



# 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 29 – June 13, 2016)

*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**

While on patrol in Carroll County, CPO Jones observed a man fishing on the fishing platform at Frog Pond. CPO Jones could see a bucket and a stringer near the man fishing. During the compliance check it was discovered the man was in possession of a short northern pike. The Savanna man was cited and the fish was released back into the water.

CPO Jones and CPO Teas made contact with a Savanna man who was fishing at Marquette Park. CPO Jones asked if he had caught any fish and the man explained he had a drum on a stringer. While CPO Teas checked the stringer, CPO Jones asked to look in his cooler to make sure he didn't have a short bass. The subject opened the cooler and said there was a bass in it. The bass had the head removed (dressed). CPO Jones cited the man for possessing a dressed fish on a body of water with a length limit.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri signed formal charges against a sex offender present at Johnson Sauk Trail SRA in Kewanee. The offender was later served a Notice to Appear before a Henry County judge for the Class A Misdemeanor charges.

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled public and private waterways. Eight citations were issued to individuals fishing without a valid fishing license. Multiple written warnings were issued for watercraft equipment violations.

#### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

While on boat patrol on the Mississippi River, CPO Jones and CPO Posateri arrested a Tipton, Iowa man for operation of watercraft under the influence of alcohol B.A.C>.08(.103).

CPO Posateri was on boat patrol on the Mississippi River in Sylvan Slough and arrested a Davenport, Iowa man for an outstanding warrant, possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and OUI.

On Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, CPO Francisko organized a "Fishing Enforcement Detail". Several CPOs from the surrounding area worked the Rock River and Hennepin Canal Parkway in Rock Island County. The detail was organized to combat numerous sportsmen complaints about the fishing resource being abused. Several citations and written warnings were issued including a citation for possession of a walleye in the protected slot length limit as well as arrests for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

## **District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

### **LASALLE COUNTY**

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :  
5 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks  
2 individuals were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia  
4 individuals were arrested for possession of cannabis  
25 Individuals were issued citation for climbing the sides of the canyon walls and or entry to a restricted area

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which led to:  
3 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license  
9 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land  
2 Individuals were issued citations for being in possession of short walleye  
1 Individual was issued a citation for snagging in waters closed to snagging

CPO Finn was patrolling the Starved Rock area when he observed a vehicle traveling very slowly. He followed the vehicle for a few miles when he observed the vehicle stop in the roadway and turn on his hazard lights. Finn approached the car and believed the driver to be under the influence of alcohol. After performing Field Sobriety Test and taking a breath test it was determined the man was well above .08(.225) and arrested. The man received three citations and was taken to the LaSalle County Jail.

### **WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser observed two vehicles closely following each other and traveling over double the posted speed limit of 20 mph. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop on the lead vehicle, the second vehicle stopped behind CPO Fraser's patrol vehicle. A check of the 4 occupants of the first vehicle revealed all were reported gang members and only the driver held a valid license. A check of the second vehicle revealed the driver had a suspended license and was wanted on a warrant. The lead vehicle and its occupants were released and the driver of the second vehicle was arrested and transported to jail.

CPO Fraser conducted a traffic stop in Rock Cut State Park for no front license plate on a vehicle. During the stop CPO Fraser found the driver did not have a valid driver's license or insurance for the vehicle. A probable cause search of the vehicle based on the odor of cannabis revealed less than 2.5 grams of cannabis in the glove compartment. The driver of the vehicle was released with a Notice to Appear in court and the vehicle was released to a valid driver.

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 a 30 year old individual, in possession of cannabis, off of the designated trail. A search incident to arrest back at the subject's car revealed additional cannabis and drug paraphernalia 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 < 10 grams and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Alt cited a Rockford man in Winnebago County for unlawful taking of common snapping turtle during the closed season.

CPO Alt arrested a Rockford man for OUI–Watercraft on the Rock River in Winnebago County. The subject blew over the legal limit of .08% breath alcohol concentration at the time of arrest.

CPO Alt reached out to the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department and initiated a joint watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County on Memorial Day. The six hour patrol resulted in 23 boats inspected with 3 citations and 21 written warnings issued to area boaters. The patrol was designed to raise public awareness of the Illinois Boating Code to decrease incidents of OUI, reckless operation of watercraft, and lack of PFD (personal flotation device) use.

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park after observing the violations of speeding, disobeyed stop sign and improper display – no front license plate. The traffic stop revealed additional violations of driver’s license not on person and no valid driver’s license, and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

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CPO Alt was asked to participate in the Coon Creek Casters annual “Hooked on Fishing” youth tournament in Spencer Park in Belvidere. A 20 minute PFD and water safety presentation was conducted for Boone County area youth in attendance.

