol in a restricted area, possession cannabis and drug paraphernalia, and screeching of tires.

While conducting boat enforcement on the Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for a child under 13 not wearing a PFD. Multiple warnings were issued for minor boat violations.

While patrolling in Starved Rock State Park, CPO Kaufman observed an individual operating a personal watercraft at a high rate of speed in a no wake area on the Illinois River. There was no visible registration on the watercraft. While addressing the violations, CPO Kaufman determined the operator was wanted on a warrant. The individual was able to post bond, and he was given a mandatory court date for his warrant. Two written warnings were issued for his boating violations.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn received information that a man was fishing while revoked, and the man was also keeping short fish. He was able to determine the fisherman was suspended in Iowa, which also meant he was suspended in Illinois. The fisherman was located, and CPO Finn observed the subject fishing. The subject was found to be in possession of a fishing license and fish. CPO Finn issued the fisherman three citations for unlawful purchase of a license while suspended, fishing while privileges suspended, and unlawful take of northern pike. He also received warnings for falsification to obtain a license and unlawful take of two additional northern pike. The fisherman was fingerprinted and released with a mandatory court date in Putnam County.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPOs Fraser and Murry patrolled the Rock River by boat and conducted boat safety inspections at boat ramps. One boat operator who was stopped at the boat ramp refused to allow a boat safety inspection to be completed and later refused to complete field sobriety testing. The subject was arrested for resistance to officers, OUI watercraft, and other boating violations.

CPO Fraser cited multiple subjects in Rock Cut State Park for speeding, possession of alcohol where posted prohibited, child restraint, and driving while license suspended.

CPO Fraser stopped at a trash can in Rock Cut State Park to dispose of trash from his squad. After exiting the squad, a nearby vehicle rolled down the passenger side window. He approached the vehicle to ask the occupants if they needed anything. They said they did not need assistance but assumed the CPO wanted to talk to them. While at the window, he detected the strong odor of cannabis and saw cannabis paraphernalia in plain view. One occupant of the vehicle was cited for possession of a civil amount of cannabis and cannabis paraphernalia.

CPO Fraser continued to conduct background investigations.

CPOs Jansen and Alt investigated a personal injury boat accident where a pontoon took on water and partially sank in the Rock River near the village of Rockton. As the boat slowly sank, the motor quit working. The operator jumped into the River with a bow line, and he attempted to pull the 22-foot boat to shore. The operator was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for dehydration, exhaustion, and possible internal injuries. The investigation revealed only one wearable PFD was aboard the vessel, and no other required safety equipment was present.

CPO Alt was inspecting shore fishermen along the Rock River when he located a subject fishing without an Illinois fishing license.

CPO Alt stopped multiple motorists speeding 15-17 mph over the posted speed limit in Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alt investigated a burglary to the Rock Cut State Park concession building and bait store.

CPO Alt arrested a McHenry County man for unlawful take and/or possession of an undersized walleye at the Rockton Dam.

CPO Alt arrested a Winnebago County man for unlawful take and/or possession of a smallmouth bass during the closed season at J. Norman Jensen Forest Preserve.

CPO Alt arrested a Machesney Park woman for throwing cups/trash out onto the highway right-of-way from the passenger window of her moving vehicle.

CPO Alt issued written warnings to four college teenagers who were climbing Lone Rock and the rocks in Lone Rock Ravine in Rock Cut State Park. This area is a posted restricted area to climbing.

CPO Murry cited a man for fishing without a sport fishing license near the Fordham Dam. Information was obtained that the suspect may possibly have a warrant, and he was detained while this was investigated. It was determined the individual's brother had used his name at one point when being arrested. The wanted suspect had multiple tattoos, and this individual did not have a single tattoo. He was then released.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted boating and sport fishing compliance checks at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. A compliance check was conducted after observing a couple of young men fishing, and one of the individuals did not have his fishing license. The subject falsified his age by two years in an attempt to escape the requirement, and a citation was issued. A written warning was issued for no fire extinguisher on a motorboat.

