

Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
October 1, 2014

REGION I

A District 7 CPO performed compliance checks on two fishermen at Double T State Fish & Wildlife Area (SFWA) and one individual was found in violation by unlawfully taking a largemouth bass under 21”.

A District 7 CPO gave a presentation to the National Wild Turkey Federation JAKES Take Aim event in Smithfield, Illinois. Topics discussed were firearms safety and natural resource protection awareness.

A District 7 CPO responded to a call of a Bald Eagle found injured near Anderson Lake SFWA. Upon arrival and a quick assessment, the CPO removed the injured eagle from the dangers of the roadside. The eagle was then transported to the University of Illinois in Champaign for treatment.

A CPOT attended court in LaSalle County. A guilty verdict was handed down on a bench trial for unlawfully fishing without a sport fishing license.

A CPOT attended court in LaSalle County for a bench trial on two individuals who were in a restricted area of Starved Rock. Both individuals were found guilty.

A group of individuals were stopped at the Starved Rock Boat Ramp after closing hours. While driving across the IL 178 Bridge, a CPOT observed navigation lights at the boat ramp. While investigating the boat at the ramp after closing hours the individual was issued a citation for entering a restricted area after posted closing hours, and two warnings for boating violations.

A Spring Valley man discovered during a Wisconsin DNR and Illinois DNR joint investigation pleaded guilty to unlawful harvest of ginseng before season. The subject was fined \$420.00 and surrendered over 6 pounds of dried ginseng to Illinois Conservation Police. The value of the surrendered ginseng is several thousand dollars.

Two District 7 CPOs took part in Homeland Security Training on the Illinois River. Illinois Conservation Officers were joined by FonDuLac Park District Police, United States Coast Guard, Peoria Fire Department and Dive Team, Peoria Bomb Squad, Tazewell County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police SWAT team, local Tactical Response teams, and the FBI.

A District 1 CPO responded to a call of an injured owl. The CPO captured the owl and transported it to a licensed rehabilitator.

A District 1 CPO was patrolling the Hennepin Canal. At Lock 26 there was a family outing with several parents and children fishing. Everyone required had a valid fishing license, some of which had just been purchased that morning for this outing. While talking to one of the fathers, he said his 6 year old son caught a really nice bass. The little boy was super excited to show the

CPO his fish. When the little boy pulled up the stringer, the CPO noticed the fish appeared to be shorter than the 14 inch minimum requirement. The CPO brought out the bump board and showed the family how to correctly measure the fish. This bass was only 13 inches, so it was returned to the water. The little boy was upset at first but once the CPO told the little boy the fish was going back to school with his friends, the little boy was content. The family learned a valuable lesson and the father was issued a written warning for failing to immediately release the short fish.

Two Conservation Police Officers cited three individuals for illegally climbing at Starved Rock State Park. Climbing is prohibited because the bluffs at Starved Rock are fragile sandstone.

District 7 CPOs are investigating complaints of criminal damage to state property at Banner Marsh State Fish & Wildlife Area and Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area. In order to maintain our state parks and preserve natural resources we ask for your assistance in reporting unlawful acts within state managed properties.

Conservation Police investigated a complaint that a local individual was illegally taking paddlefish by commercial means in Pool 18. After speaking with the subject, the officer determined that two paddlefish were an incidental catch in a trammel net.

A District 1 CPO issued citations and written warnings to two Sterling kayakers on the Rock River with no wearable PFDs and no water usage stickers.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on a Rock Falls man for operating a Personal Watercraft (PWC) with improper display of registration, after sunset on the Rock River, with no wearable PFD.

A District 1 CPO issued citations to two Chicago men for possessing an undersized walleye and not having a sport fishing license while fishing below the Sterling/Rock Falls lower dam on the Rock River.

A District 6 CPOT patrolled rivers and parks in Winnebago County. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for Fish and boat code violations.

A District 6 CPOT stopped a vehicle outside Rock Cut State Park and found the driver was suspended. The driver was issued citations with a Notice to Appear (NTA) and the vehicle was released to a valid driver.

While on patrol in Mississippi Palisades State Park, a District 1 CPO addressed several violations for possession, consumption of alcoholic beverages in a posted restricted area and being in the park after it was closed. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

District 6 CPOs investigated a complaint of falsification in obtaining a resident fishing license in Boone County. The angler purchased a resident fishing license by changing a portion of his name and using a fictitious social security number. This case remains under investigation.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

Two District 11 CPOs received a complaint of a man and a woman in rural Paris (Edgar County) who had been trespassing to harvest ginseng. After reviewing the trail camera pictures the CPOs identified the subjects as the same two they had arrested two days prior for trespassing to harvest ginseng in Coles County. The two received more citations for the violations and it has been arranged for restitution to be paid to the landowner for the ginseng that was stolen from his property. The two assured the officers that this would not happen again.

Two District 11 CPOs investigated a report from a landowner that someone had trespassed and stolen ginseng from his property in southwest Shelby County. A vehicle description was given of possible suspects in the theft. Investigation is pending.

A District 11 CPO attended training at the IDNR Headquarters in Springfield on conducting background investigations. The CPO will be conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants for an upcoming hiring class.

A District 11 CPO was called by Mill Creek Lake Security in Clark County regarding two subjects possibly trespassing to harvest ginseng. The CPO located a Marshall man and woman trespassing to harvest ginseng, however these were not the individuals he had been called about. The CPO issued them citations and seized the ginseng. The CPO located the two Marshall men who he had been originally called about. The CPO gathered evidence showing they had been trespassing to harvest ginseng. They were also issued citations.

District 11 CPOs responded to several complaints of deer bait discovered in hunting areas. The CPOs gathered evidence of bait and will continue to check the areas for the offending subjects to return.

Two District 19 CPOs arrested a Monticello man for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia while fishing at Clinton Lake.

A District 19 CPO observed an Illiopolis woman run a red light in Decatur. Upon completing field sobriety tests the woman was placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The woman refused to give a breath sample. The CPO was informed several times by the woman that she would be getting out of this because CPOs do not have the power to arrest people. She was booked in the Macon County Jail.

Two District 19 CPOs arrested a woman from Decatur for DUI on Saturday. The woman was driving erratically and a traffic stop was initiated. Upon stopping the woman, she immediately began showing signs of impairment. She was arrested and transported to Macon County Jail. The woman openly admitted to being on several doctor prescribed medications, smoking cannabis earlier in the day, and smoking crack cocaine as well.

A District 19 CPO appeared at two hunter safety courses as well as meeting with multiple landowners and gaining information on several high activity poaching areas.

REGION IV

CPOs in Jersey and Calhoun Counties responded to a tip of someone setting illegal nets in Otter Creek in Jersey County. They responded to the area and caught a subject with two illegally set trammel nets. He was in possession of a large mouth bass and a dead walleye. A trot line with no name and address was placed between the two nets. The subject denied the trot line belonged to him.

