



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 Palumbo issued a citation to a Chadwick man for taking a deer in an area closed to deer hunting.

CPO Hoftender is investigating two hunting accidents that occurred during archery season.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations and written warnings to two raccoon hunters. He observed their vehicle coming out of a field and conducted a stop. The violations included transporting a loaded/uncased .22 pistol, an open canister containing an alcoholic beverage, FOID card status, hunting license, habitat stamp, and hunting without permission.

CPOs Wagner and Kaufman were alerted to individuals shining a tree line. The two individuals were located, and they were carrying uncased/loaded firearms on an ATV. One of the individuals did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp. Citations were issued for transporting uncased firearms on an ATV. One individual also received a citation for no hunting license and a written warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Posateri responded to a trespassing complaint and located a deer hunter on the property. The Kewanee man was cited for the violation of hunting without permission and warned for criminal trespass.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender cited a Wisconsin man for hunting without a valid permit during the first firearm season. In a separate incident, CPO Hoftender cited a Chicago man for hunting from the roadway.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Wagner responded to a TIP complaint and found an individual shooting coyotes from a moving ATV. The individual was cited for hunting by aid or use of conveyance and transporting an uncased/loaded firearm on an ATV. A mandatory court date was also issued.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Francisko responded to a complaint of a firearm deer hunter hunting too close to an occupied dwelling. The hunter was observed 200 yards away from the house, and he was not wearing a visible blaze orange hat. The hunter was advised that he was 100 yards short of the required distance he needed to be from an occupied dwelling unless he had permission from the homeowner. The man was also advised of the blaze orange violation. A citation was issued for hunting closer than 300 yards from an occupied dwelling without permission of the homeowner, and a written warning was issued for the blaze orange violation.

CPO Francisko checked a firearm deer hunter at his stand after the CPO heard shots fired. The hunter advised that he did not have his license or permits with him, but he had already shot a deer which he had not tagged. The CPO confirmed the deer had been laying untagged for quite a while. The hunter was issued a citation for failure to attach the temporary harvest tag to the deer immediately upon kill; and written warnings were issued for not having his required license, stamp, and permit on his person while hunting.

A New Boston man was issued a citation for unlawfully hunting waterfowl over bait, and he was advised that he was not allowed to hunt the property for ten days after all bait was removed from the site.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran conducted deer hunting enforcement at Castle Rock State Park. Several citations and warnings were issued.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko responded to a complaint regarding a deer hunter shooting multiple times at a deer in a field where there were two houses under 300 yards from this activity. The CPO interviewed the hunter at the scene, and it was determined that the hunter was 200 yards away from the occupied dwelling. Although the hunter did not shoot directly at the houses, he did shoot in the direction of the houses. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting closer than 300 yards from an occupied dwelling without permission of the homeowner, and a written warning was issued for hunting deer without the required habitat stamp.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a Morrison man a citation for unlawfully taking a deer with a firearm without a valid permit.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

During the firearm deer season, CPO Wagner issued the following: One citation for transporting an uncased firearm on an ATV; four citations for hunting by use or aid of bait; two citations for unlawful take of white-tailed deer (an eight-point buck was seized); three citations for failure to report harvest; two citations for hunting without a habitat stamp; one citation for a firearm permit not in possession; and one citation for unlawful attempt to take white-tailed deer.

While investigating a trapper on the Hennepin Canal, CPOs Wagner and Finn found a rifle, spot lights, and spent shell casings in a subject's car. After a short investigation, it was determined that the subject and two of his friends had been driving and shooting racoons from the vehicle the evening before. Multiple citations were issued.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman responded to a complaint of hunting without permission during the firearm deer season. The property owner had heard a shot near his house the previous day, and he found a hunter field dressing a deer on the neighboring property. The next day the property owner found blood and drag marks from his property to where he had seen the hunter field dressing the deer. As CPO Kaufman was leaving the residence, he saw a hunter on the neighboring property walking out for an afternoon hunt. The hunter admitted to shooting the deer on the complainant's land and dragging it back to property he had permission to hunt on. The hunter received a citation and two written warnings.

While on patrol at Marseilles State Fish and Wildlife Area hunting units, CPO Filipiak observed three individuals pushing deer in the restricted hunting area. Two of the three men were observed taking two does, while the third shot multiple times at numerous deer. The individuals were issued multiple citations, escorted from the property, and the deer they harvested were seized.