CPO Thompson conducted recreational boating enforcement on the Illinois River. He issued eight citations and 18 written warnings. Citations were issued for PFD violations, expired registration, and no fishing license. Written warnings were issued for additional boating violations. CPO Thompson also assisted CPO Elliott in the arrest of a subject for OUI (.194 BAC).

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Gerard received a court disposition for a subject unlawfully harvesting more than two antlered deer during the 2017-2018 deer season. The subject also used another person's deer permits to report a buck harvest. He was fined \$750, and his hunting privileges were suspended.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted sport fish and recreational boat enforcement on Lake Bracken. One citation was issued for no fishing license, and three written warnings were issued for various watercraft equipment violations. The CPOs also patrolled Spoon Lake at Oak Run. During the patrol, a boat safety inspection resulted in an OUI arrest of the operator, and other equipment related violations were documented.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted recreational boat and sport fish enforcement at Blandinsville Reservoir, Argyle Lake State Park, and Spring Lake. Two written warnings were issued at Spring Lake for no fishing license.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard took two Peoria County juveniles into custody during a fishing license check along the Illinois River in Bartonville. It was discovered the juveniles were fishing without a license and in possession of a stolen vehicle. One of the juveniles was also in possession of a suspected controlled substance. Charges are pending review by the Peoria County State's Attorney.

CPOs Elliott and Lazzell conducted recreational boat enforcement along the Illinois River. Several boat safety inspections resulted in two written warnings. After the conclusion of the boat patrol, a complaint was received referencing illegal ATV operation on private property. The investigation resulted in the arrest of five subjects, and each subject was issued one citation and two written warnings.

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 Blazinic continued background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was a guest speaker for Ag Safety Day at Brown County Elementary School. He spoke to approximately 250 kindergarten through fourth grade students about the importance of boat and water safety.

CPO Blakeley attended and participated in an active shooter drill for the Brown County School District.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt worked with a Calhoun County Sheriff's Deputy and his K-9 to conduct boating enforcement. They also responded to unfounded calls of a boat accident on the Mississippi River and a possible drowning in the Illinois River at Pere Marquette. Citations issued during the patrol were for not enough life jackets and unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. Various written warnings were also issued.

CPO Weishaupt attended a meeting with representatives of Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc., Batchtown Sportsmen's Club, Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources, two IDNR staff.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was alerted by the Hancock County Sheriff's Office that a kestrel was hit by a car and brought into their office. The bird sustained head trauma, but it was up and alert. He retrieved the bird and transported it to a rehab facility for further treatment.

CPO Wheatley filed charges on a South Carolina man for failing to report a deer harvest, unlawful taking of white-tailed deer during closed season, and possession of freshly killed species during closed season. The subject was found to have shot a buck with a shotgun during archery only season. The 15-point rack was seized as evidence.

CPO Wheatley responded to a disabled boat with three stranded boaters on Pool 19 of the Mississippi River, near the Dallas City campground. The boat engine had stopped for unknown reasons. He was able to tow the boat back to the boat ramp, and all occupants were unharmed. They were able to get the boat on the trailer and removed from the water. They were reminded that the river can be very dangerous; and without their anchor, a bad situation may have been worse.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt attended a meeting with representatives of Migratory Waterfowl Hunters, Inc., Batchtown Sportsmen's Club, Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources, two IDNR staff.

CPO Goetten stopped a car for a traffic offense at Pere Marquette State Park, and the driver was found to have a suspended license. Appropriate action was taken.

CPO Goetten observed a subject that he had previously arrested for felony DUI and was known to have a revoked driver's license secure his boat to a trailer. The subject entered his truck and left the boat launch area. A traffic stop was conducted, and the subject was arrested for driving while license revoked.

CPO Goetten conducted a fishing compliance check along the Illinois River. The subject did not have a fishing license and had a small amount of cannabis. The subject gave consent to search his vehicle; and a large amount of cannabis, numerous baggies, and several scales were discovered. The subject was arrested for possession of 30-500 grams of cannabis with intent to deliver. He was also cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Goetten has continued to work on CPO Trainee applicant background investigations.

