



# 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 April 29 – May 13)

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

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

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

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Palumbo attended the IHSA Sectional Bass Fishing Tournament that was held on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River. Several young anglers took to the water in 19 boats that launched from the Big Slough boat ramp in Thomson. CPO Palumbo conducted the pre-tournament safety inspection on all of the entered boats and ensured a safe take off. The Geneseo Maple Leafs took top honors at weigh-in later that day.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri responded to an unattended and unregistered campsite at Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area. A tent and various other camping gear were set up on a site, however no one was observed staying there. The site superintendent left a note but the note remained in the same place. All the camping gear was seized as abandoned property since an owner could not be identified. The items will be stored for 6 months and if an owner does not come forward it will be disposed of according to policy.

#### **JO DAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled the IDNR public hunting areas during the spring turkey seasons. Three individuals were issued citations for “unlawfully collecting edible fungi (morel mushrooms) during the open turkey hunting hours.”

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

#### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

CPOs Posateri and Francisko worked a boat patrol on the Rock River. Numerous boat safety checks were conducted and many violations were found. Numerous citations and written warnings were issued for boating safety violations. In one boat stop alone (near the Back Water Gamblers site) a boat was found to have numerous safety violations including a fire hazard. Had a fire started, the boat owner would not have been able to put it out because his fire extinguisher was

not serviceable. The passenger onboard the boat was in possession of regular cannabis, a highly concentrated form of cannabis, a regular (used) cannabis pipe and a cannabis smoking device disguised as a spark plug. The subject was arrested for possession of cannabis and two counts possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Francisko conducted a fishing enforcement detail on Mississippi River Pool # 15. The CPO observed activities of anglers at Lock & Dam #14 (Hampton IL) for some time before making contact. Two Chicago men were issued citations for possession of Largemouth Bass under 14" in length (per site specific rules for the Mississippi River between IL/IA). Only one fish they possessed on a stringer was legal. Luckily the CPO was able to photograph the illegal fish and return the smaller bass to the river thus saving those resources. The CPO next observed two Quad City men fishing near Campbell's Island at about 10:30 a.m. The CPO made contact with the men and it became obvious one of the men was intoxicated on alcohol to a point that fishing and near the water was unsafe. Neither person had a fishing license resulting in two citations being issued. For the safety of the intoxicated person, arrangements were made for a responsible person to remove and care for the intoxicated man until he sobered up.

CPO Posateri taught the legal aspects of the Hunter Safety Education class at the Rock Island Conservation Club with over 150 students in attendance. The all-day event was broken into sessions based on age group and each class was slightly modified to fit the needs of the group but covered the legal aspects in a way the students could understand.

CPO Posateri and Captain Petreikis attended the boat training at the Rock Island Arsenal. The training was set up by U.S. Coast Guard in an effort to coordinate with multiple agencies including police and fire units for future responses to incidents on the area waterways.

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#### WHITESIDE COUNTY

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CPO Palumbo arrested a Prophetstown man that was doing some night time cat fishing along the Rock River at the Moline Road boat ramp. The Prophetstown man was wanted on warrants out of both Bureau and Whiteside Counties. He was unable to post the \$630.00 cash bond and was turned over to the Whiteside County Jail.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and several written warnings to a Chicago man for operating his watercraft on the Rock River with an insufficient number of wearable personal flotation devices on board. Other boating violations were also addressed.

### **District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

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#### BOONE COUNTY

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CPO ALT gave a three hour question and answer boating law & safety talk to the Candlewick Lake Association Community membership. Topics ranged from boat operation, equipment, watercraft OUI and registration/titling.

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#### LASALLE COUNTY

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CPO Finn and CPOT Stanbary encountered three individuals off trail at Matthiessen State Park. Upon further investigation the hikers were in possession of drug paraphernalia as well as 26.5 grams of cannabis. All three received citations and one received three citations two of which were Class A misdemeanors.

CPO Murry along with Sgt. Wire responded to a fall at Starved Rock State Park involving a juvenile male who had fallen approximately 25 ft. Upon arrival CPO Murry and Sgt. Wire provided first aid to the victim. Upon arrival of Fire and EMS the victim was transported across the Illinois River by boat and then to the hospital via ambulance.

CPO Murry observed three individuals fishing on private property near Starved Rock State Park. While approaching the fisherman, one immediately took off running away from the area they were fishing. CPO Murry detained the other two

individuals, while trying to locate the individual that ran. After a short investigation, the individual was seen by CPO Jansen exiting the woods and was taken into custody a short time later. The individual was arrested for obstructing a peace officer, criminal trespass to real property, no valid fishing license, and fishing without permission. The other two fishermen were cited for no valid fishing license and fishing without permission.

CPO Jansen responded to a reported theft of two purses from a wedding reception at the Starved Rock Lodge. Using surveillance video he was able to see a female subject taking the purses. The female was a guest of the wedding. With the aid of a guest at the wedding, the female's identity was obtained. She was reported to be staying at a hotel in Oglesby. CPO Jansen met two Oglesby officers and they located the subject in her room and obtained a confession. She stated she was a recovering heroin addict. The two purses were recovered and later returned to the victims. Inside one victim's purse was diabetic equipment vital to monitoring her insulin levels. The offender was charged with theft and lodged at LaSalle County Jail.

CPO Jansen arrested a sexual predator walking the trails in Starved Rock.

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#### WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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While patrolling Rock Cut State Park CPO Fraser observed a vehicle travelling 38 mph in the posted 20 mph zone. CPO Fraser stopped the vehicle and discovered the driver was only in possession of a State I.D. card and could not produce proof of insurance. The driver stated she had never possessed a driver's license and her insurance card was in the mail. A check of the driver's history revealed she had her driving privileges suspended for previous violations. The driver was issued citations for the violations and the vehicle was released to a valid driver.

After patrolling Rock Cut State Park CPO Fraser was on his way home to end his shift when he observed a 2 year old child standing in the back seat of a passing car. CPO Fraser also observed the front seat passenger not wearing a seat belt. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle on Highway 251 to address the child safety violation. After speaking with the driver, CPO Fraser discovered the vehicle was not insured. A further check of the driver and passenger information revealed the driver was wanted on a \$5000 warrant and the passenger did not have a valid driver's license. CPO Fraser took the driver into custody and allowed him to call a valid driver to remove the vehicle and its occupants. The driver was then taken to the Winnebago County Jail.

