



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE: March 15, 2016

(Weeks of March 14 – March 28)

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

While on patrol in Carroll County, CPO Jones and CPOT Cox located an area on a back road where a lot of dumping was occurring. CPO Jones and CPOT Cox went through several bags of trash to find an owner of the trash. CPO Jones and CPOT Cox found a piece of evidence with a Savanna man's name and address on it. Upon further investigation the Savanna man was located and arrested for the dumping.

CPO Jones stopped a truck at Mississippi Palisades State Park for driving around a "road closed" barricade. The driver had an expired driver's license. Upon further investigation during the stop, CPO Jones could smell the odor of burnt cannabis. CPO Jones confronted both the driver and the passenger about the cannabis. CPO Jones arrested both subjects for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis less than 2.5 grams. The driver was cited for driving around the barricade and warned for his expired driver's license. The passenger was cited with open alcohol. The vehicle was towed and both subjects were taken to Carroll County Jail.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf investigated two bald eagle deaths. One eagle was found under power lines and is believed to have been electrocuted. The second was hit by a train. Both carcasses were turned over to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled Apple River Canyon State Park. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued for traffic offenses.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko closed out multiple cases from 2014/2015:

1. On 5-6-14 a fatal boat accident occurred at Lock & Dam # 14. The boat owner was charged with not providing enough properly sized USCG approved PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices) for each person onboard his boat. The boat went through the dam in flood conditions. All persons with a proper PFD survived. The person without a proper PFD died from the event. The boat owner was found guilty.

2. On 5-22-15 an Andalusia IL man was arrested for OUI/boat registration violations at Sunset Marina. The man had a BAC of .183%. The man accepted a plea bargain and received fines and fees totaling \$2,384.00, 12 months court supervision and was ordered to attend alcohol treatment classes.
3. On 6-9-15 a Davenport IA man was fishing in the middle of the Rock River below the Steel Dam near Milan IL. A panicked 911 call was made by an eye-witness to multiple small young children playing dangerously/unsupervised at the dam head. CPO Francisko arrived and witnessed the dangerous situation. The CPO was able to round the children up before a fatal event occurred. The guardian was the man fishing in the middle of the river. The CPO had to yell and wave his arms for several minutes to get the man's attention. The custodian was charged with driving suspended, fishing without a non-resident fishing license and multiple counts of endangering the life or health of a child. The man accepted a plea bargain and was convicted on one count of endangering a child. All other charges were dismissed and the man received a \$500 fine.
4. On 7-3-15 a personal Injury boat accident occurred near Cordova IL on the Mississippi River. A man was ejected from his "Skater" speed boat as it became airborne and flipped over. The man was treated and released. He was charged with careless operation of a watercraft and pollution of a waterway. The man pleaded guilty to careless operation and the pollution charge was dismissed.

CPO Posateri interviewed a Davenport, IA man for a residency violation. The man held a valid driver's license in both Illinois and Iowa (which could be a Class 4 Felony if false information was provided). He also possessed valid hunting licenses with permits in both states. He is a current resident of Iowa and the Illinois driver's license was seized. He was issued a citation for a Class A misdemeanor for the falsification of IDNR records with a mandatory court appearance.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf investigated a TIPS complaint regarding a possibly illegally taken deer found along the road way. The investigation is ongoing.

District 6 – Vacant

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

BOONE COUNTY

Officer Schoonhoven received a complaint of trapping out of season. Subsequent to the initial investigation of this violation he gathered information which discloses the alleged owner of these traps. Follow-up inquiries in this case are forthcoming.

DEKALB COUNTY

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CPO Alt inspected multiple ice fishermen on area lakes for compliance to the Fish & Aquatic Code to include Candlewick Association Lake, Spencer Park Ponds and Farmington Subdivision Lake.

DEKALB COUNTY

While conducting fishing license checks on the Kishwaukee River, CPO Fraser observed a subject rolling cannabis in an emptied out cigar paper. The subject was given a Notice to Appear in court and the cannabis was seized.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Wire stopped a car that was driving half on the road and half on the grass at Matthiessen State Park. CPO Wire smelled marijuana when the driver opened the door. The driver and passengers had thick tongued speech and could

hardly keep their balance. The driver failed field sobriety tests and did not have any alcohol in his system. A search of the car produced a mason jar with 27 grams of marijuana, 21 Alprazolam pills (Xanax) in a sandwich bag, a scale, two grinders, and two pipes. The passengers were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of <2.5g of cannabis. The driver was arrested for DUI and possession of 10-30g of cannabis. Felony possession of a controlled substance (Xanax) is pending lab tests.

CPO Wire cited four ATV's for illegally operating on private property in Livingston County.

