



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

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(Weeks of May 16 – 31, 2018)

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

## **Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis**

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

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

#### **CARROLL COUNTY**

CPO Jones cited a Loves Park man for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a posted prohibited area at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri received a call from a witness saying he watched a man with a cast net take bass from the Hennepin Canal at the Colona Boat Ramp. She responded to the area, and the man was found to be in possession of four fish illegally taken with a cast net. Only shad, minnows, and crayfish can be taken with a cast net. The net was seized, and the East Moline man was cited.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Jones cited a Freeport man for unlawful entry to a restricted area. The man was mushroom hunting in an area closed for turkey hunters.

CPO Jones cited a Davenport, Iowa man for entering a restricted area for picking mushrooms in a closed nature preserve.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **OGLE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

CPO Jones and Sgt. Petreikis interviewed an Illinois City man for deer hunting violations. The man was issued three citations for unlawful possession of deer, and two deer racks were seized.

CPO Francisko completed multiple mandatory training items, including defensive tactics and firearms training.

CPOs Francisko and Posateri conducted a boat patrol of the Rock and Mississippi rivers. Citations and written warnings were issued for boating and fishing violations to include fishing without a fishing license, no boat registration, PFD violations, and towing a skier without displaying an orange flag at all times when the towed person is in the water.

**STEPHENSON COUNTY**

CPO Beltran and Lena Officer Schieble responded to a complaint of bullet holes discovered in a house. The investigation revealed that a neighbor shot at a squirrel that had been causing problems, and two of the bullets struck the neighbor's house and property. The neighbor was issued citations and warnings for the offense.

**WHITESIDE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire  
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

**BOONE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**BUREAU COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**DEKALB COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LASALLE COUNTY**

CPO Jansen conducted a traffic stop on a motorist who passed him in his marked squad. The driver was driving 67 mph in a 55-mph zone. A check of the driver's information revealed he was wanted on two warrants. The driver was taken into custody and transported to LaSalle County Jail. He was also issued two traffic citations and a written warning.

While on foot patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPOs Filipiak and Wagner came in contact with ten individuals who were either off of the trails, in possession of alcohol in a restricted area, or in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Seventeen citations were issued for their violations.

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

CPO Fraser conducted background investigations, attended firearm instructor training, and completed the spring firearms qualifications.

CPO Alt worked a joint investigation with the Rockton Police Department regarding the unlawful taking of common snapping turtles during the closed season, unlawful taking of common snapping turtles using illegal methods, and unlawful taking of common snapping turtles without fishing licenses.

CPO Alt conducted fish enforcement of shore fishermen along the Rock River near the Rockton Dam. One subject was found unlawfully fishing on a 2010 Illinois fishing license.

CPO Alt stopped multiple motorists speeding in Rock Cut State Park.

CPOs Alt and Fraser attended the 2018 IHSA High School Fishing Tournament held at Rock Cut State Park. Approximately 30 boats were inspected prior to the start of the tournament. North Boone High School won the tournament with five largemouth bass totaling 19 pounds, and the team will move on to the state tournament.

### **District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

#### **FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Thompson worked a fishing enforcement detail, and two subjects were found fishing without permission and trespassing. A citation was issued, along with a written warning.

CPO Thompson conducted fish enforcement at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, and he observed a male subject throwing multiple beer bottles into the woods. The man was ordered to clean up the mess, and he was issued a citation.

CPO Thompson arrested a Canton man for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court for three assault charges.

CPO Thompson arrested a Canton man for trespassing after he received a complaint from a landowner which included a photo of a man carrying morel mushrooms. When interviewed, the man confessed to trespassing, and a citation was issued.

CPO Thompson conducted boating safety checks. A man was observed returning to the boat ramp after sunset with no navigation lights on as required, and a citation was issued.

#### **HENDERSON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **KNOX COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MARSHALL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **PEORIA COUNTY**

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard conducted a search for a drowning victim on the Illinois River in Peoria. The victim was located by the CPOs with the use of side-scan sonar, and the body was recovered by the Peoria Fire Department dive team.

#### **STARK COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPOs Thompson and Elliott conducted boating safety inspections, and they observed a jon boat in an offshoot channel of the river. A safety inspection of the boat revealed multiple safety violations. The boat's operator was issued a citation for a PFD violation, and written warnings were issued for additional PFD violations and untagged devices.