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

### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

CPO Reid arrested a Henderson County subject for criminal damage to state supported property. The subject destroyed a planted sunflower field at the Big River State Forest with a 4-wheel drive Hummer. The subject eventually lost control of the vehicle and rolled on its top in the middle of the field. The subject was arrested and transported to the Henderson county jail

### **TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPO VanZant issued multiple citations for not having wearable life jackets

CPO VanZant was called to the scene of an injured bald eagle. The eagle was ultimately caught and taken to WSPS where it was checked out and transported to Champaign to a veterinarian clinic

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

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

### **LAKE COUNTY**

CPO Semenik arrested two male subjects after observing them fishing and smoking what he believed to be cannabis in a small row boat. After making contact with the fishermen and asking them to exit the boat, CPO Semenik interviewed the two men and recovered a glass smoking pipe and plastic container with cannabis in a tackle box aboard the boat. The two men were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. The owner/operator of the row boat was also issued a citation for operation with no wearable PFDs on board and fishing without a sportfishing license.

CPO Semenik responded to a possible domestic at the Chain O' Lakes State Park, Honey Suckle Hollow Campsite H5. It was learned that two individuals involved fled in their vehicle. Lake County Sheriff Department and Fox Lake Police Department were advised and on the lookout for the vehicle. When CPO Semenik arrived at the campsite he made contact with the male subject who called in the possible domestic to Lake County Sheriff. The man appeared to be under the influence of alcohol and drugs. During the interview of the subject, CPO Semenik recovered a glass smoking pipe off the individual's person. CPO Semenik also located cannabis in a cigarette pack the man had next to him on a bench. CPO Semenik learned the others involved in the altercation were his daughter and her husband. CPO Semenik convinced the daughter to return to the campsite via cell phone. While speaking with the daughter on the phone the man walked over to the neighboring campsite and started drinking a beer. When the daughter arrived CPO Semenik received consent to search the woman's vehicle. A glass smoking pipe and metal grinder was recovered in the driver side door and an open beer can in the rear cup holder. There were no visible marks on either of the two individuals and at the conclusion of interviews of the campsite members and neighbors it was determined there was no domestic violence situation. However, the male that called in the possible domestic was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and issued a citation for alcohol in a posted restricted area. The daughter of the caller was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and illegal transportation of alcohol.

#### McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis arrested a subject for OUI on Grass Lake. The subject had a BAC of .148%.

CPOs Davis, Winters and Sgt. Riedel traveled out of district and worked the America's Cup sailboat race with District 4.

CPO Davis assisted CPO Schreiber on an OUI and CPO Semenik on a domestic violence that turned into multiple drug arrests.

While conducting recreational boat enforcement on the Chain O Lakes, CPO Winters issued 4 citations and 5 written warnings for various boating violations.

CPO Schreiber cited a subject fishing along the Fox River, near Fox River Grove, for failure to immediately release an undersized largemouth bass. The bass was only 9" long and the minimum length is 14".

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CPOs Schreiber and Wagner cited two subjects at the Carpentersville Dam for unlawfully using a cast net to take sport fish. Both subjects were catching small bluegill to be used for catfishing.

CPO Schreiber arrested a subject on the Fox River, at the Chain O' Lakes State Park boat ramp, for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject had a BAC of 0.171.

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

#### GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Reid and Miere were working at Stratton Park on the Illinois River. CPO Reid, utilizing binoculars witnessed an adult masturbating near two young girls under the age of 12. The subject was arrested and has felony charges pending for sexual exploitation of a child. He was charged for exposing his genitals in a State Park and was served with an eviction from the site.

CPO Miere issued two written warnings for unlawful possession of alcoholic beverages at Stratton Park

## KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker was checking fishermen at Kankakee River State Park and found a fisherman fishing without his fishing license in possession. A subsequent check through ISP (Illinois State Police) to see if he was wanted indicated that he was indeed wanted for Failure to Appear (FTA) on a dangerous drug offense. He was able to post bond, and was also cited for the fishing license violation.

CPO Vadbunker and K9 Toby tracked a group of fishermen from a parking lot to the Kankakee River that was over a mile away. Ten fishermen were observed fishing and during the observation one was observed smoking cannabis. During the remaining fishing inspections, one of the fishermen was observed sneaking into the woods. K9 Toby was able to find where the subject had hidden cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Two other subjects admitted to possessing cannabis. All four were charged with possession of cannabis and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Vadbunker observed a subject operating an older PWC without a life jacket on. Subsequent inspection of him and his PWC resulted in multiple violations being discovered. The operator was cited for failure to wear a PFD as required, failure to display valid registration on the watercraft, failure to display valid registration on the trailer. Warnings were issued for no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, batteries not secured/covered, violation of no wake area, failure to have safety certificate, permitting unauthorized person to drive motor vehicle, parking where prohibited and no insurance.

CPO Vadbunker observed four fishermen fishing in Rock Creek within Kankakee River State Park with a cast net. The fishermen were observed using the net to unlawfully take rainbow trout. Each fisherman was cited for the unlawful netting and three of them were additionally cited for no fishing license.

CPO Vadbunker observed a subject operating a PWC (personal watercraft) after sunset. She checked the person/watercraft for compliance with boating regulations and found that the subject not only didn't have required safety equipment but was also intoxicated. The subject was arrested and submitted a breath sample with a result of .145, considerably over the limit of .08. He was also cited with no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, and unlawful operation of PWC after sunset.