A District Sergeant in Jersey County was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park and checking on the Outdoor Women event when he located a subject walking down the road with a back pack and carrying a plastic bag. The subject was harvesting different types of mushrooms. The subject denied harvesting ginseng. A search of the back pack revealed several ginseng roots. The subject did not have a ginseng license and was harvesting ginseng without permission.

A CPO in Calhoun County was patrolling Pere Marquette State Park when he used his radar on three motorcycles which appeared to be traveling over the speed limit. Radar indicated they were traveling 98 mph in a 55 mph zone. The CPO attempted to follow them. The CPO followed them to Hardin. With the help of a Calhoun County Deputy, he made contact with them at the gas station.

A CPO in Macoupin County attended Hunting and Fishing Days at Nilo Farms.

A CPO in Adams County attended a safety fair in Hancock County.

A CPO in Calhoun County attended a safety fair in Calhoun County.

REGION V

District 14 CPOs scheduled an airplane detail in Pope and Hardin County to identify subjects spotlighting from vehicles. The airplane observer identified and directed CPOs to a vehicle that was observed spotlighting in Pope County. The CPOs located and stopped the vehicle. The subject threw the spotlight out the window. The CPOs found the 3 million power spotlight being used. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful use of a spotlight from a motor vehicle in an area where wildlife was present.

Random commercial inspections were completed on a taxidermist and a migratory waterfowl permit in District 14.

A CPO was directed by ISP District 22 to proceed to Cairo at the beginning of his shift on Saturday. A shooting had just occurred between three subjects, two wounded. One subject ran into a nearby house and was believed to have barricaded himself inside. It was thought the homeowner and family were inside the house as well. When the CPO arrived, he was assigned to secure the rear entrance to the house. Cairo Police Department made entry to the house and the subject was on the floor, severely injured from two gunshot wounds.

A CPO stopped an ATV being operated on the roadway. The operator said he was just out for a ride because of the beautiful weather. The subject was cited and the ATV returned to the owner's garage.

A CPO was patrolling in Perry County when he heard shooting near the county line. A dove hunter was located hunting a sunflower field in Jackson County. Further investigation revealed the sunflower field had been baited with wheat. The investigation is on-going as there may be several subjects involved. The case will ultimately be referred to the USFWS (United States Fish & Wildlife Service).

A CPO was given several trail camera pictures of subjects trespassing on a Jackson County resident's property. The unknown subjects appear to be on the properties digging ginseng. The investigation into who these subjects are is continuing.

District 16 CPOs and the District Sergeant manned the Conservation Police trailer at the Southern Illinois celebration of Hunting and Fishing Days. This was the 26th year of this event and it had a two day record attendance of 46,000 people.

A CPO cited a subject for fishing without a license in Perry County.

CPOs attended the Border Conference in Benton Kentucky.

A CPO served charges for Wyoming Game and Fish for: unlawful take of a bull elk without a license and wanton waste.

A CPO instructed at a Hunter Safety Class in Johnson County with approximately 35 students in attendance.

A CPO instructed at a Hunter Safety Class in Massac County with approximately 50 students in attendance.

A CPO charged a subject for failure to obtain a camping permit and pay camping fees. The subject left their tent and camping gear on a campsite for eight days and avoided the campground host.

A CPO is investigating a timber theft case in Williamson County.

A CPO arrested a man wanted on a warrant for aggravated battery of a police officer. He was processed and jailed.

A CPO charged a man for taking a deer with a rifle during closed season and hunting from a roadway.

A CPO is currently investing several deer baited stands in Williamson County.

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A District 6 CPOT received a call of a wounded owl in the northbound median of I-90. The CPOT was able to locate the owl which appeared to have been struck by a vehicle. There was a small puddle of blood on the ground near the owl and one of its eyes was closed. When the owl spotted the CPOT, it flew across I-90 and disappeared into the woods.

A District 6 CPOT received a call of a missing intoxicated woman in Rock Cut State Park. Less than five minutes after being dispatched to the call, the CPOT was advised the woman was found at her residence.

District 6 CPOs attended Illinois Vehicle Code Training in Dixon.

A District 6 CPOT received several complaints about speeding in Rock Cut State Park. The CPOT focused enforcement on speeding in the park and wrote multiple citations and warnings for speed.

A District 6 CPOT received a complaint from a concerned citizen. The man stated he lived near Rockford Airport and typically sees large amounts of geese. The man went on to say he had not seen any geese at all this year. The man advised the CPOT that an airport worker told him he was going to kill all the geese on the airport property and the man was concerned that this was why he hadn't seen any geese this year. The CPOT advised the man that he would look into the permits issued to the airport and offered other explanations for the lack of geese the man had been seeing.

A District 6 CPOT received a complaint from an archery deer hunter about hunter harassment. The CPOT spoke with all parties involved and found no violations. The CPOT explained hunter harassment and other property and hunting related laws in question to both parties and attempted to diffuse the situation. The dispute between the hunter and adjacent land owner is ongoing and may require future intervention from law enforcement.

A District 6 CPOT checked archery deer hunters at the Rockton Bog Natural area and other areas in Winnebago County.

The Region I Captain attended Outdoor Stewardship Days in Dixon, IL with the Education Trailer. She talked to six groups of third graders about our job duties, wildlife, and boating safety.

A District 6 CPO responded to a fall from a boat ramp at Starved Rock. Upon arrival, the CPO observed an elderly lady bleeding from the back of the head. The CPO assisted an on scene physician with First Aid until EMS arrived. The woman had a head contusion, laceration and concussion in addition to back strain.

A District 7 CPO was on routine patrol when he observed a subject in the woods with a backpack. After contacting the subject it was found he was looking for ginseng. A short time later another subject was also found looking for ginseng. Both had been dropped off in an illegal area (State Fish and Wildlife Area) and neither had ginseng harvest licenses. The drop off driver was contacted and appropriate citations were issued.

A District 7 CPO arrested three Chicago men for trespassing to harvest ginseng. One hundred fifty-five ginseng roots were seized as evidence.

A District 6 CPO arrested five individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals for fishing without permission.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals and issued nine citations for unlawful harvest of ginseng from a Nature Preserve. Sixty-eight ginseng roots, tea boiled down from the roots, and tools used for harvesting were all seized.

A District 1 CPO conducted a watercraft registration and title investigation. An eleven foot V-bottom aluminum fishing boat was purchased at an estate sale then sold to the current owner. The boat was last registered in 1969. At the conclusion of the investigation the boat was approved for titling.

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties during the opening week of archery deer season. Multiple hunter compliance checks were completed. No violations were discovered.

A District 1 CPO received a TIPS complaint about a suspicious vehicle containing archery hunting equipment parked in a rural subdivision. An investigation revealed no violations.

