



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 14 – May 28, 2015)

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 Jones arrested a Davenport woman for operation of a watercraft under the influence and possession of alcohol by a minor on the Mississippi River.

CPO Jones arrested an Aurora man for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis more than 2.5 grams but less than 10 grams in Mississippi Palisades State Park.

CPO Jones cited a Lombard man for failure to have a wearable life jacket and warned him for failure to have a water usage stamp.

A 66 year old man from Polo, a 51 year old woman from Polo, and her 32 year old son from Polo, were stopped while boating on the Mississippi River for no valid registration. Upon further investigation CPO Beltran and CPO Jones discovered possession of cannabis. The two men are awaiting formal charges through the Carroll County State's Attorney's Office.

CPO Beltran was patrolling the Mississippi River over the busy holiday weekend when he noticed a man operating a kayak without a life jacket. Upon further investigation it was discovered the man, from Davenport, Iowa, was under the influence of alcohol and cannabis. The cannabis and drug paraphernalia were seized and the man was arrested for his violations.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri assisted Illinois State Police and the Henry County Sheriff's Department with locating an intoxicated driver in an RV. A teenager and his father were en route with their RV to a ball tournament in the Chicago area. The teenage son contacted his mom by cell phone and said the dad was acting "weird". The mom, who was in Wisconsin for a sibling's ball tournament, contacted the Illinois State Police for assistance. After driving in circles at a hotel parking lot the teen was able to convince the intoxicated dad to stop for a bathroom break. The dad drove past several gas stations and finally parked in front of the Annawan Post Office. When the dad walked away from the driver's seat, the teenage

son took the keys out of the ignition and hid them until police arrived. The dad was arrested for DUI and endangering the life of a child.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted multiple sport fishing compliance checks on the Apple River. Two citations were issued for unlawful sport fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

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CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled IDNR hunting properties during season 5 of the spring turkey season. Only hunters with site specific permits are allowed on the sites until the end of turkey hunting hours (1:00 p.m. daily). Two non-hunters were issued citations for unlawfully collecting edible fungi during an open hunting season on the site and written warnings for entering a closed area.

LEE COUNTY

A 40 year old woman from Dixon and a 38 year old man from Toulon were enjoying some cannabis sitting in their vehicle at Franklin Creek State Park. CPO Beltran approached and rolled down his window to speak with them to see if they were fishing. The strong odor of cannabis resulted in the arrest for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and drugs.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Reid wrote two tickets and eleven warnings during a Saturday river patrol in the New Boston area.

OGLE COUNTY

A 22 year old man from Oregon and a 23 year old woman from Rockford were smoking cannabis while driving in Ogle County. CPO Beltran noticed several IVC violations and performed a traffic stop. The overwhelming odor of cannabis from the vehicle prompted an investigation which resulted in the arrest of the man for driving under the influence and the arrest of the woman for drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

A 48 year old man from Dixon was so overwhelmed in his search for morel mushrooms that he disregarded several signs of "no trespassing." He was caught red handed by the landowner and fled from the scene. A photograph of his license plate and vehicle parked in an adjacent cemetery resulted in a swift discovery and prosecution by CPO Beltran for trespassing.

A loud muffler in White Pines State Park resulted in the investigation of two men from Polo by CPO Beltran and Intern Pepper. The two 20 year old men had drug paraphernalia and cannabis. Both were arrested and processed at Ogle County Jail.

CPO Palumbo rescued a newborn fawn from a woven wire fence and relocated her with her mother a short distance away in the woods.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri arrested a 17 year old minor for consuming alcohol and carelessly operating a watercraft.

CPOs Francisko and Posateri were on a boat patrol on the Mississippi River Pool #16 near Rock Island. The CPOs observed a boat passenger sitting upon the decking on the stern of the boat while the boat was on plane, traveling in the main channel in the river. No railing was around the decking making it a violation. The watercraft was stopped and a boat safety inspection was conducted. It was determined the operator was intoxicated on alcohol. The operator was arrested by CPO Posateri for operating under the influence (OUI). The operator's blood alcohol concentration (BAC) was

.151%, well over the legal limit of .08% BAC. The operator was also cited for the passenger location violation. The boat operator was previously convicted for OUI in Illinois.

CPO Francisko then observed another boat displaying an expired registration decal (expired in 2013). A boat safety inspection was conducted on the watercraft. The operator was unable to produce proof that he transferred the certificate of number into his name and did not have any registration paperwork. CPO Francisko determined the boat operator was intoxicated on alcohol and arrested the subject for OUI. The operator's BAC was over two times the legal limit at .183% BAC. The operator was cited for the registration violation also.

As the CPOs finished up with that arrest they received a call from the USCG requesting assistance. The USCG stated they were towing a boat with underage people on it who were drinking alcohol. The CPOs took over that stop at Sunset Marina in Rock Island. It was determined that the 17 year old boat operator operated his boat within an unsafe distance of the USCG boat while the USCG boat had on emergency lights and was conducting a safety inspection. The 17 year old operator had a BAC of .05%. CPO Posateri arrested the 17 year old operator for careless operation of a watercraft and consumption of alcohol by a minor. This was at dark and none of the people on board were wearing PFD's.

CPO Francisko was on a joint boat patrol with the USCG. A boat was observed towing a person on a tube in the Buffalo, Iowa area of the Mississippi River Pool #16. A new Illinois law requires an orange flag, 12" x 12", to be displayed when towing anybody (barefoot skier, skier, tube, wake board, etc.) This flag can be hand held or mounted on an antenna or anywhere the flag can be seen from 360 degrees. This is required from the time a person to be towed enters the water until the time they return to the boat. This boat was stopped for a boat safety inspection. The officers observed several empty beer cans in the bottom of the boat, a nearly empty bottle of whiskey and a female sitting on the floor of the boat in her bra and underwear. The female appeared highly intoxicated and ready to pass out. The officers felt the female needed immediate medical attention and an ambulance was called. This boat was side towed to the shoreline at Buffalo, Iowa. The female was transported to a hospital by an ambulance due to her intoxication level. The subject was also cited for the orange flag violation and issued a written warning for battery violations. The boat operator has a revoked Iowa driver's license stemming from a DUI and a previous conviction for OUI in Iowa.