CPO Fraser received a complaint of a ski boat violating the no wake restriction on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. CPO Fraser located the reported violator, explained the regulations, completed a boat safety inspection, and sent them on their way with a verbal warning. A short time later another complaint was received on the same boat. CPO Fraser found a vantage point to observe the boat and verified the claim. The boat was hailed to shore and the operator was issued a citation and evicted from the lake for the day.

While conducting fishing license checks at Rock Cut State Park CPO Fraser located two young fishermen, one of which set his pole down when he spotted the CPO. CPO Fraser asked the two subjects if they had fishing licenses with them. Both subjects stated they did not and that they were less than 16 years old so they were exempt. CPO Fraser asked the pair for their date of birth, one subject was truthful; the other subject had trouble remembering the year he was born. It was determined the forgetful subject was 17 and knew he needed a fishing license but failed to purchase one. The subject was issued a citation for no fishing license.

While conducting a foot patrol on the trails near West Lake Picnic Area within Rock Cut State Park CPO Alt came upon a group of individuals with an unleashed dog searching off trail for morel mushrooms in the posted Natural Area. CPO Alt addressed the Administrative Rule violations with a warning to the individuals and then provided them with a park map illustrating the park rules and locations of the posted Nature Preserves and Natural Areas to avoid.

CPO Alt stopped a car in Rock Cut State Park after observing violations of speeding, failure to wear seat belt – front seat passenger, obstructed windshield - objects and expired registration license plate or sticker. The investigative

stop also revealed the driver was operating on an Illinois driver's license which was expired more than six months and they could not provide proof of insurance for the automobile.

While on foot patrol on the trails in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt came upon a group of young adults, who upon seeing CPO Alt pitched a duffle bag and lime green object into the weeds then began walking in the opposite direction. The investigation revealed the two patrons had pitched Cannabis "Wax", a drug paraphernalia pipe and a propane torch. Notice To Appear in court summons was issued to the subjects and they were released on scene.

CPO Alt conducted a four hour watercraft patrol on Pierce Lake in Winnebago County. Registration and equipment violations were addressed to the fisherman during the start of the crappie spawn.

CPO Alt attended and inspected 22 boats for the IHSA high school fishing tournament held on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. High Schools in attendance who participated in this event included Durand, Rockford Lutheran High School, Rockford Christian High School, Boylan Catholic High School, Hononegah High School, North Boone High School, Belvidere and Belvidere North High Schools, Pecatonica High School and Winnebago High School. All schools were competing for a chance to qualify for the IHSA Sectional Fishing Tournament to be held on Carlisle Lake in Southern Illinois.

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

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

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### **FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson received a case disposition from a waterfowl baiting case in Fulton County. Six defendants in the case pleaded guilty to unlawful hunting by the use or aid of bait. Each defendant was fined a total \$1766.

CPO Thompson was on boat patrol on the Spoon River and a citation and several written warnings were issued for no fishing license and various boating registration and safety violations.

CPO Thompson was on patrol in northern Fulton County and located some vehicle tracks on a private lane. After following the tracks for a half mile, two trucks were located. Shortly thereafter, two male subjects emerged. After making contact, the subjects were found to be hunting without permission, without a hunting license or habitat stamp, and without a valid permit. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson investigated a case involving a female subject shooting a buck with a bow in 2015 before buying licenses and permits. After a Louisiana Game Warden spoke to the subject, she provided a photo of her posing with the buck. After acknowledging the buck was not tagged at the time, she admitted she did not buy permits or licenses until after the harvest. A 9 point buck was seized and citations were issued for unlawful hunting without a permit/license, failure to tag immediately upon kill, and unlawful take of a whitetail deer.

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### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

CPO Reid received a request from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office to attempt to locate a suicidal subject in Gladstone. The subject was located and relieved of a handgun in his possession

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### **KNOX COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell and CPOT Rumsfelt participated in the Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District's Environmental Day for students of Silas Willard and Nielson Elementary Schools in Galesburg. The students learned about Illinois wildlife and the role of Conservation Police Officers in protecting our State's natural resources. Approximately 175

students attended the event held at Lake Storey Park.

An Alpha man pleaded guilty to the Knox County citation issued by CPO Posateri for failure to tag deer Immediately upon kill and paid a \$120 fine.

#### PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard received a case disposition from a 2015 deer hunting investigation. A Peoria County subject was found guilty of the unlawful harvest of two whitetail deer. He was fined \$1297.00 and his hunting privileges were suspended for a period of 18 months.

#### STARK COUNTY

A Kewanee man pleaded guilty to a Stark County citation issued by CPO Posateri for failure to tag deer Immediately upon kill and paid a \$120.00 fine.

#### TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited two subjects that were fishing without permission of the landowner. These subjects also did not have fishing licenses.

CPO VanZant along with CPOT Rumsfeld assisted with the IHSA Bass Fishing Tournament at Banner Marsh.

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

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

#### KANE

CPO VanWiltenburg cited a subject for using a cast net within 300 yards of a dam and possession of small mouth bass during the closed season at the Carpentersville dam.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox while conducting sport fishing compliance checks issued several citations for fishing without a license and two subjects were issued citations for unlawful possession of small mouth bass during closed season.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox assisted Pingree Grove Police by stopping a wanted car, the passenger in the vehicle was seen holding a handgun and pointing it out the window. A felony traffic stop was conducted and a BB gun, resembling a Glock pistol, was found under the passenger front seat.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox while checking fisherman at the Montgomery Dam, arrested a subject wanted on warrant originating from the Aurora Police Department. The subject was transported to the Aurora Police Department and processed.

#### LAKE COUNTY

CPO Wagner while conducting sport fish enforcement on Round Lake was alerted to erratic driving near a dead end on the north side of the lake. After a short investigation into the incident Amelia Bustamante was arrested for DUI.

CPO Jason Hurt was conducting routine park patrol at Chain O' Lakes State Park. A traffic stop was initiated on a vehicle for speeding (44 mph in 20 mph zone). Upon contact with the driver, CPO Hurt detected the smell of burnt Cannabis inside the vehicle. The driver reluctantly surrendered a glass smoking pipe and a small amount of Cannabis. The driver was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Cannabis <2.5 Grams. The driver was also cited for speeding. The driver was advised of a mandatory court date and released on a Notice to Appear.

