



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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Hoftender issued a Chicago man a written warning for parking in a restricted area at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

CPO Beltran checked several deer hunters at Lake Carroll. Violations such as no hunting license, no habitat stamp, unlawful take of white-tailed deer, and failure to report harvest were discovered. Citations and warnings were issued.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Francisko was on his way to interview a suspect in a case when he observed two very young girls (approximately 6 and 7 years old) standing alone, and they appeared to be distressed. He stopped and determined that the girls were lost, scared, and not being properly supervised. The girls were able to give their mother’s phone number, and he called their mother. The mother was very upset that the girls were not being properly supervised by their older sibling who was supposed to be watching them. No charges were filed in this case, and the girls were safely returned home.

CPO Posateri responded to a complaint of another hunter using the owner’s tree stand. She met with the hunters, and the man occupying the tree stand had permission from the landowner to hunt. The owner of the tree stand thought he was the only hunter allowed there. After some discussion, both hunters agreed to continue hunting the property in different areas. No enforcement action was taken in this case.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited an Elizabeth man for possession of a fox without a game breeder permit and trapping without a license. He was issued a warning for release of wildlife without permission of the Department.

While checking waterfowl hunters, CPO Hoftender issued written warnings for failure to maintain separate bags and failure to have sounding device in the boat.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko checked walleye fishermen and issued two citations for fishing violations. Later in the shift, he conducted furbearer enforcement. He encountered a hunter with an uncased rifle in his vehicle, and a citation was issued for that violation. Five additional written warnings were issued for various hunting and fishing violations.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran investigated a deer hunting violation at Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Recreation Area. It was discovered that a local hunter failed to report his harvest for CWD testing. The hunter was issued citations and warnings for several violations.

CPO Beltran investigated a Freeport man for hunting over bait. It was discovered that four deer were unlawfully taken, and the hunter failed to have the necessary licenses. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Alt responded to a complaint of unlawful trapping of furbearing mammals during the closed season. An anonymous caller reported that a raccoon was caught in a live trap adjacent to a residence and was left to die. The dead raccoon was decaying in the trap. The investigation was validated; however, the resident denied placing the trap. Further investigation revealed the resident was unlawfully trapping badgers on the same property. The resident was cited for unlawful trapping of furbearing mammals during the closed season and issued a mandatory court appearance.

CPO Alt is currently investigating a complaint of unlawful hunting white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt completed a random commercial inspection of a licensed processed deer permit holder. No violations were detected.

CPO Alt completed a random commercial inspection of a licensed furbearer breeder permit holder. The investigation revealed the individual unlawfully took a baby raccoon from the wild and believed they were lawful to do so if they purchased a furbearer breeder permit. The permit holder indicated they only kept the live raccoon for eight weeks, then released back to the wild. The permit holder was educated as to the permit requirements under the wildlife code and advised it does not authorize taking live furbearing mammals from the wild and retaining them. Warnings for failure to maintain records and unlawful possession of a furbearing animal from the wild were issued.

BUREAU COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Wagner observed a vehicle traveling at 88 mph. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was found to be driving on a suspended driver's license. The driver was subsequently arrested, and citations were issued for driving on a suspended license and speeding. CPO Wagner also cited two other individuals for driving over of 75 mph.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry received a TIP complaint regarding nonresident hunters illegally hunting waterfowl. While investigating the complaint, he found four hunters hunting waterfowl. A check of the hunters revealed that one hunter did not sign his federal waterfowl stamp, and a written warning was issued for the violation. The hunter then signed the stamp. No other violations were found.

LASALLE COUNTY

While responding to call at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner observed three individuals consuming alcohol on the trails. All three individuals were cited for consumption of alcohol in a restricted area.