CPO Weishaupt manned the OLE education trailer at the Pere Marquette State Park Family Fishing Fair. Over 1,300 children registered at the event.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff cited a subject who had a ground fire outside the fire pit at Beaver Dam State Park. The camper also deposited trash and other unacceptable items all over the campsite.

CPO Gushleff arrested a Jersey County man for possessing ginseng in May. His residence was raided with a search warrant by the drug task force of Macoupin County. After finding drug and firearm contraband, the agents found ginseng. They contacted CPO Goetten who relayed the information to CPO Gushleff. After an investigation into the

matter, the subject was cited for possession of ginseng out of season. He was taken to the Jersey County Jail on other charges as well.

CPO Gushleff conducted a boat inspection at a boat ramp. A fishing party came into the dock, and he inspected their safety equipment on the vessel. An eight-year-old child was in the boat without a life vest while the boat was underway. The operator of the boat, who was also the owner, failed to produce a life vest for his other adult passenger. The operator was issued a citation and written warning for the infractions.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt is investigating a complaint of buying timber without a license and wrongful tree cutting.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer is continuing to work on a case involving the illegal taking of deer.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer is investigating a timber case where trees were cut without the permission of the landowner. The trees were then placed on a stolen trailer. A felony warrant has been issued for the theft of a trailer worth more than \$500.

CPO Gilmer is following up on a complaint of hunting from the roadway.

CPO Gilmer is working with animal control regarding a pig that has escaped on more than one occasion.

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

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

While on boat patrol on the Chain O'Lakes, Sgt. Schreiber and CPO Knop were waved over to a large group of boats to assist a female who was unconscious and had already fallen off the back of the boat once. CPO Knop assisted in transporting her to an EMS unit on land.

CPO Vaughan arrested a subject for no valid driver's license and speeding at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Kelley responded to a complaint about an injured opossum. The animal was located and taken to a local rehabber. It is anticipated that it will be released soon. In a separate incident, CPO Kelley responded to a call about an injured Canada goose. The goose was found to have an impacted digestive system. While a local rehabber thought the outlook for the goose was grim, it recovered and appears to be on the mend.

Sgt. Schreiber and CPO Davis assisted the Lake County Marine Unit with a single unit personal injury boat accident that happened on Grass Lake. One occupant fell over the bow of a pontoon boat and was struck by the keel. The subject was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. The operator of the watercraft and another passenger fled on foot once they reached shore.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs VanWiltburg and Kelley, along with Sgt. Schreiber, responded to a serious personal injury boat accident on the Fox River. According to witnesses, a personal watercraft was operating in a careless manner when it ran into the port side of a 28-foot boat that was traveling northbound. The operator of the personal watercraft suffered life threatening injuries and was rescued by the occupants of the boat he hit, as well as a friend of his that swam out from shore. EMS personnel were waiting at the shoreline, and he was quickly transported to the hospital where he was stabilized. He was then air lifted to another hospital.

CPOs Winters and Reeves conducted ground fighting training for CPOs.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Sgt. Wollgast and Grundy County Sheriff's Deputies handled an incident where an intoxicated driver harassed a semi-truck driver before crashing through the gate for Heidecke Lake bank fishing. The intoxicated driver and passenger were later apprehended as they were trying to drive down nearby railroad tracks. The driver had a revoked license because of three previous DUI convictions. His vehicle was seized, and he was taken to the Grundy County Jail where he refused chemical testing. Two warrants were issued by a judge for the seizure of his blood and breath, however the man resisted law enforcement personnel and hospital staff in the execution of the warrants. He was confined to the Grundy County Jail on four felony charges for DUI, driving while revoked, and obstruction. He was also charged with numerous driving offenses and IDNR site violations. Full restitution will be requested for the damage to Heidecke Lake property.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber received a complaint from a St. Anne resident and the Township Road Commissioner. The concerned citizen advised that a large trash pile had been dumped in St. Anne Township. CPO Farber was able to obtain evidence to interview potential violators, and he traveled to a residence in St. Anne. Several laborers were at the resident, and they were tearing down an old garage. After a brief interview with the contractor, she admitted to dumping the trash. The contractor and her husband volunteered to pick up the trash they had dumped. Both were issued citations and mandatory court dates.