PUTNAM COUNTY

While working with CPO Finn during the firearm deer season, CPO Wagner issued the following: two citations for hunting by use or aid of bait; one citation for no valid firearm permit; and one citation for unlawful attempt to take white-tailed deer.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson issued two written warnings for permit violation and a blaze orange violation. In a separate incident, CPO Thompson issued written warnings to two men for unlawful transport of an uncased bow, an uncased gun, and operation of an ATV on the roadway.

CPO Thompson investigated a hunting accident involving a man falling from a tree stand and sustaining multiple injuries.

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted deer hunting enforcement, and multiple violations were addressed.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted deer hunting enforcement, and multiple violations were addressed.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott cited a man for unlawful hunting by use or aid of bait, and written warnings were issued for feeding deer and a permit violation.

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted deer hunting enforcement, and multiple violations were addressed.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully hunting on property without consent of the landowner.

CPOs Finn and Filipiak investigated a complaint regarding a Virginia man who was purchasing resident licenses and permits to deer hunt. The man was found to be bow hunting and in possession of a resident hunting license, resident bow permits, and resident firearm deer permits. Five citations were issued for falsification to obtain a resident hunting license, falsification to obtain resident archery permits, hunting without valid archery permits, no valid nonresident hunting license, and unlawful attempt to take white-tailed deer. He was also issued six written warnings for past hunts. His bow, arrows, and case were seized.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted deer hunting enforcement, and multiple violations were addressed.

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Thompson conducted deer hunting enforcement, and multiple violations were addressed.

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPOs Gerard and Lazzell cited two individuals for unlawfully hunting on property without consent of the landowner and failure to wear blaze orange clothing during the firearm deer season.

CPOs Gerard and Lazzell cited an individual for unlawfully providing fraudulent information to obtain a resident hunting license, archery deer permits, and firearm deer permits. The individual, who was a resident of California, fraudulently used a relative's address to claim Illinois resident status. The individual admitted he has been fraudulently hunting in Illinois since 1985.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic is completing background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPO Blazinic conducted deer hunting enforcement during the firearm deer season. The following citations were issued: unlawful firearm deer hunting within 300 yards of an occupied residence; unlawful firearm deer hunting without a valid hunting license; unlawful firearm deer hunting without a valid firearm deer permit; and unlawful transportation of an uncased gun on a UTV. A written warning was issued for unlawful firearm deer hunting without a habitat stamp.

CPO Wheatley investigated a Camp Point woman who was suspected of taking a deer with a rifle during the archery season. He spoke with the woman after he went to the meat locker and recovered bullet fragments from the wound. The woman said she shot the deer with a bow on her property; but after some discussion, she admitted to taking the deer with a 30-30 rifle. The woman was charged with using a rifle to take deer and unlawful possession of illegally taken game.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley issued citations to an Illinois resident for illegally hunting deer with the aid of bait and illegally feeding deer.

CPO Blakely issued multiple citations during the firearm deer season for various violations.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

After checking two hunters and determining the identity of the landowner, CPO Wheatley questioned the men about some deer bait found prior to that day. One man explained he used the bait in the spring to get photos of deer on his trail cameras. It was explained to the man that despite him not hunting over the bait, it was still illegal to place it out for deer. The man admitted to having multiple spots that were baited on other properties. The man was charged with unlawful feeding of deer.

CPO Wheatley checked a hunter in a field and found that the man had been hunting without deer permits, hunting license, and habitat stamp. He was also using an unplugged shotgun. The man was charged with those violations.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Lentz cited a deer hunter for possession of a rifle in the field during the firearm deer season.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakely issued multiple citations during the firearm deer season for various violations. In a separate incident, CPO Blakely issued a citation for illegally transporting a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

CPO Blazinic conducted deer hunting enforcement and issued the following citations: unlawful transportation of an uncased gun on a UTV and unlawful transportation of an uncased gun in a vehicle. Written warnings were issued for: unlawfully firearm deer hunting without a habitat stamp; failure to sign a firearm deer permit; and unlawfully firearm deer hunting without a valid hunting license (parental responsibility).

CPO Wheatley met with a Mississippi man who was suspected of outfitting without a permit. After discussing the facts of the case, the man admitted to outfitting without a permit. The man was charged with advertising an outfitting service without a permit and representing oneself as an outfitter without a permit.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakely issued a citation during the firearm deer season for unlawfully firearm deer hunting using another's deer permit.