CPO Kaufman received a complaint from the Starved Rock Visitor Center about individuals on the trails drinking alcohol. As CPO Kaufman walked along the trails, he passed a group that matched the description of the individuals and he could smell alcohol. When asked about the smell initially, three individuals admitted to drinking "one beer". When CPO Kaufman pointed out that there were four empty beer cans, another individual admitted to drinking "one beer". All four individuals submitted breath samples which showed they had been drinking alcohol. Several citations were issued.

CPO Kaufman was on foot patrol in Starved Rock State Park at Wildcat Canyon, CPO Kaufman found three individuals off the marked trails. When CPO Kaufman called them over to his location they had to climb over the railing. They stated they didn't know they were off the trails. When CPO Kaufman informed them they would be receiving citations they became upset. They thought they should get a verbal warning. They admitted to seeing the "Stay on Marked Trails" sign, but it did not say they would be issued a citation for being off the marked trails. CPO Kaufman told them when IDOT puts "You will get a ticket if you go over the speed limit" on all the interstate speed limit signs he would consider giving out verbal warnings. Three citations were issued.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While conducting an after-hours patrol of Rock Cut State Park, CPO Fraser located a car with three passengers in a boat ramp parking lot. Upon approaching the vehicle CPO Fraser noticed the strong, distinct odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. After questioning and a consent search CPO Fraser arrested two subjects for possession of cannabis and possession of paraphernalia. All the subjects were issued written warnings for being in the park after hours.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser have shifted uniform patrols in Rock Cut State Park from sport ice fishing enforcement to traffic, criminal and administrative rule enforcement. As weather warms, park usage increases as do law violations detected. Violations addressed so far have included patrons entering or remaining in the park after closed hours, unlawful damage to flora, driving a motor vehicle off of designated roadways, speeding, motor vehicle equipment violations, uninsured motorists, violation of posted restricted areas, and unlawful possession of drug and drug paraphernalia.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of unlawful take of smallmouth bass over the daily limit. After identifying two suspects involved, CPO Thompson met with the men to discuss the allegations. Both men admitted to taking a fishing trip on the Spoon River over the weekend. During the outing they were able to catch a large number of smallmouth bass. When asked how many they caught in all, they both stated 35-40. When asked how many they kept, they stated all of them. The two men were issued citations for unlawful take of smallmouth bass over the daily limit and the dressed fish were seized. CPO Thompson informed the men the daily limit for smallmouth bass on the Spoon River is three. The men said they were not aware such a regulation existed. Fishing digests were provided and the men were shown how the law reads as pertains to smallmouth bass on rivers and streams.

CPO Thompson attended the Elmwood All Outdoors Show at the IDNR booth. IDNR was selling licenses and harvest pins

as well as answering questions at the event.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Lazzell received a case disposition regarding a man who was arrested near Victoria for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .236). The Princeville man pleaded guilty to DUI and was fined \$2588.00 with a two year conditional discharge.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling near Henry when he observed a semi- truck hauling logs. CPO Finn stopped the log truck and found the driver to have no proof of ownership papers. The driver was informed of all the laws pertaining to transport of timber and issued one citation and one warning.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell received a case disposition regarding a group of Peoria County hunters arrested for unlawfully hunting on lands without permission of the landowner and unlawful take/possession of deer during the 2015 firearm deer season. All three hunters pleaded guilty to hunting without permission of the landowner and were fined \$702.00 each.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject for fishing without a valid sport fishing license at Powerton Lake

CPO VanZant investigated a complaint of a subject hunting without a permit and selling venison. After talking with the subject he was issued a citation for the illegal sale of wild venison and Illegal take of deer without a valid deer permit.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard received a disposition on a 2015 deer hunting case. The subject pleaded guilty to several deer hunting violations and was ordered to pay \$937.00 plus additional court costs.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma checked several fishermen along the Fox River. He issued a citation to a subject in possession of a short Muskie (32") and several written warnings for license violations.

Several other compliance checks resulted in citations and written warnings for fishing without license violations.

LAKE COUNTY

Sgt. Riedel, CPO Semenik, and CPO Hurt served a felony warrant to an operator of a vessel involved in a serious personal injury boat accident that occurred this past 4th of July holiday on the Fox River near Cary. The subject was arrested and transported to Lake County Jail on \$50,000 bond. The subject was charged with two counts of aggravated operation under the influence of alcohol (OUI) (Class 4 felony). After responding to the accident the subjects BAC was a .204%, well over the .08% limit. These charges came after a lengthy investigation of the accident and involved the Region 2 BAT (Boat Accident Reconstruction Team) members CPO Smith and CPO Mooi reconstructing the accident.