While checking two fishermen near Cobb Park, CPO Bergland smelled a strong odor of cannabis. An investigation led to the issuance of civil law violations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland was asked to help with an owl that was under his neighbor's bushes. He found the fledgling owl, and he was able to capture it. The owl was moved back to the area where it likely came from, and it was later reported that the owl flew away.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes is investigating the destruction of property at Channahon State Park.

CPO Honiotes responded to a call about a man wandering around in an area closed to the public at Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area. He located the subject and determined the man was very confused and disoriented. Medical assistance was requested, and the subject voluntarily went to the hospital. Arrangements were made for his mother to meet him at the hospital.

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

COOK COUNTY

While on patrol, Sgt. Whitchurch observed an injured subject laying in the street. He notified dispatch and requested an ambulance be sent to the location. Since he was the first responder on scene in a chaotic environment, he cared for the injured subject until more law enforcement and medical personnel arrived. The man was hit by a car while trying to cross the street.

While on patrol in William W. Powers State Recreation Area, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a vehicle enter the roadway from a side drive without stopping or yielding to oncoming traffic. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was learned the driver of the vehicle was driving on a suspended license and did not have valid proof of insurance. The subject was arrested and bonded and will appear in court at a later date. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

While participating in a night navigation training exercise with the US Coast Guard on Lake Michigan, CPOs Snodgrass and Stanbary observed a boat traveling without proper navigation lights. They stopped the vessel for the violation and found the operator had just purchased the boat and was not familiar with the light system. CPO Snodgrass boarded the boat and assisted the operator in turning them on. The operator was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Klemme investigated an attempted suicide by drowning at Wolf Lake. Initially, a state employee attempted to rescue the victim; but the subject moved further out into the Lake. Several Chicago police officers responded to the emergency. The officers swam out to the subject and were able to rescue him. He was transported to the hospital and released to his parents.

CPO Klemme concluded an illegal charter case in court against the vessel "The Sophisticated Lady." The owner was charged with operating a charter without a passenger for hire license and no valid state registration. He pled guilty and made a \$750 contribution to the CPO Operations Assistance Fund.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a jet ski operator after receiving a complaint from the US Coast Guard. The Coast Guard had received multiple calls from commercial vessels of the jet skier creating a navigational hazard within the congested waters of the Chicago River. The jet ski operator was found operating on plane within the Chicago River causing a wake in an area that is strictly a no wake zone.

CPO Stanbary patrolled Sterns Quarry for unlawful fishing activity after receiving a complaint of fishermen taking fish from the Quarry when it is only catch and release. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Stanbary conducted a boat patrol on the Cal-Sag Channel. Nine vessel inspections were completed, and two written warnings were issued. One warning was issued for no fishing license in possession and the second was to a boater for multiple equipment violations.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary stopped to aid two painted turtles that were crossing the road. An oncoming vehicle was motioned to stop, and he advised the driver about the turtles. At that time, he noticed drug paraphernalia on the console of the vehicle. The turtle assistance turned into an arrest after he discovered the driver had a suspended license. The driver was issued a civil cannabis citation and cited for driving while license suspended. Additional cannabis was found inside the vehicle, and it was seized. The driver is due in court next month. In a separate incident at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary issued three citations to persons who were found to be in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. Six other warnings were issued during the patrol for separate IDNR land use violations.

CPO Klemme, with the assistance of officers from the US Coast Guard Calumet Harbor, Coast Guard Investigative Service, and the Marine Safety Unit, terminated the first illegal charter of 2018. The vessel "Sonny Daze," out of Diversey Harbor, was carrying passengers for hire without a license; and the captain did not possess a US Coast Guard Captain's License. The operator was also charged with an illegal charter from August 2017. The vessel was issued a Captain of the Port order.