**WARREN COUNTY**

CPO Thompson conducted fish enforcement, and one subject was issued a written warning for fishing without a valid fishing license.

**WOODFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

**ADAMS COUNTY**

CPO Blazinic continued background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

**BROWN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**CALHOUN COUNTY**

The guide for a local outfitter called CPO Weishaupt and advised a client had shot two turkeys with one shot and only had one permit. They wanted to turn themselves in. The client stated he shot and did not pay close enough attention, and two birds dropped with one shot. The client was advised to tag the bird that they wanted to keep. The CPO thanked them for their honesty and issued a petty offense citation for unlawful taking of wildlife. The second turkey was seized.

**GREENE COUNTY**

CPO Goetten handled a hunting without permission complaint. The suspect harvested a turkey on property without permission and without a valid permit. He was identified, interviewed, and charged.

**HANCOCK COUNTY**

CPO Wheatley concluded an investigation regarding a South Carolina subject taking a deer with a gun during archery season. The man reported the deer as an archery kill; however, there was a bullet hole found in the neck of the 15-point buck. The man explained he shot it with the gun to put it down after shooting it with a bow to ensure the deer did not get away. Charges are pending.

**JERSEY COUNTY**

CPOs Goetten and Weishaupt responded to a complaint at Pere Marquette State Park. The offender was found in a car, and he showed signs of impairment. He refused chemical tests and was arrested for DUI drugs.

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**PIKE COUNTY**

CPO Goetten checked a fisherman at Pittsfield Lake. The fisherman unlawfully took crappie and bluegill with a cast net. The compliance check revealed the subject did not have a fishing license due to failure to pay child support, and meth was found on his person. He was arrested and transported to the Pike County Jail.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**  
**(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer received a complaint from a landowner about an individual on a four-wheeler trespassing on his property and interfering with his turkey hunting. The landowner provided numerous pictures of the trespasser, and CPO Gilmer was able to locate the individual. The individual was issued a ticket for trespassing.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer helped Mason County Fire Department personnel save three boaters from the Illinois River after their boat capsized.

CPO Gilmer worked a timber case where trees were cut without the permission of the landowner. The landowner was compensated for her loss.

CPO Gilmer charged an impaired boat operator with OUI. The subject provided a breath sample of .191, which is well over the legal limit of .08. In a separate incident, he issued a citation to the parent of an infant because the child was not wearing a life Jacket while on the boat.

CPO Gilmer and a federal wildlife officer arrested a Mason County resident on multiple wildlife offenses to include three felony charges. The man pled guilty to two felony wildlife charges; and he was assessed \$8,992 in fines and restitution, as well as 90 days in jail.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Gilmer seized a trout line and 22 hooks from the Sangamon River. The trout line was not being checked, and there was no name and address attached to the fishing device.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias completed advanced firearms training for firearms instructors.

CPO Macias wrote eight citations involving timber charges to two different subjects.

CPO Wichern participated in the Earth Day event at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. Approximately 800 fourth graders attended the event. The students toured the education trailer; and he discussed the history of Illinois Conservation Police, along with the variety of duties CPOs perform around the State while protecting the natural resources.

#### SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

### **Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins**

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

#### KANE COUNTY

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject on the Fox River for possession of smallmouth bass. The subject had the smallmouth hidden in a cooler with some pan fish he had illegally caught with a cast net.

#### LAKE COUNTY

While patrolling at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Winters and Intern Wilcox observed a vehicle traveling 46 mph in a 30-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was determined the subject did not have a valid driver's license. The subject was cited for the violations, and the vehicle was released to a valid driver.

During a patrol at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Kelley encountered four individuals sunbathing in the nude. All four were issued citations and told that nude sunbathing was prohibited in the Park.

While patrolling at Chain O'Lakes State Park, CPO Winters and Intern Wilcox observed a vehicle with a trailer leaving the boat ramp. The trailer did not have brake lights, and a traffic stop was conducted. When CPO Winters approached the window, he detected an odor of burnt cannabis. The subject was unable to provide proof of insurance for the motor vehicle. Citations were issued for the brake lights and the insurance violations, and a civil citation was issued for the cannabis.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject at Diamond Lake for possession of an eight-inch largemouth bass. The Lake has a 15-inch minimum size limit.

