



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 March 1 – 15, 2018)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Colorado man a warning for parking in a restricted area and having his dog off leash.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri was patrolling Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area when she observed a vehicle traveling 50 mph in a 20-mph zone. As the car went by, she observed the passenger put something out the side window. A traffic stop was conducted, and the 16-year-old female was issued a citation for speeding and no proof of insurance in the vehicle. The passenger had thrown out a piece of chewing gum in a wrapper and willingly walked back to pick it up to avoid a citation for littering.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones cited an Arlington Heights man for unlawful entry to a closed nature preserve and unlawful pursuit of animals in a closed nature preserve. A Barrington man was also cited for unlawful entry to a restricted area.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a Dixon man a citation and a written warning after an investigation revealed he failed to submit CWD samples from two archery harvested deer as required at certain State sites.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a warning to a Davis man for failure to provide a CWD sample as required at Castle Rock State Park during archery season.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko received dispositions on four cases: 1) During the first firearm deer season in 2017, he issued a Cordova man a citation and several written warnings for ATV related violations. The subject pled guilty to illegal operation of an ATV on or along a roadway and paid a \$120 fine. 2) During the first firearm deer season a Taylor Ridge man was issued a citation and several written warnings for deer hunting related violations. The man pled guilty for failure to report a deer harvest to the IDNR by 10 p.m. on the same day the deer was taken and paid a \$120 fine. 3) A Rock Island man was found to be killing multiple squirrels from his house with an air rifle (that qualified as a firearm). The subject did not possess a hunting license or habitat stamp and was in violation of a city ordinance for discharge of a firearm within city limits. The man was issued a citation and several written warnings. He pled guilty to one count of illegal taking of protected species and paid a \$120 fine. 4) Four snowmobile related citations were issued. Of the three citations issued for failure to provide proof of mandatory liability insurance, two were dismissed. One subject received six months court supervision and a \$100 fine. Another subject pled guilty to operation of an unregistered snowmobile and paid a \$120 fine.

CPO Posateri worked three days at the QCCA Outdoor shows and spoke with hundreds of visitors. Both kids and adults enjoyed the Education Trailer.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Francisko issued four citations for operation of a snowmobile without proof of mandatory liability insurance. Three of these subjects received 12 months court supervision with fines and fees totaling \$297 per subject. The fourth subject's case was dismissed because he proved he had insurance on his snowmobile prior to the date he was stopped.

CPO Francisko responded to a personal injury/property damage snowmobile accident.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and a written warning to a Morrison man for unlawfully taking and transporting an untagged white-tailed deer without an archery deer permit.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

While conducting sport fish enforcement, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for snagging in a prohibited area.

CPO Wagner conducted a traffic stop after noticing the vehicle had only one headlamp. The driver's information was checked, and it was found that his license had been expired since 2015. Also, the driver was not able to provide proof of insurance. Proper enforcement was taken.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. CPO Filipiak observed a vehicle that had crashed into the metal barricade near the Hennepin Canal Visitor's Center. The two individuals involved stated they were "black out drunk" and had no recollection of how the event occurred. One individual provided a breath sample which came back with a reading of .02 BAC. Both individuals were under 21 years old. The driver of the vehicle was charged with criminal damage to property, unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor, and entry to a restricted area by vehicle.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While patrolling Matthiessen State Park, CPO Wagner cited individuals for entering a restricted area and possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

CPO Jansen conducted a traffic stop on a car at Starved Rock State Park. It was determined that the driver had a suspended license, and both the driver and passenger were in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Six citations were issued, including four for civil cannabis violations.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn received a disposition from the Putnam County Circuit Clerk regarding a boater who received an OUI and life jacket citation earlier this summer. The boater refused to complete a field sobriety test and refused to provide a breath sample. The boater was suspended from boating for one year, received a \$2,700 fine on the OUI charge, and was given one year of supervision.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle that was traveling 84 mph in a posted 45-mph zone just outside of Rock Cut State Park. The 17-year-old driver was cited for the misdemeanor charge of speeding more than 35 mph over the posted limit and assessed a mandatory court appearance.

