



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

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(Weeks of October 28 – November 13, 2015)

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

This report represents the county that the event took place within, not the assigned county of the Conservation Police Officer.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

A 47 year old man from Madison, Wisconsin was checked by CPO Beltran and failed to properly check his harvest. He used his customer number on his license instead of his required permit number. This false record looked like the deer was never checked in. A written warning and instructions on how to properly check a deer were given to the man.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf patrolled the Iris & Jack Witkowsky Wildlife Area. Tickets were issued to three Chicago area hunters found archery deer hunting in a restricted area.

CPO Hoogerwerf issued written warnings to speeders entering and exiting Apple River Canyon State Park.

OGLE COUNTY

A 71 year old man from Roselle was given a citation for feeding wildlife. The property he hunts had several blocks and mineral out with several cameras in a known CWD area. CPO Beltran took enforcement action.

District 6 - Sgt. Hank Frazier

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO ALT is currently investigating a complaint of criminal trespass to real property and possible hunter harassment. An unknown subject dressed in camo with a backpack was caught on two trail cameras on two adjacent properties. One property owner reported bait had been placed near his deer stand while the second reported one of his trail cameras had been stolen after the tree it was located was cut. Investigation ongoing.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Jansen arrested a subject from Utah hunting whitetail deer without license, permits, or habitat stamp. Three citations and one written warning were issued.

CPO Jansen arrested three subjects for hunting without permission. Three citations and three written warnings were issued.

CPO Jansen was on patrol when he observed a whitetail deer in a pen with a dog. The owner stated he found it in a field when it was only a couple days old. The deer was in their possession for over a year. A citation was issued for taking and retaining live wildlife. Two written warnings were issued for unlawful take of whitetail deer and feeding wildlife.

CPO Wire (LaSalle County), CPO Reeves (Champaign County), and CPO Wollgast (Grundy County) worked together and recovered a stolen pontoon boat and stolen trailer in Livingston County. The 75 year old woman that owned the boat was happy to hear that the responsible party had been arrested and taken to jail on felony charges.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Matthiessen State Park and Starved Rock State Park. Numerous violations were discovered: three individuals were issued citations for climbing the sides of the canyon walls, one individual was issued citations for possession of alcohol on the trails, three individuals were issued six citations for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5g of cannabis and two individuals were arrested for exposing genitalia.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol observing sport fishermen: five individuals were issued citations for unlawful snagging in waters closed to snagging.

CPO Filipiak was on patrol and observed two individuals operating ATVs on private property. Those individuals were issued citations.

CPO Wire was on his way home and observed individuals waving on the side of the road to gain his attention. Eye witnesses observed a vehicle crash into numerous trees at Starved Rock State Park Nature Preserve. CPO Wire was on light duty so CPO Filipiak handled the crash identifying numerous violations. The individual was operating a motor vehicle where a BAID system was required; the vehicle did not have a BAID system inside. The individual also was driving on a revoked driver's license.

After a day of deer scouting and at the end of his shift, CPO Kaufman decided to check a couple of fishermen on the Illinois River. When CPO Kaufman asked them where their fish were they pointed to a basket in the water. He found all the fish in the basket to be legal. The fishermen failed to mention the bucketful of fish under one of their chairs. In the bucket along with legal bluegill and crappie CPO Kaufman located one short sauger, one short smallmouth bass, and two short largemouth bass. A citation was issued.

CPO Kaufman received a call of two lost hikers at Matthiessen State Park. The two men had been walking for three hours when it became dark. CPO Kaufman was able to contact them on their cell phone. CPO Kaufman drove around the park's perimeter turning on his squad's emergency lights and siren every five minutes hoping the men could see or hear the lights or siren. The man that CPO Kaufman was talking to then said his map application on his smart phone said he was near Oglesby. The man could not give a better location so CPO Kaufman asked him to text him a drop pin. The man had no idea what CPO Kaufman was talking about. While trying to tell the man how to do a drop pin CPO Kaufman found the men.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser fielded a complaint from a landowner who had contact with a trespasser who was hunting without permission. The landowner had photographs of the trespasser on his property carrying a bow on several occasions and

several photographs of the trespasser's truck on his property. CPO Fraser contacted the trespasser who stated he had permission to hunt a neighboring property and got lost. Citations for trespassing and hunting without permission were issued at the landowner's request.

While returning from a late night deer decoy detail, CPO Fraser and CPO Murry found themselves behind a driver swerving all over the roadway. Upon stopping the vehicle CPO Fraser noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle and the driver had glassy, bloodshot eyes. The driver failed field sobriety testing and provided a breath sample resulting in a 0.181 BAC. CPO Fraser arrested the driver for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An administrative deer investigation quickly snowballed into a multi-year falsification case for CPO Fraser. An investigation into suspicious activity in a young, female hunter's deer harvest records revealed she had never killed a deer in her life. After interviewing the female hunter and her father, CPO Fraser learned the father had been buying deer permits for his daughter and using them to tag bucks because he did not want to use his own buck permits. The hunter admitted to violations in 2015 and one prior year and was issued three citations and one warning. CPO Fraser also requested the court impose a civil penalty of \$250 for the deer unlawfully taken in 2015, the case and following hunting privilege suspension are pending.

CPO Alt arrested a subject for fishing without permission along the Rock River in downtown Rockford. The subject was wanted on a warrant for parole violations but was out of geographic limitations and could not be taken into custody.

CPO Alt and CPO Schoonoven responded to a call of a missing person in Rock Cut State Park. CPO Schoonoven searched the trails near where the missing subject's motor vehicle had been located by family members while CPO Alt searched adjoining trail loops via department issued ATV. Regrettably, the missing person complaint became a death investigation upon finding the subject deceased, off trail.

