



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 September 14 to September 28, 2016)

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna man a citation for failure to immediately release a short Northern Pike at Frog Pond.

CPO Jones issued a Chicago man a citation for expired registration at Mississippi Palisades State Park. His registration had been expired since 2015.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri was working early goose hunters and checked a group. After running a computer check on the hunters, one young man had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. He was transported to the jail where he posted the \$200 cash bond.

JO DAVIESS

CPO Hoogerwerf received a report of a fish kill on Yellow Creek east of Stockton. Upon arriving, dead fish were observed at multiple locations. IDNR Fisheries and ILEPA were notified. Dead fish counts and water samples were conducted. The affected area was approximately 2.5 miles. The cause was determined to be silage run off.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Posateri and CPO Teas patrolled the Rock River by boat. A man from Loves Park was arrested for OUI. He refused to provide a breath sample when requested by CPO Posateri, so his privilege to operate a boat will be suspended for a minimum of 2 years.

CPO Teas cited a subject for taking a largemouth bass with a cast net on the Rock River in Lee County.

MERCER COUNTY

Sgt. Petreikis and CPO Posateri patrolled the Mississippi River for the Keithsburg fireworks. During their patrol, they

observed 2 jet skis operated by young children under the age of 12. The parents were on the shoreline watching them, however based on their age a parent or guardian was required to be on the jet ski with them. The parents were cited for the violation.

OGLE COUNTY

While conducting boat inspections in Ogle County, CPO Teas ran a registration check on a truck at the boat launch. The check showed the plates to have been reported stolen from a dealership in Wisconsin. Contact was made with the driver of the vehicle who informed the CPO he had recently purchased the vehicle from the dealership who had reported the plates as stolen. The plates were seized from the truck and the driver's information was taken for a follow up investigation. The investigation revealed the dealership had issued the owner the wrong plates which were two numbers off from the correct registration. The dealership stated they had his correct plates at the dealership and had reported the others as stolen after not being able to locate them for two months. The "stolen" plates are being returned to the dealership and the vehicle owner will be receiving his correct plates from the dealership.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko checked multiple fishermen and boaters. Two fishing citations, two fishing warnings and two boating warnings were issued. Field Sobriety Testing was done on one subject. The subject passed and was able to continue operating his boat.

CPO Posateri and CPO Teas patrolled the Mississippi River by boat. Three young men from Iowa were cited for the unlawful consumption of alcohol by minors.

CPO Posateri taught at a Hunter Safety Course where nearly 150 students were present.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran has discovered several locations of baited stands for the archery deer season. Information is being shared with other officers in an attempt to arrest as many violators as possible.

CPO Teas spoke at the Hunter Safety Class in Stephenson County.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo received multiple complaints on mysterious brown foam in the Rock River over the past few weeks. It was determined to be a Fall algae bloom enhanced by the frequent rains.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

BUREAU COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Jansen arrested one subject for DUI – drugs, possession of cannabis more than 10g but less than 30g, and no proof of insurance. Charges are pending for intent to deliver, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. A passenger was issued a citation for possession of cannabis < 10g.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrol at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :
2 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks
4 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, swimming in restricted areas

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which led to:
2 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license
2 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land
1 Individual was issued citations for being in possession of short small mouth bass

CPO Kaufman responded to a hit and run accident in the Starved Rock State Park Visitor Center parking lot. While backing out of parking space a Jeep had struck another 4 door sedan. The sedan's owner was in the car and confronted the driver. The driver said he needed to pick up his pregnant girlfriend and would be right back. After waiting 10 minutes the Jeep had not returned so the sedan owner called 911. The sedan owner gave CPO Kaufman the Jeep license plate number and a description of the driver. An alert was sent out to other police agencies in the area. About 10 minutes later an Illinois State Trooper stopped the Jeep 10 miles south of the park. The sedan owner identified an individual, who was now a passenger in the Jeep, as the driver. The individual admitted being the driver who struck the sedan. He was issued 3 citations which included leaving the scene of an accident and no valid driver's license.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn attended a National Criminal Enforcement Conference to better his ability to identify crimes in progress and interview potential violators.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While patrolling in Winnebago County, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle approaching in his rearview mirror at a high rate of speed. CPO Fraser pulled over to allow the vehicle to pass before attempting to pace the vehicle. While attempting to catch up to the vehicle, CPO Fraser observed the driver swerve across the center line and nearly strike a vehicle at a red light. CPO Fraser stopped the vehicle and subsequently arrested the driver for DUI with a BAC of 0.166. After lodging the driver at the Winnebago County Jail, CPO Fraser headed home to end his shift. Only one mile from home, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle travelling 84 mph in a 55 mph zone cross over the center line. CPO Fraser attempted to stop the vehicle in Winnebago County but was instead led on a 20 mile pursuit, at speeds nearing 100 mph, into Boone County. With the assistance of Winnebago County Sheriff's Office, Boone County Sheriff's Office, Belvidere Police Department, and ISP the driver was stopped and taken into custody without further incident. The driver was arrested and taken to Boone County Jail for felony aggravated fleeing to elude, felony possession of a controlled substance, possession of cannabis, various traffic violations, and DUI with a BAC of 0.109; forfeiture was filed for the vehicle. Charges are also pending for violations in Winnebago County.