While patrolling Diamond Lake, CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg found individuals in possession of undersized largemouth bass. Citations were issued to both men.

CPO Vaughan, Sgt. Schreiber, and Intern Wilcox arrested a subject on Fox Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. He had a BAC of 0.167%.

Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for passing in a no passing zone, no valid driver's license, and expired registration.

CPOs Knop and Vaughan, Sgt. Schreiber, and Intern Wilcox investigated a boat accident on Nippersink Lake involving two personal watercrafts, one of which fled the scene. Two female subjects were injured.

#### MCHENRY COUNTY

While conducting fishing enforcement, CPO Winters encountered a subject with a valid warrant out of McHenry County. The subject was issued a citation for not having a fishing license and was transported to the McHenry County Jail.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

CPO Anderson responded to a report of an injured bald eagle. The eagle was on the ground, but it had no visible sign of injury. It was able to fly several hundred yards at a time. Since the bird was still able to fly enough to reach its nest, he did not attempt to capture the eagle.

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

While on patrol at Kankakee River State Park, CPO Farber observed two people fishing and consuming alcohol. Alcohol is prohibited at this Park. A sport fishing license compliance check was conducted, and one of the individuals was found to be fishing without a license. After a check of the subject's identification, he was found to be a sexual predator (victim under 18). He was placed under arrest for the violation of being a sexual predator in a State Park, and he was transported to the Kankakee County Jail. He was also issued a citation for fishing without a license, and a warning was issued for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area.

CPO Farber received a complaint from an employee at Kankakee River State Park regarding a man walking through the Park with his genitalia exposed to the public. The employee was able to obtain the license plate number of the violator's vehicle. CPO Farber located the subject at his residence, and an interview was conducted which resulted in the arrest of the subject.

CPO Farber received a TIP complaint from a concerned member of the Kankakee River Rats, a fishing/conservation group. The complainant advised he had located several fishermen along the Kankakee River illegally keeping smallmouth bass, and a description of the violators was given. On the Kankakee River, smallmouth bass must be released between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>. CPO Farber was unable to locate the subjects at that time; however, four days later he located the subjects fishing in the same spot. While conducting a compliance check, the CPO located a stringer between the two fishermen with several smallmouth bass on it. An interview was conducted, and both men were issued citations for the violations.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

CPO Bergland testified before a grand jury regarding violations committed by a waterfowl hunter, and the grand jury indicted the hunter on three felony accounts for illegally possessing a firearm.

**WILL COUNTY**

CPO Honiotes represented the Illinois Conservation Police by participating in the Frontline Obstacle Course Race (OCR) in Byron in honor of fallen Rockford Police Officer Jaimie Cox. Officer Cox began his law enforcement career with the Illinois Conservation Police. The Frontline OCR is a military and first responder inspired obstacle course race of which a portion of the proceeds were donated to the Jaimie Cox Memorial Scholarship Fund. A "second wave" of the race will be held at the Byron in October 2018 and is open to the public.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

While on patrol on the Chicago River, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a boat underway with a young child aboard who not wearing a PFD. A stop of the boat was conducted, and it was determined the child was only three years old. The adults were informed of all applicable boating laws, and the operator of the boat was issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft without having a child under 13 wearing a PFD while underway.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, Sgt. Whitchurch used radar to clock a vehicle driving double the posted speed limit. A traffic stop was conducted, and enforcement action was taken. In a separate incident at this site, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject on a motorcycle disobey a stop sign at a busy use intersection, almost hitting pedestrians in the intersection. A traffic stop was conducted, and the subject was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign.

CPO Thornley conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area and conducted two traffic stops due to speeding. Two written warnings were issued. A civil cannabis citation was issued to a subject who possessed drug paraphernalia.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. A driver was observed talking on his cell phone while speeding through the area. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was determined the driver did not possess correct registration for the vehicle. Also, the driver did not have proof of insurance on the vehicle. The driver was cited for the registration and no insurance violations.

CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle and found a 5-year-old child sitting on her knees in the front passenger seat. The driver was issued a child safety seat citation.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Cook County lakes and checked several fishermen. One fisherman did not possess a fishing license, and a further check determined the fisherman had not purchased a license since 2015. A citation was issued for no fishing license.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. A fish compliance check of two people fishing was conducted. The male fisherman did not possess a license, and he was issued a citation for no fishing license and a written warning for no valid driver's license. The woman was cited for having alcohol in the State Area.