While working an ongoing complaint of multiple baited deer stands on a single property in western Winnebago County, CPO Alt came upon three archery deer hunters hunting over this baited area. The bait placed down to attract deer included a brown mineral block, a white sugar block, wildlife food pellets, corn, and white Deer Kane powder. In addition to hunting by aid or use of bait, additional wildlife violations were documented with each hunter. The first hunter encountered was found hunting with unsigned deer permits. The second hunter encountered was hunting without their hunting license/habitat stamp, archery deer permits or crossbow permit in possession and was unlawfully transporting an uncased crossbow on a vehicle or conveyance (ATV). The third hunter encountered was found seated in a tree stand dressed in camo clothing in possession of his hunting license/habitat stamp and archery deer permits, but did not have an archery device in possession. Instead, the hunter was in possession of a loaded 9mm semi-automatic pistol with an additional loaded magazine. The hunter claimed he was not hunting but merely possessed the pistol for protection against black bears and mountain lions.

CPO Alt was called to inspect a watercraft for registration and title transfer due to lack of documentation submitted by the applicant (new owner of the boat). The inspection revealed a covered hull identification number and the seller failed to provide certificate of number for the vessel at time of sale as required. It was discovered the boat had changed ownership multiple times in the past decade and had never been properly documented. An investigation is ongoing to locate the owner responsible for the altered H.I.N. to establish if the boat is stolen and determine why it is undocumented.

CPO Alt issued a nuisance permit for squirrels and groundhogs causing property damage to a resident in Winnebago County.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson was on patrol in rural Fulton County on Halloween weekend targeting poachers. After receiving TIP information from an informant, CPO Thompson was interviewing a potential witness. While at the residence CPO Thompson watched a pickup traveling slowly near the adjacent intersection. The truck stopped and went in reverse at the intersection; CPO Thompson approached the truck on foot and observed from a short distance under the cover of darkness. The passenger hoisted a .17 caliber rifle out the window and fired one shot from the roadway. CPO Thompson could not see the intended target in the roadway and approached the vehicle. The suspects were arrested for unlawful hunting by use or aid of a vehicle, unlawful transportation of an uncased and loaded firearm, and discharge of a firearm from the roadway. The rifle and ammunition were seized as a result. The suspects claimed to be hunting coyotes and the passenger stated he was aiming at a coyote and hit a household cat that was "running with the coyote". CPO Thompson confronted the suspects with the likelihood of this occurrence being next to none. Shortly thereafter, the driver admitted there was no coyote and the household cat was the intended target.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid encountered an individual in Henderson County hunting whitetail deer. The subject used an antlerless only tag on a buck deer. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Reid is involved in an ongoing investigation where a hunter shot a buck with no valid tag. The individual purchased an either sex tag after the fact to hide the violation.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a Morton man for unlawfully hunting deer in a Peoria County Nature Preserve and unlawfully hunting deer with a crossbow. The illegally used crossbow was seized and three citations were issued for Wildlife Code violations.

CPO Gerard cited a Chillicothe man for unlawfully hunting deer with the aid of bait.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited two subjects after a two month long investigation in Tazewell County. The first subject was found to be hunting over a baited area and hunting deer without a valid permit. After talking with the hunters, the second subject was cited for hunting over a baited area, failure to tag deer after harvest, and illegal take of deer.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Siedsma received a complaint in reference to the alleged discharge of raw sewage into the Fox River in the St. Charles area. Upon completing the investigation it was determined that the subject had a septic overflow problem and constructed a drainage system to capture the raw sewage, drain and discharge directly into the Fox River. Kane County Health Depart officials tested the samples to confirm the overflow contained septic. In addition to the homeowner's septic discharge, an additional discharge drain was constructed to collect and discharge the gray water from the water softener. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the Attorney General's Environmental Crimes Unit was contacted regarding the situation and currently pending further investigation on their end.

CPO Siedsma received a hunting without permission complaint in Campton Hills. The complainant called regarding and insisting a deer stand was set up on the corner of his property and trees were damaged in the process. The complaint insisted criminal charges be pressed upon further investigation. It was determined that the stand was not on the complainant property and the hunter was in the right where the tree stand was placed according to Kane County planning officials and the GIS plat map.

CPO Siedsma received another hunting without permission complaint in Barrington Hills. Complainant had just purchased a home that was vacated for several months. While walking the 11 acre parcel CPO Siedsma came across a tree stand on the property and met with the subject. The tree stand had recently been placed, having new climbing pegs screwed into the tree and not wanting to cause issues with the neighbors, the homeowner stated he would remove the stand and call if problems arose. Barrington Hills Police Department had already been notified and attempted to make contact with the complainant's neighbor. The neighbor answered the door dressed in full camo and said he knew nothing about it and closed the door on the Police Department.

CPO Siedsma is currently investigating an ongoing hunting without permission complaint in the Elgin area where several stands had been placed illegally. The investigation is on-going.

CPO Siedsma checked several fishermen along the Fox River and issued one citation for fishing without a valid sport license.

CPO Siedsma, while conducting compliance checks for waterfowl hunters along the Fox River, issued a written warning for a boating violation.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Semenik and CPO Wagner patrolled the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The CPOs were enforcing provisions of the Wildlife Code, Fish Code, and Boat Registration and Safety Act. The two checked 35 fishermen, 16 waterfowl hunters, and conducted 24 vessel inspections. One citation was issued for operation of an unnumbered watercraft. Eight written warnings were also issued for various boating and sport fishing violations.

CPO Schreiber and CPO Semenik patrolled the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The CPOs were enforcing provisions of the Wildlife Code, Fish Code, and Boat Registration and Safety Act. The two checked 29 fishermen, 14 waterfowl hunters, and conducted 20 boat inspections. One citation was issued for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and one citation was issued for insufficient number of PFDs (personal flotation devices). Nine written warnings were also issued for various boating and sport fishing violations.

CPO Winters arrested a subject for possession of cannabis under 2.5 grams

CPOs Hurt and Winters were conducting routine waterfowl enforcement on Deep Lake. A compliance check was performed on a hunter. The hunter advised all his licenses and stamps were at his house across the lake. CPO Hurt checked the hunter's shotgun and removed four shells from the gun. The hunter also had lead shot in his possession. The hunter was able to retrieve a valid hunting license, HIP certification, and stamps from his residence. The hunter was cited for unlawful use of unplugged shotgun and unlawful possession of lead shot while hunting migratory waterfowl. The hunter was given written warnings for hunting license not in possession and failure to sign federal waterfowl stamp. The hunter was given a Notice to Appear (NTA).