A District 1 CPO stopped a vehicle in Mississippi Palisades State Park for expired registration. It was later determined the vehicle was also uninsured. The driver was cited for the uninsured motor vehicle and warned for the expired registration.

A District 1 CPO was checking archery deer hunters. A Cicero man was cited for hunting without a hunting license and warned for no habitat stamp. The man explained he thought he only needed the permits. The CPO went over the Hunting Digest with him and asked the man when he took his hunter safety class? The man responded "just a couple years ago."

A District 1 CPO was working on some paperwork one evening when a man in camouflage walked up to the office with a grocery bag with turkey wings sticking out. The CPO met the man at the door and asked if she could help him. The man asked where he could find a dumpster. The CPO explained there were several throughout the campground but asked what he had in the bag to throw away? The man said a turkey. The CPO asked the man to tell her about his hunt. The CPO asked where the tag for the turkey was. The man explained it was in a bag back at his campsite. The CPO checked the man's hunting license. It was determined the hunter hadn't tagged the turkey and had transported it untagged from one county to another. The CPO explained the importance of immediately tagging the turkey upon kill and all of the

consequences it could have. The CPO invalidated the man's tag and helped him check his turkey in. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 1 CPO responded to Big Bend Fish and Wildlife Area over the weekend after three hunters were trapped in a parking area due to a downed tree. A local Hunter Safety Instructor aided the hunters in cutting the tree off the road way with permission.

A District 1 CPO attended the Illinois Trapper Association Convention held at the Mercer County Fair Grounds in Aledo, IL. As part of the convention they sponsored a Trapper Safety Education Course. Unfortunately the number of students was lower than expected, however the cold weather was believed to influence the low turnout. The ITA membership coordinator said their membership numbers have nearly doubled in the past two years and they expected a larger crowd but the weather did not cooperate.

A District 1 CPO worked a TIPS complaint regarding an archery deer hunter who was hunting within the village limits of Carbon Cliff. The CPO located the hunter in question as he was dragging a deer out to his vehicle. The hunter appeared to be properly licensed and following all State laws. It appeared the Colona IL man may be hunting within village limits. This violation would be covered by village ordinance and must be enforced by local law enforcement. This case was referred to the Rock Island County Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

While checking archery deer hunters, Conservation Police observed two men placing trophy rocks in front of their deer stands. The CPO informed the men that feeding deer was illegal. Both men were given citations for feeding or placing food where deer are present. The feeding of deer is illegal due to the spread of CWD and its enforcement wide spread.

District 6 CPOT issued a hunter a citation for hunting without a hunting license (deer).

A CPOT stopped a car in Rock Cut State Park for only one red tail light. While speaking to the occupants of the car a strong odor of alcoholic beverage was smelled emitting from the vehicle. The driver was asked to exit the vehicle and the Officer attempted to have him perform field sobriety testing. The driver refused all testing and was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). He was also cited for the tail light violation, illegal transportation of alcohol – driver, and unlawful possession of alcohol against posted regulations. The extremely offensive passenger was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol and unlawful possession of alcohol against posted regulations. Even after locating their beer in canteens in the vehicles, both subjects claimed there was no alcohol in the vehicle and they were being oppressed.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on a Whiteside County home owner for placing a mineral block to attract deer. The home owner was given a Hunter's Digest and explained the reason for the law that prohibits their use.

In early September, a District 7 CPO received a trespassing complaint from a privately owned firm in west central Illinois. The complaint was made by an employee after he noticed pictures of the suspects on a trail camera. The photos showed three males carrying fishing poles into the

incorporated property. After coordinating with the local Sheriff's office, the investigation led to the identification of all three suspects including an accomplice. Two district 7 CPOs interviewed one of the suspects and received a confession outlining the unlawful activities. Eight citations and four written warnings were issued to the four suspects for criminal trespass to real property, fishing without permission, and fishing without a valid sport fishing license

A District 7 CPO received a hunter harassment complaint from two Peoria County hunters. After talking to all involved parties the CPO did not have enough evidence to proceed with enforcement action on the harassment complaint against the neighbors. Enforcement action was taken, however, on one of the complainants for violating his current hunting revocation. The CPO also cited the neighbor for unlawful feeding/baiting of wildlife. The hunter harassment complaint is still under investigation.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

District 11 CPOs identified several baited areas within District 11.

A District 11 CPO cited a Marshall man for the unlawful take and retaining of a raccoon alive in Clark County.

A District 11 CPO investigated a Target Illinois Poacher hotline complaint of a Macon County man seen leaving the Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area in Moultrie County with an untagged doe. The CPO located the man and the deer was tagged and reported in as a harvest.

A District 11 CPO arrested two Shelbyville men for hunting without permission in rural Shelby County. A man went to hunt in the morning and the two Shelbyville men were in his two man ladder stand. One of the men was warned last year not to hunt on that particular piece of property.

Two District 11 officers participated in a joint exercise with the Shelby County Dive Team and other agencies on Lake Shelbyville. A sunken boat, from a 2012 boat accident, was located and recovered by the Shelby County Dive Team from an approximate depth of 30 feet.

A District 19 CPO checked two fishermen along the Vermilion River and upon seeing the CPO approaching, immediately dropped their poles. When asked to see their fishing licenses both anglers stated they were at home. A Point of Sale check revealed they had lied and did not have any fishing licenses. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 19 CPO conducted a spotlighting detail in southern Ford County.

A District 19 CPO investigated a complaint in Kickapoo State Park regarding hunters walking around with their bows and hiding two deer in a tent. The deer were indeed found in the tent; however the hunters were completely legal.

A District 19 CPO wrote a Decatur man for hunting over bait on opening day of bow season.

A District 19 CPO observed a car run a red light in Clinton so he conducted a traffic stop of a Decatur man and his female passenger. Due to reasonable suspicion during the stop, the CPO requested a County K-9 unit. The K9 alerted on the driver side door for drugs. The car was searched and a pipe and cannabis were discovered. The Decatur man was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control device and his female passenger was issued two charges for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

A Region 3 Captain conducted a traffic stop on a female driver from Decatur after she made an abrupt lane change almost hitting the Captains squad truck. She was found to have no valid driver's license and no valid insurance for the motor vehicle. Enforcement action was taken.

REGION IV

A Jersey County CPO was working a night patrol when he observed a vehicle backing up on the wrong side of the road. A traffic stop revealed the driver was driving while license revoked, was in possession of drug paraphernalia, was in possession of cannabis and wanted on a warrant for failure to appear on a previous drug charge.

REGION V

A CPO responded to a TIP complaint in Saline County. He cited a Harrisburg man for being in possession of a raccoon without a proper permit. The same CPO issued the same man a written warning a day earlier for hanging a tree stand on mine property without permission.

An archery deer hunter was arrested for violating his Restricted Driving permit. Stipulations of the RDP were to operate from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for work only Monday -Saturday.