While on patrol, CPO Filipiak received a tip of individuals taking multiple trips back and forth to their vehicle with several trout. A compliance check was conducted, and the three individuals were found to be in possession of 20 trout. The individuals did not have a trout stamp where required. Each fisherman was issued citations for fishing without a trout stamp and unlawful possession of over the daily possession limit of trout for each fish. The fish, fishing poles, and all items used in the illegal taking of the trout were seized as evidence and will be filed for forfeiture.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn investigated a report of waterfowl baiting after receiving information that a duck club along the Illinois River was baiting with corn. A check of all blinds and the surrounding areas indicated the report was unfounded.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt testified in front of a Grand Jury, and a felony indictment was obtained for the charge against a Winnebago County man for the June burglary of the concession building at Rock Cut State Park.

CPO Alt responded to a hunting without permission complaint from the Rockford Airport Authority. Three waterfowl hunters were found to be unlawfully hunting on airport property along the Kishwaukee River. The violations addressed included: unlawful hunting on lands without permission, failure to sign and affix federal waterfowl stamp to the hunting license, unlawful hunting migratory waterfowl with an unplugged shotgun, failure to display a valid watercraft registration decal, and unlawful operation of motorboat without covering or securing the battery.

CPO Alt observed an individual driving through Rock Cut State Park while unlawfully talking on an electronic communication device. The traffic stop revealed the driver did not have proof of current insurance for his car and was found to be in possession of open alcohol that he tried to conceal between the driver's seat and driver's side door. The driver was cited for all three offenses, and the alcohol was seized as evidence in this case.

CPO Alt completed inspections of migratory waterfowl hunters and fall fishermen at the Two River Forest Preserve boat launch. Out of the five boats inspected, violations addressed included: unlawful hunting migratory waterfowl with an unsigned federal waterfowl stamp and unlawful operation of a motorboat without a fire extinguisher in serviceable condition.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

While conducting surveillance, CPO Thompson located two men archery deer hunting on property where no hunting is allowed. The Ohio and Pennsylvania men were cited for unlawfully hunting on the property without permission, trespassing, and hunting without licenses and permits in possession. Their compound bows and tree stands were seized.

CPO Thompson cited a Peoria man for unlawfully placing corn to attract deer. A written warning for trespass was also issued.

CPO Thompson investigated a fraudulent harvest report allegation. During the interview, he received evidence and a written statement from a Smithfield man. The man admitted to using an antlerless permit to tag a buck and another person's permit to tag a deer he harvested. Citations and warnings were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott cited a Galesburg man for unlawfully placing bait and deer hunting over bait.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited a Toulon man for unlawfully hunting deer on Peoria Park District property.

STARK COUNTY

While checking upland game hunters at Bradford Habitat Area, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for hunting without the permit holder present. He had informed the group earlier in the day not to hunt until the permit holder arrived.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard conducted waterfowl compliance checks on hunters at Woodford State Fish and Wildlife Area.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley issued multiple citations to several nonresident hunters for hunting deer with the aid of bait.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt received a call while off duty regarding the possible poaching of a deer. He contacted a Calhoun County Deputy and asked him to investigate. The Deputy located two subjects dragging a buck that was tagged with one of the subject's archery permit. Both hunters had a bow with them. CPO Weishaupt arrived at the scene and

examined the seven-point buck. The deer had been field dressed and appeared to have been shot with a firearm. The hunter who had tagged the deer claimed he shot it with a bow. After further investigation and talking with the subject, the hunter admitted the deer was shot with a gun by someone he did not know. He wanted the meat, and he did not want to let the person who shot it have the deer. He tagged the deer and had a friend help drag it out. The subject was cited for unlawful possession of a deer, and a written warning was issued for improper tagging. The deer was seized, and the meat was donated to the Sportsmen Against Hunger.

CPO Weishaupt conducted deer enforcement from a jon boat on the Mississippi River. One boat was checked, and he issued one citation and three written warnings. He also assisted a young archer deer hunter who had his first deer kill. While getting his deer out, the hunter's truck slid down the hill. CPO Weishaupt was able to get the hunter's truck unstuck just as his parents arrived.

CPO Weishaupt assisted with an airplane detail of Mississippi River Pool 25, and he investigated a hunting without permission complaint.