CPOs Hurt and Winters were conducting routine enforcement on Loon Lake. A compliance check was performed on a fishing boat with two fishermen. During the compliance check, CPO Winters noticed a prescription bottle in plain view containing a substance believed to be cannabis. One fisherman claimed the cannabis was his. When asked if there was any more contraband on the boat, the other fisherman willingly gave up a small amount of cannabis and a smoking pipe. The fishermen were arrested for possession of cannabis <2.5 grams and possession of drug

paraphernalia. The operator was also given a written warning for uncovered battery terminals on the boat. The fishermen were cited and released on a Notice to Appear (NTA).

CPO Hurt made an appearance at the Chain O' Lakes State Park Youth Hunt. He gave a safety briefing to the youth hunters and he was on hand to answer questions.

CPO Wagner, while conducting boat and sport fish enforcement on the Chain O' Lakes issued one citation for unnumbered watercraft and one citation for operation of watercraft without sufficient PFD's.

CPO Wagner while conducting sport fish enforcement issued three written warnings for fishing license not in possession, one written warning for no fox waterway sticker and one written warning to a 16 year old for no fishing license.

CPO Wagner, while conducting compliance checks of pheasant hunters at Chain O' Lakes State Park, issued two written warnings for not wearing 400 sq inches of blaze orange as required.

CPO Wagner, while conducting random checks of deer hunters, issued one written warning for deer permits not signed and one written warning for having another's permits in possession while in the field (granddaughter's).

CPO Wagner, while conducting waterfowl enforcement, issued three warnings for federal waterfowl stamps not signed one written warning for failure to register with HIP.

CPO Winters issued a citation for unlawfully hunting with an unplugged shotgun at Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPO Kelley, assisted by CPO VanWiltenburg, caught an individual who had been hunting over bait. The baited stand was monitored for the last two years by CPO Kelley. When the officers approached, a white sedan was found with a bag of shelled corn propped against the rear bumper. Proceeding farther into the timber, the officers came upon the subject hoisting a feeder full of shelled corn into a tree within 20 yards of his stand. A mineral block was also located within 20 yards of the stand. The individual was cited for illegally feeding wildlife and issued written warnings for hunting without permission and baiting.

CPO Kelley assisted CPO VanWiltenburg on a case of ATV riders encroaching on private property and Lake County Forest Preserve property near Wauconda. A local hunter had called to complain to CPO VanWiltenburg that the ATVs were disrupting his hunt. No ATVs were located but the investigation is ongoing.

CPO VanWiltenburg issued a subject a written warning for habitat stamp not in possession in Lake County.

CPO VanWiltenburg issued a subject three written warnings for failure to check deer harvest by 10 p.m.

CPO VanWiltenburg issued a subject a citation for no fishing license in Lake County.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Winters issued a citation for unlawfully hunting with unplugged shotgun.

While checking a couple groups of waterfowl hunters, CPO Winters issued multiple written warnings and a citation for unlawfully hunting without a license.

CPO Wagner, while conducting investigation of illegal take of whitetail deer, arrested a subject for unlawful take of whitetail deer by use of firearm during archery season and illegal feeding of deer. Subject was also issued written warnings for no habitat stamp and habitat stamp not in possession.

CPO Wagner, while conducting sport fish enforcement south of McHenry Dam, issued one citation for fishing without valid sport fishing license.

CPOs Schreiber and Kelley checked hunters on Slocum Lake. No violations were found and the hunters had a good day with several Mallards and Goldeneye.

CPO Schreiber cited a bow-hunting individual for lacking a hunting license and issued a written warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Schreiber and Kelley checked on a baiting complaint in McHenry. The allegedly baited area was searched but no bait was found.

CPO Schreiber issued several written warnings on the Chain O' Lakes while conducting fishing enforcement with CPO Kelley.

CPO Kelley issued a written warning to an archery hunter at Volo Bog State Natural Area.

CPO Kelley issued a pheasant hunter at Chain O' Lakes State Park a citation for shooting across the highway. The hunter did not see CPO Kelley leaving the park maintenance area and shot the pheasant from the park roadway. The hunter's joy was somewhat dampened by his citation, but he still seemed happy with his hunting experience.

CPO Kelley issued several written warnings and one citation while conducting fishing enforcement on the Chain O' Lakes with CPO Schreiber.

CPO Kelley responded to a hunting without permission complaint in Spring Grove. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Kelley contacted a Spring Grove landowner who has several unwanted deer stands on his property. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Kelley located a baited stand in Spring Grove. The investigation is ongoing.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast continues to work a baited deer stand and hunting without permission case.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Mieure investigated a damage to property complaint at the Momence Wetlands. Some maintenance had been done on a boat ramp by volunteers and as a result a boater, who had launched his boat, incurred damage to the boat trailer when trying to load up to leave. One of the tires became stuck in a slot in the concrete and required a tow truck to remove it from the Kankakee River causing severe damage to the trailer.

CPO Mieure continues to work an area that has a baited tree stand.

CPO Mieure is working several complaints of hunting without permission and illegal road hunting.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland is investigating unlawful hunting at Silver Springs State Park where hunters are going deer hunting when the site is already full to capacity.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid caught two archery deer hunters hunting unlawfully over bait.

CPOs Reid and Honiotes worked several properties for hunting without permission of landowner complaints.

CPO Honiotes is investigating a case of possible hunter harassment.

CPO Anderson worked the opening weekend of waterfowl hunting at Braidwood Lake and Mazonia complex. The weather was warm and hunting was slow accordingly.

CPO Reid worked the Open Range program at the Illinois State Police, District 5 range.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias was on a snagging detail and issued two citations for snagging where not allowed

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were conducting waterfowl enforcement in William Powers State Fish and Game Area and checked one hunter who did not possess a federal waterfowl stamp and a written warning was issued

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger entered private land where they noticed a homemade deer blind. At the base of the blind were two doe eustress liquid tips tied around the base of the blind. Investigation is ongoing

CPO Macias responded to a possible falsification of a non-resident using a SSN of an out-of-state deceased woman. When the subject was questioned he admitted to falsifying information in order to purchase a less expensive resident fishing license. Subject was issued a citation

CPO Macias was patrolling Beaubien Woods and was checking fishermen near the boat launch. As he approached one individual, another man far away from CPO Macias, put his rod down and began to head towards his car. CPO Macias quickly caught up with him and stopped him before he could drive away. Subject later admitted to fishing without a valid fishing license and was issued a citation for such.