CPOs located a baited area in District 14 via a landowner complaint. The area is being monitored.

A District 14 CPO is conducting background investigations on possible new Office of Law Enforcement hires.

Multiple random commercial inspections were completed in District 14.

A retired CPOs funeral was attended in Shawneetown over the weekend by Officers from throughout Region 5. Visitation and funeral details were arranged and provided for by local CPOs.

CPOs attended Conservation Days at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The three day event brought in approximately 700 kids, 3rd through 6th grade.

A CPO is investigating a timber theft in Williamson County.

A CPO had a call where stolen property was recovered in Giant City State Park. The property was returned to its rightful owner.

A CPO responded to a call of an injured Bald Eagle in Alexander County. The eagle had a broken wing. It was taken to a local rehabilitation facility for evaluation.

A CPO is investigating a baited deer hunting stand.

A CPO charged a Union County subject with unlawful take of deer with high powered rifle (30-06), from the roadway.

A CPO continued monitoring baited deer stands in Williamson County. No arrests have been made as of yet.

A CPO spoke at a Hunter Safety education class in Marion.

A CPO is investigating several baited deer stands in Johnson County.

A CPO charged the passenger of a car with transportation of open alcohol.

A CPO spoke at a Trapper Education class in Jackson County.

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October 15, 2014**

REGION I

A District 6 CPOT enforced speed limits in Rock Cut State Park.

A District 6 CPOT checked archery deer hunters at the Rockton Bog Natural area and other areas in Winnebago County.

A District 6 CPOT checked fishermen along the Rock River.

A District 6 CPO observed three subjects drinking at Starved Rock. When the CPO asked for ID to confirm they were 21 or older, the CPO detected the odor of cannabis. Two of the subjects had cannabis and pipes in their possession and one of the two also had a grinder. Citations for paraphernalia and cannabis less than 2.5 gms were issued.

CPOs cited multiple subjects for not wearing life jackets.

A CPO responded to a reported drowning in Hancock County. A crew member fell off a tugboat on the Mississippi River

A District 7 CPO was contacted and responded to a report of a fatal hunting accident. The report alleged a male subject had fallen from an elevated tree stand the evening before. Upon arriving on the scene, two District 7 CPOs observed and photographed the scene and spoke to

witnesses. All witness accounts and evidence gathered were compiled and the investigation is ongoing.

A District 7 CPO responded to a call of a male subject who was reported missing from a barge on the Mississippi River. The report alleged a male subject had left the Captain's quarters to use the restroom and never returned. Search and recovery efforts and an investigation into the incident are ongoing.

A District 7 CPO responded to a trespassing complaint in rural Peoria County. The complainant stated a truck was parked on their property and no one was allowed on the property at all. The CPO arrived on the scene and spoke with the complainant. The CPO noticed vehicle tracks leading to the creek edge. At the edge of the creek, the CPO saw obvious signs that a canoe had been launched. The CPO began to search the nearest downstream locations known to unload a canoe while the complainant remained at the suspect's vehicle. Shortly thereafter, the CPO received a call that the suspect was back on a moped. After approaching the individual and explaining the obvious violations, appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A CPO located a deer hunting area baited with apples in a State Park. The entire area has been closed to hunting.

A CPO cited an individual for illegally removing mushrooms from a Nature Preserve. The individual that was cited went right by a sign that stated that nothing can be removed from the Nature Preserve.

While checking deer stands in Putnam County, a CPO encountered two individuals who had just spread deer cocaine in front of their stand. The CPO approached the two hunters and informed them that feeding deer is illegal. Both men said they were unaware that feeding deer is illegal. The CPO issued both hunters citations for feeding deer. The area will continue to be monitored for future hunting activity to ensure no one is hunting over a baited area.

A District 1 CPO responded to a complaint from a farmer of a poached deer on property he farms. The CPO opened the plastic bag that contained deer remains and other garbage. The CPO was able to track down a suspect based on what he found. A check of the suspect prior to the interview showed the suspect did not have a hunting license, habitat stamp or any deer permit and possessed only a valid fishing license. The suspect stated "Yes I did clean a deer to help out my neighbor and he gave me some of the deer meat." The man went on to say he did not dump the carcass but would be happy to clean it up right away. The CPO was very familiar with the young neighbor who harvested the deer in question. A check of IDNR records indicated the young neighbor did in fact have a valid hunting license, habitat stamp, archery permits (he checked in two does on 10-9-14). The CPO then interviewed the young Joslin IL man. The young man stated "It stunk so bad we had to get rid of it so I could use the bucket to clean the other deer." The CPO told the young man he was very disappointed with the way the situation was handled, trespassing on property he didn't have permission to be on, dumping the carcass and leaving other trash with it (plastic bag, latex gloves misc. paperwork). A talk about hunting ethics took place and the young man was issued two written warnings for the violations.

A Region 1 District 1 CPO was checking Archery and Youth Firearm deer hunters. The CPO observed an archery hunter at his vehicle ready to head to the field. The CPO noticed the archery hunter did not have the required blaze orange clothing on. The hunter stated he didn't realize it was youth firearms deer season so he didn't think to wear blaze orange clothing. The hunter had not started hunting yet so the CPO verbally advised the archery deer hunter it would behoove him to go get proper blaze orange clothing prior to starting the hunt for safety as well as financial reasons. The hunter agreed.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals for fishing without permission.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful possession of less than 2.5 gr of cannabis.

A District 6 CPO arrested seven individuals for entering a restrict area at Starved Rock State Park.

A District 6 CPO arrested two individuals for unlawful possession of alcohol on the trail system at Starved Rock.

A District 6 officer conducted a compliance check of three fishermen. During the check it was determined that one of the individuals did not have a fishing license. When the officer tried to explain he was going to issue a citation the officer realized the apparent language barrier between him and the fisherman would make it difficult to just issue the citation and leave. The officer contacted a language service by phone and had a translator explain to the fisherman why he was receiving the citation and how to plead guilty or not guilty.

A District 6 officer conducted a compliance check of two deer hunters at Starved Rock. One hunter was trying to hide a plastic bag while the officer conducted the check. The officer found an illegally taken squirrel and mushrooms in the bag. The officer explained that the hunting area they were in was only open for deer hunting. Enforcement action was taken.

District 6 officers responded to two calls of hikers in distress at Starved Rock and Matthiessen State Parks over the weekend. One hiker was out of breath, dizzy, and had ringing in her ears; she also has a history of high blood pressure. An officer located her on the trails and guided the EMTs to her location. The other hiker had injured her ankle while hiking. Two officers located her on the trails, while another officer directed the ambulance to a location that would allow for faster treatment of the injured hiker. Both hikers were checked out by the EMTs and refused further medical treatment.

District 6 CPOs are investigating a TIPS Complaint of a baited stand in Winnebago County.