CPO Vadbunker observed a subject fishing in a restricted area of Bird Park Quarry. He was checked and was found without a valid fishing license. He was cited for fishing without fishing license and for fishing without permission.

CPO Vadbunker received a complaint from a married couple at Kankakee River State Park that a person was openly masturbating while watching them. CPO Vadbunker was able to locate the subject and he was cited for disorderly conduct, obscenity, and unlawfully exposing his genital area on state property.

CPO Mieure conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Kankakee River and patrolled Kankakee River State Park. He issued six written warnings for no type 4 PFD, no sounding device, unnumbered watercraft, unserviceable fire extinguisher and no wake violations.

## KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland conducted interviews regarding an endangered species snake case. Charges are pending a review with the State's Attorney's office

## WILL COUNTY

District 3 CPOs assisted emergency personnel with the search for a drowning victim in the Kankakee River utilizing the airboat to conduct the search.

CPO Mieure issued two written warnings for no fishing licenses.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for fishing with more than two devices to an individual fishing at Busse Lake. The subject was using six fishing poles when contacted.

CPO Macias was called out to an Illinois nature preserve by a Cook County Forest Police Officer. A known poacher of plants and roots in the Illinois nature preserve was thought to be in the area taking items from the nature preserve. Two subjects were apprehended with evidence and admitted guilt to CPO Macias, several citations were issues

CPO Macias conducted deer investigations stemming from several hunters based in Cook County hunting in Ogle County. The subjects were located and all gathered to discuss the issue of not turning in harvested deer heads per site specific rules in Castle Rock State Park. Six subjects were issued written warnings

CPO Macias was patrolling William Powers State Fish and Game Area enforcing boat and fishing rules. Several people were found to be in non-compliance with various state park rules. Three citations and one written warning were issued.

CPO Macias was patrolling at Maple Lake and found an individual fishing without a valid license, a citation was issued.

CPO Macias was patrolling at William Powers State Fish and Game area and came across four non-residents fishing without a license. Additionally they had taken baitfish from Wolf Lake and had admitted to catching and releasing fish over several hours. A pair of citations and written warnings was issued.

CPO Macias was enforcing boating laws in Burnham Harbor in Chicago. CPO Macias noticed several lifeboats being used as transports and almost every lifeboat had no PFD's onboard nor were they registered with the state. Citations were issued and information was conveyed about the rules of watercraft registration.

CPO Macias was on patrol in William Powers State Fish and Game Area the entire first weekend of June, despite bad weather on the initial day, opening the summer state park season in Chicago. Several fishing patrons were checked, traffic laws were enforced in the park, and boating laws were enforced. Two written warnings were issued.

CPO Macias attended the IDNR Firearms Instructor Training. The training took place at the ISP firing range located in Pawnee.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at the south end of Lake Michigan when he observed a subject actively fishing. When CPO Whitchurch walked over to the area where the subject was seen fishing, he noticed the subject running away and abandoning his fishing gear. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject hiding behind a tree. When CPO Whitchurch contacted the subject he admitted to leaving the area because he did not have a fishing license. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed a group of three people operating personal watercrafts on Lake Michigan. All three personal watercrafts were being operated at high rates of speed right next to a public launch ramp, thus creating large wakes which affected the boats at rest at the launch dock. CPO Whitchurch stopped all three personal watercrafts and informed them of the no wake law. He also observed registration violations on two of the personal watercrafts. Each operator received a citation for the wake violations. The two subjects were issued warnings for failing to display valid registration on the personal watercrafts.

CPO Whitchurch cited an out of state resident for fishing without a license on Lake Michigan. The subject tried to pack up his fishing gear and make it to his vehicle while CPO Whitchurch was checking another angler nearby. CPO Whitchurch contacted the subject at his vehicle.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject operating a motor boat in violation of a posted no wake area on a Cook County River. The subject was attempting to create a wake and then turn and jump his own wake. CPO Whitchurch stopped the boat and informed the boat operator of the wake zone violations. After conducting a boat safety inspection, it was also learned the motor boat did not have a fire extinguisher on board, a sounding device on board, the batteries were not secured or covered, and there was no valid registration on the boat. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch observed a high performance motor boat being driven on plane at approximately 50 miles per hour through a posted no wake area on a Cook County River. The boat was stopped and the operator of the boat was issued a citation for the no wake violation.

CPO Whitchurch observed a personal watercraft being operated in an unsafe manner at Lake Michigan. The subject was driving the PWC in circles at a high rate of speed in close proximity to a public launch ramp. The subject was cited for creating a wake within 150 feet of a public launch ramp.