CPO C. Vaughan assisted with training scenarios for the Cook County Forest Preserve.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol with CPOT R. Poffenburger at Skokie Lagoons, issued three citations for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol at Busse Lake, issued two written warnings for fishing with three poles and lines in a two pole and line restricted area.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol at Lake Opeka, issued two citations for fishing without a valid fishing license and two warnings for fishing without permission.

CPO V Smith attended Defensive Tactics training at the Region 2 Office.

CPO V. Smith and CPO J. Mooi conducted a commercial trapping investigation interview and inspection.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol with CPO S. Klemme at Humboldt Park Lagoon, issued a citation for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO V. Smith, while on patrol at Skokie Lagoons, issued four written warnings for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and one citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Whitchurch attended and instructed a Hunter Safety Education Class in Chicago Heights. CPO Whitchurch stayed after the class to answer questions from the attendees.

While enforcing sport fishing regulations at a Cook County Lake, CPO Whitchurch checked a subject who was sitting on a bucket actively fishing. CPO Whitchurch checked the subject's fishing license which was valid. CPO Whitchurch asked the subject if he had caught any fish. The subject informed CPO Whitchurch he had caught a few but had tossed them back. CPO Whitchurch could see fish in the subject's bucket and also hear fishing splashing around inside the bucket. CPO Whitchurch inspected the subject's bucket and found it contained 19 bluegill which were 4 over the daily limit of bluegill for that particular body of water. The subject was cited for unlawful possession of an over limit of bluegill.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan during nighttime hours when he observed two subjects snagging salmon in a portion of the waterway which was closed to snagging. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both subjects. After conducting checks on both subjects, it was learned neither subject had valid sport fishing licenses or valid Lake Michigan salmon stamps. Multiple citations were issued for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch instructed at the Cook/DuPage County Forest Preserve Police Conservation Academy. CPO Whitchurch also took part in the practical scenario portion of the instruction which allowed the attendees to apply the information they had been taught in the classroom out in the field.

CPO Whitchurch was conducting waterfowl hunting enforcement on the Des Plaines River when he observed a group of boats being operated on the river. Multiple violations were observed by CPO Whitchurch after conducting watercraft inspections on all of the watercraft. Citations and written warnings were issued for failure to have personal flotation devices on board, failure to have a fire extinguisher on board, battery violations, watercraft registration violations and water usage stamp violations.

CPO Whitchurch conducted snagging enforcement at Lake Michigan in Chicago during the nighttime hours. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued for unlawful snagging, no valid sport fishing licenses, and no Lake Michigan salmon stamps.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County Lake when he observed two subjects actively shooting over and into the lake with an air rifle. Upon closer inspection, CPO Whitchurch observed the subjects shooting an air rifle at bottles and cans which were placed on rocks. These rocks, in which the bottle and cans were stationed, were partially submerged with the top of the rocks sticking out of the water. When the subjects shot and hit the cans and bottles, it was causing the damaged cans and shattered bottles to enter the waterway. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the two subjects and informed them of the State laws they were violating. Both subjects were run through Illinois State Police Dispatch who informed CPO Whitchurch that one of the subjects was listed as armed and dangerous and had an active Order of Protection. The second subject was also listed as armed and dangerous and was a self-admitted gang member. The subjects were cited for unlawfully shooting an air gun into and over waters of the State and for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was at Lake Michigan in Chicago enforcing sport fishing regulations when he observed two subjects fishing and possessing salmon. The subjects were checked for fishing licenses and Lake Michigan salmon stamps. It was

learned one of the subjects did not have a valid sport fishing license or a Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp. The second subject did not have a Lake Michigan salmon stamp. Both subjects were issued citations for the applicable violations.

CPO Klemme attended a Career Fair for the District 218 High Schools in Oak Lawn.

While on patrol CPO Klemme observed a vehicle with two small children unrestrained in the backseat. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver stated that children were both 6 years old. When questioned about child restraints, she stated they were in another car. The driver was cited for failure to secure a child in a restraint.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO C. Vaughan instructed the game law section at hunter safety classes in Kenilworth and Hoffmann Estates.

CPO C. Vaughan arrested a subject in Illinois Beach State Park for an outstanding warrant for possession of 10-30 grams of cannabis. The subject was lodged at Lake County Corrections.

CPO C. Vaughan has issued several citations for snagging in restricted areas near Waukegan Harbor. Enforcement has been focused on the south side marina area of the harbor and various spots along the Waukegan River.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

COLES COUNTY

CPO Barnes observed a Charleston subject parked near the Embarrass River in the Lake Charleston parking area. The CPO made contact with the subject sitting in the vehicle and observed trash thrown out on the ground. As the subject rolled down the window, the CPO smelled a strong odor of cannabis. The CPO asked the subject if the garbage belonged to her. She stated it did not. The CPO observed her name on some of the garbage and then she admitted garbage belonged to her. The CPO asked the subject if she had been smoking cannabis. The subject stated she had smoked a blunt and handed the CPO a bottle with a smoked blunt in it. The subject was charged with possession of cannabis and littering.

CPO Wellum cited a Mattoon man for not tagging a deer upon kill. The man did not want to use up his either sex tag. So he purchased another deer permit after he had already killed the deer.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Findlay man on the Lake Shelbyville U. S. Army Corps of Engineers property for archery deer hunting with no deer permits.

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man on the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area for illegal take of white tailed deer and failure to report a harvested deer by 10 p.m. Upon checking the man, CPO Moody was able to obtain that the man had killed a doe the previous day. He removed the tag once at home. He then tried to use the tag again after not checking in the deer as required.

CPO Moody arrested a Bethany man for possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis at the Archery Range on the Wildlife Management Area.