CPO Alt stopped and cited two different individuals for unlawful use of electronic communication device while driving and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County.

CPO Alt stopped and cited two different individuals for speeding and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in Rock Cut State Park in Winnebago County.

CPO Alt clocked a speeding motorist in Rock Cut State Park. The investigation revealed the driver had a suspended driver's license and no insurance for his automobile. The vehicle inventory, prior to tow, revealed the driver was in

possession of two cannabis pipes located in the trunk of his automobile. Cannabis wax lined the inside of one of the clear glass paraphernalia pipes. The driver's vehicle was towed and he was transported to the Winnebago County jail for driving while license suspended. Separate civil citation(s) were issued to the driver for unlawful possession of <10 grams of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Alt obtained 3 arrest warrants in follow-up to a complaint and investigation regarding a theft of labor or service, obstructing justice, and possession/consumption of alcohol in a state park where posted prohibited from the Rock Cut State Park Concession and Boat Rental. After a week-long pursuit of the suspect through various family members in Winnebago and Ogle counties, the suspect contacted CPO Alt and turned himself over for the offenses committed. CPO Alt met, arrested and transported the suspect to the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of bond.

CPO Alt responded to an abandoned boat complaint on the Sugar River. The sunken watercraft had no visible registration numbers to trace. The hull and serial numbers also returned as no record but cleared LEADS/NCIC as not being stolen. The watercraft was placed into evidence as abandoned and will be forwarded to Springfield per department policy.

CPO Alt inspected 6 dove hunters in Winnebago County. Violations addressed via warning included hunting without license and habitat stamp in possession and failure to register with H.I.P.

Officer Schoonhoven assisted the Winnebago County Sherriff's Department with the search and recovery of a child lost in a timber.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson received a complaint of two subjects fishing without permission. CPO Thompson was able to identify the suspects and located them at their residence. After a short interview full admissions were provided. Two citations were issued.

CPO Thompson and CPO Gerard worked teal hunters at Emiquon Refuge. CPOs Gerard and Thompson located a pair of hunters setting up to hunt a short distance away. Approximately 20 minutes prior to legal shooting time, the two hunters began to shoot into groups of teal. The time was documented on two occasions where the hunters shot prior to sunrise. When asked, the hunters both admitted they had shot early and were completely aware of their decision. Citations were issued.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid cited two subjects for no valid fishing license at Putney's Landing.

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Reid taught a Hunter Safety Class in Victoria.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing reported.

STARK COUNTY

CPO Lazzell issued a Wisconsin man two citations for unlawfully buying timber without a license as part of an ongoing investigation involving multiple landowners in central Illinois.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a Chicago resident for hunting ginseng without permission of the landowner and hunting without a valid ginseng harvest license.

WARREN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Schreiber arrested a subject at the Chain O' Lakes State Park campground for illegal possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area, possession of cannabis less than 10 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Kelly, along with CPO VanWiltburg, investigated a nuisance trapping complaint in North Chicago. A licensed nuisance removal trapper was issued a citation and warning as a result of the investigation.

CPO Wagner issued several fishing and boating citations during the course of his patrol.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Schreiber cited a subject at McCullum Lake for failure to immediately release an undersized largemouth bass. The lake has a 15" minimum length limit and the fish was only 8".

Sgt. Riedel heard a dispatch of a suspected DUI driver entering the village of Algonquin. All of Algonquin's officers were handling a suicide that had just occurred and as the broadcast was being issued Sgt. Riedel saw the suspected vehicle drive by. Sgt. Riedel followed the vehicle and observed it cross the center line and strike the curb. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was arrested for DUI. The driver refused chemical and breath testing.

CPO Semenik arrested a child sex offender on a traffic stop at Moraine Hills State Park. Child sex offenders are strictly prohibited from being present in a public park. Search incident to arrest led to two civil law violations; possession of not more than 10 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Semenik arrested a driver for driving while license suspended and operation of uninsured motor vehicle in the Chain O' Lakes State Park.