CPO Whitchurch observed a motor boat underway at a Cook County River which violated a posted no wake area. The boat was stopped at which time it was also observed there was a four year old child onboard the boat who was not wearing a personal flotation device while the boat was underway. CPO Whitchurch explained the personal flotation device laws to the operator along with the posted no wake area laws. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a personal watercraft being operated on Lake Michigan at high rate of speed in close proximity to a public launch ramp. CPO Whitchurch also observed the personal watercraft did not have any visible registration on it. CPO Whitchurch stopped the subject and issued a citation and a written warning for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol on IDNR Property in Cook County when they observed a subject blatantly disobey a stop sign with pedestrians in the area. A traffic stop was made on the vehicle at which time it was learned the driver of the vehicle did not possess valid proof of insurance and was also driving without a valid driver's license. The subject was arrested, bonded, and will be due in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan regarding an investigation a complaint of subjects illegally snagging bass in a harbor. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed the subjects attempting to snag bass and also set active fishing lines in the water and leave them unattended without tagging the fishing licenses with their address. Contact with the subjects was made and multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan harbor and observed a subject fishing without a license. As they were dealing with that subject, another subject fishing nearby observed the Officers and was observed discarding what appeared to be marijuana and a joint into the water. The subject was cited for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject operating a personal watercraft without a fire extinguisher on board and without proper watercraft registration. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a subject fishing from a kayak inside a harbor. A watercraft inspection was completed and a fishing license was requested. The subject had a valid fishing license but did not have a valid water usage stamp. The subject did not see the importance of the Officer's enforcement of the violation. The subject was cited for operating the watercraft without a water usage stamp.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger investigated a complaint of an unknown petroleum product causing sheen on the water at the Chicago Sanitary Shipping Canal. The company owning the property where the sheen was seen was

proactive by placing absorbent booms in the water to absorb the matter. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency worked in concert with the CPOs and the investigation was then turned over to the IEPA.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they observed a subject operating a personal watercraft between the hours of sunset and sunrise. They also observed the subject on the personal watercraft violating a posted no wake area. The operator of the personal watercraft was contacted and he was issued citations for both violations. The subject will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they stopped a boat for an inspection. After stopping the boat, they learned the subject was issued a citation and a written warning from the Conservation Police approximately one week earlier for watercraft violations. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger noted the subject was still not in compliance with the same State Laws he was cited and warned for approximately one week earlier. The subject was cited once again.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed an operator of a personal watercraft driving at a high rate of speed and creating a large wake inside a posted no wake area in a Lake Michigan harbor. The operator was stopped and cited for the wake violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol enforcing boating regulations when they observed a subject on Lake Michigan operating a boat without proper registration, no fire extinguisher onboard, no visual distress signals onboard, and was violating a posted no wake area by creating a large wake while underway. The operator was stopped and a citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch spent hours observing fishing activity at two Chicago harbors on Lake Michigan after numerous complaints of illegal activity had been received. A total of ten citations and one written warning were issued during the detail.

CPO Whitchurch stopped a motor boat at an IDNR lake and conducted a watercraft safety inspection. The boat did not have any wearable personal flotation devices on board, the registration numbers displayed were not displayed correctly, there was no sounding device and the battery was not housed in compliance. A citation and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch stopped a vehicle on IDNR property after a child was observed not wearing a seat belt and the vehicle was clocked driving double the posted speed limit. Upon making the traffic stop, it was learned the driver did not have a valid driver's license and the driver could not provide valid proof of insurance. The driver was arrested and bonded. The driver will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch observed subject snagging bass at a Cook County creek. The subject did not have a valid fishing license. Enforcement action was taken against the subject.

#### LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan issued a citation to a subject who passed the marked squad at 80 mph in a 55 mph zone while approaching a municipality. The subject didn't realize Illinois Conservation Police could stop cars on the highway and believed that speeding tickets were only issued by "real cops."

CPO Vaughan issued citations to a pair of individuals who were found in Illinois Beach State park approximately one hour after posted closing time.

CPO Vaughan completed the follow up for a vehicle found abandoned in a marsh area of Illinois Beach State Park. The subject was interviewed and admitted to driving the vehicle off-road. He was arrested for driving while license suspended, operation of a motor vehicle off road, and parking in a no parking zone.

CPO Farber conducted sport fishing 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 on patrol at Illinois Beach State Park when he observed a vehicle off the road way stuck in a marsh. The driver of the vehicle was not injured. While speaking with the driver face to face several signs of impairment were displayed. The driver failed field sobriety testing and registered a .157 on the PBT. After being placed in handcuffs, the driver started making suicidal comments. Beach park ambulance was contacted and transported her to Vista Medical in Waukegan. The driver consented to a blood test at the hospital. She was issued citations for driving under the influence of alcohol, operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and improper lane usage. More charges are pending waiting on blood test results from the ISP crime lab in Chicago.

## **REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes**

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

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

#### **CLARK COUNTY**

CPO Wellum arrested a Marshall woman for driving while license suspended and obstructing justice after she provided a false name and date of birth in an attempt to not be arrested.

#### **COLES COUNTY**

CPO Moody wrote various fish related citations at local lakes.

CPO Barnes inspected several boats at Lake Paradise and issued a citation to a Neoga subject for not having any personal flotation devices. CPO Barnes issued numerous written warnings for boat violations.