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan man for hunting on the WMA (Wildlife Management Area) with no site permit. The man received a written warning for an uncased bow in his truck as well as other violations.

A Sullivan man and woman were also cited for being under the influence of alcohol in a hunting area. The two were "helping" the first man track a deer that the man had shot earlier that morning. The two were heavily intoxicated and were screaming and yelling under a hunter's tree stand. The man eventually fell down under the hunter's stand due to his level of intoxication. When CPO Moody arrived at the area the male counterpart could not be found with the woman. The hunter was convinced that the man had passed out in the woods. CPO Moody searched the woods for over an hour looking for the man until dark. A Moultrie County Deputy later had picked the man up on the highway. The man told the Deputy he "had to get out of the woods before things got out of hand" with the hunter whose hunt he had ruined.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Windsor Fire Department with an ammonia tank that was leaking just outside of Wolf Creek State Park. The area was blocked off until the Fire Department could get the leak under control.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Trent Reeves made an arrest of a subject for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. A traffic stop was made on a vehicle whose passenger was spotlighting deer out of the vehicle. After the stop was made, the driver was found to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The driver was cited for the cannabis and drug paraphernalia and the passenger was cited for unlawful harassment of wildlife for using the spotlight.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPOs Trent Reeves and Phil Wire made an arrest of a Livingston County man for being in possession of a watercraft with a removed HIN and a boat trailer with a removed VIN. CPOs made contact with the subject at his home in Streator and gained consent to go onto his property to look at a 24 ft pontoon boat with registration numbers on it that checked to a 16 ft Jon boat. Upon looking at the boat and trailer it was discovered that the HIN on the boat had been removed along with the VIN on the trailer. An interview of the subject revealed that the subject suspected the watercraft was stolen when he came into possession of it. An investigation is ongoing to prove the watercraft and trailer is stolen. The man was arrested and lodged at the Livingston County Jail on two Class 2 felony counts.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright received a complaint of hunting without permission. CPO Wright investigated the suspect and his son and found multiple violations. CPO Wright wrote the Decatur man for hunting without permission and is continuing the investigation of previous violations.

McLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden assisted in taking nine disabled veterans hunting for the HOOAH program. CPO Graden helps organize the hunters for a shopping trip to Scheel's Sporting Goods, a pheasant hunt at Dewey's Hunt Club, and deer hunting.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Trent Reeves made an arrest of a male subject for unlawful trespass to dig ginseng. The subject was caught on a trail camera and admitted to trespassing onto Allerton Park property and digging ginseng in Piatt County. The subject was issued a citation and had 247 ginseng roots seized from his garage at this residence.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell received information from the Vermilion County Sheriff's Office in reference to unlawful hunting inside the city limits of Alvin, Illinois. After arriving in the area and speaking with the complainants and CPO Cottrell was able to locate two 24 year old males who were harvesting squirrels by high powered pellet rifles on the west side of town in a residential neighborhood. Both received citations and warnings for the above violations. Two citations and three warnings were issued.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic located a non-resident archery hunter in the field with a crossbow and hunting over bait.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley stopped a hunter dressed in camo who had an uncased bow in his truck near some baited deer stands. The hunter admitted he placed the bait on his property. The hunter did not have his permits or license in possession. They went to his hunting cabin to retrieve his permits. The hunter's permits were in a sealed envelope sent from the IDNR. His landowner permit was unsigned. The hunter was unable to produce a hunting license or habitat stamp. A check of the IDNR database indicated he did not have a license or habitat stamp. The hunter admitted to hunting with a landowner archery permit on land he did not own and hunting over bait on his property.

CPO Blakeley stopped a hunter dressed in camo near some baited deer stands. The hunter admitted he placed the bait on his property and admitted to archery hunting over it.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt located several baited deer stands earlier in the year. During the course of his patrol he noticed several vehicles at a cabin near the baited property. Sgt. Wagner and CPO Goetten assisted CPO Weishaupt in locating and interviewing several archery hunters in the area. Two hunters admitted to placing the bait out, two hunters did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp, and one hunter admitted to failing to tag a deer and check it in.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten checked an archery deer hunter in the field. While checking his deer permit, CPO Goetten asked for a driver's license to verify his identity. The subject had a resident archery permit. The subject told CPO Goetten he did not have one with him. After a short interview, the subject admitted to falsifying his residency.

CPO Michael Goetten received information regarding a deer that had been shot with a rifle in Greene County. CPO Goetten arrested the main suspect in 2014 for shooting a deer with a rifle in Greene County. After lengthy interviews with the suspect and his acquaintance, both subjects were charged with the unlawful taking of a deer with firearm. A muzzleloading rifle was seized.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt and Sgt. Wagner responded to a boat accident on Otter Creek at the Illinois River. The subject was found unresponsive in the cabin of a houseboat. An off duty fireman believed the subject had carbon monoxide poisoning and yelled for someone to call 911. He turned off the heat and a generator. He opened all the windows and ventilated the boat. CPO Myers and Lentz assisted in the investigation. A leak was found in the muffler and the carbon monoxide detector was not functioning due to a loose fuse. Sgt. Wagner spoke with family members who admitted they knew there was a leak in the muffler.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPOs Myers and Blakeley observed a truck parked along a field entrance. The topper of the truck was open and I could see a subject dressed in camo at the back of the truck. As they pulled into the entrance, the hunter placed a crossbow under the truck. The subject admitted it was his second time hunting with the crossbow. The crossbow was cocked and a hunting pack with crossbow bolts was on the tailgate of the truck. The subject advised he did not purchase a permit. He stated he always hunts and never has any luck so he thought he would take the chance. They also located an uncased rifle in the front seat of the cab. The subject advised he was coon hunting the night before and forgot to case the rifle.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

MORGAN COUNTY

As CPOs Wichern and Thornley issued a waterfowl hunter a citation for using an unplugged shotgun to hunt at Lake Jacksonville they observed another hunter pursuing two crippled Canada geese from a boat with a loaded shotgun and shooting while the boat was still in forward motion. The second waterfowl hunter was cited for the violation and CPOT Thornley explained the potential dangers associated with the offense to all members of his duck blind.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley, CPOT Roper, and CPOT Tripp worked the fall trout fishing opener at Patriot Park in Greenville. The fishermen had good luck and several limits were caught. No major violations were found but one written warning was issued to a man for not having his license with him.