CPO Kelley issued a citation to an individual at Butler Lake in Libertyville. The subject was observed fishing but tried to assert he was not fishing. However, CPO Kelley had seen the man fishing and, furthermore, saw the man break the hook off his line in an apparent attempt to hide his fishing activity. When confronted, the man confessed to breaking the hook off his line and also admitted he was fishing with an expired fishing license.

#### McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Semenik and CPO Hurt were patrolling Moraine Hills State Park when they observed two men sitting on a bench near Lake Defiance. The two CPOs made their way to the location of the subjects to see if they were fishing when they observed one man had his shoes and socks off and the other had one of his shoes and sock off. There is no swimming or wading allowed in Lake Defiance. Upon making contact with the subject the CPOs immediately observed several signs the two men were under the influence of drugs. While talking with the subjects, CPO Semenik observed nun chucks sticking out of the one man's backpack. Further investigation revealed there was also a BB gun and cannabis inside the backpack. During the arrest a bag of Ecstasy was also recovered from the owner of the backpack. The man was arrested for unlawful display of martial arts device and BB gun on Department Lands and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams. The man's arrest for possession of a controlled substance (Class 3 Felony) is pending Illinois State Police Crime Lab analysis.

CPO Semenik and CPO Schreiber were on patrol in McHenry County when they observed three individuals fishing off the Fox River at Weber's Park. The CPOs observed the three men fish from a distance before making contact. During this time the CPOs also observed the three men pass a glass bong around and smoke from it. The men were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 Grams.

CPOs Schreiber and Semenik arrested three subjects fishing along the Fox River for possession of cannabis less than 2.5 grams and one subject received an additional citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Kelley issued a citation for a short largemouth bass on the Fox River. The fisherman tried to hide his stringer of fish in the weeds but, thanks to a tip from another fisherman, CPO Kelley was able to locate the stringer and find the 13-inch fish where a 14-inch limit applies.

#### *Special enforcement outside of district-*

CPO Semenik was working a criminal enforcement detail with the Illinois State Police District Chicago and was assigned to patrol the Dan Ryan Expressway portion of Interstate 94. On April 30, at approximately 12:15 am, was backing up CPO Macias on a traffic stop off 71<sup>st</sup> Street when he observed a suspicious looking vehicle drive by with Wisconsin registration. CPO Semenik followed the vehicle down a side street off 71<sup>st</sup> and Wabash Ave, observing the registration plate light was inoperable and the occupants were not wearing their seatbelts. CPO Semenik initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. By this time CPO Macias had cleared his stop and was on scene to assist. The CPOs requested identification of all passengers, to which they complied. A LEADS inquiry of all passengers turned up two "WANTED" on arrest warrants. The driver was wanted out of Wisconsin for failure to appear, but was outside of geographical limitations so it could not be served. The front seat passenger was wanted out of Cook County for contempt of court. The warrant had been active since June of 2007. CPO Semenik arrested the now Wisconsin resident and transported him to Chicago Police Department 3<sup>rd</sup> District for processing. There was no bond on the warrant so man was held in custody until he could see a judge.

CPO Semenik was working a criminal enforcement detail with the Illinois State Police District Chicago and was assigned to patrol the Dan Ryan Expressway portion of Interstate 94. On May 1, at approximately 1:00 am, CPO Semenik was parked off the I-94, 75<sup>th</sup> street accident investigation site when he observed a vehicle exit the ramp at a high rate of speed. CPO Semenik followed the vehicle down a side street off 75<sup>th</sup> and initiated a traffic stop in the high risk neighborhood. The vehicle was occupied by three convicted felons, one of which was an active member of the "Gangster Disciples" street gang. CPOs Macias, Mooi and Reid arrived on scene to assist. The driver of the vehicle's license was also suspended since 1982. While the CPOs were interviewing the occupants outside of the vehicle, CPO

Reid recovered a loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic pistol hidden under the passenger seat. At the conclusion of extensive interviews it was determined that the passenger who was a gangster disciple had the pistol in his coat pocket at the time CPO Semenik initiated the traffic stop. CPO Semenik arrested the driver for driving while license suspended and the passenger for aggravated unlawful use of weapon. Illinois State Police Troopers assisted in the transport and processing of the subjects.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

CPO Anderson cited a subject at Mazonia FWA for unlawful possession of undersized bass. Another subject was cited for no fishing license. Six written warnings were issued for boating and fishing violations.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

While patrolling Kankakee River State Park, CPO Vadbunker cited a subject for no valid driver's license, no valid fishing license, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and for unlawful possession of cannabis

While patrolling Kankakee River State Park, a subject was cited for operating a vehicle that had suspended registration CPO Vadbunker cited a subject with two counts of careless operation and two counts of unlawfully operating a watercraft in a restricted area. The subject was operating his watercraft at a high rate of speed and erratically.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

CPO Bergland investigated a complaint of a goose in a trap. He found a goose caught in a trap belonging to a nuisance wildlife trapper who was legally trapping nuisance beaver. The goose was released.

CPOs Bergland, Honiotes and Wollgast conducted presentations to youth in Kendall County using the wildlife trailer over a 3 day period.

**WILL COUNTY**

CPO Reid assisted an ISP Trooper in the arrest of a non-compliant subject who was stopped for traffic violations. The subject disobeyed commands from the officers and attempted to flee but was caught by CPO Reid. A large quantity of cannabis was found in the vehicle as was a stolen firearm.

CPO Honiotes observed two small rowboats, with six occupants each, operating on the Monee Reservoir. One subject who appeared to be rolling a joint exclaimed "Hey guys I've got weed!" Another subject was firing an air pistol into and over the water. Will County Forest Preserve officers responded to assist. CPO Honiotes issued three citations for no fishing licenses, while the Forest Preserve officers addressed the violations of operating watercraft over capacity, pollution, indecency, and air gun on district property.

CPOs Anderson and Honiotes conducted safety inspections for the IHSA fishing tourney.

CPO Honiotes assisted the USFS police in patrolling the Midwest Bison Expedition held at Midewin Tallgrass Prairie. Over 2200 people were in attendance.