CPO Thornley checked two fishermen at Montrose Harbor. A citation was issued to one of the fishermen for no fishing license. He also checked five fishermen at Jackson Harbor. While checking a fisherman, two other fishermen got up and left. CPO Thornley met the fishermen as they left and found that they did not possess valid licenses. A citation was issued to each of the two fishermen for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. He assisted with a traffic accident at the intersection of the entrance to the site. He also conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle traveling 35 mph in a 15-mph zone. It was determined the subject did not possess a valid driver's license, but he did have an instructional permit. The subject was issued citations for speeding and no valid driver's license. The subject and his vehicle were released to his mother. CPO Thornley conducted a second traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for driving 33 mph in a 15-mph zone. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley checked several fishermen who were fishing at Wolf Lake. One fisherman at the boat ramp stated he was 16 and did not possess a fishing license. The individual was informed about needing a license at his age, and he was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement of Lake Michigan, and 19 vessels were checked. Three written warnings were issued for unnumbered watercraft violations.

CPOs Thornley and Mooi were called to an unresponsive subject in a park along the Chicago River. They assisted with CPR on the subject until paramedics arrived.

CPO Thornley conducted boat safety inspections at various ramps along Lake Michigan; and a total of eight boats, two jet skis, and two kayaks were checked. A written warning was issued to a boat operator for failure to have a safety lanyard. He also checked two fishermen near a boat ramp. One of the fishermen did not possess a valid sport fishing

license and was issued a citation for the violation. CPO Thornley conducted safety checks on two jet skis at Calumet Harbor. One of the jet ski operators was issued a warning for a watercraft violation.

CPO Mooi was assisting the US Coast Guard with a vessel investigation when he observed a small inflatable boat on the Chicago River which was operating without registration. He hailed the operator and conducted a boat registration and safety inspection. The operator was unable to provide proof of registration, and a written warning was issued.

While patrolling Lake Michigan, CPO Mooi observed a vessel without registration in the "Playpen." He conducted a boat registration and safety inspection, and the operator was unable to provide proof of registration. A written warning was issued for registration violation.

CPO Mooi was leaving the Chicago Marine Safety Station when he observed a man fishing on the end of the pier at the Chicago River. A compliance inspection was conducted, and the man did not have a fishing license. While he was conducting the inspection of his equipment, the man purchased a fishing license via the online system; and a written warning was issued to the man in this instance.

CPO Mooi continues to investigate commercial vessels that may be in violation of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act.

CPO Mooi conducted numerous hours of sonar operation on the South Branch of the Chicago River to search for a missing boater who fell from a boat while underway.

CPO Mooi conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. Multiple written warnings were issued for not having sounding devices and flares. Wake violations were also documented.

CPO Mooi conducted a traffic stop on a driver who was driving in an unsafe manner. When talking with the driver, he observed open alcohol in the vehicle; and a citation was issued for the alcohol violation.

CPO Ausmus was contacted by the state herpetologist about a permit violation with an American alligator. A photo was provided that showed the alligator being handled by a young child without the required tape or banding on its mouth. The reptile handler was contacted, and he admitted that he did not know about the requirement for the special use herptile. The handler was issued a citation and has a mandatory court appearance.

CPOs Davis, Kaufman, Roper, Schoenhoff, Semenik, Thompson, Vaughan, and Williams attended US Coast Guard boat training on Lake Michigan.

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

All District 19 and District 11 CPOs attended a four-hour defensive tactics training on ground fighting instructed by CPOs Reeves and Winters. The training was held in Rantoul.

DEWITT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited two Indiana residents and a Champaign County resident who were camping at Kickapoo State Recreation Area for unlawful possession and consumption of alcohol where restricted.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to a Clark County resident.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of untagged commercial fishing equipment on the Wabash River. CPOs Wellum and Greuel performed an investigative detail from a jon boat. Several commercial nets were examined, but all were tagged and legal.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man at Lake Paradise for failure to immediately release a short largemouth bass.

CPO Mieure issued four written warnings to two young men from Mattoon for failure to release short largemouth bass and not having fishing licenses.