A Winnebago County man pled guilty to a criminal charge of disorderly conduct in lieu of the dismissal of two counts of unlawful taking of white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait and one count of unlawful hunting over bait.

The Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office obtained a court order for the recovery of a nine-point white-tailed deer head because of a conviction for unlawful possession of an illegally obtained deer from an Alaska resident who failed to record the harvest as required at the check station.

CPO Alt stopped a motor vehicle at Rock Cut State Park for traveling 41 mph in the posted 20-mph zone. The investigative stop revealed the driver did not have proof of insurance, had expired registration plates and/or sticker, had improper display – no front license plate, and failed to notify the Secretary of State's Office of an address change.

CPO Alt patrolled Rock Cut State Park during the annual polar plunge fundraiser to support the Special Olympics.

CPO Alt cited two individuals for fishing without fishing licenses at Fordam Dam.

CPO Fraser assisted Evanston Police with a sexual assault investigation which allegedly occurred in 2013 at Rock Cut State Park but was not reported until 2018.

CPO Fraser conducted traffic enforcement at Rock Cut State Park which resulted in numerous citations, warnings, towed vehicles, and civil cannabis arrests.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Elliott conducted an administrative deer investigation; and after a short interview, the subject revealed he only had an either sex firearm permit prior to shooting a doe on the first day of the firearm deer season. The subject stated he did not want to use his either sex tag on the doe, so he purchased an antlerless only firearm permit the following day to use on the doe. The violations were explained to the subject, and two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Elliott conducted a second administrative deer investigation; and after a short interview, the subject revealed he shot a six-point buck in early November and purchased an either sex archery permit for the buck the following day. The violations were explained to the subject, and two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Elliott received information regarding the illegal possession of a hawksbill sea turtle shell. IDNR District Heritage Biologist Scott Ballard assisted in confirming the identity of this species and coordinated transfer of the shell. The subject explained he had been in possession of the shell for over ten years and had obtained it through cleaning out a house for an individual. The shell will be utilized for educational purposes through the IDNR. No enforcement action was taken.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott responded to a roadkill deer report and issued several salvage deer tags. Additionally, he checked two fishermen at the Blandinsville City Reservoir, and no violations were found.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Elliott attended the Elmwood Outdoor Show where he answered various hunting, fishing, and boating questions.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted a deer permit investigation which resulted in appropriate enforcement action for deer tagging violations.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard completed a deer permit investigation. One subject was cited for unlawful use of deer permits belonging to another person.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley checked snow goose hunters near Nauvoo, and he initiated a compliance check of two hunters. One of the hunters was a young man. When asked to see his license, his father said the boy was only 13. It was explained to the father that his son was required to have a hunting license and a HIP certificate. Considering that the father genuinely did not know his son needed a hunting license and a HIP certificate, only one citation was issued for the infraction. CPO Wheatley showed him how to go about getting his son a license. He was also given more information regarding the sport and how to go about it legally. The man shook CPO Wheatley's hand and thanked him for his time and the break.

CPO Wheatley and an Illinois State Police Trooper responded to a vehicle fire on Route 96 near Sutter. The pickup truck was fully engulfed in flames. CPO Wheatley and the Trooper attempted to extinguish the fire with handheld extinguishers. That was a futile attempt; however, CPO Wheatley extinguished the flames in the nearby grass to prevent the ditch, cedar trees, and telephone poles from catching fire. The fire department arrived shortly thereafter and extinguished the truck fire while CPO Wheatley and the Trooper directed traffic. No one was injured in the fire, and the cause of the fire is unknown.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff conducted a deer permit investigation. The investigation produced several violations of the Wildlife Code having to do with the misuse of deer permits. The subject was cited, and written warnings were also issued.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wichern attended a hunter safety education course in Beardstown and gave instruction on the Illinois hunting and trapping laws. He also answered questions regarding Illinois conservation laws. The class consisted of 40 students who successfully passed a written test to obtain their first Illinois hunting license.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran received information regarding 10-12 bags of household trash at Sangchris Lake State Park. The investigation revealed the name and address of a suspect. The Kincaid resident admitted to dumping the trash at the

State Park because the city had threatened to issue the suspect an ordinance violation for accumulated trash on their boulevard. A citation was issued for the unlawful dumping of trash on State Park property.