A CPO in District 6 stopped a car in Winnebago Co for a headlamp violation. The Passenger of that vehicle was holding an open Milwaukee's Best beer in hand while the officer was speaking to the driver. A later search of the vehicle revealed a small amount of cocaine and 1.3grams of

heroin. The passenger was arrested for Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Unlawful possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol – Passenger.

A District 7 CPO is investigating a complaint of the unlawful dumping of four deer carcasses on private property without permission from the landowner.

A CPO investigated a TIPS complaint regarding the illegal baiting of deer. A search of the area revealed the tree stand location was baited and the case remains under investigation.

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties in Jo Daviess County during the youth firearm deer season. During any of the firearm deer seasons the areas are closed to all but site specific firearm deer permit holders. Multiple youth firearm and archery deer hunter compliance checks were completed. Four archery hunters were found without the required blaze orange clothing in areas closed to archery deer hunting. Youth firearm deer hunters were present and hunting. Tickets were issued to for ‘entering a closed area.’ Warnings were issued to those same archery hunters for ‘hunt deer during the youth firearm season without the required blaze orange’ and ‘hunt without displaying a site specific windshield permit.’

A District 1 CPO cited two subjects archery hunting at a State Site without blaze orange during the youth firearm deer season. Both subjects had been in violation in the same area during the late-winter season.

Two kayakers were cited for operation of a non-powered watercraft without a valid water usage stamp on the Mississippi River at Millers Hollow boat launch.

A District 1 CPO responded to a call of an unknown white substance in a creek near Coal Valley. It was confirmed to be bad milk intentionally released from the dairy farm upstream. There was no fish kill and no other public health concerns at the time. The Illinois EPA was on scene and assisted with the investigation.

REGION II

A District 2 CPO investigated a hit and run accident involving state property at Moraine Hills State Park. A witness saw a vehicle run off the road and through both sides of a fence along the bike trail on River Road. The CPO went to the scene and observed the track marks in the mud along the fence. The witness called the CPO with the plate information. The CPO went to the subject's house where the damaged vehicle was parked. The subject admitted to leaving the scene, but was not impaired. She was cited for failure to notify the police of an accident and damage to state property.

A District 2 CPO cited a subject for hunting deer with the aid of bait. A written warning was also issued for not signing his deer permit.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO responded to a Shelby County landowner who had unknown subjects trespassing to harvest ginseng on his land. The subjects were gone from the area upon their arrival, however the investigation continues.

A District 11 CPO continues to conduct background investigations on Conservation Police applicants.

Region 3 conducted two night range training shoots at the Dewitt County Sheriff's Office Range.

A Lincoln Trail State Park employee found a Marshall woman deceased, hanging from a tree, in the State Park. Clark County Sheriff's Office and two District 11 CPOs responded to the scene. Illinois State Police Investigations and the Clark County Coroner's Office were called to handle the death investigation.

A District 11 CPO completed a deer poaching investigation in rural Coles County. Enforcement action was taken on a Fair Grange man.

A District 11 CPO spoke with several youths and their parents prior to the annual youth deer hunt on Lake Shelbyville hosted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

A District 11 CPO responded to a hit and run accident at the edge of Wolf Creek State Park in which a Vandalia man was driving recklessly through the park and lost control of his vehicle causing it to go off of the roadway and jump a ditch. The vehicle struck a large sign directly in front of the bait shop destroying it. The driver fled, making it approximately 2 miles down the road before one of the bait shop employees was able to block them in. The CPO was in the area and responded within a couple of minutes. The driver was arrested for multiple vehicle code violations including driving on a suspended license. He was transported to the Shelby County jail where he was left awaiting bond. The sign was valued at approximately \$1,000. The car was heavily damaged and had to be towed from the scene.

A District 19 CPO worked late shifts focusing on spotlighting and illegal hunting activity along the east side of central Illinois.

A District 19 CPO took enforcement action on a hunter without a Habitat Stamp near Middle Fork.

A District 19 CPO conducted administrative investigations on whitetail deer harvests that occurred at Clinton Lake State Park. The detail revealed numerous violations and the investigation is still on-going and so far, one suspect was interviewed and issued one citation and three written warnings.

A District 19 CPO, while checking fishermen on the Vermilion River in Vermilion County, located two subjects involved in an active meth lab. Both subjects fled, entering the water, however one suspect was apprehended. Vermilion County MEG was notified along with Illinois State Police. They took custody of the one suspect and removed the active meth lab due to environmental hazards. The second suspect was identified and will have warrants and chargers against him soon.

REGION IV

A CPO in Pike County responded to a complaint in Adams County of hunting without permission. An Adams County deputy arrived very quickly and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle leaving the scene. The deputy observed an untagged deer and asked for assistance. A father and grandfather had two youths hunting with them. They did not get permission to hunt this year, but they had permission to in the past. The deputy advised that the property had changed hands due to a death and the present owner did not allow hunting. The father was in possession of a tag of a third child who was not present. The grandfather received citations for hunting without permission and failure to tag deer upon kill. Written warnings were issued for no blaze orange hat and hunting along roadway. The father received citations for hunting without permission and possession of another hunter's permits. Written warnings were issued for no blaze orange and hunting along roadway. Permits and license of the child not present were seized. One child stated his older brother never hunts.

A CPO in Brown County arrested an archery hunter for hunting with the aid of bait. The subject had a bag of apples he was using as bait.

A CPO in Jersey County arrested a subject fishing without a license on the Mississippi River in Alton. The subject was wanted on a St. Louis Police Department warrant for a probation violation. Bond was \$5000. He was transported to the Madison County jail.

A CPO in Jersey County stopped a vehicle for speeding in Pere Marquette State Park. The driver was wanted on a Greene County arrest warrant for contempt of court. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

The District Sergeant responded to a call in Pere Marquette State Park of a female sleeping in her vehicle in a remote area of the park. Upon arrival he noticed damage to the front of the vehicle. The female told him she had gotten into a fight with her boyfriend and didn't have anywhere to go. As she was looking for her driver's license and insurance card in her purse, he noticed a pipe. A search of the purse revealed three more pipes and a small amount of cannabis. Her vehicle was towed and she was taken to jail. At the jail he learned she was being investigated for a hit and run accident.

A CPO in Calhoun attended a safety day at the McCully Heritage Project in Kampsville. Multiple schools were involved in this event. One hundred twenty-six 6th graders attended.

A CPO in Adams County responded to a missing person in Hancock County. The person was a barge worker and supposedly fell off the barge in the middle of the night. The search continues.

A CPO in Adams County arrested a subject for feeding whitetail deer. The area was baited with a salt block and cracked corn. He had also constructed a stand on public ground using nails.

A CPO in Adams County checked three bow hunters. All three hunters were not wearing any blaze orange. One hunter did not have any permits. One hunter failed to tag his deer. All three

were given written warnings for the blaze orange. One hunter was cited for hunting without deer permits. One hunter was cited for failure to tag a deer upon kill.