While conducting deer and waterfowl enforcement, CPO Weishaupt answered numerous calls about where they could legally hunt. The callers were advised about the difference between open river and flood rules for hunting in the Mississippi River State Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPO Weishaupt checked two nonresident deer hunters as they were bringing in a freshly killed five-point buck. A compliance check revealed that both had confirmation numbers written on their antlerless only leg tags. When asked about it, the subjects said that they had each killed a doe. The deer were quartered up and in the cooler. A check of the cooler verified the two quartered up deer. Each subject was issued a written warning for improper tagging deer, and the correct tagging regulations were discussed. A copy of the hunting digest was given to each hunter.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was notified of a Warsaw man hunting with his daughter, and the daughter was without a hunting license or deer permit. He was also advised that the daughter had harvested a buck that evening. He responded to the residence and located the man. After conducting a short interview, he found that his prior information was factual. It was also discovered that the man did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp. Besides needing the hunting license to supervise a youth hunter, the man had previously harvested a turkey. The man was charged with hunting without a license, parental responsibility for his daughter hunting without a license, and parental responsibility for his daughter hunting without deer permits.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten cited a subject for deer hunting in a federal refuge.

CPO Gushleff is investigating a trespassing complaint. Someone created a path and parking area for an ATV on another's property. The violator is suspected to be walking into other land without permission to archery deer hunt.

CPOs Weishaupt and Gushleff conducted deer and waterfowl enforcement.

CPO Weishaupt issued a citation for violation of the Illinois Vehicle Code to a waterfowl hunter that had scratched off the expiration month and year from his green license plate sticker. The subject stated that he knew his plate was expired, and he had received a ticket for the expired plate in July. The subject was issued another citation for the expired registration, and he was advised that he would have to post bond this time since he did not take care of his first citation. The subject posted a \$120 cash bond.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt assisted CPO Gushleff with a hunting without permission complaint.

CPO Blakeley issued multiple citations to several nonresident hunters for hunting without permission. He also issued multiple citations to several nonresident hunters for hunting deer with the aid of bait.

CPO Gushleff cited a Carlinville resident for hunting on property without the permission of the landowner. The landowner, who resides in the Chicago area, was contacted by a neighbor who saw a truck parked on her property. The owner of the truck was identified as a subject who owns land adjacent to the complainant. The hunter has access at a different location but prefers to walk into his hunting ground from the neighbor's land. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gushleff is investigating a timber theft complaint.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt issued two salvage deer tags and one citation for feeding wildlife.

CPO Weishaupt seized an 11-point deer rack after it was determined the buck had been shot from the road.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Wheatley interviewed a Plymouth man suspected of shooting a 12-point buck from his truck. It was discovered the man harvested a 12-point buck on November 5, and he checked it in as a bow kill. The man said he did not shoot the buck from the road, but he did shoot a raccoon in this manner. The man showed the CPO a cell phone video of the raccoon harvest. The man was charged with harvesting a furbearer out of season. He was also informed of multiple other violations that he could have been charged with: hunting with the use of a conveyance, hunting from a roadway, having an uncased gun in a vehicle, and having a loaded gun in a vehicle. The man's cooperation was the reason for him only receiving one citation.

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Macias investigated a hunter harassment complaint. The complaint involved two rural neighbors, one an avid deer hunter; the other an avid anti-hunter. The anti-hunter would "accidentally" let her large dogs run and scare the deer on the hunter's property for the sole purpose of scaring deer away for "their safety." This situation has apparently been ongoing for years. After a lengthy talk about animal rights vs hunter rights, the CPO and anti-hunter settled on an understanding; and she now understands that trespassing on another's property is wrong. A citation was issued.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Fraser is completing background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPO Fraser, Sgt. Rollins, and Lt. Danner assisted the Christian County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police, and US Marshals in capturing a fleeing felon at Sangchris Lake State Park. The CPOs launched a boat to search a peninsula. The CPOs were also assisted by Park employees in closing the lake to the public. After a long search, the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley issued multiple citations to several nonresident hunters for hunting deer with the aid of bait.

CPO Wichern charged two nonresident archery deer hunters for placement of mineral licks and cameras on their leased ground where deer were present.