CPO Mieure issued a Mattoon man a written warning for not having fishing license in possession. In a separate incident, he issued a citation to a Mattoon man for no fishing license.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Mattoon man and a Casey woman for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Trilla man for failure to immediately release a short largemouth bass.

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Neoga man for not having a Type IV throwable device onboard his watercraft.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Mattoon man and a Hindsboro woman on Lake Shelbyville Fish and Wildlife Management Area property for various violations. They drove around a barricade, drove off road through two corn fields, and drove into the Fishhook waterfowl area where they eventually buried their car in the mud. The man also received citations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Charleston man at Lake Shelbyville for possession of cannabis.

CPO Moody cited two Mattoon men who entered a restricted area above the Lake Shelbyville Dam.

CPO Moody wrote various boating and fishing citations and warnings.

CPO Moody cited a Shelbyville man for illegal dumping on State property. The man was running a cleanup service and charged a Sullivan woman to remove 24 large garbage bags of household trash. He then dumped the bags on Hidden Springs State Forest property.

While checking fishermen at the Lake Mattoon Dam, CPO Moody arrested a Mattoon woman on an outstanding warrant out of Moultrie County for battery. A Mattoon man was also cited for possession of cannabis and no valid fishing license.

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 gave a presentation to US Army Corps of Engineers trainees at Carlyle Lake regarding conservation law.

CPO Tapley conducted boat patrols at Carlyle Lake, and several warnings and citations were issued.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner attended a local "animal swap fair." One subject was warned, and two others cited, for unlawful possession/purchase of red fox. A fourth subject was warned for unlawful sale of red fox to unpermitted subjects and

was cited for failure to maintain furbearing mammal records. There were additional written warnings issued for possession of game birds without a game bird breeder's permit and for attempted sale of a wild caught native turtle.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner checked two boats at a local state managed lake which has minimum length limits on several fish species. One of the minimum lengths is for bluegill. The occupants of the first boat possessed 19 undersized bluegills and one undersized bass. The fishermen claimed ignorance of the size regulations but admitted familiarity with the fishing digest regulations. They had a fishing digest in plain view on the boat next to their seat, and they admitted they were there specifically for the bluegill. The occupants of the second boat possessed seven undersized bluegills and had several boat safety equipment violations. Two citations and two warnings were issued for possession of undersized fish, and multiple written warnings for registration violations and safety equipment were issued. The fish that were still alive were released; however, most of the fish were not alive and were donated to two local needy residents.

CPO Sievers completed the investigation into the unlawful impersonation of a police officer that was occurring at the Wood Duck Marina. Charges are being filed through the Randolph County State's Attorney's Office.

CPO Sievers responded to a call to assist the Chester Police Department and the Chester Fire Department with a vehicle that left the roadway and was submerged in the Mississippi River. He used side-scan sonar to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the water, but the occupant of the vehicle was missing. The missing person was located in the water a couple days later and was recovered by the Chester Fire Department.

CPO Sievers received a complaint from the St. Mary's Police Department in Missouri. Six pig carcasses had been dumped in the Middle Mississippi River Refuge parking area for Horse Island at the bridge to Kaskaskia Island. CPO Sievers and the St. Mary's Officer interviewed a suspect from St. Mary. The man admitted to dumping the pig carcasses. The man was informed that he was in violation for pollution of the waterway since the parking lot was in the flood plain. He was also violating the dead animal disposal act and dumping illegally on federal property. CPO Sievers contacted the US Fish and Wildlife Refuge Officer since it was on the Middle Mississippi River Refuge. A citation for the pollution of the waterway was issued, and the man agreed to properly dispose of the pig carcasses.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Sievers responded to a complaint of a person trying to give away four baby raccoons. The raccoons were not in the possession of the person who was trying to give them away. The baby raccoons were above a drop ceiling in a place of business and fell through the ceiling tile. A female employee took possession of the raccoons with intent to release them into the wild once they were older. The female had paid for and taken an online course to be a licensed wildlife rehabilitator; however, she was not licensed by the IDNR. The female was issued a written warning for the unlawful possession of wildlife and educated on how to become a legally licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A licensed wildlife rehabilitator was contacted, and the female agreed to transfer the raccoons to that individual.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Sievers received a complaint of a subject in possession of baby foxes. The subject was identified, and he met with her at her residence. The female stated that she found them behind her house, and one of them had an injured leg. She fed them until they were healthy; then released them into the woods behind her house. She was issued a written warning and educated that injured or baby animals must be transferred to a licensed Illinois wildlife rehabilitator.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff received a complaint of two subjects having an over limit of bass taken from Old Frankfort Lake. Several attempts were made to contact the individuals. While on patrol at Rend Lake, a vessel inspection and fishing license check identified one of the occupants as a subject involved in the over limit of bass, and the subject was cited for over limit of bass.