CPO Blakeley issued multiple citations to an Illinois resident for hunting with the aid of bait, failure to wear blaze orange, and illegally feeding deer.

CPO Blakeley issued a citation to a firearm deer hunter for failure to tag deer before transport.

**District 10 – Capt. Laura Petreikis
(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer investigated an illegally harvested 13-point deer. During the investigation, he noticed numerous deer racks on the garage floor at the individual's residence, several without tags. It was found that the individual was a taxidermist. The racks were seized, and citations and warnings were issued. The individual was also issued a court date.

CPO Fraser is completing background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

While on patrol, CPO Wright observed a vehicle in a field lane; and he stopped to talk with the two occupants. The two men stated they had just returned from getting lunch after the morning deer hunt. The hunters had two shotguns, a muzzleloader, and a .223 rifle, all loaded, inside the vehicle. A citation was issued to the driver, and a written warning was issued to the passenger.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer cited a deer hunter at Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area. Deer hunting is not allowed at this site.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern charged an Iowa firearm deer hunter with hunting deer with an unplugged 12-gauge shotgun.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias responded to a baiting complaint during the firearm deer season. The CPO observed a hunter, not wearing the required blaze orange, sitting in a box blind; and the hunter had a shotgun. The hunter kept looking at a specific area of the open land. After three hours, the hunter decided to leave his blind. The CPO approached the hunter just before he reached an ATV that was hidden in the woods. The hunter ran to the AVT; however, the CPO was able to stop the hunter from leaving. A further check revealed no blaze orange and several piles of corn hidden under the snow exactly where the hunter had been looking. Several citations were issued, and the CPO declared the area not to be hunted for ten days.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wichern charged a firearm deer hunter with driving near the Illinois River with an uncased shotgun in the passenger seat of his truck. There were three freshly ejected 12-gauge deer slugs on the passenger floorboard. The hunter was also given warnings for hunting from the roadway and hunting by the aid of a vehicle.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

While investigating a trespassing complaint, CPO Knop found a blind in the backyard of a house. Next to the blind was a trail camera and a mineral block. He interviewed the hunter, and he admitted to trespassing and placing the bait next to the blind.

CPO Knop was checking a tree stand when he noticed a large pile of corn, feed, and pumpkins in a pile with a trail camera pointed at it. Further investigation revealed a hunter had shot a buck at that location several days earlier, and enforcement action was taken.

LAKE COUNTY

While checking a deer hunting location he knew to be baited, CPO Knop observed a hunter in the blind adjacent to the bait. A compliance check was conducted; and he found that two of the deer tags were detached with one appearing to have dried blood on it. Further questioning revealed the hunter tagged a buck with his antlerless only tag and failed to report his harvest. The buck was taken at the baited location. Citations were issued.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Winters interviewed a subject regarding his deer harvest. The subject admitted to purchasing his deer permit after he killed the deer, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted a road hunting detail. A vehicle was found parked along the roadway, and a traffic stop was conducted. The occupants in the vehicle were found to be using spotlights with the intent to locate wildlife. Two high-powered rifle shots were also heard. Four Chicago men were found to be hunting by the use/aid of motor vehicle and were found to be in possession of a loaded Stag Arms AR-15, Remington 870 shotgun, and two spotlights. Two unlawfully taken white-tailed does were located on scene. Two additional untagged, eight-point buck heads were discovered hanging at the violators' campsite. The firearms, deer, and racks were seized as evidence. The deer meat was donated to a family in need.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

While investigating an anonymous complaint, CPO Honiotes contacted a subject hunting on property without permission of the landowner. The subject was found to be hunting over bait and was not wearing blaze orange during a firearm season. Through the course of the investigation, it was also discovered the subject had harvested a white-tailed deer during the previous firearm season and failed to bring it to a manned check station as required in CWD positive counties.

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

COOK COUNTY

While on patrol on state property, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject who had entered an area which was closed due to waterfowl regulations. The subject continued to stay in the area and actively fish near the area where waterfowl hunters were set up. Enforcement action was taken against the subject.