CPO Thornley conducted fish enforcement of Cook County lakes, rivers, and streams. As he pulled into the parking lot of one of the lakes, he spotted two fishermen. When the fishermen spotted the CPO's squad, they began to move items closer to their chairs. After several minutes, CPO Thornley approached the fishermen and conducted a fish compliance check. Each fisherman possessed a valid fishing license. When asked if they had any fish, they denied catching any fish. CPO Thornley requested they open their containers to inspect for fish, and he located three bass. When the bass were measured, it was determined all three bass were in violation for being too short. One fisherman was issued a citation for possession of short largemouth bass, and the fish were confiscated.

While patrolling William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Thornley spotted a 4-wheeler in the area; and a written warning was issued for the violation. In another incident, he spotted a vehicle travelling above the posted speed limit; and a traffic stop was conducted. He detected a strong odor of cannabis, and he asked the driver if there was anything in the vehicle he needed to be aware of. The driver handed him a tray with cannabis drug paraphernalia on it. The driver was issued a civil citation and a written warning for speeding.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted a boat enforcement detail on the Chicago River, and several boat safety checks were conducted. CPO Thornley issued a written warning to an operator for no safety lanyard when required.

While traveling home to end his shift, CPO Thornley checked a fisherman at a small pond near the highway. The fisherman did not possess a valid sport fishing license, and he possessed too many devices in a two-pole limit pond. The fisherman was issued a citation for no fishing license, and a written warning for the device limit.

CPO Thornley conducted general enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. While running stationary radar, he spotted a vehicle traveling at fast rate. The speed lock was 29 mph in a 15-mph zone. As he attempted to make a traffic stop, the vehicle's speed reached 36 mph before parking in one of the lots. The driver was issued

citations for speeding and no proof of mandatory insurance after failing to locate valid insurance card. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley issued a citation for possession of alcohol in an area posted for no alcohol.

CPO Thornley conducted fishing compliance checks and came upon a fisherman who did not possess a fishing license. The individual stated he was 15 years old. When asked how he got to the park, he said he rode his bicycle. After further questioning, the individual confessed that he did not have a bicycle and the car located a short distance away was his. The fisherman then admitted he was 16 but did not possess a fishing license or driver's license. The young man had to call his parents to come get him and the vehicle. A citation was issued for no fishing license, and the vehicle was turned over to his parents.

CPOs Thornley and Klemme conducted recreational boat enforcement on the Chicago River, and several boats were inspected. CPO Thornley conducted three boat stops where children under the age of 13 were not wearing PFDs as required. Each of the three boat operators were issued citations for the violations.

CPO Thornley issued a no wake violation citation to an operator of a personal watercraft who was up on plane while traveling upriver towards the lake during a time when there was a high volume of recreational boat traffic.

CPO Mooi conducted joint training with US Department of Homeland Security and Illinois State Police SWAT personnel. The training focused on limited visibility operations and navigation using radar equipment.

CPO Mooi is assisting in an investigation of commercial businesses without registration on vessels operated for profit. He is also investigating an illegal animal complaint and following up on a poaching complaint.

CPO Mooi conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. A boat was observed with an expiration decal dated 2016. A compliance check was conducted, and it was found that the operator did not renew the registration. He was issued a citation for operation of an unnumbered watercraft. In a separate incident, he observed multiple sailboats that did not have the proper registration. Citations were issued to the operators for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a speed enforcement detail at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. During the detail, he utilized his radar and made two traffic stops on vehicles for speeding and issued written warnings for the violation.

CPO Snodgrass observed a fishing boat launching from the Alsip boat launch and conducted a vessel safety inspection. Three minor boat safety violations were found. The boat operator was instructed on the appropriate action to fix the violations, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Snodgrass was on patrol on the Chicago River when he observed a boat operating with no visible registration. A compliance check was conducted, and the boat registration expired in 2011. The owner had also failed to make application of title. The subject was issued a citation for the registration violation and a written warning for the title violation.