CPO Semenik arrested a driver for no valid driver's license and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in the Chain O' Lakes State Park. The passenger was also cited for illegal transportation of alcoholic liquor.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid handled multiple calls for service for trespass/fishing at a private lake. Multiple arrests were made and one of the more noteworthy was that of a man who was wanted for warrants for unlawful possession of controlled substance/hypodermic needles and for violations of his parole. He knew he was going back to prison and considered running/fleeing but ended up submitting without incident.

CPO Reid was working the same private lake when he located a vehicle parked off site and suspected the driver had snuck into the property. A short time later he was able to observe the subject fishing in the lake. The subject fled from the officer. CPO Reid was able to identify the subject from his Driver's License photo and obtained a phone number and contacted the suspect who refused to return to the scene to meet with CPO Reid. A short while later the suspect's father arrived to try to claim the vehicle and take it back. CPO Reid and the father contacted the subject on the phone again and agreed to meet at his residence where he was cited for fishing without permission and for obstructing a police officer.

CPO Reid observed a subject fishing on the Kankakee River in Wilmington and observed the subject drive to a fishing location. Subsequent check of the subject for a fishing license revealed he had a suspended Driver's License. He was cited for the violation.

CPO Wollgast responded to a call for service at DesPlaines CA which was reported as someone being run over by a vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that the victim was having trouble with his vehicle going into and out of 4 wheel drive and had climbed under the vehicle to find the problem when the vehicle rolled over his legs. He was treated and released from the hospital with only bad bruises and a burn from the exhaust.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were patrolling inside Diversey Harbor when they noticed a skier being towed by a boat without an observer and without a tow flag. In addition, the driver would alternate looking ahead into other boat traffic and behind to ensure his skier remained safe. The boat left the harbor and was out into Lake Michigan where there was heavy boat traffic and the CPOs had a difficult time maneuvering into position in order to flag down the boat.

The small boat was pushed to its limit and the pair of CPOs eventually caught up with the larger, faster boat. A stop was initiated and the pair was schooled on the laws concerning skiers on the water. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Macias was patrolling the inner city lagoons and came across four different subjects fishing; they were not together as a group but they were all at the same spot in a particular Chicago lagoon. CPO Macias had been watching them cast and retrieve trout and put them on a stringer; all four subjects had been lucky enough to catch 2-4 each. CPO Macias noticed how much fun they were having and how they were congratulating one another each time a trout was caught. After the observation period CPO Macias decided it was time to confront the four subjects. Upon approach, the tone of all four subjects changed from elation to uneasiness. When asked to show licenses and stamps, one subject admitted to not having one, the second lied and told the CPO he had one and how he "has to be in the system". The other two spoke only Spanish and began to collaborate on a story to tell the CPO of how they had no idea they needed one. They both admitted during the concocted story that they got one last year but forgot to buy one this season. Then they noticed CPO Macias' name badge and asked if he spoke Spanish, he responded "Si", he also told them not to lie to cops. After checking the POS website to verify none of the subjects had licenses or stamps, a citation and a written warning was issued to each subject and a total of 13 trout were released back into the lagoon.

CPO Macias and CPO Klemme were on a boat patrol on Lake Michigan and conducted several boat inspections on boaters trying to squeeze out the final days of the Chicago boating season. Several infractions were discovered and citations and written warnings issued.

While patrolling the Chicago River, CPO Klemme observed a Sea Ray with an expired Ohio registration sticker and several children that were not wearing PFD's. A boat stop was made and a safety inspection was conducted. The operator stated that he was just testing out the boat for the owner who was also onboard. It was quickly discovered that the boat was over capacity. It had 13 passengers on board with a capacity of 9. Further inspection showed that the vessel was missing three child size life jackets in addition to two adult size jackets. The vessel also had no working navigation lights. The operator was issued several citations. The owner of the boat was also issued a citation for no valid registration and, pending the results of an investigation, an additional charge of failure to transfer a title may be added.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan checking fishermen during nighttime hours. When one fisherman saw the CPOs, he packed up and ran to his vehicle. CPO Whitchurch caught up to the man at his vehicle and requested a fishing license. The subject stated he had one but, in fact, did not. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol in the southeast side of Chicago when he observed the driver of a vehicle driving in front of him toss litter out of the driver's side window. The litter blew directly into the waterway next to the road. CPO Whitchurch conducted a traffic stop on the subject who admitted to littering out of the vehicle and into the waterway. Enforcement action was taken against the driver for unlawful pollution of a waterway and unlawfully littering from a motor vehicle.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Cook County lake when they observed two subjects fishing. When the two subjects saw the CPOs, they immediately stopped fishing and walked to their vehicle. CPO Whitchurch stopped the two subjects and requested fishing licenses from the subjects. Neither one of them had a valid fishing license. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat underway at a Cook County lake which did not have visible registration. A check of the boat and the operator confirmed the boat was not properly registered. A citation was issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject fishing. The same subject was observed drinking out of a large plastic jug. When the subject was done with the jug, he tossed the