CPO Wagner, while conducting sport fish enforcement along the Fox River at Burton's bridge, issued a citation for fishing without valid sport fishing license.

CPO Wagner, while conducting boat sport fish enforcement on Deep Lake, issued citation for operation of non-powered watercraft without water usage stamp. The same individual received a written warning for no wearable PFD.

CPO Wagner, while conducting sport fish enforcement on Druce Lake, issued a citation to a kayaker for no wearable PFD.

CPO Wagner, while conducting boat sport fish enforcement on Loon Lake, arrested an individual for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 grams.

CPO Wagner, while conducting boat patrol and sport fish enforcement, also issued 12 additional written warnings for various boat and fishing license violations.

CPO Davis issued four total citations to four fish markets for selling fish without retail aquatic life dealer's licenses. The markets were issued written warnings in 2014 and assisted in receiving customer ID numbers by CPO Fehrenbacher.

CPOs Davis and Wagner conducted small lakes enforcement East Loon Lake and Deep Lake. Six citations and nine written warnings were issued including arrests for cannabis less than 2.5 grams and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Kelley issued two fishing citations during checks on fishermen in Lake County

CPO Kelley issued two written warnings to fishermen in Lake County.

CPO Kelley issued a written warning to a nuisance trapper in Lake County.

CPOs Hurt and Semenik conducted a work boat patrol on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The CPOs conducted routine sport fishing and boating safety compliance checks. Seven written warnings were issued for various boating equipment violations and fishing licenses not in possession.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Winters issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft with expired registration and a written warning for not having a type 4 PFD.

While conducting traffic enforcement at Moraine hills State Park, CPO Winters Issued a citation to a subject for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle without proof of insurance and no front registration plate.

CPO Wagner, while conducting boat sport fish enforcement near the McHenry Dam, issued a citation for operation of unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Wagner, while traveling north on State Route 31, observed an individual pass in a no passing zone. Traffic stop was conducted and a citation was issued for passing in a no passing zone.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject last May for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI) near the McHenry Dam. The subject's BAC was .103%. McHenry County Court found the driver guilty and sentenced him to one year court supervision, DUI school, and was fined \$3,260.00.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast completed an abandoned boat investigation, transporting the junk boat to Springfield to be destroyed.

CPO Anderson continued to participate in CWD sharpshooting.

CPOs Wollgast and Honiotes responded to a sick deer complaint in downtown Minooka. The deer was lying near a candy store and was very lethargic. The deer was transported away from the location and was euthanized and processed for testing for CWD.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure completed an investigation into an Indiana subject unlawfully claiming a road kill deer back in July 2015. The subject was issued a written warning for the violation

CPO Vadbunker conducted traffic enforcement around Kankakee River State Park where the road is closed due to construction of a bridge. Two subjects were cited for disobeying the road closure postings.

CPOs Mieure and Anderson continued Indiana investigations and worked on report writing for five subjects.

CPO Mieure worked Braidwood Lake on opening day and issued one citation for failure to have required life jackets and two written warnings to a different person for boating violations

CPO Mieure conducted interviews on possible subjects involved in the theft of a trail camera in Kankakee County. Investigation is pending.

CPO Mieure continued to participate in CWD sharpshooting.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland continues to participate in CWD sharpshooting.

CPO Honiotes followed up with the Kendall County Sheriff's Office regarding a suicide that occurred at Silver Springs State Park.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes continued to participate in CWD sharpshooting.

CPO Reid continues to investigate the circumstances involving someone dropping off an injured horse at DesPlaines Conservation Area.

CPO Reid was notified of a traffic crash that had occurred at DesPlaines Conservation Area. He found a car that had crashed into a fallen tree and had been abandoned. Investigation determined that a subject and a friend had left a party in the early morning hours and drove while under the influence of alcohol, crashing into the tree. They were so intoxicated that they lost track of each other after the crash. They each found different ways to get home. CPO Reid tracked down the driver later that day that was well known by local law enforcement. He was cited for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, no insurance and for unlawful transportation of alcoholic beverages. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

CPO Honiotes handled a complaint of an alligator being possessed by an educational facility without the required permit. The 6 and ½ foot alligator was taken by a herpetologist to a facility to care for it.

CPO Reid instructed at two hunter safety classes.

CPO Reid assisted CPO Thompson from Johnson County on a deer hunting investigation. A Will County resident was interviewed about a hunting trip to Johnson County. The man was cited for unlawfully taking a deer without a permit.

CPO Reid conducted several patrols on private property where complaints have been signed prohibiting hunting and hunting for shed antlers. Several citations were issued.