Sgt. Whitchurch conducted sport fishing enforcement at the confluence of the Calumet River and Lake Michigan. He observed a man reel in his line, pack up his belongings, and head back to his vehicle. A compliance check was conducted, and the man was an Indiana resident who did not possess a valid Illinois sport fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement near Navy Pier, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject catching numerous yellow perch. Once the subject saw him, the subject immediately tossed numerous yellow perch back into the water. The subject was ordered to stop. A compliance check was conducted, and it was determined that the subject was still in possession of an over limit of yellow perch. A citation was issued for possessing an over limit of yellow perch.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement. He conducted a compliance check on a Chicago man with a bucket full of yellow perch, and the angler stated he did not know the Calumet River possession limit on yellow perch. The angler was found to be in possession of 55 yellow perch where the daily possession limit is 15. Citations were issued, and the subject was given a mandatory court appearance. The fish were seized and returned to the River. In a separate incident, CPO Ausmus checked fishermen at Steelworkers Park. One fisherman was found to have 28 yellow perch where the daily possession limit is 15. A citation was issued, and the fish were released back into Lake Michigan. Two more fishermen were found to have 45 yellow perch in their bag, plus a dressed perch next to it that the anglers had been using for bait. The anglers were each issued a citation for unlawful possession of over-limit of yellow perch and a written warning for unlawful possession of a dressed yellow perch/using perch as cut bait on water where there is a creel limit. All 46 fish were seized and returned to Lake Michigan.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement at various fishing spots along the Lake Michigan shorefront. He issued four citations for unlawful possession of over-limit of yellow perch and several written warnings for unlawful use of perch as cut bait, fishing without a license, and fishing license not in possession.

CPOs Ausmus and Sanford, along with Sgt. Whitchurch, worked a perch fishing detail at Navy Pier. Three Chicago men were cited for unlawful possession of over-limits of perch. Written warnings were issued for fishing without a license and license not in possession.

CPO Sanford is conducting a deer hunting investigation which encompasses two years of violations and multiple subjects.

CPO Sanford observed an individual perch fishing along the Lake Michigan shoreline and conducted a compliance check. The individual was in possession of an over-limit of yellow perch. A citation was issued for the violation, and the perch were returned to Lake Michigan.

CPO Sanford located an individual fishing without a valid sport fishing license at Navy Pier. The individual was educated as to the licensing requirements, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

While conducting sportfish enforcement along the Lake Michigan shoreline, CPO Sanford located an individual in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The individual was issued a civil citation for the violations.

CPO Mooi was checking perch fishermen along the Chicago lakefront when he observed a man fishing at DuSable Harbor. A compliance check was conducted, and a written warning was written for a fishing license violation.

While on patrol, CPO Mooi conducted fishing compliance checks. One man was found to be fishing without a fishing license on his person, but a records check showed the man did have a valid fishing license. A written warning was issued for not have the license in possession. In a separate incident, CPO Mooi conducted fishing compliance checks at Steelworkers Park. One individual was unable to locate his fishing license, and a written warning was issued for license not in possession.

While patrolling in conjunction with the US Coast Guard Small Boat Station Calumet Harbor, CPO Mooi conducted fish enforcement and boat safety checks while on the Coast Guard boat. One man was issued a ticket for operating an unnumbered watercraft, and another was issued a warning for expired visual distress signals.

CPO Mooi patrolled the Chicago lakefront checking perch fishermen. He observed a man, carrying a heavy plastic bag, walking to his vehicle. The man placed the bag into his vehicle and returned to his fishing spot. A short time later, CPO Mooi approached the man and his fishing partner. The two individuals were in possession of approximately 30 fish at their fishing spot. The individuals were taken back to their vehicle, and it was searched for contraband. Fifty-eight perch were found in the vehicle. The two men were issued citations for over-limit of yellow perch and given mandatory court appearances.

CPO Mooi received a complaint from an IDNR biologist regarding a western hognose snake being illegally possessed. A search warrant was served on the building housing the snake, and the snake was recovered. The snake was transferred to a facility for medical treatment and temporary housing. The person in possession of the snake was issued citations and warnings for failure to submit annual reports for two years, possession of a threatened/endangered species without a permit, and failure of a rehabilitator/vet to notify the Department of possession within ten days.

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

CPO Viverito observed a passenger car moving slowly down a remote county road. The car stopped and began illuminating the fields with a red spotlight. He conducted a traffic stop which resulted in two DeWitt County men being arrested for hunting from the roadway and using lights to hunt white-tailed deer.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden is completing background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

While on patrol, CPOs Reeves and Viverito observed two hunters heading into the field without blaze orange hats. The CPOs conducted a compliance check on each hunter, and numerous violations were discovered. The violations included an unplugged shotgun, no permits, no licenses, and failure to report harvest of white-tailed deer. The two Chicago men were issued numerous citations and warnings.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued the following citations/written warnings: unsecured timber load and written warning for improper lighting; hunting without blaze orange during firearm deer weekend; two separate written warnings for hunting after hours and guns loaded after hours; transportation of an uncased firearm during firearm deer weekend; and transportation of an uncased firearm during firearm deer weekend.