CPO Honiotes and Wollgast performed a plain clothes kayak detail on the DuPage River. Five citations were issued for people operating watercraft without required PFDs, and eight warnings were issued for no fishing licenses, children under 13 not wearing PFDs, overcapacity and water usage stamp violations.

CPO Reid responded to a tip of unlawful take of smallmouth bass at the Wilmington Dam. Two subjects were issued three citations for unlawful possession of smallmouth bass during the closed season and a warning for no fishing license.

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols along the Kankakee River. Several individuals were arrested for the unlawful possession of smallmouth bass during the Protected Closed Season.

While conducting several surveillance details on fisherman at local bodies of water, CPO Reid observed multiple fishermen toss empty beer cans into the lake or river. Several citations for littering were issued.

CPO Reid interviewed two subjects in reference to a property owner complaint of trespassing at a local golf course. Four citations were issued for fishing without permission and fishing without a license.

CPO Reid conducted multiple patrols on private bodies of water where trespass complaints have been signed by the owners. Multiple citations were issued for fishing without permission.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

CPO Klemme cited two subjects at Skokie Lagoons for fishing without a fishing license.

While patrolling the DesPlaines River CPO Klemme checked several fishermen. Two subjects were cited for fishing without a license.

CPO Klemme was checking boaters at Skokie Lagoons and observed two kayaks near the shoreline. After conducting an inspection one subject was issued a citation for no water usage stamp.

CPO Klemme attended a boat safety class in Tinley Park. Topics discussed were basic safety equipment, age of operators and OUI laws.

While on patrol on CPO Klemme observed a group of fishermen at a local lake. After conducting a compliance check for licenses, it was discovered that two subjects were fishing without licenses. Both subjects were issued citations.

CPO Macias responded to a complaint about a subject selling/trading reptiles via Facebook. CPO Macias met the subject at his home in Chicago and was given consent to search a room with 10 snakes of various sizes in plastic boxes. The subject allowed CPO Macias to take pictures of every snake and after careful scrutiny, all snakes owned were found to be in compliance with state laws and were legal to own.

CPO Macias responded to a complaint about a neighbor illegally trapping raccoons in the Chicago-land area. CPO Macias met the subject at his home and he admitted to trapping raccoons without a trapping license or expertise. A citation and written warning were issued to subject.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Beck Lake issued a written warning for no water usage stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Montrose Harbor issued a written warning for no salmon stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Axehead Lake issued written warnings for fishing license not in possession, driver's license not in possession, no inland trout stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Montrose Harbor issued written warnings for no salmon stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Belmont Harbor issued written warnings for No Fishing License and No Salmon Stamp.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Humboldt Park Lagoon issued written warning for No Fishing License.

CPO V Smith while on patrol at Lake Opeka issued a written warning for No Fishing License.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Busse Lake issued a warning for No Fishing License.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Jackson Harbor issued a citation for No Fishing License and two written warnings for No Fishing License.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Diversey Harbor issued written warnings for No Type IV PFD and Battery Terminals Not Covered.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Skokie Lagoons issued written warning for No Fishing License.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol at Waukegan Harbor issued a citation for No Fire Extinguisher on Watercraft and written warnings for No Flares and No Sounding Device.

CPO V. Smith while on patrol along DesPlaines River issued written warning for No Fishing License.

CPO V Smith while on patrol at Busse Lake issued a citation for No Fishing License.

CPO V. Smith attended an Earth Day Event at Region 2 Headquarters in Bartlett.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Cook County lake when they observed subject catch and possess an over limit of trout. Contact with the subject was made and it was confirmed the subject possessed an over limit of trout. The subject told the Officers he was just trying to help his buddy catch his limit too. The laws were explained to the subject and he was cited for the over limit of trout.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed three subjects actively trout fishing. When one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, he immediately looked over at the other two subjects and yelled "hey, put the poles down". A license and creel check on the three subjects revealed they were all nonresidents of Illinois. Two of the three subjects were unlawfully trout fishing without valid nonresident fishing licenses and were also without valid nonresident trout stamps. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger patrolled in Cook County at areas where numerous complaints of fishing violations had been received recently. A total of six citations and two written warnings were issued within a few hours for different fishing violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a subject fishing from a boat. The subject was checked for compliance with boating and fishing laws. It was learned the subject was in violation of three boating laws including unlawful operation of a watercraft without any wearable PFD's on board. The subject was issued a citation for not having any wearable PFD's on board and written warnings for the other two violations.

CPO Whitchurch observed three subjects fishing who were catching and keeping crappie at a frenetic pace. These subjects unlawfully caught and possessed gross over limits of crappie. Attempts to hide the fish were made, but were observed by CPO Whitchurch. All but thirty of the crappie were released back into the water. Multiple citations were issued for over limits of crappie and a citation was issued for no valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch and CPO Poffenberger were on patrol when they observed two boats being operated by people who were engaged in fishing activity. Both boat operators were checked for compliance with boating and fishing laws. Both

operators were in compliance with fishing laws, but both operators failed to have their boats properly registered. Both operators were issued citations for the boat registration violations.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol checking fishermen at a Cook County lake. While they were checking one fisherman on the shoreline trail, another fisherman looked over at the CPOs and immediately grabbed a bucket and began to run into the woods away from the CPOs. CPO Whitchurch chased after the subject and observed him reaching into his bucket and removing crappie and tossing the crappie into the woods. The subject then attempted to leave the area before being cut off by CPO Whitchurch. The CPOs were able to find the crappie the fisherman intentionally abandoned. The fisherman was cited for wanton waste of aquatic life.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed two subjects fishing. When one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, he immediately turned and ran in the opposite direction. CPO Whitchurch gave chase and observed the subject toss a full case of beer containing cans into the water. Enforcement action was taken against the two subjects for unlawful pollution of a waterway and unlawfully fishing without valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County river when he observed a subject operating a boat while having a child under the age of 13 not wearing a personal flotation device. Contact with the boat operator was made and the operator was cited for not having a child under 13 wearing a personal flotation device while underway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a subject fishing. CPO Whitchurch requested a fishing license from the subject. The subject was acting very nervous and attempted to leave the area stating he was done fishing. CPO Whitchurch was able to I.D. the subject and it was learned he was wanted on a valid outstanding arrest warrant. CPO Whitchurch arrested the subject and took him into custody. He was transported to county jail and was cited for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject operating a boat on a Cook County river. The operator of the boat was checked for compliance with boating laws. It was learned the subject was in violation of three boating laws. The boat registration was not valid. The operator was issued a citation for the registration violation and issued warnings for the other violations.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat underway at a Cook County lake. No wearable personal flotation devices were observed onboard the boat. CPO Whitchurch informed the operator of the boat about the necessity to have wearable personal flotation devices on board boats while they are underway. The operator of the boat was cited for the personal flotation device violation.