Sgt. Tony Petreikis in conjunction with the Illinois Secretary of Police completed an investigation into Gary's License Service (East Moline) back in 2014. The investigation led to forgery charges (Class 3 felony) being filed against Nathan G. Gary (owner) and a theft charge (Class 3 felony) being filed against Patrick M. McMahon. It was alleged that Gray forged a signature on a document in order to obtain a loan for his business. It was also alleged that McMahon had stolen in excess of \$9,000 from the business during his employment there. On 7/24/2014 Gray was entered into an offender initiative program and fined \$800.36. On 5/7/2015 McMahon pleaded guilty to the felony theft charge and received fines and costs of \$1,000. Restitution was reserved and McMahon was put on 24 months conditional discharge.

Sgt. Tony Petreikis investigated a complaint of theft by deceptive practice against Benjamin Wynn (Moline). It was alleged that Wynn purchased timber without a license in Illinois. After cutting the walnut logs from the seller's property, Wynn allegedly never made payment to the seller. Wynn also allegedly then sold the same logs to three different Illinois licensed timber buyers. Wynn only made delivery of the logs to one of the buyers. On 4/29/2014 Wynn was charged with theft by deceptive practice (Class 3 felony). A second charge of theft of timber (Class 4 felony) was later also filed against Wynn. On 3/20/2015 Wynn pleaded guilty to the theft of timber charge (dismissing the remaining charge). On 5/11/2015 Wynn was sentenced to three years in prison and was ordered to pay \$7000 in fines and restitution.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

A prior resident of Freeport, who is now living in Wisconsin, was fishing in Yellow Creek. When CPO Beltran approached, the man put his fishing gear away and claimed he did not know that he needed to have a fishing license. He was issued a citation for the violation.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

While investigating an unlawful camping complaint along the Hennepin Feeder Canal in Rock Falls, CPO Palumbo discovered a Rock Falls couple fishing without sport fishing licenses. A citation and written warning were issued.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt was contacted at home on his day off by a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy who requested assistance with a conservation complaint. The deputy apprehended a man who was unlawfully riding an ATV through Boone County Conservation District property as well as riding through the Kishwaukee River damaging the stream bed which caused the ATV to become swamped. The ATV was recovered by the Sheriff's Department. CPO Alt provided ATV and Conservation statutes so the deputy could apply to this case and will further assist with this complaint which is still under investigation.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on a trail patrol at Starved Rock, CPO Wright and Intern Branson found a subject drinking a beer while on the trails. CPO Wright could see the subject was heavily intoxicated and had numerous abrasions on his face. When asked about the abrasions the subject stated he fell on the trail because he was drunk. After checking if the subject was alright, it was explained why alcohol was not allowed on trails. He was issued a citation and escorted off the trails.

CPO Jansen arrested one subject on a warrant for failure to appear (FTA) out of DuPage County while checking fishermen on the Illinois River. A written warning was issued as well.

CPO Jansen was enforcing a fishing without permission complaint when he observed one subject in the water. As he approached, he observed a second subject pointing at the river. The subject in the river then walked out of the water, wearing no clothes, with his fishing pole and a fish on the line. The subject stated the fish drug his pole into the water and he went in to retrieve it. Both subjects were issued citations for fishing without permission.

CPO Jansen patrolled the Illinois River for boat safety enforcement and issued four written warnings and towed a vessel with two occupants back to the boat ramp when they had engine trouble on their PWC.

CPO Wire and CPO Finn were patrolling the Starved Rock Campground when an individual asked if he was allowed to have a pellet gun out. He was informed "no." Around midnight the same individual piled wood for his campfire 4 feet high and placed a couple of beer cans in the fire along with an aerosol can and bottle of lighter fluid. The fire was lit and he walked away with his small child. CPO Wire and Finn were able to take half of the wood out of the fire and keep it from burning the trees above and doing damage to a vehicle at a nearby campsite. The individual had his pellet gun laying in plain view on his table. When he returned he was surprised to receive two citations. He was in the process of being evicted when he submitted to a breath sample of .151. He was escorted to another camp site with his small child where they were allowed to stay until 10:00 a.m. the next morning. He was cited for possession of alcohol, possession of a pellet gun against regulations, and issued an eviction notice for Starved Rock State Park. He has a mandatory court appearance.

As part of National Boat Safety Week, CPO Kaufman gave a presentation to a Cub Scout group and their parents. He demonstrated the importance of wearing the correct sized personal flotation device (PFD) or life jacket. He had a scout put on a large adult PFD and then he had the scout put his hands up and CPO Kaufman was able to pull the PFD off of the scout with little effort.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn was patrolling the Illinois River when he observed a man fishing from an area closed to the public for fishing. CPO Finn approached the fisherman and inquired as to what path he took to get to this location. The fisherman informed CPO Finn of his path which led them next to the no trespassing sign. The fisherman was informed he had been verbally warned in the past and received a citation for fishing without permission. The fisherman was verbally warned about trespassing.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser received several complaint calls from fishermen about the Smallmouth Bass season. Fishermen stated they saw other anglers in Rockford taking Smallmouth Bass out of season and gave a location of the offense. CPO Fraser investigated the complaints and found several anglers illegally possessing Smallmouth Bass out of season. Two of the anglers located stated they were keeping the bass on stringers to take pictures and not to keep. Several citations were issued.

CPO Alt participated in a three day Field Training Transition Course held at IDNR Springfield Headquarters. CPO Alt conducted an assigned commercial inspection of a Rockford area licensed boat livery rental business who rents canoes and kayaks on the Sugar, Pecatonica, Rock, Kishwaukee, Fox and Des Plaines Rivers in northern Illinois. A visual and physical inspection of 40 vessels was conducted in addition to over 50 PFD's to ensure rental boats were seaworthy and PFD's serviceable as well.