CPO Barnes arrested a Charleston subject and an Ashmore subject for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis while checking fishermen along the Embarras River.

CPO Barnes arrested an Oakland subject for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis at Lake Charleston.

#### **MOULTRIE COUNTY**

CPO Barnes wrote various fish related citations at local lakes and rivers.

CPO Moody arrested a Sullivan man for possession of less than 5 grams methamphetamine, possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis, and possession of drug paraphernalia while checking fishermen on the Kaskaskia River.

#### **SHELBY COUNTY**

CPO Moody and Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with the search of the Kaskaskia River for an 18 yr old Sullivan male missing from a tubing trip down the river. The subject turned up four hours later at a gas station in Shelbyville. The subject was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

CPO Greuel attended and taught Conservation Law at a Hunter Safety Class in Shelby County.

CPO Barnes and CPOT Ausmus assisted the Shelby County Dive Team in the search and recovery of a drowning victim.

While patrolling Lake Shelbyville, CPO Barnes and CPOT Ausmus arrested a Shelbyville man for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol with a BAC of .214.

CPO Greuel and CPO Wellum arrested a Findlay woman for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel assisted with the U.S. Open Water Swim event at Lincoln Trail State Park.

CPO Moody and CPO Barnes arrested a Mattoon man for OUI and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis on Lake Shelbyville. The two also found five short walleye and two short largemouth bass on the boat. The man and one of his passengers were also cited for the short fish. The man had previously been suspended from hunting for five years due to a previous encounter.

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds instructed Conservation Police Officers at an IDNR Firearms Pistol & Shotgun Instructor Training at ISP Pawnee Range.

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

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

### **DEWITT COUNTY**

Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus cited a Dewitt County teen for possession of paraphernalia and cannabis.

Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus found four teens at a Clinton Lake Day-Use Area after dark. The teens attempted to hide in the woods, but were quickly found. All teens were released to their parents.

Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus worked a boat accident on Clinton Lake. Clinton Lake Marina notified the CPOs of a sinking watercraft near Illinois Power beach. Marina staff responded by boat and was able to pump enough water out of the wrecked boat to tow it to shore where Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus began the investigation. It was determined that the operator hit a submerged object which broke the lower-unit off the transom allowing the vessel to become swamped. Operator inexperience was a contributing factor in the accident and alcohol was not involved.

CPO Viverito and CPOT Ausmus cited a Ford County man for driving with an expired license. The CPOs stopped the vehicle speeding in Clinton Lake SRA and determined the driver's license had expired two years ago. Citations and warnings were issued and the vehicle was removed by a valid driver.

CPO Viverito and CPOT Ausmus arrested a Dewitt County teen for possession of drug paraphernalia. While enforcing traffic laws at Clinton Lake SRA the officers observed a vehicle run a stop sign and speed through the park. The vehicle was stopped, all three teens were identified, K9 Hank alerted to the presence of drugs in the vehicle. CPOT Ausmus searched the car and found a glass pipe with cannabis residue. The pipe's owner was released on an NTA (Notice to Appear) and the driver was issued a two written warnings.

On Memorial Day, CPOT Ausmus and CPO Viverito conducted watercraft safety inspections at Westside Access on Clinton Lake. Several boats were checked and in compliance. One citation was issued for a child not wearing their PFD and a written warning was issued for an equipment violation.

CPO Reeves arrested an Atlanta man on Clinton Lake for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He registered a .087 BAC.

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject from McLean County for driving under the influence of alcohol. The arrest occurred at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area.

CPO Wright received a call from the parents of an adult Champaign man. The parents stated that they thought their son was missing because they had not heard from him in 2 days and he was on his sailboat at Clinton Lake. CPO Wright searched the lake and found the sailboat in the cove next to the campground. The Champaign man was located and was in good health.

#### MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright, along with intern Megan Burgener, was checking fishermen near the Sangamon River in Decatur when they observed a suspicious vehicle. They initiated a traffic stop and inside the vehicle multiple syringes along with a spoon was found. The driver and passenger admitted it was used for heroin. The passenger admitted they had just bought heroin in Decatur but had used it all already. The passenger was arrested. This case has been handed over to the Decatur Police Department detectives.

#### McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Wright investigated a possible meth making complaint at Moraine View State Park. CPO Wright received a complaint from a nearby camper that the suspect had come to his campsite looking for some weed. After being told that he did not have any the man stated that they were going to cook up a batch tomorrow and he could have some. After CPO Wright arrived on scene he located the camp site and found no one. After 6 hours of waiting the subjects never returned. The matter is still under investigation.

#### VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located three subjects at the PSB Dam in Danville. One of the subjects was cited for fishing without a valid fishing license and the two received written warnings for not having their license in possession.

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford conducted a boat enforcement detail at the Lake Vermilion boat ramp that resulted in one citation for registration violation and three written warnings on separate watercraft for equipment violations.