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols of the Kankakee River for spring walleye fishing. Several fishermen were discovered unlawfully in possession of large walleye in the protected slot limit. Citations were issued and several live fish were released back to the river.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was patrolling at Horsetail Lake when he noticed two kayaks in the water; kayaks are not allowed in this specific lake. The subjects did not have a water usage stamp nor did they have PFD's. A pair of citations and a pair of written warnings were issued

CPO Macias was patrolling at Montrose Harbor when a just-turned-16 year old admitted to CPO Macias he did not have his fishing license on his person, a written warning was issued

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger responded to a Tinley Park resident complaining about an injured hawk in her yard. CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger called Tinley Park animal control to capture it safely. CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger took possession of the Coopers hawk and delivered it to wildlife rehab center.

CPO Macias was checking fishermen in Oak Lawn at Commissioners Pond when he noticed an individual fishing with a stringer of fish, this particular pond is a catch-and-release only pond. Upon checking the subject, he had two smallmouth bass on a stringer that were alive and he had no valid fishing license. CPO Macias issued a citation for no license and made him release the fish back into the pond.

CPO Macias noticed four people fishing at Tryner's Pond in Tinley Park when CPO Macias checked the four people. He discovered two did not possess a valid fishing license and a third had three fishing devices where only two are allowed. A pair of citations for no valid license was issued and a warning for the subject with the illegal third device.

CPO V. Smith issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license while on patrol along the DesPlaines River.

While on patrol at Skokie Lagoons, CPO V. Smith issued four written warnings for fishing license not in possession and no water usage stamp.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol at Busse Lake, issued two written warnings for unnumbered watercraft and fishing license not in possession.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession while on patrol along the Salt Creek.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for illegal feeding of deer in Schiller Park Woods.

CPO V. Smith issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession at Dam #1 along the DesPlaines River.

CPO Whitchurch completed a commercial investigation which pertained to a Cook County company selling aquatic life covered by State Law at the retail level without first obtaining the proper IDNR License. This company had purchased the required license in 2014, but had failed to do so the past two years. The manager of the company was met by CPO

Whitchurch at the place of business. At the business, CPO Whitchurch observed multiple species of aquatic life on cold storage labeled for retail sale which were protected by the State Fish Code. CPO Whitchurch explained all applicable laws to the manager. The business was cited for unlawfully conducting a retail fish market without a valid retail aquatic life dealer's license.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat on a river in Cook County underway that had a young child on board the boat that was under the age of 13 and was not wearing a personal flotation device. CPO Whitchurch advised the operator of the boat of personal flotation device laws. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for not having a child under 13 wearing a personal flotation device while underway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR owned and managed property in Cook County when he observed a vehicle park directly in front of a sign which read "No Parking Any Time". As CPO Whitchurch approached the vehicle, he observed the registration on the vehicle was currently expired. He also observed alcohol inside the vehicle which was unlawful to possess on the IDNR property. CPO Whitchurch requested identification from the driver. It was then learned the driver of the vehicle was driving with a suspended driver's license. The subject was arrested and bonded and will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat underway on a river in DuPage County. CPO Whitchurch observed a small child on board who was not wearing a personal flotation device. A check on the boat revealed the child was only a year old and was not wearing a personal flotation device. CPO Whitchurch explained the personal flotation device laws to the operator of the boat who was the young child's father. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for not having a child under 13 wearing a personal flotation device while underway.

CPO Whitchurch completed a lengthy IDNR License/Permit investigation pertaining to a subject who was an out of state resident fraudulently obtaining resident IDNR hunting licenses and hunting permits. CPO Whitchurch was contacted by another State's Conservation Officer after that Conservation Officer noticed some residency issues during the scope of an ongoing investigation they were conducting. This subject was in fact not a resident of Illinois. During the investigation, it was revealed the subject had purchased multiple resident licenses both in Illinois and their home state during the same hunting and fishing seasons. The investigation revealed the subject met none of the criteria which deemed them to be a resident of Illinois. The subject was interviewed and taken into custody at a Cook County Police Station. The subject was processed and bonded. The subject will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol inside an IDNR State Fish and Wildlife Area when he observed a subject disobey a stop sign. Immediately after disobeying the stop sign, the subject accelerated and was clocked by use of radar speeding. A traffic stop was made at which time it was learned the registration plates on the vehicle were currently suspended for a mandatory insurance violation. CPO Whitchurch arrested the driver of the vehicle and he was issued multiple citations and warnings. The subject posted bond and was released. He will appear in court at later date.

LAKE COUNTY

With the weather heating up, CPO Gilmer has been busy checking fishermen and watercrafts. He has been reminding citizens of Illinois through verbal and written warnings that registration is required on watercrafts, even if it is a canoe or kayak. He has also been explaining the importance of safety equipment aboard a watercraft. CPO Gilmer has been stressing to fisherman that the 2015 fishing license expires at the end of March and a new 2016 fishing license is needed to legally fish in Illinois. He figures, what the heck everyone deserves a fair warning!