CPO Lentz arrested a Sorrento man for riding his motorcycle on one wheel in downtown Sorrento.

CPO Tapley and CPOT Roper were on patrol in Bond County at night conducting wildlife enforcement. A vehicle came up behind CPO Tapley's vehicle with its bright lights on. After the vehicle passed CPO Tapley, it came to an intersection where they squealed its tires. CPO Tapley stopped the vehicle and spoke with the driver who did not have a valid driver's license and had a warrant for his arrest out of Missouri for possession of heroin. A female backseat passenger was found to have warrants for her arrest for minor traffic violations. After arresting both the driver and the backseat passenger, CPO Tapley found a capsule that had an off white powdery substance in it. The white powdery substance field tested positive for heroin. The female was charged with possession of a controlled substance – heroin. Both subjects were taken to the Bond County Jail where they were held.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley and CPOT Roper checked three fishermen who were fishing together at Carlyle Lake near Dam West. One man had 19 short crappie, the next had 12 short crappie, and the third had dumped the fish out of his bucket, however, two short crappie were recovered. All three were issued citations.

Two men were cited for snagging for fish below the Carlyle Lake Dam in this reporting period.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Goetten, CPO French and CPOT Snodgrass completed an investigation into a Bunker Hill subject concerning the harvest of two turkeys in the spring without permits and the harvesting of several deer without permits. The subject was cited and the deer were seized.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Lentz and CPO French were on patrol in Madison County when they observed a vehicle traveling at a reckless speed, coming out of the woods. A subsequent traffic stop on the vehicle yielded nine marijuana plants and driver was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs.

CPO Lentz and CPO French, while on a DUI stop, observed three individuals spotlighting a field. A traffic stop resulted in the recovery of a spotlight, loaded .22 pistol and blow dart gun. Charges are pending.

CPO French and IDNR Herpetologist Scott Ballard conducted an investigation on a Granite City subject for illegal sale/possession of two alligators. The two alligators were seized and the subject was arrested on FTA (failure to appear) warrant out of St Clair County. Charges are pending.

CPO French checked an Indiana resident who was deer hunting on Chouteau Island. The subject was in possession of resident permits, but was a non-resident hunter. The subject informed CPO French the permits were purchased at an Indiana outdoor store under the guise the subject was disabled veteran who was entitled the resident permits. Investigation is pending.

CPO French was on patrol in when he pulled over a Missouri resident for speeding 80 mph in 55 mph zone. The subject's license was revoked. Subject was cited and valid driver took over the vehicle.

CPO French and CPOT Tripp interviewed a Collinsville subject over the falsification of harvest records, unlawful take of a 10 point buck and violation of site rules at Horseshoe Lake State Park. Subject admitted to killing the 10 Point buck at Horseshoe Lake and falsifying his harvest records to show that he harvested a doe. The subject was cited and the buck was seized.

CPO French and CPO Goetten interviewed an East Alton subject over the harvesting of a deer with a crossbow, hunting over bait and failure to report harvest. Before the interview, the CPOs discovered he was transporting his crossbow while it was cocked and ready to fire in his vehicle. During the course of the interview, the subject admitted to attempting to take several deer with a crossbow without a permit. Subject tagged in a 9 pt buck he harvested with a crossbow as a shotgun kill during the 2013-2014 shotgun deer season. Subject admitted to placing bait in The Nature Institute and hunting over it. The CPOs seized the subject's crossbow and 9 pt buck and charges are pending additional investigation leads.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz arrested a Virginia hunter for transportation of an uncased gun in a motor vehicle in Montgomery County.

CPO Lentz arrested a Virginia hunter for deer hunting without a valid deer permit in possession while hunting in Montgomery County.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a call about two dead deer in a couple's front yard near Swanwick. A 10 point buck and an 8 point buck had battled in the man's front yard during the night and their antlers locked up. Both deer had died. CPO Sievers issued the man a deer salvage permit so he could keep the antlers. The deer had begun to spoil so he was going to bury the carcasses.

CPO Sievers was driving the county roads near Swanwick when he pulled up behind a two axle farm wagon with seven logs. The logs were covered with shelf fungus and appeared to have been dead for some time. CPO Sievers could not see the vehicle that was pulling the trailer but it was traveling approximately 15 mph. CPO Sievers pulled up alongside the GMC Sonoma that was pulling the trailer. CPO Sievers instructed the driver to pull over. The driver stated that he has permission to cut the dead trees on a neighbor's property for firewood. The driver sells the firewood but decided to try and make a little more money by selling the dead logs to a local sawmill. A closer examination of the logs revealed that the sapwood was decomposing. CPO Sievers explained to the driver that when a person hauls two or more logs he needs a proof of ownership and depending on his agreement with the landowner he might be considered a timber buyer when he sells the logs to a sawmill.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO Trainee Knop were utilizing a deer decoy on a county road at night when two side by side ATV's with five occupants spotlighted the decoy. The officers stopped the ATV's and issued four citations for open alcohol and seven additional warnings including unlawfully spotlighting deer.

CPO Ralph Sievers stopped a vehicle for shining a field with its headlights. While CPO Sievers was talking to the driver he noticed open alcohol between the passenger's feet. CPO Sievers searched the vehicle for weapons and did not locate any. The driver of the vehicle was issued written warnings for unlawfully shining deer with the headlights of a vehicle and no proof of valid insurance. The passenger was issued a citation for open alcohol.

CPO Ralph Sievers was contacted by the Randolph Animal Control about a Chester family who was in possession of a young raccoon. The raccoon bit a child on the side and the child was taken to the local hospital. DCFS was contacted and then DCFS contacted Randolph County Animal Control. CPO Sievers went to the residence and talked to the parents of the bitten child. The couple explained that their cat brought the baby raccoon to their house this spring so they raised it in their house. The parents stated that when the raccoon bit their child, it left a blood blister on his side but did not break the skin. They took the child to the doctor and the doctor advised them to keep the raccoon for ten days to verify that it did not have rabies. CPO Sievers issued a written warning for the possession of the live raccoon and seized the raccoon. The raccoon was transferred to the Red Bud Veterinary Office for the remaining three days of observation. After the completion of the observation period, the raccoon was released into the wild.