CPOs Cochran and Macias conducted an abandoned tree stand recovery detail at Sangchris Lake State Park. Stands at this state site are required to be removed no later than January 31 of each year. Six stands were recovered during the detail; however, many more remain. If the property is unclaimed, the abandoned/seized property will be disposed of according to law.

CPO Wichern attended a hunter safety education course in Pana and gave instruction on the Illinois hunting and trapping laws. He also answered questions regarding Illinois conservation laws. The class consisted of 15 students who successfully passed a written test to obtain their first Illinois hunting license.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias is investigating a timber enforcement complaint. A timber cutter sold several trees without paying the customer.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPOs VanWiltburg and Kelley followed up on a hunting without permission complaint, and three individuals were found to be in violation. A citation and several written warnings were issued to the violators.

CPO Winters attended the Gracie Survival Tactics jiu-jitsu class.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley, with assistance from CPO Reid, is investigating a boat registration issue for a Homer Glen resident.

While on patrol, CPO Knop noticed a motorist pulled to the side of the road and a mute swan in the opposite ditch. He stopped to investigate, and found that the swan did not appear to be badly injured. A representative from Flint River Wildlife Rehab was called, and the swan was picked up for examination. Mute swans are non-native but are a protected species in Illinois.

CPO Vaughan conducted a traffic stop after a car containing a group of young men ran a red light. The 18-year old driver had never had a driver's license and was on juvenile parole for residential burglary. The car smelled like cannabis, and a local municipality was called for assistance while CPO Vaughan searched the vehicle. He located two "Dab" pipes. Citations were issued to the driver for disobeying a traffic control device and no valid driver's license. The passenger (son of the registered owner) received a civil citation for drug paraphernalia.

CPO Semenik arrested a driver in Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for driving while license revoked.

CPO Semenik conducted a traffic stop in Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. The vehicle was traveling 56 mph in a posted 30-mph zone. During the stop, CPO Semenik made several observations which resulted in the recovery of cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and a cigarillo package containing Adderall.

While at the Chain O'Lakes State Park maintenance area, Sgt. Schreiber received a call from a campground host at the front gate about a silver car that had just drove past at a high rate of speed with a McHenry County Sheriff's Deputy not far behind. McHenry County advised that the subject was being pursued for fleeing and eluding police. Sgt. Schreiber drove slowly towards the front gate, and he observed a silver car passing another vehicle in a no passing zone at a high rate of speed. Sgt. Schreiber activated his emergency lights and conducted a head on traffic stop of the vehicle. The subject then exited the vehicle and would not listen to directions. He was subsequently handcuffed and handed over to the Deputy for fleeing and eluding, revoked driver's license, and a multitude of citations. The subject was transported to jail, and his vehicle was towed.

CPO Semenik and Sgt. Schreiber performed a traffic stop of a vehicle at Chain O'Lakes State Park for no front license plate. It was discovered that the driver was a child sex offender, and an arrest was made.

MCHENRY COUNTY

While checking walleye fishermen on the Fox River, CPO Davis arrested a subject wanted on a warrant.

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg conducted a traffic stop on an individual near Algonquin. The man was speeding and did not have proof of insurance. Citations were issued to the violator.

CPOs Davis and Winters were dispatched to Moraine Hills State Park for a report of screaming heard in the woods. Two children were discovered separated from their parents after they had made a wrong turn on the path. The parents were found, and the children returned without incident.