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)**

#### ADAMS COUNTY

CPOs Blazinic and Wheatley were on boat patrol in Pool 21 when they received a complaint of individuals jumping into the river from a railroad bridge north of Quinsippi Island. CPO Blazinic and CPO Wheatley arrived on location and found a man and woman under the railroad tracks. They were told to leave and that they were trespassing. The man began shouting there are no signs saying they could not be there. After a brief exchange of orders and arguments, the couple obliged and began exiting the area via a catwalk beneath the railroad tracks. After we found they did not actually exit, we began ordering them to do so again. The man exited the catwalk saying they could not because a train was crossing the bridge. After the train completed the crossing, the couple re-entered the catwalk to exit. We told the two for future reference that they were trespassing and not to come back. They failed to leave the area so CPO Wheatley exited the patrol boat while CPO Blazinic secured the boat. Once the CPO reached the end of the catwalk, he gathered the personal information of both subjects and they were taken into custody. The two were taken to Adams County Jail by the Quincy Police to await bail. Both subjects were charged with trespassing.

CPO Wheatley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Adams County.

CPO Wheatley attended the Fishing for Freedom Event on the Quincy river front. He spoke to several veterans/wounded warriors along with organizers for the event.

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a boat after sunset for no lights while on a boat patrol on the Mississippi River. The operator showed signs of alcohol impairment and was arrested for OUI. He had a BAC of .139%. He was transported to the Calhoun County jail.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten responded to a complaint of a subject sunbathing nude on the Mississippi River in an area frequented by families. The subject was located, arrested and transported to the Calhoun County jail.

#### JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a boat on the Mississippi River while on a boat patrol. While addressing a violation, both officers detected the odor of burnt cannabis inside the boat. One subject was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. Another was in possession of cannabis. Both were arrested. One of the subjects arrested was also legally in possession of a pistol. Because no one on the boat could legally possess the firearm, it was seized. The arrestee was provided with CPO Goetten's contact information and asked to call the next day when he bonded out of jail to have it returned. The following day, the subject made contact with CPO Goetten and arranged to meet. On arrival, CPO Goetten requested and obtained permission to place the firearm unloaded in the glove compartment of the subject's truck for safety reasons. As CPO Goetten placed the firearm in the glove compartment, he observed a cannabis grinder in a small compartment near the center console. A search confirmed the device contained cannabis. Three additional bags of cannabis were also located. The subject was again arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail. He was also cited for the expired registration on his truck.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a PWC while on a boat patrol on the Illinois River. The operator was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten checked several fishermen along the river. None had fishing licenses. One of the subjects was wanted on a warrant for failure to appear for a traffic offense. He was arrested and transported to the Alton Police Department. He was also cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle in Jersey County under the suspicion of DUI. The driver was wanted on a felony arrest warrant for the unlawful use of a debit card. The suspected DUI was unfounded. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County Sheriff's Department. Bond was \$15,000 (10%).

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for driving 69 mph in a posted 40 mph zone in Jersey County. The driver showed signs of alcohol impairment. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the subject was arrested for DUI. A search of the vehicle revealed a drug pipe and cannabis. During transport to the county jail, the subject became belligerent and made suicidal statements. As a result, CPO Goetten began transporting the subject to the hospital. The subject, despite being in handcuffs, and then managed to get out of his seat belt. He then attempted to open the door to jump out of the squad and commit suicide. CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten managed to restrain the subject and pull over to the roadway shoulder. The subject continued to be combative and made suicidal statements. EMS arrived on scene. The subject was transported to the Jersey Community Hospital where he continued to be combative with officers and hospital staff for several hours. He was charged with DUI with a BAC greater than .08%, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis and speeding. He was admitted into the hospital pending an evaluation.

CPOT Snodgrass and CPOs Goetten and Gushleff worked Free Fishing Days at Pere Marquette State Park. They manned the Wildlife Education Trailer and assisted with traffic control

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

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

#### **CASS COUNTY**

On Memorial Day while on routine boat patrol of the Illinois River CPOs Myers & Wichern received several complaints about dead fish floating near Frederick. CPOs located 400yds of trammel nets in Treadway Lake containing dead & morbid fish. It was determined (2) commercial fishermen from Beardstown had failed to check the nets for approximately 60hrs, and both fishermen failed to possess the proper licenses. The fishermen were charged with the violations & the nets were removed from the river.

#### **CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

CPOs Cochran and Tanke were patrolling Lake Taylorville. During the patrol they arrested a subject for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

#### **MASON COUNTY**

CPOs Elliott and Bettis were patrolling the Illinois River from Havana to Bath. During the patrol the issued citations for insufficient wearable PFD's, expired registration of a watercraft and numerous written warnings. In addition, a subject was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

#### **SANGAMON COUNTY**

CPOs Swance and Thornley were patrolling Lake Springfield. During the patrol they arrested a subject for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

### **District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

#### **MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Liebl and CPO Lentz were working Horseshoe Lake State Park when they encountered a group of individuals fishing. A check of the fishermen revealed they did not have fishing licenses. A check through State Police showed one of the fishermen had an active warrant. Citations were issued for no valid fishing license and the one fisherman was taken to jail for the active warrant.