CPO Ralph Sievers had checked a baited deer stand for three years. This year, Sievers located a hunter hunting over the salt licks. The hunter admitted to making a water and salt solution at home and pouring the solution over the stumps that were in front of his stands. CPO Sievers issued a citation for hunting by the aid of bait and written warning for not having his hunting license in possession.

CPO Ralph Sievers received a tip that originated from a Steeleville Police Department traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle that was stopped by a Steeleville Officer admitted to killing a doe because of the blood in his truck bed. CPO Sievers checked the Illinois Department of Natural Resources harvest records. The hunter had not recorded his harvest. CPO Sievers knew the hunter from prior contacts and that it was likely he killed the deer on his father's outfitting properties. CPO Sievers went to the last known address of the hunter and spoke with his father. The hunter's father admitted that the doe was killed on his property and that his son had not recorded the deer harvest in his outfitting records. CPO Sievers located the hunter at his new address. The hunter admitted to not checking in the deer. CPO Sievers issued the hunter a citation for not recording his harvest and required him to record the harvest. CPO Sievers then provided the father all of the information so he could record the deer harvest in his outfitter records.

CPO Ralph Sievers has been working security details at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. On Halloween, CPO Sievers observed two vehicles drive into the park and back to the campgrounds. CPO Sievers stopped along Cardinal Road in front of the Event Center to watch the vehicles with binoculars. In a short time the vehicles returned and CPO Sievers stopped the cars because they were in the closed park. The driver of the front vehicle was dressed as Fred Flintstone. The driver in the front vehicle had a suspended driver's license and was not the owner of the car. The female passenger was the owner of the car and the car had valid insurance. The driver was issued a citation for driving while his driving privileges were suspended. The owner of the car was allowed to drive the car away.

CPO Ralph Sievers presented to the Red Bud High School Career Day. CPO Sievers gave four presentations that were thirty six minutes long to approximately 75 students. The presentation was about the requirements to be eligible for hiring, the hiring process, and the job duties of an Illinois Conservation Police Officer.

CPO Ralph Sievers stopped a truck hauling timber in Baldwin. The timber truck driver did not have the required proof of ownership for the logs. CPO Sievers had to make several phone calls to confirm that the logs were not stolen and to obtain the required information to complete the timber transportation inspection form. CPO Sievers also identified that the trailer registration was expired and the truck's registration was for farm use. CPO Sievers contacted the Secretary of State Police. The Secretary of State Officer requested that the truck be weighed and additional information. CPO Sievers had the truck weighed at the Illinois Department of Transportation's portable scales. The driver was issued a written warning for not have the written consent of the seller to transport the logs and citations for not having the proof of ownership with the haul log and for expired registration on the trailer. The Secretary of State Officer will complete the investigation on the truck

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject archery deer hunting in Frank Holten State Park for failure to tag a deer prior to moving.

CPO Ray arrested a subject for stealing an I-Phone from an individual at Frank Holten State Park. Subject was fined \$1,540.35 in St. Clair County Court and paid \$438.66 in restitution.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Charles received a conviction on an OUI arrest that occurred September 28, 2015. The watercraft operator was sentenced to a \$2000 fine.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay cited an archery deer hunter hunting in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park for failure to tag his deer immediately upon kill.

CPO Williams worked a night patrol near Thompsonville that resulted in the arrest of a suspended driver.

CPO Lay arrested a man who was checked while fishing at Rend Lake. The angler was found to be wanted on a failure to appear (FTA) warrant out of Jefferson County for driving while license suspended.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden is investigating more complaints on an outfitter in Hamilton County for allowing hunters to access property for which they do not have permission.

CPO Folden is investigating two separate administrative investigations involving out-of-state residents who reported harvests of deer in Hamilton County outside of typical hunting practices.

A non-resident is under investigation by CPO Folden for the unlawful use of an Illinois landowner's permit to tag deer he harvested in Illinois.

One of three subjects pleaded guilty on multiple charges for unlawful take of deer in Hamilton County. Total fines and retribution for one subject was \$2989.00. The same subject forfeited two compound bows and one buck deer head. Charges are still pending on other suspects.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan made contact with three males parked off the roadway at an access area at Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area. The subjects were under the influence of drugs. They possessed numerous smoking devices, cannabis, synthetic cannabis, controlled substances (pills), and a shotgun. Two of the men were charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and drugs. The third subject, a juvenile, was released to his family.

CPO Jourdan spoke to a sportsmen's group at the Waltonville VFW. He spoke about what CPOs had encountered over the previous year, law changes, deer season, and mountain lions.

CPO Jourdan concluded an investigation with Tennessee Fish & Wildlife. An Illinois landowner had been allowing family and friends from Tennessee to use his deer permits since 2007. The Tennessee hunters had been purchasing antlerless-only deer permits and killed six bucks over the last few years that DNR was able to identify. Some of the bucks were tagged with the landowner's permits and others went untagged. Ten citations were issued for the violations in Illinois. The Tennessee residents are also facing charges there and await trial.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson responded to a complaint and issued four written warnings to non-residents for having uncased bows in their truck.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson received information about Mississippi hunters. CPO Johnson discovered the location of the deer camp and went to the location. The hunters were preparing to leave in the morning and had many items packed in the trucks. CPO Johnson observed blood on one of the coolers and blood on the ATV. His investigation revealed the three hunters killed an 8 pointer and three does and they were not properly tagged. The deer were untagged because the hunters did not purchase any licenses or permits for the 2015 season. The deer were seized and the hunters received eight citations and eleven written warnings for deer violations. The deer meat was donated to a family that helps feed less fortunate individuals in the community.

CPO Williams was meeting with a witness to an earlier complaint to obtain a statement when a group of Georgia hunters were checked exiting their adjacent hunting lease. During the check it was discovered the passenger had a compound bow riding between his legs in the front seat without it cased, unstrung or made inoperable. Further, he was wearing the release on his wrist. To compound matters, the driver had a loaded, uncased .308 single shot rifle stashed under a jacket in the back seat. Both violators were issued citations.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins cited a Cerro Gordo hunter for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill while hunting in the Shawnee National Forest.