CPO Whitchurch stopped a vehicle inside IDNR property after observing multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Violations. After making the stop on the vehicle, it was learned the subject was driving the vehicle without valid proof of insurance. The driver was cited and bonded. The driver will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County Lake when he observed a subject fishing. Contact was made with the subject and a fishing license was requested. The subject informed CPO Whitchurch he had a fishing license but he did not have it on him. The subject was being deceitful about his identity and place of residence. The subject made comments about how he had fished lots in New York City when he lived there, but had not fished a lot in Illinois. A check of the lone vehicle in the area revealed the subject's name and address. A records check with IDNR license files revealed a subject by that name had purchased a nonresident Illinois Fishing License seven years prior while being a resident in New York State. When confronted with the information obtained by CPO Whitchurch, the subject admitted he did not have a fishing license and was therefore cited for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Cook County lake when they observed a subject sitting next to fire fishing. The fire was producing thick dark smoke. The fire was mere inches from the lake. Contact with the subject was made and it was determined the subject was fishing with too many devices. It was also observed the subject

was burning plastic and rubber items in the fire that were entering the waterway after being burned down. Enforcement action was taken against the subject for unlawful fishing with too many devices and for pollution of waterway. The fire was put out and discarded properly.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed a male and female subject actively fishing together at a Cook County lake. When the female subject saw CPO Whitchurch, she immediately ran over to the male subject and notified him CPO Whitchurch was in the area. The male subject then walked over behind a willow tree and dropped his fishing pole on the ground. CPO Whitchurch requested fishing licenses from both subjects. The female subject produced a valid fishing license but the male subject did not have a valid fishing license. CPO Whitchurch requested the male subject's personal information. The male subject lied about his identity. The subject's true identity was learned by CPO Whitchurch at which time it was revealed there was a valid warrant for the subject's arrest from the Cook County Sheriff's Office for aggravated battery with use of a deadly weapon. The subject was taken into custody. He was transported to a Cook County Jail where he was booked on the outstanding warrant and cited for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a group of seven individuals who were carrying fishing poles and fishing tackle. When the group saw CPO Whitchurch they immediately left the area. A while later CPO Whitchurch observed the group fishing at another lake a few miles away. CPO Whitchurch requested fishing licenses from the group. No one had a valid fishing license. Seven citations were issued for fishing without licenses.

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

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed two subjects fishing from a boat. CPO Whitchurch called the boat over to his location at which time the operator of the boat was observed tossing something into the water. CPO Whitchurch thought the subject tossed marijuana and paraphernalia into the water. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject and a citation was issued for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed three people fishing from a boat. Fishing licenses were checked and a boat safety check was completed. Citations and written warnings were issued for not having enough wearable personal flotation devices on board, no nonresident sport fishing license, fire extinguisher violation, battery violation, and a watercraft registration display violation.

CPO Whitchurch was walking down a trail which was on a shoreline of a lake in Cook County. He observed two subjects sitting in chairs fishing. When the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch they immediately tossed what CPO Whitchurch thought was marijuana and a smoking pipe into the water. CPO Whitchurch also observed trash generated from the subjects blowing into the water. Both subjects were cited for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch checked two people fishing from a boat on the Des Plaines River. The boat was observed to have a registration violation, fire extinguisher violation, sounding device violation, and a battery violation. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County lake when he observed a group of three men fishing. When one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch he immediately dropped his fishing pole and entered a wooded area. CPO Whitchurch waited for the man to emerge from the woods which he did a short time later. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the

man who admitted he left because he could not get a fishing license because of child support payment issues. The subject was issued a citation for unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch checked a group of four boaters on a Cook County lake. None of the four boats had any wearable personal flotation devices on board. All four operators of the boats were issued citations for not having the required personal flotation devices on board.

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

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

CPO Farber, Sgt. Shannon and Bob Bavirsha from the Chicago Herpetological Society seized a 24 year old alligator from a Chicago man. American Alligators are threatened species in the State of Illinois. The alligator was approximately four feet long and severely malnourished. Bob Bavirsha took possession of the alligator for rehabbing purposes.

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

CPO Macias participated in the Illinois State Police District Chicago Interdiction Detail entitled "Ryan's Hope". Enforcement action was taken for traffic, alcohol, drug and weapons offenses.

CPO Macias conducted a traffic stop at Yale and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street in Chicago, the vehicle had five occupants passing around a vodka bottle. The vehicle exited on 63<sup>rd</sup> street from I-94 southbound and all passengers except the driver were deemed underage. The driver was cited from open alcohol.

CPO Macias assisted Illinois State Police searching for evidence related to a shooting near I-57 and 127<sup>th</sup>. CPO Macias helped re-route traffic giving officers time and space to search for evidence related to the shooting.

CPO Macias assisted CPO Semenik on an arrest for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon which stemmed from a traffic stop for no registration plate light. A handgun was found in the vehicle. All occupants were prohibited from possessing firearms.

CPO Macias assisted ISP conduct a search on a vehicle suspected of harboring illegal drugs. CPO Macias discovered 1.6 ounces of cannabis vacuum sealed inside the suspect's car.

Citations/arrests: 10	Warnings: 92	No lights - 6
Lane violation – 16		Fail signal - 16
Cell – 5		Speed – 1
No DL – 1		No plate light – 5
Cracked windshield – 1		No registration - 1
Cellphone – 1		Illegal trans passenger – 1
Illegal Trans driver – 1		Suspended – 3
No valid registration – 1		Child restraint – 1
Disobeying traffic device – 1		Littering – 1

## LAKE COUNTY

While patrolling the Kankakee River State Park, CPO Vadbunker cited a subject for no valid driver's license, no valid fishing license, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and for unlawful possession of cannabis

While patrolling Kankakee River State Park, a subject was cited for operating a vehicle that had suspended registration CPO Vadbunker cited a subject with two counts of careless operation and two counts of unlawfully operating a watercraft in a restricted area. The subject was operating his watercraft at a high rate of speed and erratically.