CPO Liebl and CPO Lentz were working the Horseshoe Lake Campground after quiet hours were in effect (10:00 pm). As they walked the campgrounds, one site was continuing to have loud noise coming from it. CPO Lentz and Liebl watched as the persons at the campsite started a marshmallow fight and continued to get louder. At one point, one of the campers mentioned that they should keep it down. Immediately after that was said, another camper yelled “F (expletive) quiet hours”. The 21 year old that yelled the comment was camping with 7 other persons ranging from 17 to 20 years old. One 17 year old was found to be in possession of alcohol. About 20 grams of cannabis was also located. It was also discovered that the 21 year old was a registered sex offender. Parents were called to pick up the two 17 year olds. CPO Lentz arrested one of the campers for possession of less than 2.5 grams cannabis. Because of how the cannabis was packaged, additional charges for intent to deliver may also be sought. CPO Liebl arrested the 21 year old for violation of quiet hours, gift of alcohol to a minor, and possession of 10–30 grams of cannabis. The report was turned over to the State’s Attorney for possible additional charges for being a sex offender in the park.

CPO Liebl received a call about a domestic dispute at Frank Holten State Park. The victim said she was at the park with a friend when her ex-boyfriend drove by and saw her. He pulled into the parking lot next to her, got out, and used a crow bar to damage her vehicle. The victim also said her ex-boyfriend had a gun in his waistband the whole time this was going on. Statements and photographs were taken. Attempts to locate the offender were not successful. A report was written and submitted to the State’s Attorney for criminal damage to vehicle and aggravated assault.

#### RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a complaint that campers left the Randolph County Recreational Area before they paid their bill. CPO Sievers tracked down the campers and collected the owed money and issued the violator a citation.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Schachner patrolled Frank Holten State Park on two successive weekends and arrested seven different individuals for suspended/revoked or no valid driving license, vehicle insurance violations as well as a variety of other written warnings and park citations.

### **REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber**

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

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

#### FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Jourdan and Lay conducted a boat patrol on Rend Lake. CPO Jourdan noticed a substance that appeared to be cannabis on board the stopped boat. The operator was field tested and it was determined he was operating under the influence of drugs. The male subject was arrested for OUI, possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis and cited for operating without lights after sunset.

Several CPOs attended district boat training on the new 24 foot Justice patrol boat. Some CPOs are receiving operational training prior to the boat being utilized on boat patrols. The boat is the new patrol boat on Rend Lake.

CPOs Lay and Schoenhoff instructed the quarterly Defensive Tactics training for Region 5 officers.

#### HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Johnson received a call from the Hardin County Sheriff's Office in reference to a 9 point deer mount and bobcat pelt that was turned in. The individual who turned the items in reported the items might be stolen. CPO Johnson contacted the individual and obtained information on the alleged theft. Allegedly a male subject found them, in a ditch, and then

gave them to the individual. CPO Johnson met with the male subject and identified the location of the ditch. After further questioning the subject took the CPO to a location where there was a vacant house. The subject said he found the items at the house. Multiple other mounts were observed in the house. The owner was contacted and arrived at the house. He reported missing a 9 point mount and a bobcat pelt. The subject was charged with theft and trespassing.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay investigated an illegal dumping/littering case in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park. It was discovered the items dumped were from a subject's vehicle that had been broken into and the suspects in that crime had left the items on the ground in the park.

#### SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins was involved in a foot pursuit in Galatia after an unknown subject wrecked a stolen vehicle he was driving into a residential trailer. The subject ran into a large section of dense woods and managed to elude officers. The subject stole a second vehicle in Galatia and fled south. The vehicle was later found in Tennessee. It was later discovered that the subject had a loaded shotgun in the cab of the truck he wrecked.

CPO Diggins assisted a Harrisburg resident in relocating an abandoned deer to a local rehabilitator.

CPOs Lay and Diggins conducted a search of a private property pond. Officers utilized a Jon boat and sonar equipment to search a pond in Saline County for possible stolen items from a burglary case.

### **District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

#### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Paul Smith and CPO Paul Roper conducted an OUI boating detail on Lake Sara in Effingham County. No OUI violations were found. Five boat citations and thirteen boat written warnings were issued. Three lifejacket citations, one unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft citation, and one failure to transfer ownership of watercraft citation. All thirteen written warnings were for boat safety equipment violations.

#### JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith, Sgt. Hyatt, and CPO Roper were patrolling Newton Lake and found several infractions pertaining to watercraft and sport fish violations. The officers found several boating violations consisting of two fire extinguisher violations, one battery violation, one PFD violation, and a violation of failing to have a sport fish license in possession. Written warnings were issued.

The officers also issued two citations: one for fishing without a sport fish license, and one for operating a watercraft with a motor exceeding 25 hp.

CPO Smith issued a citation to a fisherman for failing to release short bass.

#### LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle entering the north side of Red Hill State Park with one headlight. The driver of the vehicle turned out to be wanted on a warrant out of Richland County. The subject was taken to Lawrence County jail and issued one citation for no insurance and a warning for the headlight.