CPO Diggins investigated a complaint of a felon in possession of a firearm while illegally road hunting at night. Additional charges of hunting with the use of motor vehicle, hunting from the roadway, hunting after sunset and before sunrise, unlawful take of deer with a rifle and no hunting license are requested. The report has been sent to Saline County State's Attorney to review for charges/warrants.

CPO Williams responded to a call of two subjects hunting deer with a firearm. The caller had observed a subject shoot a deer with a shotgun and provided CPO Williams with a location and vehicle description. The subjects were located and it was determined they had shot the deer with a shotgun while tracking it after wounding it earlier in the morning while archery hunting. The hunter was issued a citation for unlawfully using a firearm during closed season.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO D. Taylor investigated a deer baiting complaint. For the past two years the subject has thrown apples in front of his tree stand. After checking the stand multiple times and getting a trail cam picture of the subject throwing out the apples, CPO Taylor interviewed the subject at his residence and obtained a confession. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful feeding of deer.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith was asked by a student at West Side School in Effingham to speak to his class about what the occupation of Conservation Police Officer consists of and the job responsibilities one could expect. CPO Smith addressed those points and also talked about staying out of trouble and getting good grades in school.

CPO Smith assisted a motorist on I-57 who had a flat tire and was experiencing a medical emergency with his son. CPO Smith and 1st responders changed the tire and the child was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

CPO Smith conducted an audit on a timber buyer focusing on 2013 records. CPO Smith did not find any violations to report.

CPO Smith met with a complainant regarding bait placed on the ground in front of a trail camera close to the area where he hunted. CPO Smith walked in and found the bait. CPO Smith went back to the area the next day and found a subject hunting from the stand adjacent to the bait. CPO Smith asked the subject about the trail cam and he advised it was his along with the bait. The bait was a pile of deer cocaine. CPO Smith issued the subject one citation for hunting deer over bait and one written warning for feeding whitetail deer.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Holland discovered a subject feeding wildlife with approximately 100 lbs. of corn. The subject was issued a citation.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek charged a subject with unlawfully taking of a wild turkey without a permit.

CPO Vasicek visited with and spoke to a group of hunters at a banquet and subsequent hunt held at Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area. The young hunters were on a hunt sponsored by the United Special Sportsman Alliance whose members have disabilities or terminal illness.

CPO Vasicek contacted two coon hunters with a loaded rifle in the vehicle. There were also licensing violations.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman, acting on a tip from CPO Tapley, cited a Carbondale subject for failing to report the harvest of an archery deer kill. The subject killed his second buck and not wanting to be "bucked out" failed to report it, although he did post the kill on Facebook. The subject realized the error in his way and provided CPO Mohrman with a full confession.

CPO Mohrman attended a hunter safety class held in Jackson County.

CPO Mohrman responded to Lake Murphysboro State Park to take a report of a stolen IDNR truck. Before arriving at the park it was learned the truck was located north of Murphysboro. The truck was recovered undamaged and returned to the park. Further investigation by the Murphysboro Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office revealed the IDNR truck was used to facilitate the theft of a Polaris Ranger UTV and utility trailer. The UTV and trailer were recovered and a subject is currently incarcerated for these thefts.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson investigated a report of a deer feeder; now waiting on hunters.

CPO Thompson investigated complaint of trespassing hunters but they had fled the area before he could arrive.

CPO Thompson provided a security patrol for Al Roker of the TODAY morning show. He was filming his weather show at the Ft Defiance State Area in Cairo.

CPO Thompson encountered a group hunting on the west side of Johnson County and noticed one hunter's either sex tag had been detached. When asked he said he had killed a doe the day before. POS was checked and it was discovered that he had not reported the harvest. I also noted his license and tag had not been signed. He was issued a citation for failure to report harvest on day of kill.

CPO Thompson encountered another group of hunters on the east side of Johnson County and they had two deer hanging in their camp. Neither deer had a confirmation number on the attached tag. After waiting for the hunters to return it was learned that one deer had been killed the day before and one had been killed early that morning. It was also discovered that they were transporting their bows without making them inoperable and also had failed to sign their licenses and tags. A citation was issued for failing to report the harvest and written warnings were issued for the other violations.

CPO Thompson investigated a hunting accident involving archery deer hunter from Mississippi. He fell out of his stand while hanging it, suffering a broken wrist, ankle and back injury. He was not wearing a safety harness.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis completed three commercial timber buyer inspections in Perry County. Despite the huge number of purchases made by the buyers, no violations were noted.

CPO Lewis attended a hunter's safety class at the Du Quoin Middle School

CPO Lewis cited a deer hunter at Pyramid State Park for unlawfully hunting in the waterfowl rest area.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek spoke to three 4th grade classes at Anna Grade School about wildlife and the duties of CPOs.

Union County CPO Vasicek was advised of a mountain lion sighting in the Shawnee National Forest.

Pulaski County CPO Vasicek taught hunter safety education.

CPO Vasicek fielded two calls referencing mountain lion sightings in the Shawnee hills

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Boston taught at a hunter safety class in Johnson County.

CPO Boston is investigating a hunting deer without permission, unlawful baiting and damage to property case in Williamson County.

CPO Boston conducted an inspection of a Jackson County timber buyer. No violations were found.

CPO Boston conducted investigations of deer permit violations. One subject received a citation for hunting deer without a valid deer permit. A separate case is ongoing but may involve a subject falsifying records to show he is an Illinois resident.

CPO Boston assisted Williamson County on a traffic crash.

CPO Boston responded to a report of a suicidal person in rural Carbondale. Upon arriving the subject was deceased. Jackson County Sheriff's office handled the death report.

CPO Boston came across two young men bow hunting on private property. The two were walking out of the woods toward their truck. Upon contact it was found that they had both left their wallets and permits in their truck. One subject had shot a small buck and they had dragged it to the edge of the woods untagged. The young men were explained the law and issued written warnings.