CPO Alt was requested to provide boating law instruction to 15 Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies who will be patrolling the Rock River this summer. Topics covered included: law enforcement inspection authority, registration/equipment requirements, operation violations, age of boat operation, watercraft OUI law and boat accident reporting.

CPO Alt and CPO Fraser conducted a watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County which yielded 12 boat inspections and 10 written warnings issued for boat equipment violations.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO B. Thompson was working the Illinois River area checking sport fishermen near Banner. While traversing the banks, he noticed two vehicles parked at the Rice Lake River Access parking lot. One of the vehicles had two occupants and the other was not occupied. After observing the two individuals for a short time, CPO Thompson witnessed both individuals smoking from a glass pipe. Upon making contact with the individuals and detecting a strong odor of cannabis, the individuals admitted to smoking cannabis and forfeited a glass pipe and a small container of cannabis. Citations were issued for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis less than 2.5 gr.

CPO B. Thompson worked the Spoon River and Canton Lake areas on Memorial Day. Several citations and warnings for no PFDs on board, no fishing license and other equipment violations were issued. While working Canton Lake, one individual was cited for unlawfully fishing while fishing license privileges were revoked. The same individual was found at the same location in 2014 and was warned. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a fatal boat accident at Lock 18 on the Mississippi River in Gladstone. CPO Reid and Sgt. Avery worked with the Iowa DNR and local Sheriff's Deputies to recover the boat and body of a 33 year old Iowa resident.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted boat safety and registration compliance checks at Detweiller Marina along the Illinois River. A Peoria man was discovered to be operating an unnumbered watercraft which he had been using without registration since 2013. Additionally, the registrations on his vehicle and boat trailer were both expired. One citation and two written warnings were written.

CPO Gerard conducted recreational boat enforcement over the Memorial Day weekend. Fourteen citations were issued including two drug arrests. Other violations included no life jackets on board and fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited multiple subjects for failure to have wearable life jackets while boating over the Memorial Day weekend.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Semenik and CPO S. Wagner conducted sport fishing compliance checks on the Fox River at the Carpentersville Dam. While wading across the river CPO Semenik observed three individuals sitting on a log with their backs towards the river acting suspicious. One of the individuals was arrested for possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Keith Siedsma arrested two subjects who fled from him when he attempted to complete a fishing license check. The subjects returned for their gear and CPO Siedsma apprehended them and charged the subjects with fishing without a license, fishing without permission, and resisting/obstructing an officer.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Winters, Hurt, and Davis assisted members of the Y Not Project in handing out orange ski flags from the patrol boat.

CPO Winters issued three citations for unlawfully fishing without sport fishing licenses.

CPO Winters issued multiple written warnings for various traffic violations while patrolling the Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPOs Hurt and Semenik were conducting routine night boat patrol on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The CPOs encountered a kayaker fishing on Dunn's Lake and made contact with the kayaker to perform a boat safety inspection and a check of the fisherman's fishing license. While performing the check of the kayaker, CPO Hurt detected a strong odor of burnt cannabis. The kayaker was questioned about the cannabis and gave up a grinder with cannabis and two glass pipes. The kayaker was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 Grams. The kayaker was also issued a citation for no PFD on board and a written warning for no water usage stamp. The kayak was towed to a pier near the kayaker's residence. The kayaker was released on a Notice to Appear (NTA).

CPO Hurt was conducting routine patrol at Lake Zurich. An individual was observed on a dock on the East shore. Through binoculars CPO Hurt observed the individual pull a smoking pipe from his mouth and blow a cloud of smoke, then look around over his shoulders. CPO Hurt made his way down to the dock, located at a public park, and

made contact with the individual. During their conversation, CPO Hurt detected a strong odor of burnt cannabis. When questioned about the odor, the subject admitted to "smoking a bowl". The subject gave up a glass pipe containing burnt cannabis. The subject was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis <2.5 grams. The subject was cited and released on a Notice to Appear (NTA).

Sgt Riedel and CPO Kelley participated in training exercises with the Lake County Marine Unit and McHenry County Marine Unit. One of the new Impact 750 boats was used in the training.

CPO Kelley issued a citation to a Fox Lake individual for fishing without a valid fishing license.

Sgt. Riedel conducted a training class for the Lake and McHenry County Sheriff's Department Marine Unit on new boat laws, accident investigation, OUI paperwork, and OUI arrest procedures.

CPO Tom Davis arrested a subject for failure to immediately release a slot walleye on Grass Lake (21 1/2").

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CPO Wagner issued three citations for not enough wearable PFD's, one citation for unlawful use of snag line, one citation for failure to immediately release short fish, and one citation for no valid sport fish license. He also issued 12 written warnings for no Fox Waterway sticker, other boat violations, and IVC violations.

CPO Semenik and CPO Hurt responded to a complaint of a goose shot out of season on Cedar Lake. While on scene they discovered five dead goslings and one adult goose. Through a lengthy investigation, the individual responsible was tracked down. The individual was arrested for unlawful take of Canada goose and his shotgun was seized.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley issued citations to two Chicago individuals for fishing without valid fishing licenses. The individuals were found fishing at Weber's Park along the Fox River in McHenry.

CPO Wagner issued two citations for no PFD's, three citations for speeding, and four citations for no sport fishing license. He also issued two written warnings for fishing license not in possession.

CPO Semenik arrested an individual near the McHenry Dam for driving under the influence of alcohol. The subjects BAC was .103

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast attended FTO training in Springfield.

CPOs Mieure and Vadbunker found two subjects who were fishing from a boat at Heidecke Lake that were unlawfully in possession of three short walleye. They also were found to have no Type 4 throwable device and no valid registration for their boat. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wollgast checked two fishermen who were returning from fishing on the Boy Scout property, where they were fishing without permission. One fisherman did not have a fishing license and both were found in possession of drug paraphernalia. Arrests were made for fishing without permission, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure attended FTO training in Springfield.

