



# 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 May 14 – May 28)

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

## **REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis**

### **District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis**

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones stopped a Lyndon man for speeding. Upon further investigation, it was determined the man was driving on a suspended driver's license and did not have proof of valid insurance. He was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no proof of insurance and speeding. He was also issued a written warning for failure to notify Secretary of State a change of address.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri assisted in the relocation of a nuisance badger from a rural Kewanee residential property. Bethell's Wildlife Services of Woodhull donated their time and efforts to trap the female badger. Once trapped, IDNR Biologist Frank Ostling helped release the animal at a State Fish and Wildlife Area.

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled IDNR hunting areas during the spring turkey seasons. A Dubuque woman was issued a citation for unlawfully collecting edible fungi (morel mushrooms) during the open turkey hunting hours at Tapley Woods State Natural Area.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPO Posateri attended the Mercer County NWTF Jakes Day event with 42 kids participating in five stations (clay pigeons, BB gun range, archery, fishing, and CPO presentation with the patrol boat). CPO Posateri discussed the duties of a CPO and safety tips for summer. They also played the "life jacket rodeo" where 8 PFDs are put in a pile (some functional, some not). CPO Posateri asks who wants to go for an imaginary boat ride, and then tells them to put on a life jacket in less than 8 seconds. A few seconds in, CPO Posateri tells them they were just hit by another boat and their boat was sinking. Typically there are only one or two kids who have the appropriate PFD size on and in good functioning condition. CPO Posateri and the kids discuss how important it is to be wearing a PFD. The kids were then allowed to board the patrol boat and ask questions.

## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko has conducted numerous boat patrols on the Rock and Mississippi Rivers during the last reporting period. This has resulted in 17 fishing and boating written warnings, 17 boat safety inspections, 1 boating citation, and 3 responses for distressed boaters needing assistance. CPO Francisko also assisted with a wanted on warrant arrest, OUI arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia arrest and possession of cannabis arrest all during boat patrols.

Captain Laura Petreikis attended the Sherrard Grade School Career Day and spoke to classes about the job duties of a CPO, wildlife, and boating safety.

Captain Laura Petreikis taught a Natural Resources class at the Sherrard High School. She spoke about the hiring requirements to become a CPO, the job duties of a CPO, wildlife, boating safety, and answered questions regarding fishing and hunting regulations.

CPO Steve Beltran and Captain Laura Petreikis attended an area Natural Resources Day with the Education Trailer. They spoke to several groups of kids, teachers, and parents about the job duties of a CPO, wildlife, and boating safety.

### **District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

## LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman responded to a call of a suicidal individual at Starved Rock State Park. The individual was posting on Snapchat and a concerned person had called it in. CPO Kaufman found the individual in his vehicle. After talking to the man for a while he agreed to be taken to the local hospital for observation.

While on foot patrol in Starved Rock CPO Kaufman located four individuals who had climbed over a railing at Wildcat Canyon and were on the canyon's edge looking down into the 90 foot canyon. After getting all the individuals back on the marked trail CPO Kaufman found them in possession of cocaine, LSD and cannabis.

CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary were called to an incident at Starved Rock State Park for hikers throwing sticks and rocks onto hikers below. Once at the park four individuals were found to be illegally camping in a restricted area. Thirteen individuals were found to be hiking off trail above the canyon, two of which were in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. Three others were found off trail, one of which was in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. In returning to their squad, three more hikers were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, cannabis and illegal weapons. In all, 26 citations were written and two of the hikers were evicted from the park.

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser assisted Rockford Police Department with a deer that was inside a local school. The yearling buck had broken through a window approximately 3 feet off the ground and made its way in to a maintenance room of the school. The deer was tranquilized by Winnebago County Animal Control and transported by CPO Fraser to the animal control headquarters where it was left in their custody.

CPO Fraser patrolled Rock Cut State Park and issued various citations in May including illegal climbing, no fishing license, speeding, no valid driver's license, and three warrant arrests.

CPO Alt conducted a foot patrol on the trails between Red Oak and Lyon's Club Picnic areas within Rock Cut State Park and came upon 20 year old individual smoking cannabis using a glass drug paraphernalia pipe off of the designated trail. A search incident to arrest back at the subject's car revealed additional cannabis in possession. After a positive drug field test showing the green leafy substance had a presumptive presence for cannabis, the subject was issued a Notice

To Appear in court for unlawful possession of cannabis < 2.5 grams and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Alt taught a boat safety class at North Park Fire Department in Machesney Park to fire fighters and area youth. Topics covered ranged from watercraft hull configurations, registration and equipment requirements, general operation provisions, OUI law, and accident reporting.