## **REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes**

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

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

## COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes arrested a Charleston subject for possession of less than 2.5 grams cannabis at Lake Charleston.

While checking fishermen CPO Moody cited two Mattoon men at Lake Paradise for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. One of the men was also cited for dumping a large amount of trash along the lake shore.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel attended a Mobile Training Unit #13 class in Mattoon, Hero's Path to Excellence in Law Enforcement, taught by Brian Willis.

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

CPO Greuel issued several citations and written warnings for fishing violations in Coles County.

## MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody responded to a complaint in rural Moultrie County where a truckload of household trash had been dumped. Moody was able to figure out that it was dumped by a Sullivan man and cited him accordingly.

CPO Moody cited a Bethany man and woman at the McGee Waterfowl Area for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis

## SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Barnes attended the Shelby County DARE Picnic for all Shelby County 5th grade students.

CPO Greuel assisted with IHSA High School Sectional Bass Tournament by conducting safety inspection of all boats used prior to launch at Eagle Creek State Park boat ramp on Lake Shelbyville.

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

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

## CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Moody, CPO Viverito, CPO Wright, and Sgt. Williamson responded to an officer involved shooting in Mahomet. The Mahomet officer was shot by a suspect that had been previously stopped by another Mahomet officer. During the scuffle and shooting the Mahomet officer is believed to have shot the suspect. After the initial shooting the suspect

retrieved a rifle from the house he was staying in and shot the patrol car several times. The suspect then retreated to his truck and rammed the patrol car with his truck before fleeing the scene. The suspect's truck was found later Southwest of Mahomet and CPOs Moody, Viverito and Wright kept a perimeter around the vehicle until SWAT teams could arrive and search the area. Sgt. Williamson assisted in coordinating a team to set up a perimeter to the north of where the truck was found. CPOs kept up their perimeter for about 10 hours until the area could be searched and it was found that the suspect stole a truck from the business near where his truck was found.

#### DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito advised Sgt. Williamson that he had received a complaint of short crappies being taken on the Friends Creek Bridge of Clinton Lake. Sgt. Williamson responded to the area to find two California residents and one Champaign resident fishing. After checking their bucket it was found that they had legal bluegill. While checking licenses it was found that only one of the fishermen had a valid license. Two citations were issued for not having a valid fishing license.

DNR K9 Unit also contributed to two drug arrests on State managed sites in Region 3, District 19.

#### MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright checked numerous fishermen throughout the week. Violations included short fish, no fishing license, snagging, and possession of cannabis. Written warnings and citations were issued.

DNR K9 Unit assisted Decatur Police Department and Macon County with a total of six K9 deployments. These deployments included two vehicle, one house drug screen, and two tracks and article searches. These deployments provided crucial evidence in their cases.

#### McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden issued a citation to a Bloomington man for failure to immediately release an undersized sauger while fishing at Dawson Lake.

CPO Graden received a complaint from Moraine View State Park staff concerning a large amount of residential trash and debris which had been unlawfully deposited in the Catfish Bay Campground dumpster. The investigation determined a Bloomington man had filled the dumpster to overflowing with personal waste from a rental house he cleaned out. The subject was issued a citation for littering in a State Park, unlawfully depositing residential debris/waste in a State Park dumpster.

#### VERMILION COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Cottrell located two subjects from Arcola on the Harry Babe Woodard SNA mushroom hunting before 1 p.m. during the Spring Turkey Season. Per DNR regulations, all state sites open to Spring Turkey Hunting are closed to all other activities prior to 1 p.m. Citations were issued.

CPOT Sanford, with CPO Cottrell located two individuals on the Little Vermilion River below the Georgetown Lake Dam. Both individuals were cited for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

Two Georgetown residents were in the posted closed area of Babe Woodard SNA before 1 p.m. Both individuals stated that they saw the signs and didn't think that it pertained to them. Two citations and two warnings were issued.

### **REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul**

#### **District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner**

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

## JERSEY COUNTY

Sgt. Wagner was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park when he stopped a vehicle after running the license plate and finding the registered owner was suspended. During the stop, Sgt. Wagner determined the driver was the registered owner. The passenger was also wanted on a warrant for failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Michael Goetten assisted an Elsay Officer on a traffic stop. The female driver originally failed to stop for the officer. When she did, she provided false information. She was eventually identified and was found to be wanted on a Jersey County arrest warrant and her license was suspended. A meth pipe with residue was also discovered in her vehicle during the inventory search.

## MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff conducted a boat safety inspection at the Beaver Dam State Park boat ramp. Two men said they were fishing and had some fish in a cooler. CPO Gushleff inspected the fish in the cooler and found a crappie that was only 7 inches long. The minimum length to keep crappie is 9 inches at Beaver Dam State Park.

CPOT Brian Snodgrass and CPO Michael Goetten received a complaint of a subject in possession of a live wild fox in Macoupin County. The subject was interviewed and originally claimed he purchased the animal from a game breeder. He was cited and the fox was seized.

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

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

## CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran closed an unlawful operation of a motor vehicle on state property with a revoked license case. The defendant pleaded guilty and was ordered to pay a fine of \$2234.

CPO Cochran closed a case regarding unlawful transportation of game fish between bodies of water and driving on state property without a driver's license on person. The defendant was found guilty on both charges and fined a total of \$312.

CPO Cochran closed an unlawful operation of a motorboat under the influence of alcohol case. The defendant was found guilty of the charge of careless operation of watercraft and was fined \$1588.25.

CPO Cochran closed a case regarding the unlawful take of three whitetail deer. The defendant was fined \$1304 for the unlawful take of whitetail doe without a valid permit and unlawful take of whitetail buck with no valid permit.

CPOs Cochran and Bettis and CPOT Tanke attended the IHSA Sectional Bass Tournament on Sangchris Lake on May 9th. The CPOs conducted 28 watercraft safety compliance checks to ensure a safe and successful fishing tournament.

## MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis used the Education Trailer to teach 77 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students of Porta Elementary about Illinois wildlife and the duties of Conservation Police Officers.

## MORGAN COUNTY

CPOs Wichern and Blakeley charged two Browning commercial fishermen for operating trammel nets with expired gear tags, failure to check nets\remove fish every 24 hrs, and dead setting nets in Meredosia Bay.

## SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance and CPOT Tanke helped the 4th graders from Sangamon County celebrate Earth Day. The officers gave numerous presentations on wildlife in Illinois and the duties of CPOs protecting the wildlife and our natural resources.

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

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

## CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley made an appearance at the Earth Day Event at Carlyle Lake. The CPO Education Trailer was used and was a favorite amongst many students in attendance.

CPO Tapley was checking fishermen below the dam of Carlyle Lake. He encountered a fisherman who did not have his license in his possession. The fisherman was found to have a warrant for his arrest out of Marion County. After being placed in handcuffs, a metal smoking device suspected to be used for inhaling illegal drugs was found in his pocket. The device will be sent off for analysis. The man was taken to the Clinton County Jail.

CPO Tapley was checking fishermen at Boulder Boat Ramp at Carlyle Lake. As he was checking bank fishermen, a boat came in near the boat ramp area, but stayed out at a distance. CPO Tapley observed one of the men throwing fish back into the water. CPO Tapley spoke with the men at the boat ramp; however they denied throwing any fish into the water. Upon checking their bucket of fish, seven short crappie were found. One citation was issued along with two written warnings for boating violations.

CPO Tapley took a report of three dead juvenile Bald Eagles at Carlyle Lake. It is believed that in a recent storm with high winds, the nest and eagles were blown from their tree. The eagles were turned over to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agent.

## MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was investigating a boat accident that occurred at the Alton Marina on the Mississippi River. The owners of a recently purchased boat were on their maiden voyage. After stopping for fuel after launching, the boat engine backfired, causing the engine compartment to catch fire. Being unable to extinguish the fire, the occupants jumped overboard and swam to shore. A local fire department arrived on scene to put out the fire. Luckily, no one was injured. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

CPO Liebl and CPO French were working the Metro area when they passed an abandoned house on the way to a hunting area. Small amounts of smoke could be seen coming from the attic of the house. CPO Liebl and CPO French called the incident into dispatch and had the local fire department respond. The CPOs checked to see if anyone was inside, and luckily there was not. By the time the fire department arrived, the side of the house was engulfed with flames. The fire was extinguished by the Madison Fire Department, who is handling the incident.

## RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers presented at the Red Bud Elementary School's Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Night. CPO Sievers discussed how science is used in the profession of Illinois Conservation Police. CPO Sievers presented to approximately 100 students and 50 adults.

## ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier and CPO Sievers were working Frank Holten State Park when a blue van drove by at a fast rate of speed. CPO Rolfingsmeier and CPO Sievers pulled the van over for speeding. When CPO Rolfingsmeier and CPO Sievers

ran the driver's information she was wanted on two warrants and also had a revoked driver's license. The van also did not have the required insurance. The driver was arrested and the van was towed.

CPO Rolfingsmeier worked sport fishing enforcement on private land along the Mississippi River. CPO Rolfingsmeier checked five fishermen on the private property who did not have permission to be there. The five fishermen were written citations for fishing without permission.

## **REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber**

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

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

#### **FRANKLIN COUNTY**

CPO Lay conducted pre-fishing boat inspections (22 boats) for the IHSA sectional fishing tournament at Rend Lake.

#### **GALLATIN COUNTY**

CPO Diggins located two trespassers on Peabody Coal property in Gallatin County. The subjects were fishing on a secluded lake off the main road. A citation for fishing without permission was issued and one written warning.

CPO Diggins responded to a TIPs complaint in Gallatin County of two hunters trespassing. The subjects were located and issued citations for hunting without permission and no valid turkey permits in possession.

CPO Folden completed a randomly assigned commercial inspection on a licensed timber buyer. The timber buyer did not submit any harvest records to IDNR dating back to 2013. CPO Folden was able to identify two timber purchases made by the licensed timber buyer. Only one of the purchases was in violation of failure to report and pay harvest fees as required. The total 4% fees, late fees, and penalties identified totaled over \$200.00. A written warning documented the infraction.

CPO Johnson completed a commercial timber buyer inspection.

CPO Schoenhoff completed a commercial timber buyer investigation. The timber buyer failed to maintain records of timber purchased and was issued a citation. He was issued a written warning for failure to pay 4% fees on time.

#### **HAMILTON COUNTY**

CPO Folden continued an investigation in Hamilton County involving wildlife code violations allegedly committed by a non-resident outfitter. Because of previous complaints, CPO Folden and CPO Williams contacted the outfitter and requested all of his records. The outfitter provided all information requested in a timely manner. Only minor violations were detected contrary to the allegations. A written warning was issued for a minor record keeping infraction.

CPO Folden completed a randomly assigned commercial inspection on a Hamilton County wild game bird breeder. Two written warnings were issued for possession of wild game birds without a current wild game bird breeder's license and failure to maintain records as required.

#### **JEFFERSON COUNTY**

CPO Folden was on patrol in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park running radar. CPO Folden stopped a vehicle for 70 mph in a 35 mph zone. While in the process of writing the citation and other written warnings, a vehicle approached CPO Folden's squad from the back side. CPO Folden heard what sounded like "a truck pulling a Jon boat without a trailer" down the road. As the vehicle passed, CPO Folden observed it had no front driver's side tire and was producing lots of

sparks. CPO Folden radioed Illinois State Police Dispatch and described the vehicle and its direction of travel. After CPO Folden cleared his stop he located the vehicle within Wayne Fitzgerald State Park (WFSP) about 1/2 mile from where he observed the vehicle. The vehicle's driver was gone! The front rim on the car was ground into half. CPO Folden found through investigation that the vehicle was involved in a reckless driving incident which resulted in the vehicle hitting a tree at the Primitive Camp in WFSP. CPO Folden could not locate the driver until the following day. The driver was arrested and transported to Jefferson County Jail. Citations issued: reckless driving, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, unsafe equipment, failure to notify Secretary of State of address change on a driver's license, and driving off the roadway within a state park.

Sgt. Cariens, Jefferson County Sheriff Travis Allen and Shane Williams retrieved two stranded fishermen from Rend Lake during a severe storm. Their boat filled with water and they were not able to get to shore during the storm. They were picked up and their boat was towed to the Bonnie South boat ramp from an island on the North end of Rend Lake. Sgt. Cariens issued three written warnings for minor boat violations when on shore.