While on patrol, a vehicle passed CPO Winters at a high rate of speed in a no passing zone. The subject received a citation and two written warnings.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Reid and Mooi assisted Illinois State Police investigators in the search for a missing person. The CPOs deployed a boat and used sonar imaging equipment to search a pond for the potential victim. The search and investigation is ongoing.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber was checking walleye fishermen on the Kankakee River and found two subjects fishing without a license. Citations were issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland assisted the Kendall County Sheriff's Department on a call of shots being fired. The subject was found to be legally target practicing. He also assisted the Kendall County Sheriff's Department on a call of a man with a gun. The man who called was found to be a mental subject and was on heroin. No gun was found.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols of Braidwood Lake. Several citations were issued to individuals fishing beyond the buoys in posted restricted areas. Additional enforcement action was taken against several boaters operating without adequate safety equipment during hazardous conditions.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Sanford, Sgt. Whitchurch, and Intern Baldyga investigated a complaint regarding the unlawful possession of a dangerous animal in Orland Park. The bobcat was located and seized as evidence during the execution of a search warrant. After a brief interview, the owner of the bobcat was cited for one count of unlawful possession of a dangerous animal.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located an individual fishing without a valid sportfishing license, and a citation was issued for the violation.

During multiple patrols, CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga located numerous individuals fishing with an untagged third sport fishing device along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Per Illinois regulation, any device in excess of two must be tagged with the owner's name and address. All individuals were educated regarding the regulation and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Sanford conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for disobeying a traffic control device and failure to yield the right-of-way at an intersection. The operator of the vehicle was issued two written warnings for the violations.

CPO Sanford and Intern Baldyga conducted a traffic stop on I-55 for unlawful passing on the shoulder, and the operator was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Sanford conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle for speeding more than 25 mph over the posted speed limit. The operator was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass conducted fishing compliance checks on Lake Michigan at Montrose Harbor. He found a subject who did not possess a valid spot fishing license, and a written warning was issued for the violation. CPO Snodgrass advised the subject how to get a fishing license through the IDNR website.

CPO Snodgrass came upon an unattended fishing pole and tackle at a northern Cook County lake. After checking several fishermen, he located the owner of the pole who was out of sight of the pole. CPO Snodgrass educated the subject on leaving his pole out and unattended, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Snodgrass was checking salmon fishermen at Montrose Harbor when he found an unattended sport fishing device. He waited nearby and observed the owner return approximately 20 minutes later. He issued the subject a warning for leaving his device unattended and educated him on the hazards of leaving his line unattended.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled Lake Michigan and checked several salmon and trout fishermen. He observed several sport fishing devices that had been left unattended for approximately 30 minutes. He found the three subjects who owned

the poles. Each subject was issued a written warning for an unattended device, and one citation was issued for no valid fishing license.

While at Montrose Harbor checking fishermen, CPO Thornley spotted someone open their passenger door and drop something on the ground. When he approached the vehicle to investigate, he spotted the driver light a metal pipe commonly used to smoke cannabis. The driver lit the device three times. After the third time, the subject spotted CPO Thornley and immediately tried to hide the pipe. CPO Thornley could smell burnt cannabis, and the subject admitted to smoking cannabis. The subject was issued a civil citation, and the pipe was seized as evidence.

CPO Thornley patrolled William W. Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area at closing time, and he spotted a vehicle with no one around. CPO Thornley located the driver and advised him the Area was closed. He was also advised that he needed to check the signs upon entering. The subject was issued a written warning for being in the site after closing.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement. He spotted a man reel in his line and take his pole directly to his vehicle when he saw CPO Thornley enter the parking area at the lake. The man was asked for his fishing license, and he stated he did not have it on him. CPO Thornley advised he could look it up, and the man admitted he did not have a license. A citation was issued for no fishing license. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley spotted a man fishing with four poles, and he requested to see the man's fishing license. The man stated he did not have it in his possession. The man was also asked if he knew it was a two pole only lake, and the man stated he knew. The man was issued a citation for too many devices and a written warning for license not in possession.