CPO Alt attended the first court appearance involving a Montana resident who he arrested on 16 misdemeanor counts of falsifying residency to obtain Illinois resident hunting/fishing license(s) and resident deer permits, as well as using these documents to unlawful take of a felony number of deer over the past two years. The Montana man pleaded guilty to 9 of the 16 misdemeanor charges and was assessed \$2500.00 in fines with \$1,000 of that fine money to go to the Illinois Conservation Police Fund to be used for Conservation Police equipment and equipment maintenance. The non-resident hunter will also face an 84 month suspension of his hunting privileges in the state of Illinois as well as 42 other states in the United States who are in compact with Illinois.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser completed 12 hours of equipment maintenance to the district ATV and Jon boat in preparation for the summer season.

CPO Alt attended the required Spring Firearm weapons re-qualification with rifle and pistol held at the Chillicothe Range near Peoria.

## **District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery**

### **PEORIA COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell, CPO VanZant and CPO Thompson responded to a call from the U.S. Coast Guard regarding a reported boater distress call on the Illinois River. Two Illinois Conservation Police boats were launched onto the river and a search was conducted over a 10 mile stretch of the river. After completing the initial search and obtaining additional information the search was called off and determined to be unfounded.

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY**

While conducting sport fish compliance checks along the Illinois River, CPO Gerard arrested two subjects for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

## **REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins**

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

#### **KANE COUNTY**

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox cited three individuals for unlawful possession of small mouth bass during closed season.

#### **LAKE COUNTY**

CPOs Schreiber and VanWiltenburg cited a subject on Grass Lake for failure to immediately release a 9 1/2" Largemouth Bass. There is a 14" minimum length limit on that particular body of water.

CPOs Schreiber and Winters arrested a subject on Fox Lake for entering a posted restricted area. The subject was subsequently arrested for OUI and had a BAC of 0.209%.

CPOs Schreiber and Kelley arrested a subject on Fox Lake for OUI. The subject had a BAC of 0.144%

CPO VanWiltburg responded to a complaint of a burglary to motor vehicle at Chain O' Lakes State Park. The violators entered through the open sun roof and stole a purse containing two cell phones and some credit and debit cards.

While conducting boat patrols over the holiday weekend, CPO Winters issued four boating citations and five written warnings for various boating violations. CPO Winters also assisted with arrest of an intoxicated boater.

#### McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Schreiber arrested a subject using a cast net on the Fox River, just south of the McHenry Dam, for illegally keeping sport fish. The subject had 20 tiny bluegill in his possession.

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

District 3 CPOs participated in Firearms and Defensive Tactics training.

#### GRUNDY COUNTY

District 3 CPOs conducted multiple details at Heidecke Lake, both in uniform and in plain clothes. Violations found were fishing in restricted areas, unlawful possession of undersized fish, no fishing licenses and multiple boating violations.

CPO Honiotes performed boat safety checks and fishing compliance checks at Heidecke Lake and Stratton Park. Citations were issued for insufficient number of PFDs, no fire extinguisher, and for unlawful possession of a smallmouth bass within the protected slot length limit. Written warnings were issued for violations of no throwable PFD, no sounding device, batteries uncovered/unsecured, possession of alcohol in a state park, and fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Anderson cited a subject for undersized bass at Mazonia FWA.

#### KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker received complaints regarding a subject who had been on at least two occasions operating a watercraft carelessly/recklessly on the Kankakee River in Kankakee County. CPO Vadbunker had arrested the subject in years past for watercraft violations. She was able to interview the subject and charged him for the recent careless operation complaints. A week later CPO Vadbunker received another complaint stating that the subject was again operating recklessly. She interviewed the complainant, found the subject again, and cited him for reckless operation

CPO Mieure and CPOT Kasher conducted a detail on the Kankakee River. They issued two boating citations and 3 written warnings.

CPO Vadbunker was patrolling Kankakee River State Park and K9 Toby started a track and found two subjects in a restricted area unlawfully rock climbing on the cliffs. Citations were issued.

#### KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland received a complaint of a subject who had allowed his dog to bite another person's dog at Silver Springs State Park. CPO Bergland checked the park a few days later and found the subject there. The subject admitted that his dog had bitten another dog. CPO Bergland advised the subject that he was going to be cited for the violation. The subject attempted to start his vehicle and to leave. CPO Bergland was able to reach in the vehicle and remove the keys from the vehicle. While writing the citation in his squad, the subject used another set of keys to start the vehicle and attempted to leave. CPO Bergland stood in the road and advised the subject to stop. The subject refused to stop and struck Bergland with his vehicle. Bergland was not injured. The subject drove around the parking lot in circles, CPO Bergland again stepped out in front of the subject ordering him to stop and he struck Bergland again. Again he was not injured as this occurred at very slow speeds. The subject drove out of the parking lot and onto the main park road

where eventually the subject stopped for a Plano police officer who had arrived to assist. The subject was charged with the dog bite violation, for having unvaccinated dog at the park, for fleeing police, and for obstructing police. Felony charges are pending State's Attorney's review.

## WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes performed three boat registration investigations. No enforcement action was taken.

CPO Honiotes performed boat safety checks and fishing compliance checks at various locations. Citations were issued for violations of unlawful possession of alcohol in a state park, littering, and fishing without a valid fishing license.

Written warnings were issued for violations of fishing without a valid fishing license, possession of alcohol in a state park, creating a wake in a no wake area and operation of unnumbered watercraft.

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

## COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was patrolling at Tampier Lake in Palos Park and noticed a subject with three lines in the water. The subject had all the required licenses needed to fish. A written warning was issued.

CPO Macias was patrolling in William Powers Fish and Game Area and noticed a truck filled with a large amount of people, more than there were assigned seating in that specific type of truck. CPO Macias stopped the truck and noticed 12 people "shoved" into the truck cabin meant to hold 6 comfortably. After verifying the identities of all 12 people, it was determined several were not wearing seat belts (they physically could not, there were more people than seat belts). Citations were issued

CPO Macias was patrolling inside William Powers State Fish and Game Area and came upon a pair of people fishing and smoking a hookah pipe. It was determined the substances inside the pipe were not illegal but one of the subjects did admit to fishing without a license. A citation was issued for no fishing license.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were on a boat patrol on the Cal-Sag Channel and checked various boats and people fishing from the bank of the river. Four citations and four warnings were issued throughout the patrol

While patrolling the DesPlaines River, CPO Klemme observed a subject kayaking. After an inspection it was determined that he had not purchased a water usage stamp prior to boating. He was issued a citation.

CPO Klemme and CPOT Poffenberger were conducting boat enforcement on Lake Michigan at the Diversey Harbor boat launch. Approximately 13 vessels were inspected and several citations were issued. The violations included safety equipment and registrations.

While working the Cal-Sag channel from the Worth Boat Launch, CPO Klemme conducted a vessel inspection and discovered the operator did not have a fire extinguisher or a Type 4 PFD on the vessel. The operator was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPOs Vaughan and Mooi conducted a bicycle patrol of the Chicago Lakefront. The CPOs patrolled from Montrose Harbor to DuSable Harbor checking fishermen along the way. One citation and five written warnings were issued for various violations.

CPO Mooi investigated a complaint of a family keeping ducklings in their home. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Farber addressed a complaint at Lake Opeka in Cook County. Patrols have been increased by District 4 CPOs. Numerous fish related citations have been issued.

CPO Farber conducted sport fish enforcement along the Des Plaines River on Lake County Forest Preserve Property. He conducted a compliance check for licenses and creel/length limits on two fishermen. The subjects stated that they did not have any fish in possession. CPO Farber inspected the shoreline and discovered a piece of fishing line tied to a small tree submerged in the water. One 23 inch Northern Pike was found strung to the fishing line. The statewide length limit on Northern Pike is 24 inches. The subject who stated that they had not caught any fish claimed ownership of the fish. The Chicago man was issued one citation for failure to immediately release short fish.

CPO Farber was downtown Chicago and observed a man jump from a building. The subject jumped approximately 30 stories and landed on the sidewalk. The subject was DOA (dead on arrival). CPO Farber took control of the scene. Chicago Police Department arrived and set up a crime scene.

CPOs Farber, Klemme and CPOT Poffenberger conducted a boat patrol in and around Diversey Harbor in Chicago. While on patrol they observed a Personal Watercraft (PWC) disobey a watercraft traffic control device and head into oncoming boat traffic. CPO Farber gained the attention of the operator and had him turn around and tie up at the dock. The watercraft was missing a fire extinguisher and a sounding device. While inspecting the vessel, CPO Farber observed several signs of impairment. The subject submitted a breath sample and registered a .083 BAC.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a boat being operated which had no visible registration. A boat safety check was conducted and it was learned the motor boat did not possess a sounding device. Also, a seven year old child was wearing an adult personal flotation device which did not fit the child properly. It was confirmed the boat was not registered. A citation and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed four subjects fishing. The four subjects saw the CPO approaching them and immediately packed up and walked across the road into the woods. CPO Whitchurch waited for the four subjects at a nearby parking facility. CPO Whitchurch positively identified the four subjects and requested fishing licenses from the subjects. All four failed to have valid fishing licenses and were cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing from a motor boat in Cook County and performed a boat safety inspection. The boat was not in compliance with required safety equipment. One of the subjects did not possess a valid sport fishing license because of owed child support. The other subject was an out-of-state resident who did not possess a valid nonresident sport fishing licenses. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed two boats being operated at a Cook County lake. Valid registration was not visible on either of the boats. Watercraft inspections were completed and it was learned both boats did not possess valid registration. Citations were issued for noncompliance with registration laws.