A CPO in Adams County found a hunter in possession of an untagged 12 point deer at Siloam Springs State Park. There were no visible wounds to the deer. The investigation is pending.

REGION V

A concerned caller reported a big fish kill near Carmi. A CPO responded and checked five miles of river by boat near the city and did not find any dead fish.

Four men received over \$2,200.00 in fines and 6 months supervision for unlawfully hunting waterfowl over bait in Pope County.

A CPO completed a random inspection on a livery license holder in Franklin County.

A burglary at the Mt. Vernon Game Farm is currently under investigation.

An Alabama man was arrested in Jefferson County for taking two youths firearm deer hunting a day before the season opened.

A CPO spoke at a Hunter Safety Class held in Murphysboro.

A CPO completed a random inspection of a Jackson County retail fish dealer. No violations were discovered.

A CPO was able to identify two subjects photographed on a landowner's trail camera. The subjects were walking through the landowner's field after setting up a tree stand on the Shawnee National Forest. Walking through the field was an easier walk than staying on the forest land. Both subjects have been warned to stay off this landowner's property.

A CPO received a report of an injured Bald Eagle in Jackson County. Upon arrival, the Bald Eagle had died. It was transferred to a local rehabilitator to be transported to the USFWS.

A CPO arrested a subject while on park patrol for speeding and no valid driver's license. The subject was taken to jail.

A CPO conducted a random commercial inspection of a person with an aquaculture permit. No violations were discovered during the inspection.

A CPO received a call that a person was in a closed portion of the Shawnee to collect snakes with snake handling equipment which is illegal. The subject was gone upon arrival. Witnesses at the area stated the subject had a snake hook with him but had left it alongside the road when he had been confronted by other hikers. They said that when he returned to his vehicle that the snake hook had somehow been damaged. The subject's vehicle information was being forwarded to the USFS.

A CPO checked hunters coming in off the Big Muddy River. One youth hunter had been successful and had killed a deer. The operator of the boat, however, had minor boat equipment violations. He was issued written warnings for them.

A CPO cited a subject for hunting deer without consent of landowner Alexander County.

A CPO cited a Missouri subject for no blaze orange while bow hunting during youth firearm season on his antlerless only permit.

A CPO cited a Louisiana subject who had taken a youth from Louisiana firearm deer hunting. The youth stated that the adult "held the flashlight" on some deer so he could shoot one. The adult was cited.

A CPO stopped a vehicle in a remote area of the Shawnee National Forest. The subjects were very nervous and suspected to be on stimulants as they had a strong odor of cannabis on them. The CPO located the cannabis and multiple pipes on driver. The passenger was in possession of methamphetamine, a plastic bag of meth fell out of the passenger's pant leg during pat down. The CPO also located cannabis in multiple locations in vehicle. Freshly harvested cannabis was located in a box on the passenger floor as well. A straw with white powder residue was also located in the car. The driver also had a suspended driver's license. The CPO issued multiple IVC violations. Both subjects had criminal histories which included dangerous drug charges. Both were charged and jailed pending bond.

District 16 Sergeant assisted the Jackson County Sheriff's Department with an injured Bald Eagle. The Eagle was hit by a car and eventually flew away after many unsuccessful attempts to capture it.

A CPO cited two archery hunters for failing to wear blaze orange during youth season.

**Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
October 22, 2014**

REGION I

A District 1 CPO focused on waterfowl enforcement on the opening weekend of waterfowl season in the North Zone. Several violations were discovered and addressed including license and stamp violations, failure to maintain separate bag limits and several boat safety equipment violations.

District 1 CPOs patrolled the Mississippi River in Carroll County for the North Zone waterfowl opening weekend.

Two District 1 CPOs patrolled the Mississippi River Pool 13. They checked several waterfowl hunters and a few fishermen. Two subjects were cited for children under 13 years old not

wearing their lifejackets. Warnings were issued for equipment violations such as uncovered battery terminals and not having a sounding device.

A District Sergeant was called to assist DeKalb County Sheriff with a suicidal subject in Waterman. The subject's wife was reporting he was using face time and she was watching him attempt suicide. After searching the residence he was not located. A deputy arrived and they searched a second residence. They were unable to locate the subject but a neighbor advised he had taken off in a vehicle. The Sergeant located the subject and stopped him on Rte 30 in Hinckley. He was taken into custody and the Sergeant was able to convince the subject to voluntarily commit himself. He was then transported to a DeKalb hospital by the local Fire Department.

While walking the trails of Starved Rock State Park, Conservation Police noticed two women climbing in one of the canyons. The CPO told the women to come down and informed them it was illegal to climb anywhere in the park. The CPO asked the two women for their identification. Neither woman had an ID on them. The CPO ran the information given by the women and found the names and dates of birth to be inaccurate. The CPO walked the women back and attempted to get their correct information. The CPO was finally able to get correct names and information from the two women. The CPO cited both women for climbing and providing false identification. The false identification is a Class A misdemeanor and will require a court appearance as well as them having to be fingerprinted.

A District 6 officer assisted a LaSalle County Deputy with a DUI arrest.

A District 6 officer responded to a call of a gun found in Matthiessen State Park. While en route to the park the officer called the woman who had found the gun. She had been walking in a grassy area near a playground when she located a black handgun. She admitted she did not know anything about guns but it looked real to her. When the officer arrived he determined it was an air soft pistol that looked a lot like a 9mm handgun. The officer thanked the woman for her concern and calling the police.

A District 6 officer assisted with a serious vehicle accident on I-80.

A District 6 officer located two individuals off the trails at Starved Rock State Park. They said they were picking mushrooms. Besides the mushrooms they were picking off the trails the officer located cannabis in their possession.

Two District 6 CPOs investigated a complaint of unlawful baiting of deer. The suspect has not been identified and the case remains under investigation.

A District 6 CPO received a complaint of hunting without permission. The CPO located a stand and two trail cameras. The two cameras were seized and the investigation is pending.

A District 1 CPO patrolled the Mississippi River during the opening weekend of duck season. No hunting violations were observed. Written warnings were issued for various watercraft safety equipment violations.

A CPO in Henderson County conducted a trout enforcement detail at Lake Argyle State Park in Colchester. Twelve boat and fish violations were detected during the five hours of enforcement time.

A District 6 CPO checked archery deer hunters at the Rockton Bog Natural area.

A District 6 CPO checked fishermen along the Rock River.

A District 6 CPO handled a complaint about possible deer poaching.

A District 6 CPO searched a public hunting area in his Region in reference to an anonymous complaint and the investigation is ongoing.

A District 6 CPO attended a night shoot and firearms qualification in Chillicothe.