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

CPO Folden responded to a boat accident on Rend Lake. The accident involved a 35-foot speed boat and a 19-foot recreational ski boat. The speed boat ran over the bow of the unpowered, stationary ski boat. The accident occurred at night, and the smaller boat did not have the required lighting. Both occupants of the smaller boat were ejected but not injured. The operator of the speed boat was cited for careless operation and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The operator of the smaller boat was cited for no stern light and no registration.

CPO Folden was called to assist the Franklin County Sheriff's Department on the Highway 154 bridge over Rend Lake. A man had jumped from the Highway 154 bridge and got onto a boat. When he arrived, the man was being cited by Rend Lake Corp of Engineers officers for jumping from the bridge. CPO Folden saw a boat with a young boy (10 years old) in it, and the boy was not wearing a life jacket. The subject identified the boat with the boy in it as the one he was operating prior to jumping from the bridge. CPO Folden observed signs of impairment, and the subject reported that he had not drank any alcohol after leaving his boat to jump from the bridge. The man was arrested for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of 0.95%). He was also cited for the youth not wearing a life jacket when required.

While at the sailboat harbor at Rend Lake, CPO Folden observed a ski boat make a quick turn on the main lake, quickly come off plane, and stop. He observed the boat through binoculars, and he could see that the operator was drinking something. The boat then came back onto plane and travelled toward the sailboat harbor, violating the no wake area in the harbor. The operator placed the boat into neutral, went to the stern as the boat was coasting forward, and began relieving himself into the Lake. A female occupant in the boat then took control of the boat and engaged the throttle, and the man fell into the water. CPO Folden went to the end of the dock and verbally instructed the new operator to put the boat into neutral, and the man was instructed to get back on the boat. The man climbed back into the boat and brought the boat up to the dock. Obvious signs of impairment were observed. The operator was arrested for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .137%).

CPOs Jourdan and Williams observed a ski boat on Rend Lake with two children onboard not wearing lifejackets. The boat was stopped, and a safety inspection was performed. It was found that the boat registration had not been transferred, and the fire extinguisher indicated it needed to be replaced. A citation for children under 13 not wearing lifejackets was issued, and written warnings were issued for the registration and equipment violations.

CPO Williams received information about a boat that was pulling a wake boarder without an observer, and the operator was driving erratically. A safety inspection was conducted, and it was found that the ski boat operator was born after January 1, 1998 and had not completed a watercraft safety education class as required by law. There were also two equipment deficiencies found. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Williams assisted CPOs Schoenhoff and Folden with two subjects in the restricted area around the closed Rend Lake Resort. One of the subjects was found to possess a civil amount of cannabis, a glass bowl pipe, and cannabis grinder. The subject was cited for the drug violations and entering a restricted area at the park.

CPO Lay received a disposition regarding an illegal dumping case from January 2018. A Franklin County resident was found guilty of illegally dumping trash on private property. The suspect was fined \$543 and given 12 months conditional discharge.

CPO Lay issued a citation to a Williamson County resident for fishing without a license at Rend Lake.