CPO Whitchurch observed a watercraft underway on a Cook County river. A boat inspection was completed. There were no personal flotation devices on board the boat. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for the personal flotation device violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed a male and female subject actively fishing together at a Cook County lake. When the female subject saw CPO Whitchurch, she immediately ran over to the male subject and notified him CPO Whitchurch was in the area. The male subject then walked over behind a willow tree and dropped his fishing pole on the ground. CPO Whitchurch requested fishing licenses from both subjects. The female subject produced a valid fishing license, but the male subject did not have a valid fishing license. CPO Whitchurch requested the male subject's personal information. The male subject lied about his identity. The subject's true identity was learned by CPO Whitchurch at which time it was revealed there was a valid warrant for the subject's arrest from the Cook County Sheriff's Office for aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon. The subject was taken into custody. He was transported to a Cook

County Jail where he was booked on the outstanding warrant and cited for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a subject fishing with too many devices. Upon closer inspection, CPO Whitchurch observed the subject had a line tied to a nearby log which CPO Whitchurch observed move and the line appeared stressed. CPO Whitchurch moved over to the line and pulled it in. CPO Whitchurch found the subject had a large common snapping turtle on the line. The subject admitted the line was his and was unsure of the laws regarding taking common snapping turtles. CPO Whitchurch informed the subject of the June 15th through October 15th season for taking turtles. Enforcement action was taken against the subject for possessing the snapping turtle out of season and for fishing with too many devices. The snapping turtle was released alive.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat being operated on Lake Michigan that caused a large wake at a public launch ramp. Contact with the operator was made. A boat safety inspection was completed. The boat did not have a serviceable fire extinguisher on board or visual distress signals. Also, the boat was not registered. Citations and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat at a Cook County Lake which did not have valid registration. The operator was cited for the registration violation.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat which had two fishermen on board at a Cook County lake. Fishing license checks and a boat safety inspection were conducted. There were no wearable personal flotation devices on board. The operator was cited for unlawful operation of a watercraft without any personal flotation devices on board.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat on a Cook County lake which did not have valid registration visible. Contact with the boat was made and it was determined there were no personal flotation devices on board. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a personal watercraft underway at Lake Michigan. No valid registration was visible on the personal watercraft. Contact with the operator was made and it was determined the personal watercraft was not properly registered. A citation was issued for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Whitchurch observed two people on separate kayaks at a Cook County lake. Checks of the kayaks were made. Neither kayaker possessed personal flotation devices or water usage stamps. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch checked a boat at Lake Michigan and it was learned the boat did not have any personal flotation devices on board. The operator of the boat was cited for not having any personal flotation devices on board while underway.

CPO Whitchurch patrolled the Des Plaines River in Cook County when he observed two fishermen utilizing separate kayaks in the same area. Checks of the two fishermen and kayaks were made. Neither fisherman possessed valid sport fishing licenses, water usage stamps, or personal flotation devices. Both people were issued citations and written warnings for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch observed a group of four subjects fishing together from the bank at a Cook County lake. When the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, two of the subjects immediately tossed their fishing poles into the woods and walked away. CPO Whitchurch caught up to the subjects and it was learned they both did not possess valid sport fishing licenses. Both subjects were issued citations.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed two subjects littering into a Cook County watershed. Contact with the subjects was made and each subject was cited for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they observed a kayaker on a Cook County lake. The kayaker failed to have a valid sport fishing license and a valid water usage stamp. A citation and written warning were issued for the violations.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Busse Lake Boat Launch issued four citations and four written warnings for operation of a watercraft without a PFD, fishing without a fishing license and no water usage stamp.

CPO V. Smith and CPOT Poffenberger while on patrol at Busse Lake North Pool witnessed two men fishing partially hidden in the weeds. When approached one man produced a valid sport fishing license, the other man did not have a fishing license. A records check of the subject indicated he had two valid felony warrants for grand theft and burglary. The subject was taken into custody, transported to Cook County Sheriff's Department and issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license.

While on a boat patrol in Lake Michigan out of North Point Marina CPO V. Smith issued written warnings for failure to display proper registration, and no flares.