A case was started at a Spring Valley, IL boat dealer for not filing watercraft registrations and taxes from boat sales within the 15 days following the sale. The case is on-going. Law Enforcement is making sure everyone gets their registrations in as soon as possible.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

No activity reported.

REGION IV

A CPO in Brown County was patrolling Buckhorn and he was checking the vehicles of hunters in the field. The CPO observed a pipe in plain view sitting on a cooler in the front seat of a vehicle. When the hunter returned to his vehicle, he was confronted about the pipe. The pipe was used to smoke cannabis.

A CPO in Jersey County located a baited tree stand several weeks ago and checked the baited tree stand off and on. Finally, the CPO located a hunter in the stand. Immediately after exiting his squad, the CPO heard a loud noise and noticed the tree stand was no longer occupied. He ran to the stand location and found the hunter on the ground under the stand. The hunter complained of a back injury and an ambulance was called. The hunter told the CPO he knew the stand was baited and was trying to flee the scene. The hunter was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Alton.

REGION V

Two boaters were recovered from a sinking boat that hit a tree stump under the water line, on the north end of Rend Lake. Two separate boats assisted the stranded boaters. Local fishermen were in a boat and the District 14 sergeant took out Corps of Engineers Rangers on the IDNR boat to assist bringing the boaters and their gear to safety. The boat accident is being investigated by the Conservation Police.

A hunter safety class was attended and the law portion taught to over 40 students in Sesser by a CPO.

Two District 14 CPOs assisted District 16 with the Fort Massac Encampment.

A CPO issued two citations for two subjects hunting without permission in Pope County.

The District Sgt and the Lawrence County CPO arrested a subject in the city limits of Effingham for killing a white tail deer by use of a crossbow and the aid of a vehicle.

A CPO cited a Perry County resident for possessing two live squirrels. The squirrels were released back into the wild.

A CPO performed an inspection of an aquaculture permit holder in Johnson County. No violations were noted.

A CPO charged two subjects for fishing without fishing licenses. One subject had been charged by this same CPO several years ago for the same violation.

A CPO cited a North Carolina hunter who possessed a single antlerless only permit. He was cited for failure to tag a deer immediately upon harvest and for not possessing a hunting license. The hunter was warned for hunting without permission after contacting the landowner who chose to not press charges.

District 16 CPOs attended firearms qualification at 10 Mile Range.

District 14, 15, & 16 CPOs provided security for the Fort Massac Encampment in Metropolis. The command trailer was set up and assistance was provided by District 22 Illinois State Police, Metropolis Police Department, Metropolis Fire, Metropolis County Fire, IMERTS, Massac 911, Life Flight and Angel Flight. An estimated 204,000 people attended the event Friday through Sunday. Nine lost children were returned to their parents, four medical emergencies were attended to and one vendor was removed from the event. CPOs provided 24 hour coverage from Friday through Monday.

**Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
October 29, 2014**

REGION I

A District 6 CPO checked a public hunting area where there were reports of deer stands being left illegally overnight. The CPO located three stands in addition to one found earlier in the season. Enforcement action is pending.

A District 6 CPO observed two hikers climbing in the Starved Rock Trails. Consent to search the subjects was given during questioning and two vaporizers and a form of cannabis called “wax” was discovered. Citations for climbing, drug paraphernalia, and possession of less than 2.5 grams were issued.

A CPO arrested two subjects on drug charges while checking fishing licenses.

A District 6 CPO arrested three individuals for fishing without permission.

A District 6 CPO arrested ten individuals for climbing in a restricted area at Starved Rock.

A District 6 CPO arrested eight individuals for remaining in a State Park after it had closed.

A District 6 CPO arrested an individual for unlawful possession of alcohol on the trails at Starved Rock.

A District 1 CPO patrolled IDNR hunting properties. The following violations were discovered and addressed: deer hunting without a valid hunting license, deer hunting without a valid habitat stamp and deer hunting without a site specific windshield permit.

A District 7 CPO responded to a complaint of individuals engaged in unlawful boating activities on closed waters of Anderson Lake SFWA. Boating activities are prohibited one week prior to the opening of the central zone duck season. This complaint came in the night before the opening morning of central zone duck season. Upon arrival, the CPO observed several boats on Anderson Lake SFWA unlawfully. The individuals were contacted and the infraction was thoroughly explained. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 7 CPO worked the opening day of duck season at Rice Lake SFWA. Several violations were noted during vessel inspections at the Rice Lake Boat Ramp. A thorough explanation of the infractions noted was explained and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A CPO investigated a report that a convicted felon was hunting waterfowl in District 7. The investigation is ongoing.

Responding to a TIPS complaint of illegal baiting of deer and hunting without permission, a District 6 CPO located the suspect hunting from the tree stand. While conducting an investigation, the CPO discovered the hunter from Ohio didn't have an Illinois hunting license, Illinois habitat stamp or Illinois archery deer permit. These violations were in addition to hunting without permission, unlawfully attempting to take deer by the aid of bait and criminal damage to property for cutting a tree branch on the complainant's property. The CPO issued citations for attempting to take deer by the aid of bait, hunting without permission and archery hunting without obtaining an Illinois non-resident archery permit and written warnings for not having an Illinois hunting license, not having an Illinois habitat stamp and criminal damage.

A District 1 CPO investigated hunting without permission complaint in Ogle County. A subject was discovered hunting in the landowner's stand and fled the area before being identified. The landowner then discovered the trespasser had dumped a large amount of bait on the ground and had set a trail camera up to view the bait. After viewing the video on the camera, it was discovered the violator had himself on video dumping the bait. The investigation is continuing.

A District 1 CPO concluded an investigation of a TIPS complaint in Ogle County. The complaint was received after a subject had posted photos online of himself deer hunting during youth firearm season, but was not wearing blaze orange. A records check of the subject showed he did not have a hunting license, habitat stamp, or any permits. The subject was located by the CPO after a local agency had arrested him on an outstanding warrant. The CPO interviewed the subject and issued him citations and warnings for his violations.

While on patrol for hunters in Carroll County, two District 1 CPOs observed a vehicle traveling a country road. As the vehicle passed the CPOs, a plate check was done. The check showed the plates to be expired. The CPOs stopped the vehicle and observed the sticker on the vehicle was current. Further investigation showed the plates did not belong to the vehicle and the driver had taken a sticker off his van and put on the plates to make them appear valid. In addition, the driver was suspended and had no insurance. The driver was arrested and received several charges and the vehicle was towed.

While checking fishermen in Ogle County, a District 1 CPO discovered a subject to be in possession of an undersized smallmouth bass. The angler was issued a citation and the fish was returned to the river.

District 6 officers stayed busy as Starved Rock State Park had 60,000 visitors over the weekend. Officers provided traffic control on both days. On Saturday, officers responded to an individual with a possible broken ankle. Later in the day officers dealt with a very upset individual at the Visitor Center because she couldn't remember where she parked her car; officers found her vehicle in a parking lot three miles away and gave her ride to her car. On Sunday, officers responded to two different lost children calls, all children were reunited with their parents. Numerous citations were issued over the weekend.