CPO Gilmer followed up on a complaint of deer being penned up in an eight foot fence in Beach Park. He found four whitetail deer in a pen and started to question the resident where the deer were. She said she had nothing to do with the deer and told CPO Gilmer to talk to her brother. CPO Gilmer did and found the deer were offspring of whitetail deer the owner had purchased in 1991. The owner failed to purchase a game breeder license for the years 2013, 2014, and 2015. The owner also failed to keep any record of whitetail deer entering, leaving, dying or being propagated on the property since the year 2006. A game breeder's license is needed to raise whitetail deer and annual records of animals

are required with the game breeder's license. The offender was issued four citations and nine written warnings for violations with his penned up whitetail deer.

CPO Vaughan issued citations to three individuals for being in Illinois Beach State Park after posted times.

CPOs Vaughan, Farber, and Gilmer assisted Lake County Sheriff's Deputies in looking for a missing/suicidal subject who fled from deputies into Illinois Beach State Park. The subject was later located in a trailer park adjacent to the park.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Charleston man for failing to report a harvested buck during the previous archery deer season.

CPO Moody attended a Juvenile Law Update at Mobile Training Unit #13 in Mattoon.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston child sex offender for illegally being in a city park at Lake Charleston.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for pollution of a waterway. CPO Barnes was able to retrieve mail out of some garbage dumped in Coles County and found the subject at his residence.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Barnes and CPO Moody cited a Villa Grove woman for illegal possession of a pet raccoon named Bandit.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Owensboro, Kentucky man for dumping on the Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area. The man had been contracted to clean out of a foreclosed home and dumped a large amount of trash including a washer and dryer on the wildlife management area.

SHELBY COUNTY

While checking fishermen at the Lake Shelbyville Spillway, CPO Barnes cited a Shelbyville subject for illegal possession of a short Sauger.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man at Lake Mattoon for watercraft equipment violation.

CPO Greuel cited a Pana man for failure to immediately release a short Walleye caught on the Kaskaskia River below the Lake Shelbyville Dam.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus noticed a vehicle parked at the Weldon Access Area where fishing is closed during this time of the year. They observed a Champaign man fishing in the restricted area and after contacting the man found that

he was over the limit on crappies, had undersized crappies, and was a Kentucky resident that illegally purchased a resident Illinois fishing license.

CPO Wright and CPOT Ausmus assisted Sgt. Williamson with four Bloomington subjects that were illegally fishing the restricted area at Clinton Lake. After stopping the subjects, it was found that one was wanted on warrant and one had cannabis and drug paraphernalia in her possession. The man wanted on the McLean County warrant was taken to DeWitt County Jail and NTA's (Notice to Appear) were issued for the cannabis and paraphernalia.

CPO Wright, K9 Hank, and CPO Viverito received a tip from their off duty Sgt. that three individuals were fishing a restricted area of Clinton lake. The CPOs and Hank arrived a short while later. While CPO Wright made contact with the suspects, CPO Viverito and Hank screened the vehicle for narcotics. Hank alerted on the driver side of the vehicle. An investigation ensued which led to the arrest of two individuals for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Cottrell located two subjects fishing the Twin Lakes spillway area in Paris. One subject was keeping short Walleye and the other subject, a non-Resident, did not have a fishing license. Both were cited accordingly.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPOT Ausmus observed a car disobey a traffic sign in Decatur. After stopping the vehicle they found that the driver was revoked. Cannabis and a large amount of cash were also found in the vehicle. The driver was taken to jail.

CPO Wright stopped a car in Decatur for failure to signal. The driver of the vehicle was suspended and also wanted by Illinois Department of Corrections for a parole violation. Also the driver was found a large amount of Diazepam and had no prescriptions for the pills. The Decatur man was taken to Macon County jail for the possession of a controlled substance.

VERMILION

CPOT Sanford and CPO Cottrell located a subject driving through the trail systems at the Harry Babe Woodyard SNA with a pick-up truck. The vehicle had become disabled and the subject was cited for being in a restricted area in addition to his vehicle being towed.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt attended a Calhoun High School Springfest presentation. He talked to approximately 80 students about general hunting, fishing, boating laws, and duties and responsibilities of CPOs.

GREENE COUNTY

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten received a complaint of an unauthorized trail camera located on private property. The landowner viewed the photographs on the camera and located a photograph of a male subject who he was able to identify. A thorough investigation into the suspect revealed several suspicious deer harvests reported. Interviews were

conducted and the suspect admitted to unlawfully harvesting several deer. A whitetail buck shoulder mount and rack/hide were seized. The subject was charged with unlawful possession of two deer.