While on patrol at Bode Lake CPO V. Smith witnessed four teenage boys fishing. Two boys did not have fishing licenses and were issued warnings.

## DUPAGE COUNTY

A CPO was called out to DuPage County to investigate the possibility of an American Bald Eagle lying on the side of the road either injured or dead. CPO Macias went to the location and discovered it to be a Canada goose, not an eagle, and the animal was disposed of.

CPO Mooi and CPOT Poffenberger conducted sport fishing enforcement in DuPage County. Citations and three written warnings were issued for multiple violations.

CPO Mooi concluded deer enforcement investigations for District 1. Written warnings were issued to hunters for violations during archery deer season.

## LAKE COUNTY

CPO Gilmer was asked to attend the start of the Illinois High School Fishing Tournament to ensure all safety equipment was aboard, in good operating condition, and registration was current on all boats launched for the tournament. With the exception of a few issues corrected prior to launching, over 20 boats were inspected showing all necessary equipment and were launched well before the tournament making a great start to the tournament. Good job to all of the participants for ensuring your boat was ready for the tournament.

CPO Gilmer urges fishermen to check to make sure they have a valid fishing license for 2016 fishing season. He has written several warnings in the month of April switching to citations in the month of May for no valid fishing license. Also, be sure to have your fishing license on you as you fish.

CPO Gilmer has been writing a lot of warnings for boats fishing for salmon on Lake Michigan without battery terminals covered, expired flares, expired fire extinguishers, and other necessary equipment while boating. CPO Gilmer takes this seriously on Lake Michigan since it can be much more dangerous than the average pond or lake.

## REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

### **District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

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

## CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum conducted a Boater Safety Presentation and courtesy Boat Safety Inspections at Mill Creek Lake Park.

## COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited an Arcola man for fishing without a fishing license while fishing in a restricted area along I-57 in Coles County.

CPO Moody arrested a Charleston man on a failure to appear warrant for fleeing and eluding a police officer. The man was also cited for pollution of a waterway.

CPO Greuel cited an Arcola man for pollution of a waterway in Coles County.

CPO Moody cited a Charleston man for illegal dumping. The man had dumped over 10 large trash bags of household trash off of the Airtight Bridge into the Embarras River.

CPO Moody wrote several fish related citations at various Coles County lakes.

CPO Moody arrested a Charleston man on a failure to appear warrant for fleeing and eluding a police officer. The man was also cited for pollution of a waterway.

## EDGAR COUNTY

CPOs Greuel and Wellum responded to a fatal boat accident on Twin Lakes in Paris. A 56 year old Paris man became exhausted after unsuccessfully attempting to start his outboard motor. The man began using his trolling motor to return to the boat ramp. While trying to move around in the boat he lost his balance causing the boat to lean at which time he fell overboard. The man had on a lifejacket which was not fastened and it came off. The man drowned before the other occupants in the boat were able to come to his aid.

## SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds was first on scene on a two vehicle traffic accident with injuries on Rte. 128 in Shelbyville. A Shelbyville woman was transported to the hospital. Shelbyville Police Department handled the traffic accident report.

CPO Greuel cited a Findlay man for fishing without a fishing license on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel administered Firearms Qualification at the ISP Pawnee range for IDNR Conservation Police.

## **District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

## DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a Champaign man in Dewitt County for driving while license suspended and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

CPO Graden patrolled the Clinton Lake area. During the shift, he issued three written warnings for aquatic life violations. A Lincoln man was issued a speeding citation for driving 75 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. Also, two Clinton men were issued citations for fishing without Illinois resident sport fishing licenses.

CPO Graden cited a Chicago fisherman for failing to release two undersize crappie.

## MACON COUNTY

While checking fishermen at the Lake Decatur dam, CPO Wright observed a vehicle parked illegally in a parking lot with a lone passenger inside. After talking with the Decatur man, he admitted he had drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. Inside the vehicle was numerous drug paraphernalia along with 4 grams of heroin and 1.6 grams of meth. The man was arrested and booked in Macon County jail.

## VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Sanford, CPO Vadbunker, CPO Viverito, and CPOT Ausmus located a subject wanted on a warrant in Kickapoo State Park near Emerald Pond. The subject was arrested without incident and transported to the Vermilion County Public Safety Building.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Viverito located a subject fishing at Ellsworth Park in Danville. After a fish code compliance check it was determined the subject did not have a valid Illinois fishing license. A narcotics detection K9 alert prompted a request for a consent search to be conducted which was granted. The consent search produced drug paraphernalia containing a controlled substance (methamphetamine). The subject was arrested without incident and transported to the Vermilion County Public Safety Building.