CPO Thornley conducted a deer investigation with a subject who failed to submit his two deer for CWD testing as required. The subject admitted he knew he was required to do it, but he just failed to do so. CPO Thornley issued a citation for failure to submit to testing as required for one of the two deer, and a written warning for the second deer.

CPO Stanbary seized a taxidermic sea turtle from a consignment shop after a concerned citizen reported its presence at the shop. It is unlawful to possess a sea turtle as they are an endangered species. Following up on a tip, the CPO learned that the woman had purchased it years ago at a garage sale and was unaware it was illegal to possess. A written warning was issued to the owner of the shop for unlawfully possessing the endangered species.

CPO Stanbary stopped a vehicle because of no taillights and no visible license plates. A driver's license check showed the driver had no valid license. The driver was cited for no valid license and issued a written warning for the equipment violation.

CPO Stanbary issued a civil cannabis citation to an individual near the Des Plaines River. The CPO spoke with the man after smelling an odor of burnt cannabis. A pipe and small amount of cannabis was seized.

CPO Stanbary conducted fishing enforcement. He issued a citation to a fisherman after he was found to be in possession of a short walleye. During that detail, he also issued two warnings for no license in possession and one for fishing without permission.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a hunter from the 2017 firearm season for failing to keep the temporary harvest tag on the deer head while at the taxidermist. The nine-point buck was found during a taxidermy inspection. It had a tag, but there was no proof affixed that the deer had been checked in as required.

CPO Stanbary observed a driver drinking beer in his running vehicle at Montrose Harbor. The driver was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a deer hunter from the 2017 season for failure to submit a sample of a harvested deer head as required at certain IDNR sites.

CPOs Klemme and Mooi attended the Coast Guard Industry Days event and received the Coast Guard Meritorious Public Service Award on behalf of District 4. The award was in recognition of commitment to enforcing safe and legal vessel operations on Illinois waterways, specifically illegal charter operations on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River.

CPO Mooi assisted District 3 CPOs and Illinois State Police investigators with a search and recovery operation.

CPO Mooi assisted a District 3 CPO with an investigation involving the poisoning of protected species by a landscaping company.

DUPAGE COUNTY

A nonresident fisherman was cited for no valid fishing license after he was discovered fishing in a commercial retention pond.

CPO Mooi is investigating a trapping complaint and a feeding complaint.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Reeves attended the Gracie Survival Tactics Level One Instructor’s Course. During this training, several defensive tactic techniques were taught.

DEWITT COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Viverito pulled into a fishing area and noticed a black pickup pulled in to a non-parking area near the lake. The driver of the truck immediately exited the vehicle and approached CPO Viverito. The driver was told to get back in the vehicle and remain there; however, the driver exited the truck three additional times. He was patted down for weapons and then told to sit on the tailgate. An investigation ensued which uncovered numerous violations to include illegal transportation of alcohol, providing alcohol to a minor, and illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOs Wright and Reeves arrested a Clinton man at Clinton Lake for violation of an order of protection. The 27-year-old was found with a 17-year-old female who was a protected party in the order of protection. He was taken to the DeWitt County Jail. The man was a parolee; and due to the arrest for the order of protection violation, the Department of Corrections revoked his parole status.

CPO Wright conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 95 mph in a 65-mph zone. The Peoria man had a suspended license, a warrant for his arrest, a two-year-old child in the back of the vehicle with no child seat, and open alcohol and cannabis in the vehicle. The man was arrested for the warrant, and he was issued several citations. The vehicle was released to the female passenger who was the mother of the child, and she was told to immediately get a car seat in the vehicle.