Three subjects arrested by CPO Vadbunker for a variety of turkey hunting violations agreed to a plea arrangement in court. One subject pleaded guilty to hunting without a license in possession, hunting without permission, transportation of an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle, and failure to tag wild turkey immediately upon kill. He was assessed \$2353 in fines and costs and two other charges were nollied in the plea arrangement. The second subject pleaded guilty to hunting without a valid license in possession, hunting without a valid turkey permit in possession, unlawful possession of a wild turkey, hunting without permission, transportation of an uncased firearm, and failure to tag wild turkey immediately upon kill. He was assessed \$2875 in fines and costs and an additional charge was nollied in the plea arrangement. The third subject pleaded guilty to unlawful possession of wild turkey, hunting without a valid license in possession, hunting without a valid turkey permit in possession, hunting without permission, transportation of an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle, and failure to tag wild turkey immediately upon kill. He was assessed \$2875 in fines and costs and an additional charge was nollied in the plea arrangement. Total fines and costs in the case were \$8103 and all items seized have been forfeited to the IDNR.

CPO Honiotes performed boat patrol on the Kankakee River above the Kankakee Dam on Memorial Day weekend. Two boats experiencing motor issues were assisted safely to their docks. Safety inspections were performed on approximately 12 vessels and written warnings were issued for unlawful operation of a watercraft over 16 feet without a Type IV PFD, unlawful operation of a watercraft with batteries not properly covered/secured and unlawful passenger location (passenger sitting on the gunwale while underway). One subject was cited for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Mieure checked two fishermen at Kankakee River State Park and found that neither had a fishing license. Two warnings were issued for the violation.

CPO Vadbunker investigated an illegal dumping case. The owner of the garbage was located and admitted to dumping it. He was charged with unlawfully dumping garbage on private property.

CPO Mieure conducted administrative deer investigations. He issued two citations for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill, two warnings for no valid deer permits and one warning for failure to report harvest by 10 p.m.

CPO Vadbunker worked Kankakee River State Park over the Memorial Day weekend and she made four drug arrests and cited subjects for fishing the Kankakee River without valid fishing licenses.

KENDALL COUNTY

On Memorial Day CPO Bergland was checking fishermen on the Fox River. He checked two subjects and found one was fishing without a valid license and the other was in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. Appropriate charges were filed.

WILL COUNTY

CPOs Bergland and Wollgast conducted air boat training for Regions 1 and 2 CPOs.

CPO Reid arrested a Chicago man who was fishing Prairie Creek for unlawful possession of a smallmouth bass during the closed season.

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

CPO Reid investigated a hazardous spill on the DesPlaines River. The contaminants were contained and removed by the immediate response team. No loss of aquatic life was reported. The investigation is on-going.

CPO Reid arrested a Joliet man for possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area, and fishing without a license on the I & M Canal.

District 3 CPOs conducted firearms training at the Marseilles National Guard.

CPO Honiotes investigated a report of vandalism and damage to state property at I & M Canal State Park, Channahon Access. A park worker reported obscene pictures, symbols and words written in fresh concrete that had been poured the previous day. Further investigation is pending.

CPO Honiotes investigated a dumping complaint in the Des Plaines Conservation Area. Multiple garbage cans at various locations throughout the park were filled with plastic bags of household trash and larger objects were left outside the cans. Investigation of the dump sites revealed the identities of the two violators, who later admitted to the offense during an interview. All debris was removed by the violators in a timely manner prior to the holiday weekend. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Honiotes investigated an illegal trapping complaint in Will County where a muskrat was unlawfully taken out of season and the carcass dumped into a pond. Investigation revealed the identities of the two subjects responsible, who both openly admitted to the violations in an interview. After discussing the severity of the incident, and informing the subjects of the violations that occurred, each subject was issued written warnings for unlawful trapping of muskrat during the closed season, unlawful dumping of wildlife carcass on private property, unlawful trapping on property without permission and unlawful trapping without a trapping license and habitat stamp.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Cook County Spillway when he observed two subjects actively fishing. As soon as one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, he immediately reached under some rocks close to where he was fishing and began to retrieve fish. The subject tossed fish back into the water. CPO Whitchurch identified the fish as small walleye. The waterway in which this subject was fishing has an 18 inch minimum length limit on walleye. When CPO Whitchurch got close to the subject, no fish were observed floating on the water or in the area where the subject retrieved the fish from. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject who tossed the fish back in the water was fishing with more than two poles and lines. The waterway has a two poles and line limit per angler. The subject was cited for unlawful fishing with too many lines.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Cook County conducting a watercraft inspection when he observed two individuals in separate kayaks paddling on the water. One of the kayakers pointed over at CPO Whitchurch to inform the other kayaker of CPO Whitchurch's presence. The two kayakers then continued to paddle away from CPO Whitchurch down to the west end of the lake. CPO Whitchurch returned to his patrol vehicle and was able to reach the two kayakers as they were hastily attempting to remove their kayaks from the water. Both kayakers did not possess personal flotation devices on board while they were underway. CPO Whitchurch explained the importance of personal flotation devices to the kayakers. Citations were issued for not having personal flotation devices on board.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Cook County when he observed two individuals fishing in a watercraft which did not have any valid registration visible on the watercraft. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the operator of the watercraft. The watercraft did not possess valid registration, did not have a sounding device on board, the on board battery was not secured or covered, no personal flotation devices were on board, and the operator did not