While patrolling the Chicago River, CPO Snodgrass observed a small child on the bow of a recreational vessel who was not wearing a life jacket. He conducted a stop on the vessel and found the child to be 9 years old. State law requires individuals under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket on boats under 26' at all times when underway. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Stanbary conducted a traffic stop at William W. Powers State Recreation Area after noticing a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from inside a car that drove by. The vehicle was also traveling 30 mph in a posted 15-mph zone. The stop yielded cannabis from multiple locations inside the vehicle. Both the driver and passenger were issued civil cannabis violations, and the cannabis was seized. A written warning for speeding was issued to the driver.

CPO Stanbary conducted a traffic stop on a driver who was observed speeding and unlawfully using an electronic communication device while driving. The driver was subsequently issued citations for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and failing to secure new registration. The driver was operating the vehicle with plates from a previous vehicle he had owned.

CPO Stanbary issued a man a written warning for littering at a Cook County lake after he noticed the man had thrown multiple cigarette butts on the ground in the area where he was fishing. The fisherman cleaned up the area and discarded all litter from his immediate area.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a young fisherman at Calumet Harbor for having no valid sport fishing license. The fisherman was educated on the fishing regulations.

An individual was issued a citation at William W. Powers State Recreation Area after CPO Stanbary found her to be in possession of alcohol in a restricted area. She was additionally issued a written warning for no valid sport fishing license.

While on patrol at Wolf Lake, CPO Stanbary issued a warning to a fisherman for remaining in a restricted area when closed. The man was fishing 20 minutes past the lake's closing time.

CPO Stanbary was patrolling William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he observed a fisherman packing up at his vehicle. Prior to driving off, the individual threw an empty bait container onto the water's edge. The fisherman was stopped, and he was cited for littering. The littering ticket carries a \$120 fine.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. One citation was issued to a boater for having a toddler onboard his vessel without wearing a life jacket. A second boater was issued a written warning for violating a no wake zone.

CPOs Stanbary and Snodgrass conducted a joint boat patrol on the Chicago River. Seven written warnings were issued for equipment violations and passenger location violations. A boat accident was reported at the end of the patrol, and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Stanbary arrested a boater on the Chicago River for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The boater was originally stopped for a no wake violation and an equipment violation when the CPO noted the boater showed signs of impairment. The boater was issued three citations and two written warnings, then released with a pending court date.

While on patrol on the Chicago River, CPO Stanbary issued a boat operator a citation after the he noticed a toddler onboard the boat without a life jacket on. Two other written warning were issued to other boaters for equipment violations.

CPOs Stanbary and Snodgrass conducted a joint boat patrol on the Cal-Sag Channel, and multiple boat safety inspections were completed. One PFD violation citation and eight written warnings for equipment violations were issued to boaters. Numerous bank fishermen were also checked during the patrol. All were found to be properly licensed and in compliance.

While on patrol at a Cook County lake, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing with three sport fishing devices where a two-device limit exists. Upon completion of a sport fishing compliance check, the third device was found to be untagged. The individual was issued one citation and one written warning for the violations.

While conducting a fish enforcement detail, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing with an untagged, third sport fishing device on a Cook County waterway. After conducting a sport fishing compliance check, the individual was found

to have an active out-of-state warrant. The individual was placed under arrest for the warrant, then processed and booked at a local law enforcement facility. The individual was also issued a written warning for the untagged sport fishing device.

While on patrol along the Lake Michigan shoreline, CPO Sanford observed a jet ski operating along the lakefront. The operator was wearing a life jacket, but the passenger was not. A safety inspection was conducted on the jet ski, and it was determined the vessel was operating with expired Michigan registration. The vessel was also operating without a required fire extinguisher and sounding device. The operator was issued a citation for the life jacket violation, and written warnings were issued for the other violations of the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

While conducting a boat patrol along the Chicago River, CPOs Sanford and Klemme observed a watercraft operating with passengers on the roof of the cabin, as well as making a wake in a no wake zone. Upon completion of the boat registration and safety inspection, the vessel was found to be operating with no fire extinguisher, expired flares, and uncovered batteries. The operator was issued a citation for unsafe passenger location while underway and written warnings for the other violations to the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

While patrolling the Chicago River, CPO Klemme conducted a boat stop on a vessel that appeared to be dangerously overloaded. Upon inspection, the vessel had 17 occupants – ten adults and seven children. The vessel had a capacity of 12 people. The children ranged in ages from 1-10, and none of the children were wearing life jackets. The owner had child life jackets onboard but did not think they needed to wear them on the River. The vessel lacked two life jackets for the adults. Several citations were issued to the operator.