CPOs Blakeley and Wichern charged three nonresident archery deer hunters for hunting deer by the aid of bait and placement of Trophy Rocks where deer were present.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Blakeley issued multiple citations to several nonresident hunters for hunting deer with the aid of bait.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg conducted snagging details along the Waukegan River and Kellogg Creek. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued to individuals unlawfully snagging salmon along the Waukegan River.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley received a complaint of a Woodstock man harassing waterfowl with a remote-controlled boat and truck on a residential pond. When contacted by CPO Kelley, the man admitted to the activity and said he was unaware he could not scare the geese away by such methods. The individual was informed of the laws protecting waterfowl, and the individual agreed to discontinue his remote-controlled harassment.

While at the Chain O'Lakes State Park gatehouse, Sgt. Schreiber observed four waterfowl hunters, in two separate vehicles, come into the Park. A strong odor of burnt cannabis was coming from two subjects when they entered the gatehouse to sign in for the day. A bag of cannabis and swisher sweet cigars were seized from two individuals in the first vehicle. A large bag of cannabis, a one-hitter pipe, hash oil containing cannabis, and an assortment of glass pipes were seized from the second vehicle, occupied by two of their friends. CPOs Winters and Kelley were notified, and the subjects were cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPOs Winters and Davis were first on scene to a vehicle completely engulfed in flames on the side of the road. The driver of the vehicle was out of the vehicle and safe. They remained on scene until the fire department arrived.

District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOs Sanford and Anderson arrested a man who was attempting to illegally sell an endangered alligator snapping turtle. The man was arrested on two Class A misdemeanors for the illegal attempt to sell the turtle, and the turtle was turned over to a herpetologist until it can be determined if it can be used as part of a breeding program.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber followed a hunter who was dropped off at a nature preserve early in the morning. The man walked into the nature preserve in the dark and attempted to archery hunt. CPO Farber spoke with the individual who had dropped off the hunter, and the man was arrested on several charges. His equipment was also seized.

Sgt. Wollgast and CPO Anderson were called to Kankakee River State Park because human remains were located by a volunteer crew searching for a man that had been missing since early September. The Illinois State Police, Kankakee County Sheriff's Office, and Will County Coroner's Office are conducting the investigation.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPOs Reid and Honiotes located a vehicle on property where hunting is not allowed. They spoke with an archery deer hunter who was on the property, and he claimed that he had permission to hunt from the owner. The hunter was arrested on several charges, and several written warnings were issued for other deer hunting violations.

CPO Reid observed muddy tracks coming off a restricted area at Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area. He followed the tracks for a short distance to a residence where he found two men capping out a buck, and there was another untagged buck cape in the yard. The men were illegally archery hunting in the restricted area and had just shot the buck. Both men were arrested on multiple deer hunting charges, and the bucks were seized.

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

COOK COUNTY

While on patrol at Lake Michigan, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a person unlawfully trying to snag salmon in waters closed to snagging. Once the individual saw Sgt. Whitchurch, they immediately walked over to their vehicle and put the fishing pole with a snag hook attached into the vehicle. This was the same person he had dealt with two weeks prior, and a citation was issued for unlawful snagging at that time. Once again, enforcement action was taken against this individual for the snagging violation.

Sgt. Whitchurch checked anglers who were targeting yellow perch at the Lake Michigan shoreline. A check of one of the approximately 30 anglers in that area revealed the angler was unlawfully fishing without a required license, and a written warning was issued.

While patrolling Jackson Harbor, CPO Stanbary noticed a man snagging on a dock near a moored watercraft. When the CPO approached the fisherman, he tried to hide his snag pole in a dumpster and claimed he was not fishing. The CPO informed the fisherman that he had been watching him snag, and he was issued a citation for unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of a moored craft.

CPO Stanbary cited a snag fisherman at Jackson Harbor for no valid sport fishing license. After watching the fisherman catch a Chinook salmon, a compliance check was conducted. The fisherman did not have a fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and the illegal salmon was donated to a properly licensed fisherman.