possess a valid sport fishing license. CPO Whitchurch explained the applicable laws to the operator of the watercraft. CPO Whitchurch issued the operator both citations and warnings for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Cook County when he observed a subject fishing from a kayak. CPO Whitchurch conducted a watercraft inspection on a different watercraft. Upon completion of the watercraft inspection, he observed the kayak he observed earlier floating in the lake and was unoccupied. CPO Whitchurch then observed through his binoculars a subject in the water holding on to the side of the kayak. The subject in the water was wearing a personal flotation device and was quickly attended to by other boaters in the vicinity. The subject and his kayak were quickly brought to shore by the other boaters. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject who informed CPO Whitchurch he did not need any medical attention. CPO Whitchurch spoke with boaters and fishermen in the area about the importance of personal flotation devices after they had just seen first-hand how important personal flotation devices are while recreating on any waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in Cook County when he observed father and son catching and keeping turtles by an unlawful method. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the father and son and informed them of the applicable regulations. The turtles were successfully returned to the water and the father was issued a written warning for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a patrol shift checking for compliance of State Boating Laws on Lake Michigan and its tributaries. A total of three citations and seven written warnings were issued for boating violations. Violations observed and acted upon were watercraft registration violations and watercraft equipment violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at the Calumet Sag Channel during the hours of darkness when he observed an equipped bow fishing watercraft being operated on the water. CPO Whitchurch observed three individuals actively bow fishing on board. The watercraft then was observed starting up and coming up on plane. The watercraft was observed operating on plane directly through a posted "no wake area" and within 120 feet of a public boat launch. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the operator of the watercraft. CPO Whitchurch observed a child under the age of 13 was not wearing a personal flotation device while the watercraft was underway. CPO Whitchurch conducted a watercraft inspection and checked sport fishing licenses. The watercraft was without a fire extinguisher on board. CPO Whitchurch explained all applicable laws to the operator of the watercraft. The operator was issued a citation for not having a child under the age of 13 wear a personal floatation while underway. He was issued written warnings for the other violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area when he observed a vehicle being driven which had a young child standing up and moving around in the back seat area. The child was then observed leaning out of the back seat window of the moving vehicle. CPO Whitchurch conducted a stop on the vehicle. Upon making the stop, it was learned the license plates on the vehicle were currently suspended for a mandatory insurance violation; the driver of the vehicle was driving while his license was suspended, and the unsecured child seen in the vehicle was eleven years of age. The driver of the vehicle was arrested for all three violations and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

CPO Whitchurch conducted a patrol shift on the holiday weekend focusing on State Boating Laws. Numerous areas of the Lake Michigan were patrolled along with Lake Michigan tributaries. A total of six boating violation citations were issued along with 12 written warnings.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in William Powers State Fish and Wildlife area when he observed an all-terrain vehicle being driven by a male subject. CPO Whitchurch observed the subject operate the all-terrain vehicle on two different areas of public lands. He also observed it being driven on a roadway and also along the right of way of an operating railroad. CPO Whitchurch was able to stop the all-terrain vehicle. CPO Whitchurch advised the driver of the violations and informed him of numerous safety measures. The driver was cited for unlawful operation of the all-terrain vehicle and issued multiple written warnings as well.

CPO Mooi attended court in Cook County and multiple cases were continued due to defendants not showing up to court.

Multiple vessel checks at the Worth, Alsip and Summit boat launches on Memorial Day, due to the rain there were not many boaters out. One written warning was issued for a boater not having a Type-IV throw able device.

A man at the Columbus Park Lagoon was issued a citation for fishing without a fishing license.

DUPAGE COUNTY

A written warning was issued to a man for not having a fishing license in possession while fishing the DuPage River.

A written warning was issued to a man for kayaking the DuPage River without a Water Usage stamp.

CPO Mooi attended the Downers Grove Open House Event with the educational trailer. CPO Mooi talked to people about local animals, trapping nuisance wildlife, recreational opportunities and how to avoid spreading invasive species.

While patrolling DuPage County, a man was issued a citation for having a passenger under 13 years old not wearing a PFD. A written warning was also issued for operating a non-powered watercraft without a Water Usage stamp.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan completed a boat accident investigation. The operator was cited for careless operation of a watercraft and unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Vaughan cited a subject for an over limit of largemouth bass at the campground pond at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO Farber cited an individual at the Des Plaines River Canoe Launch for failure to immediately release short fish. One 11 Inch Largemouth Bass was released alive. The site specific regulations state that bass must be at least 15 Inches to keep.

CPO Farber attended the IHSA bass fishing tournament at Skokie Lagoons.

CPO Farber arrested a Wisconsin man for DUI. The subject registered a .218 on the INTOX EC/IR-II two hours after the stop. The man was taken to the Lake County Jail in Waukegan.

CPO Farber attended multiple boat training periods of instruction and patrols on Lake Michigan.

CPO Farber cited a Gurnee man for having his vehicle parked on the main beach of Illinois Beach State Park. The subject stated he thought it was okay to pull his car on to the beach to listen to music.

CPO Farber conducted patrols at Illinois Beach State Park during the holiday weekend. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody, while checking fishermen along the Embarras River below the Charleston Dam, arrested a Charleston Man and a Charleston woman for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The two had set up camp in the middle of the woods.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Greuel investigated a Timber Harvest Complaint in Cumberland and has found the Indiana timber cutter has left tree tops in a waterway. Enforcement action pending.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a local fishing guide for pollution of a waterway after watching him and another man dump 10 large structures into the lake. The Army Corps of Engineers issued citations as well.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody investigated a boat accident on Lake Shelbyville at Lithia Marina Cove. A Cowden man had failed to insert the plug into his boat and it eventually sank after it broke down in the lake. The Shelby County Dive team was called out to retrieve the boat.

CPO Barnes responded to a complaint of a vehicle speeding through the Eagle Creek State Park campground. CPO Barnes located the Springfield man and issued him a State Park code citation.

CPO Greuel investigated a timber harvest complaint in Shelby County. Investigation is pending.

CPOs Moody and Barnes arrested a Bethany man on Lake Shelbyville for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The man had a BAC of .139. The man received a citation and warnings for other miscellaneous boating infractions.

CPO Greuel responded to and investigated a single vehicle accident in Shelby County. No enforcement was taken and a traffic Crash Report was completed.