In a separate incident, CPO Wellum conducted a timber truck inspection; and no violations were found.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Oakland man for possession of an untagged deer. Written warnings were also issued for multiple other violations.

CPO Wellum performed a boat inspection on a homebuilt boat.

CPO Mieure is completing background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum assisted a Cumberland County resident with locating an injured hawk. The hawk was located, but they were not able to capture the bird.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Atwood man for failing to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season. In a separate incident, CPO Moody cited a Pesotum man and a Champaign man for hunting without permission.

CPO Wellum completed a two-hour deer check-in investigation, and a written warning was issued for failure to immediately tag deer.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited an Edgar County man for failure to report harvest of white-tailed deer.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited two Sullivan subjects for illegal possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Barnes gave a presentation at the annual dinner for the US Army Corps of Engineer's Lake Shelbyville handicapped hunt in Sullivan.

CPO Moody cited a Mt Zion man for failing to wear blaze orange during a firearm deer season. He also cited a Sullivan man for possession of an untagged deer and issued a written warning for transporting an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited two subjects for hunting deer over bait. In a separate incident, CPO Barnes cited a Cowden subject for illegally feeding deer with salt.

CPO Moody cited an Atwood man at the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area for hunting with no valid firearm deer permit. In a separate incident, CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man at same site for hunting with no valid hunting license.

CPO Greuel cited a Shelby County man for transportation of a loaded, uncased shotgun on a UTV.

Sgt. McReynolds and CPO Greuel cited a Shelby County man for firearm deer hunting in a restricted area at Wolf Creek State Park. The subject was also issued a civil citation for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

Sgt. McReynolds recovered an immature bald eagle along Rt. 128. It appeared that the bird was struck by an automobile, and it will be transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

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 checked a group of pheasant hunters at Eldon Hazlet State Recreation Area. Two hunters were at the truck, and two were still in the field. While speaking with the two at the truck, he noticed there were seven pheasants there, meaning one hunter was still able to harvest another pheasant. There were two empty gun cases in the truck. As the two hunters walked out of the field and saw the CPO standing by the truck, one of the hunters tried to hide behind a tree as he unloaded his gun. A citation was issued to the hunter found to have been hunting after he had reached his limit.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

While checking deer hunters, CPO Lentz cited a hunter for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers responded to a complaint of illegal hunting during firearm deer season. He located two hunters cleaning squirrels on the hood of a truck. The inexperienced hunters were not aware that squirrel season was closed during firearm deer season. Each hunter was issued a citation for no hunting license, and they received multiple written warnings for their other violations.

CPO Sievers assisted the Randolph County Sheriff's Department with traffic control for a two-car traffic accident on IL Route 154. One vehicle was on fire, and one victim was taken to the hospital for injuries.

CPO Sievers is investigating a complaint regarding waterfowl hunter harassment and waterfowl harassment by an airplane.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray cited three subjects for deer hunting without a valid permit, one subject for hunting in the wrong county, and one subject in the field with another's permit, no blaze orange, and an untagged deer. Two bow hunters were arrested for hunting without permission and archery deer hunting with archery deer permits during firearm deer season. The archery hunters were questioned, and one individual was unable to obtain a valid FOID card. They also admitted to archery deer hunting for the past several firearm deer seasons.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley and Sgt. Manker stopped a UTV. The driver, not dressed in camouflage, had a gun case in the bed of the UTV; and there was blood on his coveralls. The man admitted to killing an eight-point buck without any valid deer permits. He stated that he was going to his father's house to get his father's permits to put on deer. The buck was seized, and two citations were issued. The meat will be donated to a local food pantry.