jug into the water. Contact with the subject was made and it was learned he did not have a valid sport fishing license. A citation and a written warning were issued. The plastic jug was retrieved by CPO Whitchurch and discarded properly.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects fishing. When one of the subjects saw CPO Whitchurch, he immediately handed his fishing pole to the subject fishing beside him. A check on the subject informed he did not have a valid sport fishing license. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch, CPOT Poffenberger, and Sgt. Shannon were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated without any visible registration. A stop of the watercraft was made and a safety inspection was completed. The operator was the owner of the personal watercraft and did not have valid registration or a sounding device. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a subject actively fly fishing for salmon. When the subject was asked for his fishing license and salmon stamp, he informed the CPOs he had never purchased a license because he did not feel he needed a license to fish in Lake Michigan. The subject was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were observing a large group of fishermen at Lake Michigan. When the CPOs made their presence known, one fisherman walked away and tried to blend in with a large group of people. The subject was identified and asked for a fishing license. He did not have a valid fishing license and was cited.

CPO Whitchurch and Sgt. Shannon were on patrol on the Chicago River when they observed a watercraft which appeared to be overloaded coming off of Lake Michigan. A safety inspection of the watercraft was conducted at which time it was learned the watercraft had too many people on board based on the watercraft's placard. It was also learned there were no visual distress signals onboard. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Lake Michigan Harbor during the hours of darkness when they observed a subject unlawfully snagging during the closed snagging season. Contact with the subject was made. The subject did not have a valid sport fishing license and also did not have a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp. Multiple citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was enforcing sport fishing regulations at Lake Michigan in a Chicago Harbor. While checking numerous fishermen on one side of the harbor, CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects pack up their fishing gear and salmon they possessed once they saw CPO Whitchurch and began to walk to the parking area from the other side of the harbor. CPO Whitchurch cut the subjects off before the parking area and requested fishing licenses and salmon stamps from the subjects. The subjects produced valid fishing licenses, but neither subject had a valid salmon stamp. CPO Whitchurch explained the laws to the two fishermen and they each received a citation for catching and possessing salmon without a salmon stamp.

CPO Whitchurch, CPOT Poffenberger, and Sgt. Shannon were patrolling on Lake Michigan when they observed a personal watercraft being operated by a youthful operator. The same personal watercraft was observed being operated by an adult male. The personal watercraft had expired registration affixed to it. A stop of the watercraft was conducted and the adult was informed on youthful operator laws. It was confirmed the registration was expired. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed four personal watercrafts violate a posted no wake area inside a harbor. All four personal watercraft were also observed creating wakes in close proximity to a public launch ramp. Additionally, three of the four personal watercrafts had registration violations and the same three personal watercrafts also failed to have sounding devices onboard. Multiple enforcement actions were taken for the high volume of violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Chicago Harbor when he observed a subject attempting to snag salmon during the closed snagging season. When CPO Whitchurch approached the subject, he told CPO Whitchurch he knew he was violating the law. He also told CPO Whitchurch he did not have a fishing license or a salmon stamp. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Lake Michigan Chicago Harbor when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon in a harbor which is not open to snagging. The subject was observed casting a snag hook into the water in close proximity to a moored boat. The subject saw CPO Whitchurch and left his pole on the concrete wall and tried to walk away. CPO Whitchurch checked the subject who did not possess a valid fishing license or a salmon stamp. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch observed a subject fishing at Lake Michigan. When CPO Whitchurch was checking other persons in the same area, the aforementioned subject tried hiding his pole in the bushes along the harbor wall. CPO Whitchurch retrieved the hidden fishing pole and the subject apologized to CPO Whitchurch for panicking and doing what he did because he did not have a fishing license. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing subject.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging during closed season. When CPO walked up to the subject, the subject was very cordial to CPO Whitchurch. He continued to attempt to snag fish while explaining to CPO Whitchurch he had not had a lot of luck on that day. The subject also brought up the fact nobody else was snagging in the area which the subject thought was odd. CPO Whitchurch explained to the subject snagging season did not open until October 1st. The subject immediately ceased snagging and took responsibility for not knowing the fishing laws but was happy to learn that was why nobody else in the area was snagging. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he was flagged down by a Lake Michigan Harbor Security Guard because assistance was needed with dealing with an intoxicated subject who was on a docked boat where that person should not have been. The intoxicated person was located and was acting disorderly. CPO Whitchurch assisted Chicago Police with getting the person and the person's belongings off the boat and the subsequent arrest.