CPOT Sanford and CPO Viverito conducted a fish code compliance check at High Pond in Kickapoo State Park. After detecting the odor of cannabis inside a suspect vehicle, a search of that vehicle was conducted. The search of the vehicle and persons produced <2.5 grams of cannabis and a large amount of U.S. currency packaged in a manner typically associated with the trafficking of controlled substances. One subject was issued a citation for possession of cannabis <2.5 grams. The currency, along with multiple cell phones, was seized pursuant to an investigation.

CPO Cottrell located a former Danville resident fishing at Lake Vermilion without a valid license. After establishing his current residence (Indiana), the subject was cited for fishing without a valid license and warned about changing his address with Illinois Secretary of State.

CPO Cottrell located two Champaign residents kayaking on Clear Pond in Kickapoo State Park without registration for either boat. One subject was issued a citation for operation of non-powered watercraft without water usage stamp, and his wife received a written warning for the same offense in addition to a written warning for operating a vehicle off of park roadway. It was explained to both about the proper procedure to obtain the water usage stamp.

## REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

### **District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner**

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

## JERSEY COUNTY

Sgt. Wagner was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park when a car club arrived. The same car club was at the park last month. We had reports of reckless driving and damage from them driving through the grass. CPO Weishaupt stopped a car at the boat ramp when he observed a subject hanging on to the rear of a vehicle while on skateboard. The driver was issued citations for no valid registration and no insurance.

CPO Weishaupt was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park when he stopped a vehicle for expired registration. The driver was suspended and had no insurance. He was also in violation of being a registered violent sexual predator in a state park.

Sgt. Wagner was attending church, off duty, when a subject confessed to shooting a turkey out of season. CPO Goetten went to his residence and seized the turkey. The subject was cited for shooting a turkey after the season had closed.

CPO Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle in Pere Marquette State Park. After detecting the odor of cannabis inside the vehicle, he asked the driver to step out. The subject refused to comply with his orders. Sgt. Wagner arrived on scene to assist and convinced the subject to comply with his orders. A search revealed a large bong, several drug pipes and cannabis. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County Jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle in Jersey County. The driver was wanted on an Alton Police Department arrest warrant for driving while license revoked. Bond was \$3000 (10%) plus a \$75 FTA fee. She was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle at Piasa Harbor. The driver had a suspended driver's license. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten stopped a motorcycle in Pere Marquette State Park after a check of the registration revealed the owner was a sexually violent predator. The driver was identified as the registered owner. He admitted to knowing he could not be in a public park. He was arrested for being a sexually violent predator in a public park.

CPO Weishaupt was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park when he stopped two motorcycles for speeding. Neither operator had a valid driver's license to operate a motorcycle.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle at Frank Holten State Park. The driver was wanted on a Jackson County arrest warrant for shoplifting. Bond was \$1000 (10%) plus a \$75 FTA fee. She was transported to Centreville Police Department where she posted bond.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle at Frank Holten State Park. The driver was arrested for driving while license suspended.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle at Frank Holten State Park. The driver had a suspended driver's license and the passenger was in possession of open alcohol. A search of the vehicle revealed roaches and two packages of K2. The driver and passenger were arrested and the vehicle was towed.

### **District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

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

#### SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance investigated a subject who harvested a turkey in Illinois. However, during the investigation the subject provided a Missouri driver's license. The subject wasn't sure how long he had been living in Illinois. A check of his residence with Missouri - Fish and Wildlife Agents and Illinois Point of Sale revealed the subject had been getting resident tags and licenses in both states. Charges have been filed in both states.

CPO Swance and CPOT Thornley participated in a summer safety day for all of the rural high schools in Sangamon County. They displayed a new patrol boat and gave safety tips for the water. The event was attended by Governor Rauner.

CPO Swance taught a boating safety class for 15 students.

CPO Swance participated in an event with the Lincoln Land Power Squadron. The event focused on wearing of PFD's. The group then gathered in an attempt to break the world record for the most PFD's worn in one day. In total 15 students participated.

CPO Swance hosted a local TV station reporter to get out the message of boating safety. The focal point was to ask all boaters to wear their PFD's and have a designated operator if consuming alcohol.

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**  
**(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)**

**MADISON COUNTY**

CPO French and CPOT Tripp arrested an Alton subject on a warrant for Alton Police Department and for no fishing license.

CPO French and CPOT Tripp arrested a St Louis subject for obstruction of identification, no fishing license, and on three warrants. Two of the warrants were from the counties of St Clair and Madison. The other warrant was a no bond warrant from Missouri on probation violations.

CPO French and CPOT Tripp arrested a St Louis subject for no fishing license and a warrant from St Clair County.