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

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley charged an Oquawka man with four counts of buying timber without a timber buyer's license. The unlicensed timber buyer bought trees on four different properties in the Dallas City and Nauvoo area in Hancock County. This arrest was started after CPO Wheatley saw a large pile of cut logs on a landing near a truck owned by the man's company. After some checking, CPO Wheatley was able to determine the man did not have a license for 2015 or 2016, but he did buy the logs seen on the landing.

CPO Blazinic arrested a subject for no outfitters license and failure to maintain outfitter records in Hancock County. The subject pleaded guilty to failure to maintain outfitter records and paid \$750 fine. The total fines and court cost was \$1,223.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOs Weishaupt and Goetten assisted local agencies in retrieving a body in the Mississippi River at Elsay. The subject had been missing since December.

CPO Goetten arrested a subject in Jersey County for possession of drug paraphernalia and 2.5-10 grams of cannabis. The subject pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis. His total fines and court costs were \$989.

CPO Goetten arrested a subject for driving while license suspended in Jersey County. The subject pleaded guilty to the violation. Her total fines and court costs were \$534.

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Sgt. Wagner arrested a subject for several offenses including leaving the scene of an accident, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. While the charges were pending, CPO Michael Goetten arrested the same subject for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of 2.5-10 grams of cannabis. She pleaded guilty to possession of cannabis. Her total fines and court costs were \$1183. She was also sentenced to five days in jail.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff and CPOT Tripp conducted a deer permit investigation. The subject purchased a deer permit after he shot a deer. He was cited for failing to have a deer permit in the field while hunting.

CPO Michael Goetten conducted an investigation into hunting without permission and the theft of a trail camera, tree stand, and miscellaneous scrap metal in Macoupin County. Several interviews were conducted with the suspect, who eventually provided a full confession. While hunting he did not have deer permits. The subject was charged and pleaded guilty to one count of theft under \$500 and one count of hunting deer without permits. His total fines and court costs were \$1039. He was also ordered to pay the landowner restitution in the amount of \$342. The trail camera and tree stand were also returned to the owner.

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to two hunter safety courses in Macoupin County.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

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

District 13 Madison County

CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Goetten were patrolling the Mississippi River area in Alton when they observed two females attempt to flee after seeing the police officers. Once detained, one was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. She was arrested and transported to the Alton Police Department.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPOs Thornley and Bettis arrested a subject for operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran and CPOT Tanke taught a hunter safety course in Assumption, teaching approximately 45 young men and women the current hunting regulations of Illinois.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thornley conducted a deer permit investigation that revealed a subject checked in an archery harvest during the firearm season. The subject explained he had shot two deer during the firearm season. The first deer he had tagged with a 2014 permit and when he was preparing to tag the second, he realized he had not received his 2015 tags. He attempted to make correct the issue by tagging the second deer with an over the counter archery tag after he had transported both illegally taken deer from Massac County to his residential county of Logan. The subject was cited and received written warnings. Both officers explained to him that it was his responsibility to have proper documents when hunting.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Thornley and Bettis taught a hunter safety course in Springfield, teaching approximately 60 young men and women the current hunting regulations of Illinois.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

JERSEY COUNTY

The Illinois Conservation Police was contacted by Grafton Police Department in reference a vehicle that had been driven into the Mississippi River. CPO Liebl assisted CPO Weishaupt in using sonar to find the vehicle. CPO Weishaupt was able to locate the vehicle shortly after arriving to the area with sonar. The GPS location of the vehicle was given to Grafton Police Department who are handling the investigation.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was contacted by a Missouri Conservation Officer in reference to some hunters from Madison County who were illegally hunting in Southern Missouri. Interviews were conducted and it was determined that the Illinois hunters were hunting without permission and shooting from the roadway at Snow Geese. The Missouri Conservation Officers issued citations and warning for the violations.

CPO Liebl was patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed a swamped boat off the boat launch at the lake. Using the registration numbers, CPO Liebl was able to determine the owner of the boat and make contact with him. Luckily he was safe and at home. The elderly owner stated that he had been fishing at the lake that morning until the wind picked up. When he tried to trailer his boat at the launch, the strong winds caused waves to come over the transom and swamp the boat. Due to the hazardous conditions, the owner decided to wait until the winds died down to try and retrieve his boat. The next day, CPO Liebl helped bale water out of the boat until it would float, and helped the owner get his boat back on the trailer. A boat accident report was completed as required by law.