CPO Lay assisted the Illinois State Police with an abandoned vehicle that had been left in the roadway. The vehicle belonged to a subject who was now in the Franklin County Jail. It was learned that the owner had also stolen an ATV and left it out in a wooded area close by. The search for the ATV continues.

CPO Lay issued a tent camper, inside the Wayne Fitzgerald State park, a citation for leaving his two dogs unattended for an extended period of time.

#### POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson attended Stewardship Days at the University of Illinois extension office at Dixon Springs. The officer attended both days and gave ten 30 minute presentations about the duties of Conservation Police Officers to kids in grades kindergarten through sixth.

### **District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

#### EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith was enforcing sport fish laws in several locations throughout Effingham County. CPO Smith issued one written warning to an individual for fishing without license in possession, and four written warnings to people for fishing without a valid sport fish license.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were patrolling Altamont Reservoir and found two fishermen with short bass. CPO Smith issued warnings to the two fishermen due to a failure of the city to properly post signs.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were working recreational boat enforcement at Lake Sara and issued one written warning for no battery cover, one warning for sounding device, and two warnings for PFD violations.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper observed three fishermen returning to their vehicle at an interstate pond near Watson. The three fishermen had several bass and bluegill in their possession. One fisherman was under 16; while the other two were 18. The older fishermen did not have valid sport fish licenses. CPO Smith issued a written warning to one of the fishermen in 2015 for fishing without a license. CPO Smith issued a citation to the two fishermen for fishing without a valid sport fish license.

## FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith was advised by Army Corps of Engineers of a vehicle stuck at Eckert's Woods State Park. CPO Smith and CPO Roper found the Missouri plated vehicle parked along 600N (public roadway), partially submerged in flood water. CPO Smith and Roper searched the surrounding area and could not locate the driver. CPO Smith received information from the owner of the vehicle that the driver was the owner's son and was mentally unstable. CPO Smith and Roper checked with the nearest homeowner and advised them of the situation. CPO Smith called for a tow truck and had the vehicle removed from the roadway. The driver is wanted on a warrant from Missouri.

CPO Compton issued two citations at Vandalia Lake. One for a subject boating with insufficient number of lifejackets, and one to a subject for possessing a largemouth bass under the legal size limit.

## JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith issued one written warning for PFD violation, and one written warning for battery cover at Newton Lake.

## MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith issued two written warnings for PFD violations and two written warnings for battery cover violation. CPO Smith issued one citation for insufficient number of life jackets, and one citation to an ATV operator for riding on the roadway at Forbes State Park.

CPO Smith and CPOT Roper were patrolling Forbes Lake and issued one written warning to a boater for a PFD violation.

CPO Smith issued two written warnings to a motorist for towing an unregistered trailer and no proof of insurance.

## WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Smith was asked to attend Conservation Days at Sam Dale Lake State Park. CPO Smith had on display the Illinois Conservation Police Lodge trailer. CPO Smith spoke to several 6th grade groups from different schools within the Wayne County area. CPO Smith spoke about conservation, environmental safety, boating safety, and the responsibilities/duties of a Conservation Police Officer.

CPO Smith issued a citation to a boater at Sam Dale Lake for a life jacket violation.

## **District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

## JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman tracked down a Carbondale subject who was observed fishing in an aquaculture pond at Southern Illinois University's Touch of Nature facility. The subject admitted he was fishing at this facility and did not have a fishing license. The subject was cited for no fishing license and warned for fishing without permission. A second subject in this matter is also being looked for.

CPO Lewis arrested a subject in Jackson County for being wanted on a warrant out of Sangamon County for probation violations and failure to appear in court for a DUI arrest while doing a fisherman compliance check. .

CPO Lewis cited a fisherman at Burning Star for failure to release as 15" largemouth bass. There is a protected size limit of 14" - 18" on the site. The fisherman was in possession of three largemouth bass which measured between 14" and 16".

CPO Mohrman received a call of a subject in camouflage carrying a big dead bird over his shoulder on a farm in rural Jackson County. The caller who has just moved to the country did not know what kind of bird this could be and thought

it was big enough it may be an eagle. Since it was still 5th Spring Turkey Season and this is a farm which is turkey hunted, CPO Mohrman surmised that the caller had observed a successful hunter. The landowner where the subject was observed was called and confirmed that the bird the subject was carrying was indeed a lawfully harvested turkey and not an eagle.

CPO Mohrman and CPO Somers attended the Cache River Naturefest at the Cache River Wetlands Center. The CPOs utilized the Conservation Police Education Trailer at the event which was well attended.

CPO Mohrman is conducting a follow-up investigation into an 18 year old SIU-C student's fall from a 50 foot cliff in Giant City State Park. The subject is listed in serious condition at St. Louis University Hospital with multiple broken bones.

CPO Mohrman and Sgt. K. Taylor responded to Giant City State Park after learning of a subject who fell off a cliff. The subject was hiking along the Post Oak trail in the park when he slipped and fell 65 feet down. The subject was airlifted to Barnes Hospital with traumatic head and arm injuries.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson is currently investigating a complaint of several subjects on ATV's riding around and through Mermet Lake Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPO Thompson came across two subjects riding ATV's on private property without consent of the landowner; they were both cited.

CPO Thompson made several vehicle stops on Department Lands, issuing written warnings to drivers for minor vehicle violations.

CPO Thompson completed two commercial inspections in Williamson County. One subject was issued a written warning for failing to maintain required records; the other inspection resulted in the subject being issued a written warning for failing to maintain records and a citation for possession of a migratory game bird.

CPO Thompson is investigating an assault and battery case that occurred at Ferne Clyffe State Park.

#### MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Thompson was assigned to follow up on a car break-in that occurred at Ft Massac State Park. After talking with Metropolis Police Department and the Massac County Sheriff's Office, it was learned there had been three "smash and grabs", all within one week, of cars parked along the bike/hike trail. CPO Thompson has been instructed to increase his patrols of the area and to continue to work with the local agencies on this issue.

While on one of his patrols at Ft Massac, CPO Thompson came upon a vehicle that had just driven off the roadway. The truck was sitting perpendicular to the road and was stuck in the ditch. The driver was cited for driving off the roadway and for driving with a suspended driver's license.