CPO's Moody and Barnes while on boat patrol observed three Chicago fishermen fishing along the shore of the Wolf Creek boat ramp. Upon check, none of the three had fishing license and one of the men was wanted on a warrant out of Cicero. The man who was wanted on a warrant had hid a bag of cannabis in his pants upon seeing the CPOs. The two vehicles that they had arrived in were parked in a restricted area and had a set of brass knuckles lying in plain sight. None of the three had a valid driver's license. The CPOs had the Shelby County K-9 do a walk around of the two vehicles and it alerted on both. After locating the two owners of the vehicles at the campsite, the vehicles were searched and 21 grams of cannabis was located. Sgt Brian McReynolds transported the Cicero man to the Shelby County Jail where he remained awaiting \$1000.00 cash bond. Multiple citations were issued.

OTHER:

CPOs Greuel and Viverito taught Regional Firearms Training.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel taught Firearms Laws and Firearms Training to IDNR Conservation Police Recruits at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

Sgt. McReynolds attended a San Jose model Field Training Officer 3 day class at IDNR headquarters in Springfield.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

DEWITT

While conducting boat patrol with Sgt. John Williamson on Clinton Lake during the evening hours, CPO Matt Graden arrested a 52 year old Bloomington man for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject submitted an evidentiary breath sample which documented he had a blood alcohol concentration of .184%.

While conducting boat patrol with Sgt. John Williamson on Clinton Lake, CPO Matt Graden arrested a 19 year old female, from Lisle and a 20 year old female, from Lexington for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. The 19 year old had a BAC of .139% and the 20 year old's BAC was .069%.

CPO Viverito was patrolling Marine View State Park Campgrounds in McLean County when he pulled into the Tall Timbers parking lot and heard music coming from one of the campsites. CPO Viverito hiked approximately 1/2 mile to the campsite and hid in the woods to observe the four men who were in violation of the parks 10:00 p.m. quiet hours. The four men were also drinking (dry park) and smoking cannabis. CPO Viverito approached the men and explained their violations. A fifth man then exited one of the two tents. CPO Viverito secured the cannabis and requested the men destroy the alcohol (they complied). The investigation resulted in 5 citations, 1 warrant arrest, and 2 drug arrests.

CPO Viverito responded to a swamped boat at the West Side Access of Clinton Lake. The CPO arrived to find a 14 ft Lowe Jon boat tied to the dock and completely submerged by water (approximately 1 inch below water line). An investigation ensued which revealed the man was having engine trouble and backed into an oncoming wave. The wave crested over the stern of the boat swamping it in seconds. The man grabbed a readily accessible life vest and swam to shore. Several good Samaritans observed what had happened and helped the man secure his boat to the dock before it could sink. Clinton Lake Marina was contacted to recover the boat. The recovery team used straps and a large water pump to recover the vessel. The operator of the vessel was uninjured, wet, and glad he had a life jacket readily accessible.

MACON COUNTY

While checking fishermen on Lake Decatur, CPO B. Wright came across a man from Wisconsin that did not have a fishing license. Upon running the individual it was found that the subject was wanted for a Macon County warrant for two assaults. When CPO Wright informed the subject of his warrants and went to place hand cuffs on him the individual took off on foot. CPO Wright was able to catch the individual and place him in custody. The individual was arrested for the warrants, resisting arrest and no valid fishing license.

CPO Wright patrolled Lake Decatur by boat on Memorial Day weekend. A few boating violations were found. The violations included improper registration, battery covers and PFD violations. Proper enforcement action was taken.

VERMILION COUNTY

While conducting holiday weekend patrol through Kickapoo State Park, CPO Cottrell encountered numerous violations that included the following, unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area, unlawful entry in to a restricted area, boating violations involving the use of life jackets, boating violations involving related safety equipment. All violators were cited accordingly resulting in 10 citations and warnings.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Blakeley received a court disposition in Hancock County. A subject pleaded guilty to falsification of a deer harvest and deer hunting with a rifle. The subject was ordered to pay \$1700 in fines and fees and will lose the right to hunt for 22 months.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten arrested a fisherman in Jersey County for possession of drug paraphernalia and less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

CPO Michael Goetten arrested a Missouri resident in Jersey County for driving while license suspended.

CPO Michael Goetten observed two motorcyclists traveling at a high rate of speed through Grafton. He eventually caught up to them several miles later and initiated a stop for speeding. One of the drivers did not have the proper classification for driving a motorcycle. He was arrested and his motorcycle was towed. Both were also cited for speeding.

CPO Michael Goetten arrested a subject in Jersey County on Hartford Police Department, Williamson County, and St. Clair County arrest warrants for driving while license suspended and illegal possession of alcohol. She was arrested and transported to Hartford Police Department. Total bond was over \$15,000 (10%).

CPO Michael Goetten assisted the Jersey County Sheriff's Department with a fatal ATV accident investigation.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran investigated complaints at Sangchris Lake State Park in Hickory Point Campground alleging a subject was driving around in a truck late at night with amber oscillating lights on and shining campsites with a spotlight. CPO Cochran advised the subject, who denied the allegations, if he were to be caught driving the vehicle in any capacity on state property that he would be arrested on site. While on routine park patrol the following day, CPO Cochran observed the same subject driving the vehicle. The subject was arrested and jailed at Christian County Jail for driving while revoked.

CPO Swance was checking fishermen and had questions about a license that was presented. A routine check of the ID with State Police dispatch revealed an active warrant. The subject was arrested and lodged in jail.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Elliott taught a Hunter's Safety Class at Sand Ridge State Park. The Class consisted of 11 young hunters accompanied by parents and/or guardians, along with park staff. Many topics were discussed including season dates and limits, blaze orange requirements, bag limits (both daily and possession), gun safety, and waterfowl regulations.