In a separate incident, CPO Tapley and Sgt. Manker stopped a UTV just after dark. There were three untagged deer on the trailer the UTV was pulling. One of the hunters admitted to shooting two of the deer, both antlered bucks. He only had one either sex permit. Both hunters were cited for failure to immediately tag deer upon kill, and the one hunter was issued a citation for unlawful taking of a white-tailed deer. The seven-point buck was seized, and the meat will be donated to a local food pantry.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden received a complaint of subjects hunting waterfowl using an electronic caller, and he went to the area to investigate. He observed a snow goose spread and waited until he heard the caller. The two hunters called at a small flock with their electronic caller. The CPO found two speakers with wires leading back to one hunter's layout blind. When asked about the electronic caller, one of the hunters stated he thought he could use the caller because they could in other states. The hunter was advised that electronic callers were prohibited by federal regulations, except during the conservation order goose season. The electronic caller and one juvenile snow goose were seized. This case was referred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service the following violations: unlawfully hunting waterfowl by use of an electronic caller and unlawful take of migratory waterfowl while using an electronic caller.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty and Sgt. Cariens responded to a complaint from US Forest Service regarding a subject hunting from the roadway. The subject admitted to shooting at a deer from his vehicle while parked on a roadway. The subject was issued citations for hunting from a roadway, hunting by aid of a motor vehicle, unlawful take of white-tailed deer, and transportation of a loaded firearm. A written warning was issued for shooting from a roadway. The 20-gauge shotgun, ammunition, and gun case were seized as evidence.

SALINE COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty investigated a complaint regarding poaching of deer. A Saline County man was charged with taking deer with a rifle, unlawful take during the closed firearm season, and failure to tag. The rifle was seized as evidence.

WHITE COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty arrested a White County hunter for placing bait for wildlife, having a revoked driver's license, and having a revoked FOID card. The subject was also wanted on two warrants.

While conducting deer hunting enforcement, CPO Folden observed blood on the tailgate of a pickup truck. Further investigation revealed the vehicle's owner had not reported the harvest of any deer. He located two hunters (father and son) in the field. The father had one valid deer permit for White County, and the son only had a valid deer permit Gallatin County. Only the father had a firearm. A field interview revealed the father had harvested two deer but had not reported the harvest. The man's deer permit was still intact and on his person. The father was issued four citations for: failure to immediately tag deer upon harvest; failure to report harvest by 10 p.m.; unlawful take of the second deer without a valid deer permit; and unlawful take of more deer than authorized by permits issued. When CPO Folden arrived at the residence, both antlerless deer were hanging in the garage, and the man had placed archery tags on the deer. He stated he was going to report the harvests at a later date for the archery tags. Both deer were seized and taken to Birkner's Processing in McLeansboro for processing and donation to a local food bank.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Roper received information regarding landowner permit falsification. CPOs Roper and Smith performed a hunter compliance check on the individuals. Three of the four subjects were found to be in possession of unlawfully obtained landowner permits. All four subjects were cited for unlawfully falsifying landowner records to fraudulently obtain permits. One individual was also charged with unlawful take of a wild turkey, unlawful tagging of a wild turkey and white-tailed deer, and failure to wear blaze orange. The second individual was also cited for an unlawfully taken white-tailed deer. The third individual was also cited for being in possession of an unplugged shotgun. All unlawful landowner permits were seized.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Roper received a complaint of an individual not wearing the required blaze orange. He checked the area of the complaint just before dark and observed an individual getting into a vehicle. A hunter compliance check was conducted, and an uncased shotgun was found in the vehicle. The shotgun did not have the required plug. The individual was issued two citations.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith was on routine patrol when he observed a pickup truck travelling northbound at slow rate of speed on a county line road. The truck turned around and continued southbound. The truck stopped on a bridge, and driver and passenger exited the vehicle. Both individuals walked to the back of the truck and dropped the tailgate. They threw several black garbage bags off the bridge into the creek below and left the area. CPO Smith initiated a traffic stop. The driver was then ordered to turn his vehicle around and drive back to the bridge where they dumped the bags. The bags were found to contain white-tailed deer meat, bones, and internal parts. Both subjects were ordered retrieve the bags from the creek and put them back in their truck. Two citations were issued to each subject, and they were given a mandatory court date.