CPO Lay issued a Jefferson County resident a citation for fishing on Rend Lake with 14 separate trout lines that had not been properly marked with name and address.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan cited a man for several fishing violations at the Rend Lake Spillway. The man was using a throw net to catch sport fish and had 97 striped bass, 16 bluegill, and 2 crappie. The daily limit for striped bass is 20. The violations were fishing without a license, take of sport fish with an illegal device (use of a throw net within 1,000 yards downstream of Rend Lake Dam), and over the daily limit of striped bass.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted boat inspections, and he issued two written warnings for boating related violations. He also issued one written warning for no fishing license in possession and three written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations.

CPO Diggins conducted two timber truck inspections, and no violations were found.

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 conducted background investigations on two persons from the Menard County area.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Taylor responded to a call regarding a child that was bitten by a raccoon and taken to the hospital for treatment. The grandmother stated she raised three raccoons from babies, and they were playing on the porch with her grandchild when the child was bitten. The raccoons were nowhere to be found, and the grandmother was issued a citation for retaining live raccoons.

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 Taylor investigated a fatal boat accident on Newton Lake involving a male subject that was fishing by himself near the hot ditch when he fell overboard and drowned. CPOs Wellum and Greuel also assisted. The subject was found using sonar, and the body was recovered.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

While on patrol at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area, CPO Roper observed two individuals at the swim beach carrying an open container of alcohol. The swim beach is a posted no alcohol zone. Both individuals were issued citations for the violation.

While conducting boat safety equipment checks at Forbes Lake, CPO Roper discovered a boat that had an insufficient number of lifejackets onboard, an expired fire extinguisher, and a battery that was not securely fastened to the boat. A citation was issued for the lifejacket violation, and a written warning was issued for the other violations.

CPO Smith was asked to locate a boater at Forbes Lake and notify him of a family medical emergency.

CPOs Buhnerkempe and Smith arrested a subject on Forbes Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject's BAC was .221.

CPO Buhnerkempe issued two citations at Stephen A. Forbes State Recreation Area for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area.

CPO Buhnerkempe arrested a driver for speeding 96 mph in a 55-mph zone and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While conducting boat safety equipment checks at East Fork Lake, CPO Roper discovered a boat that had an uncovered battery that was not securely fastened to the boat. The operator of the boat was issued a written warning for the violation.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPOs Taylor and Roper responded to a fatal boat accident involving a male subject fishing from a boat that fell overboard and never resurfaced. After 30 minutes of sonar operation, the subject was found and recovered by the Fairfield dive team.

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 Somers arrested a man for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject's BAC was 0.166.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis located a fisherman on property owned by a local coal company. He observed the fisherman carrying a bucket of fish and then dumping the fish in a ditch. During the initial contact with the fisherman, he advised CPO Lewis he had been fishing; however, he did not catch enough to keep, so he threw them back. CPO Lewis went to where he observed the fisherman dump the fish and found 29 crappies and 14 largemouth bass. The fisherman was cited for fishing without permission and unlawful possession of over the limit of bass.

CPO Lewis located three subjects fishing in a strip cut. A compliance check revealed the fishermen thought they were on public property, and two of them did not have licenses. The group was issued two citations for fishing without a license and three warnings for fishing without permission.

CPO Lewis charged a fisherman for fishing without permission. He was fishing on private property along Galum Creek. The fisherman advised he did not know creeks could be private; however, his vehicle was parked in front of a large "No Trespassing" sign.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted the Illinois State Police with the apprehension of subjects who committed an armed robbery in Houston, Texas. The stolen vehicle and suspects were located at a rest area. He boxed in the occupied suspects' vehicle with his patrol truck, and a felony vehicle stop involving multiple officers was conducted. The suspects were taken into custody without incident.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson has been conducting background investigations on potential new hires.

While conducting fish enforcement at Lake of Egypt, CPOs Johnson and Vasicek stopped a boat with two fishermen onboard. The subjects were found to be in possession of 15 bass, and seven of the bass were in the 14 to 16-inch slot limit. The subjects were cited for over limits of bass.

CPO Johnson arrested a subject for OUI. The subject's BAC was .117 BAC.