CPO Liebl was notified of a possible suicide that had occurred at Horseshoe Lake State Park previously in the week. No notification to the Conservation Police or IDNR was made for the incident. It was determined that Pontoon Beach Police Department initially got the call of a critically injured person in the parking lot at the park. CPO Liebl contacted Pontoon Beach Police Department and learned the case was turned over to detectives at the Illinois State Police. Illinois State Police is handling the investigation.

CPO Liebl was contacted by Highland Police Department in reference to a boat in Silver Lake. Highland Police Department stated that a vehicle went into the lake at the boat launch the previous day and now a tow company was there to pull it out but could not find it. Highland Police Department was requesting sonar be used to help locate the vehicle. CPO Liebl arrived at the lake and was able to locate and mark the vehicle within 5 minutes. The vehicle was recovered and Highland Police Department is handling the investigation.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers attended the Eagle Fest Days at the Jerry F. Costello Lock and Dam at the confluence of the Kaskaskia River and the Mississippi River with the Conservation Lodge Trailer.

CPO Charles, Sievers and Sgt. Manker responded to a call for assistance from the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff's office received a call of a barricaded potentially suicidal subject.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPOs Liebl, Tapley, French, and Rolfingsmeier responded to a request for assistance from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office. About a week earlier, a man who was wanted ran from police officers from a business located near the Madison and St. Clair County border. The man ran into a large swampy area across from the business. The man was with his girlfriend at the time he ran. The next day the girlfriend called to report him missing. Since he ran several days earlier, no one has seen or heard from him. The CPOs helped search the swampy area using waders to walk out into the water. No signs of the missing man were found by the CPOs. Illinois State Police were called in to help search for the missing man with the use of a drone. The man is still missing.

CPO Rolfingsmeier worked a boat accident on a house boat that sank and caused a spill of approximately 100 gallons of gasoline into the Kaskaskia River by New Athens Marina. The New Athens Fire Department was able to contain the fuel inside the Marina area preventing the fuel from reaching the river channel. The EPA led the cleanup efforts.

CPO Rolfingsmeier assisted Clinton County Sheriff's department with a search warrant. In the house were several deer skulls and a Big Horn Ram skull. CPO Rolfingsmeier investigated the harvest records of the person being searched and found that he killed two deer in 2015 illegally and had in his possession another two deer he wasn't allowed to possess. After investigating the Ram skull it was later found out he could not lawfully possess the Ram head he acquired from a person in Nevada. The person also had in his possession an Illinois Department of Conservation Sign that he acquired illegally. A total of seven citations were issued.

CPO Charles, Sievers and Rolfingsmeier responded to a call in New Athens of a boat that was sinking and leaking fuel into the river. The officers helped secure the area and ensured the scene was safe.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles completed an investigation of a complaint in Washington County where an archery deer hunter was illegally hunting without a deer permit. The hunter admitted that he had failed to buy his archery deer permit prior to hunting. The hunter was cited for the violation.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay and Sgt. Cariens assisted three boaters on Rend Lake with a capsized boat. The Officers entered the water, righted the boat and assisted loading the boat onto the trailer and draining the water. No major damage resulted from the capsizing and the persons were uninjured.

CPO Folden is investigated a dumping complaint. The dumped material is in a creek and flowing onto neighboring property. CPO Folden contacted the Environmental Protection Agency and they are investigating further.