CPO Taylor received information that a subject killed a white-tailed buck over bait. He went to the stand where the deer was killed and noticed bait. The hunter was interviewed and admitted to placing the bait and killing the deer. Citations were issued.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

During firearm deer season, CPO Taylor observed two hunters riding in an ATV with uncased firearms. He stopped the ATV at a residence, and he discovered that one of the firearms was a loaded shotgun. The juvenile was carrying a loaded 270 rifle. The juvenile's father revealed that the juvenile did not have a hunting license or deer permits and was not wearing a blaze orange vest and hat. The man also stated that the juvenile also had shot a six-point buck with the rifle the day before. Citations were issued for unlawful take of deer, having a rifle in the field during firearm season, deer permit violations, transporting uncased, loaded firearms on an ATV, and no blaze orange during firearm deer season. A citation was also issued to the father as accessory due to the juvenile's age.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Roper observed a UTV traveling down the roadway with a harvested white-tailed doe on the back of the UTV. He conducted a hunter compliance check on the individual. It was discovered that the subject had unlawfully used his wife's deer permit to tag the deer. The subject was cited for the use of another person's tag and unlawful possession of a white-tailed deer. CPO Roper took possession of the deer, and it was taken to a local meat locker to be donated to a local food bank.

CPO Roper observed a vehicle shining fields with its headlights. A traffic stop was conducted; and a loaded, uncased shotgun was found in the vehicle. The individuals in the vehicle were cited for multiple road hunting violations, and the shotgun was seized.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

During firearm deer season, CPO Taylor observed a deer hunter not wearing blaze orange, and a citation was issued. He checked another deer hunter, and an unplugged shotgun was found. That hunter was also cited.

While checking duck hunters, CPO Taylor checked a vehicle and found a loaded shotgun inside. A citation was issued.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited two individuals for hunting without a valid permit, failure to tag deer as required, and failure to report harvest of deer.

CPO Vasicek located Missouri residents unlawfully hunting raccoon in a closed waterfowl refuge within the Shawnee National Forest. The subjects were also unlicensed and had an uncased rifle.

CPO Lewis investigated a complaint of hunting without permission and shooting too close to a residence. The complainant advised he heard shooting close to his house and saw his neighbor shooting at a deer less than 100 yards away. The deer was on the complainant's property. The hunter was also shooting towards the complainant's livestock. A citation was issued to the hunter for shooting within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited four individuals for hunting without permission, unlawful take of a doe and a nine-point buck, and unlawful possession of deer. In a separate incident, CPO Somers cited three individuals for unlawful take of deer without valid permits, unlawful possession of deer, and failure to report harvest.

CPO Vasicek located and charged firearm deer hunters from Texas and Florida for unlawfully hunting white-tailed on the same property without permits or licenses. Also, the hunters were not wearing the required blaze orange. The Texas subject had unlawfully taken a deer the previous day. That deer was seized, and the meat was donated to a local food bank. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Johnson observed two individuals on an ATV, and one subject was holding a 243 rifle. He stopped the ATV and found an untagged deer in the bed of the ATV. Further investigations revealed the deer was shot with a rifle. The rifle and deer were seized, and the subject was issued six citations and three written warnings.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson has been working a case, in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, involving two illegally taken deer by two subjects from Georgia. The investigation revealed that the individuals were hunting in Illinois, and he obtained a confession from the subjects. They were issued citations for unlawful take of an eight-point buck, unlawful take of a nine-point buck, no deer permits, and unlawful possession of each white-tailed buck. Written warnings were issued for no hunting license and no permit.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis received a complaint of a subject hunting from a vehicle. The complainant provided a video recording of a portion of the incident and provided a description of the vehicle. CPO Lewis was able to identify the shooter with the help of the video and description given by the complainant. He went to the subject's residence and cited him for the unlawful use of a conveyance and failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season. The unlawful hunter did not kill a deer.

During an unlawful take of deer investigation, CPO Lewis discovered a deer at a local Perry County meat processor that had been turned in by a Massachusetts resident. He determined the hunter possessed valid permits but had no record of a deer harvest. During the investigation, several of the hunter's friends advised CPO Lewis that the hunter had shot the deer with a bow a few days prior. The hunter, however, advised the CPO that the deer had been struck by a vehicle. He could not recall when or where he found it. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Lewis cited a deer hunter for hunting without permission and damage to property while deer hunting. The hunter was hunting near the property line of the complainant. Prior to the hunt, the hunter cut down brush which created a shooting lane onto the complainant's property. He then shot a deer that was standing on the complainant's property.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek located and charged a Tennessee hunter for hunting over bait and hunting with the wrong county permit during firearm deer season. He then located and charged a Georgia subject who had placed the Tennessee hunter at the location. The Georgia subject was unlawfully acting as a deer outfitter.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited a man for hunting without permission, unlawful use of a crossbow without a firearm deer permit, hunting without a permit, hunting without a hunting license and habitat stamp, and failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm deer season.