CPO French arrested a Granite City subject for operating a motor vehicle while license suspended and on an Effingham County warrant.

CPO French and CPO Liebl arrested a Granite City subject for operating a motor vehicle while license suspended.

CPO Matt Lentz arrested a Missouri resident for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams at Melvin Price Lock and Dam.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were checking fishermen on Sparta's South Lake. When CPOT Knop asked to see one of the fishermen's licenses, the fisherman handed him a resident Missouri fishing license. CPOT Knop also noticed that the fisherman's driver's license was also out of Missouri. When asked if he had an Illinois fishing license the fishermen said that he must have left it in his other vehicle. Upon further investigation it was found that the fisherman had obtained an Illinois resident fishing license for the past three years. The fisherman was issued a ticket for unlawfully falsifying his address to obtain a resident fishing license and fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop responded to a call of two injured hikers at Piney Creek Ravine. Upon arrival several local agencies and State police were already on scene. One of the hikers had managed to make it back to his vehicle while the other hiker only made it approximately half way due to a collapsed lung. After gathering information from one of the hikers and insuring that both hikers were on their way to medical care (one by ambulance, one by helicopter), CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop went to the scene of the accident to look for the injured dog. The dog was found hiding under several boulders and though scared seemed to be relatively uninjured. It was concluded that the hikers fell while trying to navigate up a waterfall that was slick from water and moss. The dog and a pair of eyeglasses were returned to relatives of the hiker.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were checking a family fishing at Randolph County Conservation area. From earlier observation it was noted that two male adults were fishing. CPOT Knop checked one fisherman, while CPO Schachner spoke with the family and a child. As he conversed with the family, CPO Schachner noticed another adult a short distance away. Several trees partially obscured the man and it appeared he was trying to remain unseen by crouching

low to the bank. When CPO Schachner approached, he noticed a fishing pole directly in front of the man submerged in the water next to a log about five feet from the shore. The individual did not want to admit to fishing at the time that the officers arrived and claimed the fishing pole snagged on something earlier and the pole somehow was jerked from his hands into the water. The pole was easily retrieved (and did not appear snagged) and was still baited with a worm. The individual had three outstanding warrants and was arrested and jailed at the County jail. He was also issued a citation for no valid fishing license.

CPO Charles and CPO Sievers were on boat patrol on the Kaskaskia River in Randolph County. The officers observed a boat near Evansville Boat Launch. After watching the boat for a few minutes it appeared that the passengers were dragging for hoop nets. The officers inspected the fishermen's commercial fishing licenses and inspected their boat equipment. Numerous boat violations were found during the inspection and it was also found that the fishermen had five hoop nets on the river but did not have any device tags for the nets. The fishermen were cited for the violations.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray received information of an individual selling two Red Ear Slider Turtles on Craigslist. The individual was selling two Red Ear Sliders, 40 gallon aquarium, filters, turtle food, three platforms for to bask on and rocks for bottom of aquarium. The mother purchased the turtles from a local pet store as therapy for her special needs child. She was attempting to sell the turtles and equipment after adequate time could not be given to the turtles. CPO Ray gave the mother warning and explained it was unlawful to sell or release the turtles into the wild. The mother decided to give the turtles to a friend so her child could still visit them. She changed her Craigslist ad and will attempt to sell the aquarium.

CPO Rolfingsmeier, while working Frank Holten State Park, arrested a person driving while license is suspended.

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop patrolled Frank Holten State Park on several weekend days and arrested three subjects on warrants and wrote multiple suspended drivers and park/fish violations. In addition, one subject wanted on warrant fled in his vehicle resulting in the application of a second felony warrant against him for aggravated fleeing/eluding.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles talked at a hunter safety course in Nashville, Washington County.

CPO Charles talked to multiple groups of students at the Oakdale Grade School in Washington County. CPO Charles educated the students about Natural Resources and the role of Conservation Police Officers.

### **REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber**

#### **District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens**

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

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins, Lay and Folden assisted at the annual Paralyzed Veterans Tournament (PVA) held at Rend Lake.

Region 5 conducted pistol and rifle firearms training at the Ten Mile Creek range.

CPO Folden and CPO Lay spent time becoming familiar with the controls and options on the newly assigned District 14 Patrol boat.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Schoenhoff arrested a person wanted on a warrant. The person was transported to the White County jail.

CPO Folden issued a written warning to a timber truck driver for not having complete proof of ownership paperwork.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation to a Missouri resident tent camper in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park for driving his vehicle onto the state park grounds (causing ruts). The camper said he wanted to use his vehicle as a wind break for his tent.