#### MARION COUNTY

CPO Taylor and CPO Holland while coming along side of a boat, observed a beer can floating in the water. The can was cold and 3/4 full. The subjects in the boat were questioned about the beer can and denied throwing the can in the water. After further questioning, one of the subjects admitted to placing the beer can in the water. The subject stated he was afraid it was against the law to have an open beer on a boat. Subject was issued one citation for pollution of waterways.

CPO Paul Smith, CPO David Holland and CPOT Paul Roper conducted an OUI boat detail in Marion County. The detail was performed at Centralia Lake and Steven A. Forbes Lake. Seven Citations and nine written warnings were issued. CPO Smith wrote two citations for no visible orange flag on vessel while towing a passenger, one citation for no valid non-resident sport fishing license, and four written warnings for boating violations. CPO Holland wrote one citation for child under 13 not wearing a personal flotation device while under way, one citation for no visible orange flag on vessel while towing a passenger, one citation for no valid sport fishing license, one citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger in an automobile, and five written warnings for boating violations. There were 17 vessel inspections performed.

#### RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt, while conducting boat safety inspection on East Fork Lake, observed a boat with two adults and a small child with no life jacket on. The boat was inspected and there were no life jackets that would fit the small child. The operator of the watercraft was issued a citation for child under thirteen not wearing a life jacket while watercraft is underway.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were patrolling East Fork Lake enforcing sport fish and boating laws. The CPOs found several violations for which written warnings were issued. These violations are described as: 3 written warnings for battery cover deficiencies, 1 written warning for failing to display orange flag while towing, 1 written warning for a PFD violation, and 2 written warnings for failing to release short bass (1/4" short).

#### WABASH COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt conducted a boating safety detail on the Wabash River. A pontoon boat was checked for safety equipment. The boat operator showed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The boat operator showed a BAC of .09.

#### WAYNE COUNTY

While on routine patrol at Sam Dale Lake Conservation Area, CPO David Holland and CPOT Paul Roper were checking sportfishing licenses when they came across a group of people fishing. When checking licenses in the group it was discovered that one of the individuals had an active warrant. The individual was arrested on scene and their vehicle was towed due to lack of insurance.

### **District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor** **(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)**

#### ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Somers attended a Cairo Family Fun Days event in Cairo along with the other emergency service personnel in the area. Families were invited to come out and meet with officers and emergency personnel and see their patrol vehicles and emergency equipment.

#### JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman assisted in teaching new firearms instructors at the Department's first ever in-house pistol and shotgun instructor school. The 32 hour school was held at the Illinois State Police Range in Pawnee and was attended by nine new instructors.

CPO Mohrman, while patrolling by boat on Kinkaid Lake, informed a subject he was going to receive a ticket for towing a skier without an observer. The subject told the CPO he appreciated it and said he deserved it. CPO Mohrman was a bit confused by this reaction and again told the subject this was a \$120.00 ticket and the subject again said he appreciated it. Even after issuing the ticket the subject thanked the CPO and wished him a good day. This was by far the most understanding person ticketed by CPO Mohrman on this boat patrol.

CPOs Mohrman and Lewis were patrolling Kinkaid Lake when they observed two subjects swimming and intentionally sink two cans in the water. Both swimmers were cited for pollution of waterway.

CPOs Lewis and Mohrman cited three subjects at the Kinkaid Spillway for unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson is investigating a complaint of coal ash being dumped illegally. He is coordinating with IEPA.

CPO Thompson is investigating a complaint of trespassers erecting deer stands on neighboring property.

CPO Thompson is investigating a complaint of foxes being trapped illegally.

CPO Thompson cited a fisherman for possessing one 8" largemouth bass and one 12" largemouth bass at a Forest Service lake where the minimum length is 15".

CPO Thompson conducted boat/fish enforcement patrols on Lake Egypt and Crab Orchard Lake issuing several written warnings for boating and fishing violations.

#### UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek inspected game breeder permit holder who bred pheasant and quail from eggs. The subject was issued a written warning as part of the investigation and a field report was generated.

CPO Vasicek assisted Union County and Anna police with the apprehension of a burglary suspect who ran on foot through a residential area. Subject had discarded drugs and paraphernalia as he ran, some of which were hidden next to a church. The suspect was apprehended.

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPO Somers conducted boat patrols on Lake of Egypt. Several boaters were issued citations and warnings for minor boating violations.

CPO Vasicek and CPO Sommers held OUI details on Lake of Egypt on both Saturday and Sunday. Seven subjects were run through field sobriety testing over the course of the two days. One subject was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI) by CPO Sommers. Four operators were cited for insufficient number of PFDs (life jackets). Multiple other violations were documented with written warnings and many laws were discussed with boaters over the weekend.

CPO Somers conducted a boat safety inspection at Lake of Egypt in Williamson County. A 2010 Tahoe boat violated a no wake zone. Operator was arrested for OUI and was found to have a BAC of 0.116.