Sgt. Williamson attended the three-day supervisor’s in-service training in East Peoria.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden completed an investigation into a complaint alleging a bow hunter illegally killed three antlered white-tailed deer during the 2017-18 season. Sufficient evidence was discovered to substantiate the allegation. The hunter was interviewed and showed the evidence. The hunter confessed to killing a total of three bucks during two archery deer hunts. The following items were seized as evidence: one eight-point European mount, one set of six-point deer antlers, and one seven-point deer rack. The deer meat had been processed in a garage and was unsuitable for donation to a food pantry. Compensation for the deer meat will be sought through the civil process. In addition to several written warnings, the hunter was issued citations for: unlawful take of a white-tailed deer, failure to take white-tailed deer, and unlawful take of over the season limit of antlered white-tailed deer. A second hunter was cited for accessory to the unlawful take of white-tailed deer.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a camper at Kickapoo State Recreation Area for littering. The subject left a mattress along the road inside the site and was caught leaving the area.

CPO Cottrell cited a man at Kickapoo State Recreation Area for littering after he left the sewage valve open on his camper and drove through the site. This subject also received a written warning for an expired trailer registration.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted with traffic control at an accident involving a stolen vehicle. The driver fled the scene of the accident, and the vehicle had to be removed.

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to a resident.

CPO Wellum completed a commercial inspection of a retail minnow dealer.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for possession of cannabis at Lake Paradise.

CPO Greuel investigated the injury of an albino white-tailed deer.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel investigated the unlawful dumping of a deer carcass.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued one written warning to an Indiana man for speeding on Route 133.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds attended the three-day supervisor's in-service training in East Peoria.

CPO Greuel investigated the unlawful dumping of snow geese carcasses.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Gushleff assisted with a crappie detail at Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. Various fishermen were checked as they came to the boat ramp. The boats and fish were inspected, and a variety of written warnings were issued. One subject was issued a short fish citation for possessing a fish under the statutory size limit.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPOs Sievers and Schachner were on patrol when they came upon a car that was stopped in the road. They pulled up next to the driver's door to ask the driver if he needed any help. At that point they could smell the odor of cannabis coming from inside the car. The driver was found to be in possession of cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and a handgun with ammunition. The evidence was seized, and charges will be filed with the State's Attorney.

CPO Schachner and Sgt. Manker were checking snow goose hunters when they encountered three teenage hunters with a large snow goose spread. No snow geese were in the immediate area, and the subjects were repeatedly shooting at large flocks of blackbirds. When they were questioned, the subjects were honest and admitted shooting at the blackbirds. They stating they had "itchy trigger fingers." The three subjects received written warnings for unlawfully shooting at protected species.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier received a complaint regarding a person passed out in a vehicle at Frank Holten State Recreation Area. CPO Rolfingsmeier, along with officers from the Centreville and Alorton police departments, responded. When

they approached the vehicle, they noticed it was running and in reverse. An unresponsive, white male was slumped over to his right side. The car door was opened, and the officers saw a hypodermic needle and the bottom of a soda can between the subject's legs. EMS was called to the scene, and they helped the man regain consciousness. The subject admitted to doing heroine that morning, and he was arrested for DUI drugs.

CPO Rolfingsmeier conducted sport fishing enforcement at Baldwin Lake, and he saw a fisherman using four fishing poles. There is a two pole and line limit at this lake. CPO Rolfingsmeier ran the fisherman's information, and it came back that he was wanted on two warrants in St. Clair County. The fisherman was arrested and taken to St. Clair County Jail. He was also issued a citation for too many fishing devices.

CPO Schachner was checking fishermen at a local park with multiple lakes when he observed three fishermen walking to an area of the park where there are no public lakes. There is a private lake on the backside of the park which is frequently fished without the owner's permission. The private property is fenced and posted for no trespass, but the fence has been repeatedly cut by trespassers. CPO Schachner followed the three fishermen and observed them fishing on the private property. After notifying the landowner via phone, CPO Schachner initiated contact with the three fishermen. Two were cited for fishing without permission, and the third subject (who had never been on the property prior and was a first-time fisherman) received two written warnings for no fishing license and fishing without permission.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Lake Benton, CPO Williams observed a small jon boat being paddled to the east shore. CPO Williams drove around the lake and saw the boat being loaded up into a pickup. A safety inspection was conducted, and the boater admitted to not having a life jacket on the boat. He said he was trying to leave before getting caught.