CPO Klemme received a disposition involving a case against the vessel "FUN." The owner pled guilty to not having a passenger for hire license and made a \$1,000 contribution to the Conservation Police Operations Assistance Fund. He also paid an additional \$389 in court costs.

CPO Klemme participated in an illegal charter workshop presented by the US Coast Guard. She gave a presentation about illegal charter laws and compliance issues. She also informed attendees about the team relationship with the different branches of the Coast Guard, Westrec, IRS, and other participating agencies.

CPOs Ausmus and Thornley conducted fishing enforcement at several area lakes. One citation and one written warning was issued for fishing without a valid fishing license.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Ausmus observed a group of young adults fishing. The group passed by him as he was checking other anglers, and they reported they had caught a catfish. He spoke with the subjects in the parking lot and asked if they had fishing licenses. Three of the subjects did not have fishing licenses and were issued written warnings.

CPO Ausmus was conducting boat enforcement when he observed an electric powered boat coming into the dock, and a boat safety inspection was conducted. The boat was rented from the lake's boating center and did not have a sounding device. The manager on duty and owner of the boat livery company were contacted about the violation. Both the manager and the business were issued written warnings for the violation.

CPO Ausmus conducted fishing enforcement, and he checked numerous fishermen. A Chicago man was issued a citation for fishing without a license, and two Elk Grove residents were issued written warnings for fishing without licenses.

CPO Ausmus was flagged down while checking anglers at a quarry. The subject stated his adult son had gone fishing at "some quarry" and was overdue for being home. The description of the subject and his vehicle were obtained, and CPO Ausmus gave the father directions to several popular fishing spots nearby. He continued patrolling and checking the

area for the vehicle. Approximately an hour later, the father notified CPO Ausmus that his son had been located and was safe.

While on patrol in William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Ausmus noticed an angler in hip-boots wading in the north pool of Wolf Lake. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the angler was issued a written warning for wading where prohibited. In a separate incidence, he conducted a fishing compliance check of an adult male that was fishing. The Indiana man stated he thought it was a free fishing weekend and produced his smartphone with the Indiana DNR website. It was explained to him that it was indeed a free fishing weekend in Indiana, but he was in Illinois. He was issued a written warning and given instructions on how to obtain a nonresident fishing license.

CPO Ausmus observed two individuals fishing. The anglers had several bluegills in their bucket. One subject presented a valid license and stated he was just teaching his friend how to fish. The anglers were educated on the laws and given a fishing digest. The Lockport man was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

**DUPAGE COUNTY**

CPO Mooi assisted the DuPage County Forest Preserve Police with the investigation of a jet ski complaint. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**DEWITT COUNTY**

CPOs Viverito and Graden conducted a boat patrol on Clinton Lake. They observed a speed boat near the DeWitt Bridge, and a vessel inspection was conducted. The operator had several signs of impairment, and an investigation was conducted that led to his arrest for OUI. Over the course of three patrols, several written warnings were issued for violations of the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. Citations were issued to multiple boaters for: failure to secure a child under age 13 in a life vest, operation of a watercraft with insufficient wearable life vests, and operation of a personal watercraft without wearing a life vest.

**FORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**IROQUOIS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LIVINGSTON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MACON COUNTY**

CPOs Wright and Graden were called to Lake Decatur for a boat accident which resulted in a serious injury. A Maroa man was floating on a noodle behind the watercraft when he asked his wife to pull the boat forward because the watercraft was moving toward the shore. When his wife put the boat in forward, the man's foot hit the propeller. He was taken to Decatur Memorial Hospital for treatment.

CPO Wright observed a vehicle disobey a stop sign in Blue Mound. He initiated his emergency lights and proceeded with a traffic stop. During the stop, cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and LSD was found. The man was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and taken to the Macon County Jail.

CPOs Graden and Wright conducted recreational boat enforcement on Lake Decatur. CPO Graden arrested a 45-year-old male for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject submitted an evidentiary breath sample which documented his BAC was .108%.

#### MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Viverito was contacted by Illinois State Police dispatch to investigate a battery that took place at Moraine View State Recreation Area. A Mansfield man was hospitalized, and a Bloomington man was arrested for aggravated battery. Several State Troopers and McLean County Deputies assisted in the investigation.