CPO Elliott was on patrol at Sand Ridge State Park when he encountered a vehicle stopped at a stop sign. The vehicle remained at this location for a period of time with no traffic impeding them. CPO Elliott initiated a stop to see if the driver needed assistance. Upon speaking with the driver, CPO Elliott observed an uncased bow in the back seat. Further inspection revealed an uncased BB gun in the back of the vehicle. CPO Elliott informed the driver and the other vehicle occupants of the violations. Two written warnings were issued.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis presented information to approximately 80 Petersburg Porta 2nd Grade students on the duties of a Conservation Police Officer. In addition, he displayed the wildlife education trailer.

CPO Bettis monitored the Abe's River Race in Menard County. The race featured 49 canoes and kayaks operated by 75 contestants.

CPO Bettis provided an interview to Channel 20 News-Springfield in reference to Memorial Day boating safety and Illinois boating laws.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Swance attended a Safety Day Exposition at the public park in Spaulding. They informed approximately 15 Junior High Students on the duties of Conservation Police Officers. In addition, they used the wildlife education trailer to teach hands on education to the students on native wildlife and their habitat.

CPO Elliott and CPO Swance were on boat patrol on Lake Springfield. At approximately 8:18 p.m. after sunset, they observed a jet ski approaching their location. A boat safety check stop was initiated on the watercraft for a violation of operating after sunset. Upon completing the safety check, it was discovered the operator was intoxicated. The operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (OUI).

CPO Elliott responded to a complaint involving the possession and sale of live raccoons. Upon speaking with the individual, it was determined the person had three live baby raccoons inside the home which had originally been taken from the wild. One citation was issued for taking live wildlife from the wild and two written warnings were issued for other wildlife violations.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishing enforcement arrested two individuals for unlawful snagging at the Carlyle Lake Spillway.

CPO Tapley conducted boat safety inspections at the IHSA Bass Fishing Finals at Carlyle Lake prior to the pre-tournament fishing day, attended the IHSA Safety meeting, and conducted boat patrols in case an emergency arose.

CPO Tapley was called to the spillway of Carlyle Lake by a Corps of Engineers Ranger in reference to a man who was bow fishing from shore and had no fishing license. Upon speaking to the Ranger, Tapley learned the man was nervous and kept wanting to get back into his vehicle. After a brief interview, CPO Tapley gained consent to search the man's vehicle and found cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested and taken to the county jail.

CPO Tapley got a call at Eldon Hazlet State Park, Illini Campgrounds, about a young child who had fallen into a fire. A 6 year old boy got up from his chair and fell forward towards a campfire. He put his hand out to catch himself and burnt the palm of his hand on the side of the metal grill. The boy was taken to a hospital for treatment.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working sport fishermen along the Mississippi River front came across a fisherman fishing on terminal railroad property. CPO Rolfingsmeier approached the fisherman and after completing a compliance check and running his name through dispatch discovered the individual was wanted on a warrant out of Perry County and he also

had a small amount of cannabis in his tackle box. The fisherman also did not have a valid sport fishing license. The individual was arrested and two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO French was on the way to training in Alton when a black sedan pulled out in front of him and began traveling 30 mph under the speed limit. A check of the individual's license plate revealed the registered owner was suspended and wanted on a Clinton County warrant. A traffic stop resulted in the individual being transported to Madison County Jail on the warrant and being issued a citation for driving while suspended.

CPO French checked two fishermen at Lewis and Clark Memorial State Park in Hartford. In addition to both not having valid fishing licenses, they each possessed warrants out of Alton Police Department. Both were transported to Alton Police Department and issued citations.

CPO French was working in Frank Holten State Park and arrested a subject wanted on a warrant for failure to appear.

CPO French worked the Mississippi River for fishermen and arrested three individuals on warrants and multiple fishing violations.

CPO French was working on Chouteau Island, when he watched an individual he knew had a suspended license drive away. CPO French went back to his squad and verified the individual was suspended and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended and released.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner initiated a plain-clothes detail at an animal swap meet. Two subjects were cited for no game-bird breeder permits. One of the subjects also received written warnings for removal of a goose from the wild, no federal license and failure to issue receipts.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers met with the Prairie Du Rocher Cub Scouts at the Kaskaskia River Lock and Dam and talked with them about the requirements to become an Illinois Conservation Police Officer and the work duties of a Conservation Officer.

CPO Ralph Sievers attended the Randolph County Conservation Days for 5th graders from the local schools. CPO Sievers presented about the hiring requirements and process to become an Illinois Conservation Police Officer, the focus of enforcement on conservation laws, the uniform and gear on the duty belt, and demonstrated a boat safety equipment inspection with a boat that he brought to the event. Eight schools from Randolph County attended with 126 fifth grade students in attendance.

CPO Ralph Sievers received a call from a Randolph County resident that his dog had just killed a mother opossum and the babies were still alive. CPO Sievers arrived at the residents and took possession of nine bay opossums. CPO Sievers transferred the baby opossums to a wildlife rehabilitator.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier while working Frank Holten State Park pulled over a vehicle for failure to signal when required. After making contact with the driver, CPO Rolfingsmeier was informed the driver was revoked and did not have insurance on the vehicle. The vehicle was towed and the driver was arrested for driving while revoked.

CPO Ray and CPO French issued written warnings to two subjects in a vehicle at Frank Holten State Park for remaining in a State Park after the posted closing time of 10:00 p.m. The passenger was issued a citation for possession of less than 2.5grams of cannabis.

CPO Ray and CPO French arrested a subject in Frank Holten State Park for DUI, transportation of open alcohol in a motor vehicle, driving wrong way on a roadway and transportation of a loaded semi-automatic handgun.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles attended a meeting with the Venedy Sportsman's Club in Washington County. CPO Charles presented information to the group about laws and new legislation that could impact them.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins located two Eldorado men fishing without permission on Peabody Coal property. The men were fishing from kayaks and were without pfd's and additional boating gear as well as no valid registration. Both men were cited for fishing without permission of landowner and issued written warnings for the remaining violations.

CPO Diggins completed a boat registration investigation of a Shawneetown watercraft.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Williams was a guest speaker for a Safety Presentation at LaFarge concerning regulations for sport fishing, hunting and boating.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan patrolled Ten Mile Creek SFWA. He cited two individuals for driving vehicles off-road and two for insufficient number of life jackets aboard boats.