CPO Williams is investigating the dumping of construction materials along a public road.

CPO Williams was flagged down by a landowner to inform him of a suspicious vehicle near one of their farm gates. Following a traffic stop on the suspect vehicle, the driver and passenger were cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. The subjects advised they had been "booze cruising" the area and stopped to relieve themselves.

CPO Lay issued a citation for fishing without a license to an angler at Benton City Lake.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Folden attended Emergency Management meetings at the Shawneetown Fire Department in preparation and planning for the Ohio River flood. Several emergency rescues of motorists who drove into the flood waters were conducted by local fire departments. The Ohio River crested at just over 52 feet at the Shawneetown marker. This is the eighth highest water level ever recorded. The 2011 flood on the Ohio River measured just over 56 feet and was ranked as second highest in history. The water was receding as of March 8.

CPO Diggins assisted Gallatin County Emergency Management with flood monitoring.

CPOs Schoenhoff and Diggins assisted Ameren Power during the flooding. The CPOs transported an Ameren employee by boat to check areas which may have sustained damage due to the flooding.

With flood waters closing Illinois Route 1 South of Route 13, CPO Williams cited the driver of a pickup truck who drove past two barricades and an illuminated message board indicating the road was closed.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPOs Jourdan and Lay attended a career fair at Rend Lake College. Eighth grade students from Jefferson, Franklin, Hamilton, and Wayne counties were in attendance. Topics discussed were the requirements to become a CPO, job duties, equipment used on the job, and the CPO's role in protecting the natural resources.

While on patrol at Rend Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Jourdan observed a truck parked in the grass beyond a gravel parking lot with a man asleep at the wheel. CPO Jourdan prepared to knock on the passenger window for a welfare check; but prior to knocking, the man awoke and drove off in the grass toward the edge of Rend Lake. The man stepped on the brake before going into the water. The man had fallen asleep with the vehicle in gear and foot on the brake. A check of the driver's information showed that he was wanted on a warrant was for theft, and he was taken into custody. The man was transported to the Jefferson County Justice Center.

CPO Lay issued a civil cannabis citation to a man at Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued two written warnings for Illinois Vehicle Code violations and completed mandated computer based training.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Roper received information that an individual may have illegally harvested a deer during the previous firearm deer season. After talking with the individual, it was determined this subject had unlawfully tagged a white-tailed deer. The individual was issued a citation for the deer permit violation. In a second instance, CPO Roper was informed an individual may have illegally harvested two white-tailed deer during the previous archery season. After speaking with the individual, it was determined the subject had made two permit mistakes while tagging the deer. Two written warnings were issued for permit mistakes.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper received a complaint of an individual shooting snow geese from the road. He located the vehicle involved in the complaint and waited for the individual to return to the vehicle. After speaking to the individual, it was determined the individual had shot snow geese from the roadway that morning. The individual was issued a citation for shooting upon a roadway. He was also issued several written warnings.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Roper received information that an individual may have illegally harvested a deer during the previous archery season. After speaking with the individual, it was determined the subject had made a permit mistake. A written warning was issued for the permit mistake.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted a timber buyer investigation. An inspection of the buyer's records revealed no violations.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a complaint regarding illegal dumping at Pyramid State Recreation Area. The litter included a bed, 15 one-gallon cans of paint, a five-gallon bucket of paint, two five-gallon buckets of drywall mud, a coffee table,

and several other items. The investigation led to the arrest of a Sparta resident for illegal dumping, pollution of a waterway, bringing garbage into the State site with the intent of dumping, and depositing injurious materials on the roadway.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted an open source investigation. No enforcement resulted from the investigation.

CPO Somers conducted deer investigations for unlawful take of deer, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.