CPO Graden investigated an abandoned vehicle complaint in Moraine View State Recreation Area. A 2001 Dodge pickup truck had been left on a Gander Bay campsite for several days. The registration had been removed, and it was emptied of all valuables. The key was left in the ignition. A VIN search identified the last registered owner, and she was contacted. She claimed the truck's engine had "blown up," and the vehicle not operable. She was given three days to remove the truck but failed to do so. The truck was towed. The registered owner was issued a citation for unlawfully abandoning a motor vehicle on public property.

CPO Graden conducted sport fishing checks at multiple McLean County lakes. He issued four written warnings and two citations for aquatic life code violations.

#### PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell issued a citation for no life jacket onboard to a Vermilion County resident who was kayaking the Middle Fork River.

CPO Cottrell cited two Danville residents for fishing without permission after unlawfully entering the gated Lake Vermilion Dam area.

### **South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes**

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

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

#### CLARK COUNTY

CPO Mieure completed an investigation on an out-of-state resident who had unlawfully taken a trophy buck. There were six Illinois violations (unlawful take of white-tailed deer, no valid permit, unlawful feeding of white-tailed deer, unlawful possession of wildlife taken illegally in the state, failure to tag deer upon kill, and failure to report deer harvest) and two Indiana violations. The case has been referred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for federal prosecution for violation of the Lacey Act. A 17-point buck was seized and entered into evidence.

CPO Wellum assisted with the extrication of a subject who had a tree fall on him while cutting firewood. The subject was transported to the hospital via ambulance.

CPO Wellum completed a boat registration investigation for a Clark County resident.

CPO Wellum arrested a Clark County resident for driving under the influence of alcohol at Lincoln Trail State Park. The initial call was for a motor vehicle accident. Upon arrival, it was found that the driver slid off the roadway due to excessive speed and driving under the influence. Citations were issued for DUI, driving too fast for conditions, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Wellum issued a Vermilion County resident a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by driver on the Mill Creek Lake Complex. The subject was driving a golf cart at the time.

CPO Wellum issued an Indiana resident a citation for fishing with no sport fishing license at Lincoln Trail State Park.

#### COLES COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel cited two Mattoon men at Lake Paradise for possession of cannabis.

While conducting fish enforcement along the Embarrass River, CPO Moody cited an Oakland man for possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Moody wrote citations and warnings for various fishing violations at local lakes.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man and a Georgetown man written warnings for over limit of bluegill at Wilderness Pond.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man a citation for short largemouth bass at Wilderness Pond.

CPO Mieure responded to a call from Fox Ridge State Park staff regarding a Mattoon man causing problems in the campground and harassing park staff. CPO Mieure located the individual and issued him two citations for cutting trees on state park property and possession and consumption of alcohol in a prohibited area. A written warning was issued for destruction of trees on park property, and a civil citation for drug paraphernalia was issued after taking the man into custody and conducting a search of his person. The subject was transported to the Coles County Jail.

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man and woman at Lake Charleston written warnings for no fishing licenses.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Greenup man a written warning for a watercraft safety violation.

#### DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### EDGAR COUNTY

CPOs Wellum and Greuel completed a boat detail during a fishing tournament at Twin Lakes. Several warnings were issued.

#### MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to a Moultrie County resident who found the deer in Cumberland County.

#### SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Lake Shelbyville fishing guide for failure to possess a watercraft passenger for hire license.

CPO Greuel cited a Mt. Zion woman for speeding 55 mph in a 30-mph zone in Wolf Creek State Park.

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

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

**BOND COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**CLINTON COUNTY**

CPOs Sievers and Schachner patrolled the IHSA Bass Tournament at Carlyle Lake.

While checking fishermen the Carlyle Lake Dam, CPOs Tapley and Lentz observed two fishermen. One of the fishermen was snagging for fish, and the other used a dip net to catch striped bass. Citations were issued.

CPO Tapley and Sgt. Manker stopped a vehicle for having an expired registration plate sticker. The driver of the vehicle was found to have a suspended driver's license, and he was issued two citations and was released.