A District 6 officer responded to a TIPS complaint of two fishermen taking short walleye on the Fox River in Ottawa. Prior to the officer measuring the fish the men said they had measured them. The fishermen said they knew walleye caught on the Fox River had to be 14 inches to legally keep. Sure enough all the walleye were over the 14 inch length limit.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a combination criminal trespass/hunting over bait complaint in Whiteside County.

A District 1 CPO is investigating a hunter harassment complaint in Whiteside County.

While patrolling an area along the Ogle/Carroll County line that has had past road hunting and shining violations, CPOs observed a male subject wearing blaze orange driving slowly down the remote gravel road. A license plate check revealed that the plates were expired. A traffic stop

was initiated, and further investigation revealed that the Freeport man's driver's license was suspended and he had no proof of insurance. Arrest was made, citations issued, and vehicle was towed.

A District 7 CPO patrolled the Illinois River during the opening weekend of the Illinois central duck season.

A District 1 CPO responded to a complaint at Johnson Sauk Trail SRA of a vehicle parked in a hunting area and not in a designated parking lot. The hunters returned to their vehicle and the CPO was waiting in the dark for them. The driver was issued a citation for not parking in the appropriate area and several written warnings were issued for other violations.

REGION II

A District 2 CPOT and a District 4 CPOT were conducting waterfowl enforcement on the Fox Chain O' Lakes. They initiated a boat stop on an individual for a no-wake violation on the channel between Channel Lake and Lake Marie. The operator, dressed in blaze orange, had an uncased shotgun sitting next to him on the boat. The operator said he had been out duck hunting on the Chain O' Lakes. Noticing blood and shotgun shells in the boat, the CPOTs asked how many ducks he had killed. The operator proudly opened his cooler and pulled out two dead loons and a dead sea gull. A check of the shotgun revealed no plug. The operator was taken to Lake County Jail and charged with three counts of unlawful take of protected species, unlawful use of an unplugged shotgun, unlawful transportation of an uncased shotgun, unlawful possession of slug shotgun shells while hunting waterfowl, unlawful possession of a firearm without a valid FOID, and violation of no-wake area.

Two District 2 CPOTs were conducting sport fishing enforcement in McHenry County. Fishermen were checked on the Fox River near McHenry. A check of their basket revealed a 9 1/4 inch Walleye. The Walleye was released and a fisherman was issued a citation for failure to immediately release the short Walleye (14" minimum).

Two District 2 CPOs returned to an area with a baited tree stand in McHenry County. The subject in the tree stand denied knowledge of the mineral block 40 yards in front of his stand, as well as the fresh corn cob 25 yards in front of his stand. A citation was issued for hunting with the use/aid of bait.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO handled a dispute between duck hunters and fishermen on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County.

A District 11 CPO responded to a hunting complaint in the Tower Hill area in Shelby County of an unknown man hunting without permission. Investigation into the offender's identity continues.

A District 11 CPO responded to a Moultrie County call of an abandoned meth lab. The CPO found the remnants of a meth lab along the banks of Lake Shelbyville. It was properly disposed of.

A District 11 CPO received a tip that a rural Cumberland County man had poached a doe on the third day of archery season. The CPO went and spoke with the man who had shot the deer not far from his home on Lake Mattoon. The man had no hunting license or deer tags. The man received citations and warnings and has a pending court date. The deer meat was seized.

A District 11 CPO responded to a TIPs complaint in Clark County of hunting without permission and hunting by use of bait. The investigation is on-going.

A District 11 CPO attended a Hunter Safety course in Moultrie County.

Four District 19 CPOs assisted the Vermilion County Sherriff's Department in a search for a fleeing subject wanted for vehicle theft. The stolen vehicle was located by a CPO and Vermilion County Sherriff's Deputy. The subject had fled on foot into a cornfield but was later apprehended by the Sherriff's office.

A District 19 CPO attended a Hunter Safety Course in Iroquois County.

A District 19 CPO investigated a T.I.P.S in reference to a deer baiting case. The investigation is ongoing.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A hunter was cited in White County for hunting deer over bait.

Several CPOs and the Sergeant worked the Paralyzed Veteran Association (PVA) fishing tournament at Rend Lake.

A Franklin County deer outfitter was cited for allowing an Indiana resident to obtain resident deer permits and harvest a doe during a season in October 2013. The Outfitter did not have hunter logs to present for inspection.

A CPO assisted in the search and eventual reunion of a lost boy to his parents in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

Two deer, a 10 point and a 7 point buck, were illegally taken in Hamilton County during previous hunting seasons. An investigation revealed several doe permits were obtained and never filled by an out of state hunter. The Alabama hunter was cited for the unlawful take of the two deer and civil penalties were authorized on the citations. The hunter purchased \$25.00 non-resident antlerless-only deer permits instead of the \$410.00 non-resident either sex deer permits.

Two men were cited for criminal trespass to property in Franklin County. A CPO patrolling the property on an ATV saw a truck stuck on property posted as "no trespassing." The CPO returned to his squad truck and returned to cite the men for the violation.

A CPO responded to hunting without permission complaint in Perry County. The complainant has pictures of the trespassers on trail cameras. The identity of the subjects remains under investigation.

A CPO received a call from Union County EMA director stating that a family who had been hiking in the Bald Knob Wilderness area of the Shawnee National Forest was lost. The family consisted of a man, woman, 11 year old son, and 6 year old daughter. It was 9:00 pm and they were cold and running out of battery power for phone and flashlight. The CPO located them by foot several miles from any road in rugged terrain. He walked them out to the nearest road and provided them with clothing and water. They were relayed to their vehicle.

A CPO observed a full size van operating a spotlight from the window in remote Union County. The vehicle was occupied by six occupants. The CPO located a loaded rifle in the vehicle, and several subjects with extremely lengthy criminal histories including prison escape, and felon in possession of firearms. There was also a subject from Missouri who was with a protected party on an order of protection-- he was arrested. A subject from Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana was arrested. The Indiana driver was revoked and a pedophile and sexual predator as well as accessory to spotlighting and night hunting deer.

A CPO arrested a Tennessee man for falsification residency to obtain Illinois resident archery deer permits. The male was using a relative's address.

A CPO issued an Illinois resident hunter two written warnings for failure to tag his deer before moving it after harvesting the deer. The man had left his wallet and permit in his truck.

A CPO cited two Georgia hunters who did not have non- resident hunting licenses or habitat stamps for six consecutive years.

A CPO cited a North Carolina hunter for failure to record his deer harvest.

A CPO is investigating a non-resident for unlawful take of a buck who possesses an antlerless only permit.

A CPO is investigating a non-resident for falsification of residency.