CPO Lay (assisted by CPO Jourdan), arrested a Mt. Vernon woman whom had been fishing at Rend Lake. The female angler was found to be wanted on a failure to appear (FTA) warrant out of Hamilton County Illinois.

CPO Folden conducted patrols on Ten Mile Creek Fish and Wildlife Area and Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. CPO Folden issued three citations for violations. Two citations were issued for fishing without a valid fishing license. One citation was issued for not having wearable personal floatation devices on board while operating a watercraft.

#### POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson assisted the ISP in searching multiple buildings for a violent subject with an assault rifle in Pope County. The individual previously shot a police officer in Mahomet and fled to the Shawnee Forest.

CPO Johnson inspected two individuals who possessed a game breeder's permit. Commercial inspections were completed.

CPO Johnson inspected two timber trucks. A subject was issued a written warning for not having the correct information listed on his transportation paperwork.

CPO Johnson followed up on a complaint from a landowner. The landowner stated the subjects were riding ATV's on the roads and in the fields. CPO Johnson stopped the ATV's and one subject fled the scene on his ATV. CPO Johnson spoke with the other subjects and asked them to help locate the subject who fled. They assisted in locating the subject's truck and contacted the subject who fled. CPO Johnson issued them three written warnings. The subject returned and he was issued a citation for operating an ATV on the roadway.

#### WHITE COUNTY

CPO Folden issued a citation to a White County man for failure to transfer certificate of number within the required time after purchasing a watercraft. CPO Folden issued the same man a written warning for the unlawful sale of a watercraft without a title. These violations were brought to CPO Folden's attention by a Hamilton County resident attempting to register her recently purchased watercraft.

### **District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

#### FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol in Fayette County near Lake Nellie, CPO Robert Compton and CPOT Paul Roper observed two subjects sitting in a vehicle drinking alcohol. While investigating the incident one subject was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. That subject was arrested and transported to the Fayette County jail.

CPO Robert Compton received a complaint that a subject may have unlawfully killed a wild turkey in Fayette County. CPO Compton met with the suspect who admitted to the crime. That subject was charged with unlawful take of a wild turkey and was released with a June court date.

## WAYNE COUNTY

While on patrol at Sam Dale State Park, CPO Holland observed a male passenger traveling in a passenger car not wearing a seat belt. CPO Holland conducted a traffic stop. After obtaining consent to search, CPO Holland discovered both subjects in possession of cannabis and paraphernalia. The subjects were transported to the Wayne County jail and citations were issued for failure to wear seatbelt, operation of uninsured vehicle, illegal possession of drugs/paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed.

## WHITE COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were working commercial fish enforcement on the Wabash River in the area of Wabash County. The CPOs checked several commercial hoop nets and did not find any discrepancies. While travelling from the boat launch located in Grayville, the two CPOs observed a commercial fisherman coming in from the river. A safety equipment check of the boat found the operator to be in violation of insufficient number of life jackets, missing type 4 throwable devices, and defective fire extinguisher. The operator was issued a citation for insufficient number of life jackets, one written warning for type 4, and one written warning for fire extinguisher.

CPO Smith issued a written warning to another commercial fisherman for fire extinguisher and type 4 throwable devices.

CPO Smith and Roper also spoke to a young man about becoming a Conservation Police Officer.

## **District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

## JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a boating accident which occurred on Kinkaid Lake. The subjects reported they were swimming in the lake when they noticed their boat was sinking. They were able to get the boat to shore, however the boat is likely a total loss.

CPO Lewis cited two subjects at the Kinkaid Spillway for possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

CPO Vasicek cited a resident for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Kinkaid Lake.

## JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson cited a fisherman for possession of two largemouth bass (one 12" bass, one 13" bass) under the 16" length limit at Horseshoe Lake.

CPO Thompson cited a fisherman for fishing without a fishing license along the Mississippi River.

CPO Thompson responded to a dog bite incident at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The dog owner had been warned before about dogs required to be on a leash; the owner was cited this time and a report made to the county animal control.

CPO Thompson and park personnel responded to a lost hiker incident at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The hiker had been missing for two hours. Shortly after the searching began, the hiker was found unhurt.

CPO Thompson cited a kayaker on Dutchman Lake for not having a wearable lifejacket and issued them a warning for not registering or buying a water usage stamp for the kayak.

CPO Thompson is investigating a boat incident where the boat filled with water for some unknown reason.

CPO Thompson cited a fisherman for possession of a largemouth bass (12") under the length limit of 15" at Bowman Bottoms Lake.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited and warned several boat operators over the Memorial Day weekend for minor boating violations at Lake of Egypt.

CPO Vasicek arrested a non-resident boater for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol at Lake of Egypt over the Memorial Day Weekend.