A fisherman at a Cook County lake was issued a written warning for no valid fishing license by CPO Stanbary. While issuing the warning, the CPO detected an odor of burnt cannabis on the individual and asked him if he was in possession of cannabis. The fisherman acknowledged possession a small bag of cannabis and rolled blunts. These items were seized by the CPO, and the fisherman was issued a \$120 civil cannabis violation.

CPO Sanford investigated a complaint of the unlawful possession/sale of an alligator snapping turtle. The alligator snapping turtle is listed as endangered in the State of Illinois; and it is unlawful to possess, sell, buy, or transport an endangered species without a specific permit to do so. The seller was interviewed and placed under arrest. The seller was charged with one count unlawful sale of endangered species and one count unlawful possession of an endangered species without a permit. The turtle was seized as evidence and transferred to a permitted rehabilitation facility for evaluation and care.

CPO Stanbary gave a presentation to a hunter safety class. He explained the rules and regulations as they relate to hunting, along with the importance of safety while in the field.

CPO Stanbary completed an investigation into a boating accident that occurred in July. A licensed captain was issued citations for careless operation of a watercraft and failing to report a boating accident to the IDNR within five days. The incident involved a hired captain who is accused of causing over \$10,000 in damage to three vessels and failing to report the incident to authorities. The captain was released with an I-bond and an upcoming mandatory court appearance.

While on patrol of Lake Michigan, CPO Stanbary checked boaters at Calumet Harbor. He issued a written warning to one boater for failing to transfer certificate of number. A second boater was issued a written warning for an equipment violation. Five written warnings were issued to a fisherman at Steel Workers Park for no license in possession, and two fishermen were issued warnings for no valid sport fishing license.

CPO Thornley conducted a snagging detail at Burnham Harbor, and he checked several fishermen. Two men were spotted fishing along the north wall at the pipe and using their poles in a manner used by snaggers. When the two men noticed CPO Thornley, they cut their fishing lines with their teeth. The two men were issued citations for snagging in a prohibited area, and warnings were issued for pollution of waterways for cutting their line into the water.

While conducting sport fish enforcement at Belmont Harbor, CPO Thornley spotted two individuals fishing along the north wall, and he determined that they were snagging along the dock. The men snagged two salmon and placed them in their car. The individuals were advised that snagging was prohibited in Belmont Harbor, and citations were issued to each man for snagging in a prohibited area. The men were also issued written warnings for fishing within 200 feet of a moored vessel. The fish were seized and given to a lawful fisherman. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley checked several perch fishermen. He conducted a compliance check of one man that had walked back to his truck. Twenty-five perch were counted, and the limit for perch is 15. The man stated that he was fishing with another man, but his partner walked along the edge to fish in a different area. The partner could not be located, and the man was issued a citation for over limit of yellow perch.

CPO Thornley checked several perch fishermen along Lake Michigan, and two warnings were issued for unlawfully cleaning a yellow perch on waterway where bag limits apply. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley conducted a fishing compliance check, and he found 16 perch. The limit for perch is 15. The man was issued a citation for over limit of yellow perch.

CPO Thornley completed four safety inspections of vessels fishing for perch on Lake Michigan. A boat operator was issued a written warning for expired flares. He also followed up on a complaint of someone shooting waterfowl after hours.

CPO Ausmus checked trout fisherman at area ponds. Two Niles men were issued written warnings for not having a trout stamp.

CPO Ausmus investigated a hit-and-run boat accident that occurred in Burnham Harbor between late September and early October. The boat owner noticed the damage when pulling the boat for the year. The CPO reviewed the surveillance videos from the area but was unable to get any suspect information. An accident report was completed.

While patrolling the lakefront, CPOs Klemme and Thornley observed a snagger in Burnham Harbor. The subject initially denied snagging but then admitted that he just wanted to try it out. The subject was issued a citation for snagging in a restricted area, and a written warning was issued for possession of a snag line or pole.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Wright received information regarding an individual that may be illegally hunting. The individual has been spotted many times, but no violations have been observed.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Reeves investigated a personal injury hunting accident that occurred on IDNR property. When the archery deer hunter was climbing down from his tree stand, the top piece gave way when he sat on it. This caused the man to fall backwards. The man's feet got hung up in the cross bars on the bottom section of the stand which prevented him from falling to the ground, but he was hanging upside down. He was able to retrieve his cell phone from his pocket and

called 911. He was transported to the hospital by emergency response personnel where he was treated for two broken ankles.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Vermilion County resident for bow hunting without permission.