CPO Folden stopped a timber truck in Franklin County. The truck had no paperwork and the driver was reluctant to tell CPO Folden where the timber came from. The driver called the timber buyer who sent another driver to the location of the stop. The second driver was to supply CPO Folden with appropriate paperwork for the timber being transported. CPO Folden questioned the second driver about the location the logs were taken from. The second driver admitted the logs on the truck CPO Folden had stopped did not come from the location listed on the paperwork he was providing. CPO Folden issued one citation for unlawful transportation of timber products without proof of ownership. CPO Folden will be conducting further investigation into this matter.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Folden responded to a report of an injured Bald Eagle. The caller remained in the area until CPO Folden arrived. The eagle was very active and appeared to only have a broken wing. CPO Folden and the caller carefully captured the uncooperative eagle without further injury to either party. CPO Folden transported the eagle to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Days later CPO Folden received a call informing him x-rays revealed evidence of the eagle being shot. CPO Folden is currently investigating this case.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan inspected two timber buyers in Jefferson County. The first timber buyer unlawfully cut 18 walnut trees on a property without landowner's permission. The timber buyer had to pay \$2,600.00 in restitution to the owner. The buyer was also found to have numerous violations on other jobs. He cut timber without a buyer's license, paid no 4% harvest fees (excess of \$2,000.00) to IDNR Forestry, and failed to maintain any records of timber cut as required. He also failed to pay owner's approximately \$2,300.00. Those owners were paid in full at the conclusion of the investigation. Charges filed against the buyer were failure to maintain timber buyer records, failure to report and pay fees to IDNR Forestry, and purchasing timber without a license. The second timber buyer failed to pay landowner \$2,700.00. Upon inspection, buyer did not have any records, pay any 4% harvest fee to IDNR Forestry (excess of \$2,000.00), and did not submit harvest report forms or fees as required. The landowner was paid in full as a result of the investigation. Buyer was charged with failure to submit report forms and fees to IDNR Forestry.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson investigated a subject who reported multiple deer harvests without the proper stamp. The subject was issued two written warnings.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Johnson investigated a subject who reported a deer harvest on a landowner permit without the proper stamp or license. The subject was issued two written warnings.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were investigating an administrative investigation on a subject who lived in Louisville, IL. The subject went archery deer hunting without having in his possession an active hunting license and archery deer permit. The subject shot and killed an 11 point buck and then decided to purchase a hunting license and archery deer permit. CPO Smith issued a written warning for failing to tag deer immediately upon kill, incorrect harvest reporting by listing the wrong county of harvest, hunting without a valid hunting license and hunting without a habitat stamp. CPO Smith issued a citation to the subject for hunting without an archery deer permit.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith attended a boat show sponsored by Lake Sara Marina. CPO Smith and CPOT Roper manned a booth and answered questions regarding boating, fishing, and wildlife.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith responded to a complaint involving a person who had in their possession a buzzard. Sgt. Hyatt received information that this person still had the buzzard after he was told to turn it loose a few months ago. CPO Smith arrived at the residence and could clearly see the buzzard sitting on a shelf in the garage. CPO Smith asked the owner to place the buzzard in his cage so it could be transported away from the residence. The person complied. CPO Smith issued the person a citation for possession of protected species. CPO Smith transported the buzzard to a safe area and released it into the wild.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Holland patrolled Marion County lakes and issued multiple citations for fishing with no valid license

CPO Holland checked boats on Marion County lakes and issued an operator one citation for insufficient life jackets and a warning for operating with boat over rated cargo capacity.

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Smith attended a hunter safety education class at the Wabash County Quail Club. CPO Smith was accompanied by CPOT Roper. CPO Smith instructed the class on wildlife laws and firearm/hunter safety. CPOT Roper instructed the class on migratory bird laws.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Mohrman while patrolling on Devil's Island State Fish and Wildlife Area located a recently abandoned car partially submerged in a water filled ditch. The ditch on the Alexander County portion of the Fish and Wildlife Area was filled with water from the nearby Mississippi River. Sgt. K. Taylor and CPO M. Thompson responded with a boat to check the vehicle out for any passengers and luckily found none. The car was pulled out by a local tow company and a large rock was observed still depressing the gas pedal down. No license plates were on the car and a check of the VIN revealed two owners from Missouri and Arkansas. At this time no one has come forward to claim the car and the investigation continues to locate the last owner.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman was contacted by officials from the Murphysboro High School regarding wild turkeys becoming aggressive with students and faculty at the school. The offending turkeys were primarily three Jake's which were following two hen's and chasing persons and vehicles which came between them. CPO Mohrman observed these aggressive young turkeys one morning and district wildlife biologists were summoned. The biologist's attempted to capture the offending birds but they would have nothing to do with that and flew away. School officials were advised to call if this bad turkey behavior continues and encourage the students not to taunt the birds.

CPO Mohrman attended a hunter safety class at the Tombstone Gun Range in Marion.

While working a commercial fishing detail on the Mississippi River CPOs Lewis and Mohrman located two unlawfully set trammel nets. The untagged nets were dead set all the way across the Rumfelt Island chute in Union County. The nets were seized as contraband and all fish in the nets were released.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO M. Thompson reported that a DUI arrest he made in 2010 at Ferne Clyffe State Park finally came to an end. The subject was facing prison-time; it was his 5th DUI charge. After several challenges and continuances, the subject was declared unfit to stand trial by a physician.

CPO M. Thompson reported that a subject he had arrested for OUI on Lake Egypt pleaded guilty and was fined \$1307.

CPO M. Thompson reported that a subject he arrested for possession of cannabis and paraphernalia pleaded guilty and was fined \$1360.

CPO M. Thompson reported another subject he arrested on Lake Egypt for possession of cannabis and paraphernalia pleaded guilty and fined \$740.

CPO M. Thompson reported another subject on Lake Egypt he arrested for possession of cannabis and paraphernalia pleaded guilty and fined \$1280.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis investigated a TIPS complaint about a subject keeping a coyote as a pet in Perry County. The investigation revealed the animal in question was just a dog. No further action was taken.