CPO Jourdan brought the Conservation Police Officers Lodge Wildlife Trailer to an event at the pre-kindergarten school in Mt. Vernon. The event was a fun day for the students and CPO Jourdan spoke about the duties of a CPO and identified wildlife found in Illinois.

CPO Jourdan participated in a rescue with the Corps of Engineers Rangers and local fisherman. A recreational boat stopped running in the Ward Branch area of Rend Lake. The boat drifted in the woods a couple hundred yards from shore and became lodged into some trees. Three female occupants of the boat were towed to the Turnip Patch boat ramp and given rides to retrieve their truck and boat trailer. All were grateful to get off the lake after getting wet and sea sick.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Jourdan responded to a call in reference to a man shooting a fox. The complainant said she heard a shotgun blast that awoke her in the early morning. She observed a man carrying a dead fox back to his house. The suspect admitted shooting the fox and showed where it was lying in his yard. The man was cited for the offense.

SPRINGFIELD

CPOs Folden, Johnson & Williams attended a FTO Transition School in preparation for the current trainee class.

CPO Johnson trained the recruit class on pistol function and tactics. The recruit class will receive pistol and rifle training during 2 weeks of their academy.

CPO Folden attended Firearms Instructor School at the Springfield Police Academy and received a firearms instructor certification.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on a boat patrol at Vandalia Lake, CPO Compton issued three citations for not enough wearable pfd's. He also issued two warnings, one for unnumbered watercraft and another for no fire extinguisher.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor and Sgt. Hyatt checked a boat on Newton Lake with three occupants while conducting a boat safety inspection and they could only produce two life jackets. Operator of the boat was issued a citation for insufficient wearable lifejackets on board.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor gave a boat safety presentation to 20 fourth graders at Parkview grade school in Lawrenceville

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith issued four written warning at Forbes Lake to boaters for various equipment violations, two written warnings for no fishing license, and one written warning for no seatbelt.

CPO Smith issued two citations to boaters for life jacket violations, one citation at Centralia Lake for no fishing license, and one citation at Forbes to a motorist for unlawful transportation of alcohol.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Smith issued a written warning to a boater at Sam Dale Lake for a life jacket violation and a written warning to a fisherman for failing to release immediately the 7th catfish.

CPO Smith issued two citations at Sam Dale Lake for life jacket violations to boaters.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis cited a fisherman for failing to release two 15 1/2 inch largemouth bass while patrolling Kinkaid Lake. There is a 16 inch minimum size limit on the lake.

CPO Mohrman and Sgt K. Taylor responded to Lake Murphysboro State Park after storms with high winds hit after nightfall. The storm caused tree damage throughout the park with one large tree completely blocking the roadway. Park personnel responded to clean up the mess as CPO Mohrman and Sgt. Taylor directed traffic.

CPO Mohrman is continuing an investigation into a trash dumping complaint in rural Jackson County. The landowner whose property the dumping has been on has captured images of a suspect truck parked near the dump site. Coincidentally on the day the images of the truck were taken more trash was found dumped at the site. The investigation continues.

CPO Vasicek located a grandfather with six young children within Giant City State Park whom were lost. They had taken a trail into the park and became disoriented and were located over a mile from their group/vehicle. The family was located and arrangements were made for pickup via nearest roadway.

Cedar Lake: CPO Vasicek documented multiple boating violations with citations and warnings including operating a motorboat an hour after sunset with no navigation lights in fairly congested waters.

CPO Mohrman conducted an interview with KFVS 12 news discussing the importance of clean water. The interview was prompted by a story being done by the news channel on the new clean water laws recently enacted.

What is believed to be the first "park" citation issued on the new Burning Star property was done by CPO Mohrman. While patrolling on this recently acquired IDNR ground CPO Mohrman apprehended a subject operating an ATV unlawfully on this site. The subject was cited and then escorted off the property.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPO Somers were patrolling Lake Egypt and stopped a boater for minor violation. While conducting the boat inspection, they noticed a strong smell of cannabis. Upon asking the boaters, they all denied any use of marijuana. When asked a second time and warned of being searched, a passenger admitted to smoking recently and being in possession of cannabis. Subject was charged with possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Thompson and CPO Somers stopped another boat on Lake Egypt and while CPO Somers was conducting field sobriety testing, CPO Thompson noticed a passenger trying to conceal a one-hitter pipe. Subject was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Somers was conducting patrols in the state areas. He cited two subjects for IVC violations.

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint at Ft Massac State Park, stating that a camper had a Canada goose being held in a dog kennel. Upon arrival, the goose was indeed in a dog pen. The subject stated they found the goose in Florida when they noted its wing had been pinioned and the goose could not fly. They were on their way to Montana and said they were going to release it there. CPO Thompson asked if they had any kind of permit to allow them to have the goose. They said no, but they were in the process of obtaining one. CPO Thompson explained all of the various state and federal laws that had been violated and seized the goose. The subjects were not happy about the goose being taken, but thankful they were not charged or issued any citations. The goose was taken to a local rehab facility.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis assisted the Perry County Sheriff's Department with traffic control as they investigated a personal injury vehicle accident. He also issued written warnings to other subjects as well.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Somers was patrolling the Cache River area when he came across subjects that were displaying loaded firearms on the state property in a non-hunting area. The subjects were issued citations for the violations.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston is investigating a burglary to a vehicle that occurred at Giant City State Park. The victim had her passenger window broke out and her purse was stolen that was in the front seat covered up with a towel. One of her credit cards was used shortly after the theft occurred.

CPO Boston is assisting Williamson County with a case of neglect to animals and unlawful possession of a bobcat and other protected species by a Williamson County resident. The woman had lost her veterinarian license last year and she continued practicing without being licensed.

SPRINGFIELD:

CPO Vasicek assisted with teaching interview and interrogation techniques to CPO Recruit class at State Police Academy.