CPO Tapley found a fisherman below the Carlyle Lake Dam who used a cast net to illegally take bluegill. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Tapley stopped a vehicle for passing in a no passing zone, and the driver was found to have no valid driver's license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Tapley and Corps of Engineers Rangers encountered a subject who was highly intoxicated and walking in the roadway. The subject was asked to use the sidewalk and stay out of the roadway. Approximately five minutes later, the subject was found walking in the roadway again. He was issued a citation for being an intoxicated subject on the roadway.

**MADISON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MONROE COUNTY**

CPO Sievers and Schachner patrolled during the holiday weekend. Citations and written warnings were issued for boating, fishing, and game violations.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CPO Schachner assisted CPO Sievers with locating and removing 33 illegal cannabis plants which were planted in several remote areas at a nature preserve. They then went to the Indian rock art and documented the new graffiti. An investigation into the graffiti is being conducted.

CPO Schachner assisted CPO Sievers and two IDNR biologists with investigating a large reptile and amphibian kill (several hundred turtles) at a slough near the Mississippi River. They collected live and dead frogs and turtles for testing. The cause of death is not known at this time, but Ranavirus is suspected.

CPO Sievers responded to an unlawful possession of raccoon complaint. The investigation revealed that the raccoon was a nuisance wildlife that had been removed by a company which has a commercial nuisance wildlife permit.

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**District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens  
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline & White)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted boat enforcement on Rend Lake. Two written warnings were issued for boat equipment violations.

CPO Lay issued citations to three Franklin County residents for fishing at Rend Lake without a license.

CPO Lay completed an investigation of fishing without landowner consent. The two Franklin County residents were issued citations for fishing on private property without permission.

CPO Lay issued a citation to a Franklin County angler for fishing in the Big Muddy River without a license. The fisherman was initially called in as a traffic hazard while he fished from a road bridge south of Benton.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOs Folden, Buhnerkempe, and Johnson conducted firearms training at Ten Mile Creek Range for the South Zone CPOs and 17 retired CPOs.

CPO Folden attended training for firearm instructors in Chillicothe.

CPO Folden is currently conducting background investigations on applicants for the CPO Trainee positions.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan is currently conducting background investigations on applicants for the CPO Trainee positions.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins conducted boat inspections. Seven written warnings were issued for boating related violations.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

**CLAY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**JASPER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

CPO Taylor conducted a timber truck inspection on a straight truck with 42 logs. The truck was pulling a trailer loaded with 18 logs. The driver did not have transportation paperwork and was issued a citation for proof of ownership. The truck and trailer license plate revealed the weight capacity for hauling was 36,000 pounds. It appeared that the vehicle and trailer were overweight. Portable scales were brought in to weigh the truck. The truck and trailer weighed 85,400 pounds. Illinois State Police arrived and issued the appropriate citation for being overweight.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Taylor observed a subject fishing at an old strip pit. The subject did not have a fishing license, and a citation was issued.

**MARION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

While conducting boat safety inspections on East Fork Lake, CPO Taylor checked a boat that was short a life jacket. A citation was issued for insufficient life jackets. While at East Fork Lake, a total of eight written warnings were issued to other watercraft operators.

**WABASH COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

CPO Vasicek arrested a watercraft operator on Kinkaid Lake for OUI. The subject failed a field sobriety test and submitted a breath sample which indicated a BAC well above .08%.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

CPO Johnson conducted watercraft enforcement on Lake of Egypt and discovered three individuals fishing without a license. They were each cited for the violation.

CPO Somers concluded a death investigation at Ferne Clyffe State Park.

**MASSAC COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**PERRY COUNTY**

CPO Lewis received a call from a recent theft victim. The person advised CPO Lewis he had seen his Yamaha outboard motor mounted to a boat being towed down the road. The towing vehicle and stolen motor were found parked at a residence. CPO Lewis confirmed that it was the motor that was reported stolen. The Perry County Sheriff's Office assisted with the investigation, and the motor was returned to its owner. Charges are pending with the Perry County State's Attorney's Office.

**PULASKI COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**UNION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

CPO Johnson is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPO Johnson observed a motorcycle on the railroad tracks, and the subject was attempting to hide in the woods. The subject was asked to come out of the woods, and he was issued a citation for operating on the tracks. He was also issued four written warnings.

CPO Vasicek was first on scene of a fatal boat accident on Lake of Egypt, and the investigation is ongoing.