CPO Cottrell responded to a call regarding a ten-point buck trapped inside an aboveground swimming pool. He used a tow strap and his patrol vehicle to pull the deer out of the pool and through the deck railing. The deer appeared to be unharmed and was released.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum located two hunters hunting over a baited area. The area was baited with salt blocks, mineral blocks, persimmons block, grain, corn, and beans. Both subjects were issued citations for hunting over a baited area and illegal feeding of white-tailed deer.

CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County Sheriff's Deputy and the Clark County Ambulance Service with carrying a subject who had fallen in a residence. The residence was too small for the stretcher, so a handheld "hammock" was used to move the injured person.

CPO Wellum conducted a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. The driver had a suspended driver's license, and citations were issued for speeding and driving on a suspended license.

CPO Greuel investigated a hunting without permission complaint.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel investigated a hunting accident. A Windsor man fell and sustained a serious injury while putting up a deer stand.

CPO Mieure is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPO Moody investigated a complaint of dogs chasing deer on neighboring property. The owner of the dogs was advised to control the dogs by keeping them on their own property.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Toledo man for trespass to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng with no harvester's permit.

CPO Barnes cited a Cumberland County subject for trespass to harvest ginseng.

CPO investigated a TIP hotline complaint which was determined to be unfounded.

Sgt. McReynolds investigated a TIP hotline complaint. Upon further investigation, the caller realized he was mistaken; and there was no violation.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to an Edgar County resident.

CPO Greuel investigated a deer hunting residency violation.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds stopped to assist some motorists, and it became obvious that both subjects were under the influence of a controlled substance. They were attempting to secure a motorcycle on a small trailer which was hooked to a truck with expired registration. After providing his driver's license and insurance card, the driver quickly drove off and left his passenger at the scene. The passenger threw two syringes and needles which tested positive for Methamphetamine. The passenger was taken to jail on felony drug charges. The driver was already wanted on an active warrant for a weapon's offense, and additional charges are pending.

While on patrol, CPO Barnes found a car parked in a wildlife management area parking lot. Further investigation led to the arrested two subjects for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. In a separate incident, CPO Barnes found a truck in a wildlife management area parking lot with its wheel broken off. He followed the drag marks to a dove hunting field. The field was torn up from the truck driver driving in a reckless manner. The driver was located, and a citation was issued.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Shelbyville man for driving 89 mph in a 55-mph zone.

CPO Greuel investigated a deer harvest complaint at Eagle Creek State Park.

CPO Greuel investigated a wild hog complaint.

CPO Greuel conducted five firearms training range sessions.

Sgt. McReynolds investigated a complaint regarding shooting too close to a residence. After talking to the homeowner, it was determined that someone was target shooting on an adjacent property; and there was no violation.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley conducted a taxidermist inspection, and no violations were found.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested two individuals who were waterfowl hunting with unplugged shotguns at Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. Multiple boating violations were also addressed.

MONROE COUNTY

CPOs Ray and Schachner arrested three individuals who were waterfowl hunting on private property without permission. Several boating violations were also addressed.

CPO Schachner observed a subject fishing from a homemade boat on a small pond after dark. The subject was wearing a headlamp and repeatedly shining the shoreline in a manner consistent with searching for wildlife. When he spoke to the man, he recognized him as the same man he cited for no fishing license two years before. Once again, the subject did not have a fishing license. A loaded .22 rifle was leaning against the console of the boat, and the subject admitted he was trying to shoot a beaver that was in the pond. The subject received a citation and numerous written warnings.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers conducted a vehicle stop because the driver was illuminating the fields with the vehicle's headlights to look for deer. The driver had his family in the vehicle, and no weapons were located. A written warning was issued for harassment of wildlife.

CPO Sievers assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department with a 911 call regarding a suicidal subject who had access to firearms. The subject voluntarily went to the hospital. In a separate incident, CPO Sievers assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department conduct a welfare check on an elderly person.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Sievers assisted the Washington County Sheriff's Department with a 911 call regarding shots fired and a woman screaming. Officers did not locate any injured or endangered individuals in the neighborhood.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Williams conducted waterfowl enforcement at Rend Lake.

CPOs Jourdan and Folden cited three fishermen on Rend Lake for crappie violations. The men had over the daily limit and over the daily limit of crappie ten inches or greater. The operator of the boat also received a written warning for a boat equipment violation.

While conducting a night wildlife patrol, CPO Williams had a UTV flee from a traffic stop. He recognized the UTV, and he went to the subject's residence. The UTV returned to that residence a short time later, and the driver was cited.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty received a call regarding a dead bald eagle. The eagle was located under power lines, approximately ten feet from the road. The cause of death was undetermined, and the eagle was turned over to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted archery deer hunting enforcement.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Williams conducted waterfowl enforcement in the Rend Lake area. One hunter was issued a citation for hunting without a license, and another hunter was issued written warnings for missing equipment on his boat.

A duck hunter contacted CPO Williams regarding a truck parked at the Cottonwood Access Area at Rend Lake. The hunter was concerned that someone was missing because the truck had been running since before dawn with the parking lights on and window down. CPO Williams checked the unoccupied truck and was able to obtain the owner's name and contact information. The owner, who was out duck hunting, was notified about his truck; and the issue was resolved.

CPO Williams gave a presentation at a meeting of the Ashley's Sportsman's Club.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Somers cited a man for unlawfully archery deer hunting by the aid and use of bait and unlawful feeding of deer.

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted archery deer hunting enforcement.

CPO Williams assisted Saline County Animal Control staff with an investigation involving a captive fox that bit a subject. The subject with the fox possessed the required paperwork and proof indicating the animal was acquired from a captive breeder.

WHITE COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted archery deer hunting enforcement.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Roper received information of deer carcasses being illegally dumped. The investigation revealed that two individuals were involved. CPOs Roper and Taylor also found multiple hunting violations involving the two individuals. CPO Roper issued 13 citations to one of the individuals for violations that occurred in 2016, 2017, and 2018. CPO Taylor issued five citations to the other individual for violations occurring in 2018.

CPO Taylor received information that a subject killed two deer and dumped them in a creek. Further investigation showed the subject did not have deer permits or a hunting license. The subject admitted to killing the deer and dumping them in the creek, and he was issued five citations.

CPO Taylor received information and a game camera picture of a subject with a small shovel in hand. The subject was identified and admitted to digging ginseng. A citation was issued for trespass to dig ginseng.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper conducted a waterfowl enforcement detail at Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, and he cited three individuals for attempting to enter the area before the 4:30 a.m. entry time. One citation was issued to an individual for unlawfully being in possession of lead shot, and another individual was cited for unlawfully being in possession of an unplugged shotgun.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a call from a hunter that called in an eight-point buck using his antlerless only permit and needed to change it to his either sex tag. After looking at the hunter's permit, he only had an antlerless only permit at the time he was hunting. The hunter went and purchased an either sex permit after he had killed the buck. A citation was issued for unlawful take of antlered deer without permit.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek observed a vehicle traveling slowly on a remote road and shining a bright light out of the passenger window. The light was being used in a manner consistent with someone trying to unlawfully locate wildlife. A vehicle stop was conducted, and there were three people in the vehicle. A cased crossbow, loaded with a bolt tipped with a broadhead, was discovered between the passenger's legs. The subjects stated they were turning around to get a better look at a buck they had seen with the spotlight. Multiple citations were issued, and the equipment was seized.

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson cited a subject who has been repeatedly caught hunting without permission on another person's property.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Vasicek investigated a hunting accident involving a male subject that fell approximately 18 feet from a tree. The victim fractured a vertebra and required surgery.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.