CPO Whitchurch, Sgt. Shannon, and CPOT Poffenberger were on a Lake Michigan patrol when they observed a personal watercraft violate a posted no wake area. Once the personal watercraft was stopped and a safety check was completed, it was learned there was no fire extinguisher onboard. The personal watercraft was rented from a local business. The Officers visited the watercraft rental business and cited the business' agent for unlawfully renting the watercraft without the required safety equipment.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects drinking beer while fishing. CPO Whitchurch observed both subjects toss their beer cans into the water. Contact was made with both subjects and citations were issued for unlawful pollution of a waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed two subjects unlawfully snagging salmon during closed season. Both subjects admitted to knowing they were breaking the law. One of the subjects was cited by CPO Whitchurch the previous year around the same time for unlawfully snagging. Both subjects were issued citations for the snagging violations.

DUPAGE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted recreational boat patrol on Labor Day weekend with the United States Coast Guard.

CPO Farber conducted weekend patrol at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPOs Farber and Vaughn assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Department with a search for a wanted subject. Several acres of timber were walked with tracking K9's. The wanted subject was located shortly after dark.

CPO Farber conducted recreational boat patrol at the North Point Marina boat launch. He observed two men board a small watercraft that did not have proper registration displayed. One man sat at the helm of the vessel and began to operate the watercraft. The vessel was not equipped with proper navigation lights. The passenger held a red/green bow light in his right hand and cell phone with the flashlight turned on in his left hand. CPO Farber stopped the vessel to address the violations and conduct a safety inspection in accordance with the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act. While speaking with the operator of the vessel, a strong smell of alcoholic beverage was detected. He showed several other signs of impairment. The operator of the vessel almost fell into Lake Michigan several times while attempting to secure the safety equipment. After sobriety testing, the subject vomited several times on the sidewalk outside of the North Point Marina Security Office. The operator of the vessel was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, failure to display valid registration decal, and operation without proper navigation lights.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Farber assisted the Lake County Sheriff's Office with a search for a subject wanted on numerous felony warrants. The subject had fled from his car and headed into a nearby wooded area near the town of Wadsworth. CPOs assisted Lake County Sheriff's Deputy D. Arrowood and his dog with a track of the wooded area. The subject was located and taken into custody by the Sheriff's office.

CPO Vaughan issued a citation for operation of watercraft in a restricted area at the North Point Marina Beach.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations and warnings to the operator of a boat on Lake Michigan as he was approaching the North Point Marina boat launch. The violations included: violation of no wake zone, youth under the age of 13 not wearing a proper PFD, expired fire extinguisher (expired in 1989), expired visual distress signals (expired 1997), and overloading a watercraft.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum arrested a Clark County man for Possession of Cannabis greater than 10 grams but less than 30 grams, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Illegal Transportation of Alcohol by a Passenger.

CPO Wellum arrested a Clark County Woman on an active warrant out of Edgar County. Warrant was for failure to appear on a felony drug charge.

CPO Wellum attended a hunter safety course in Clark County.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody encountered two Ridge Farm men digging ginseng without permission from the landowners; several boat violations were also found. A citation was issued.

CPO Greuel attended Current Trends in Drug Abuse Class at MTU 13 Training Center in Mattoon.

CPO Greuel attended a Hunter Safety Class at the Charleston Sportsman Club.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

A Villa Grove subject was cited by CPO Barnes for reckless conduct due to her pet raccoon biting a child in the face in a public area.

EDGAR COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited multiple people from various states for state park violations during a National LARPING event in Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Barnes stopped a subject for driving 100 mph and later discovered the subject was in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon woman for possession for drug paraphernalia while checking fishermen.

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Pana woman for pollution of a waterway after she threw her empty beer cans in a ditch in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO wright and CPO Reeves arrested a Normal man for OUI on a jet ski on Clinton Lake. When CPO Wright greeted the man, the man returned with a greeting of "morning" even though it was approximately 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon. The man refused to blow and was released to his wife who had to come pick him up due to not having anyone to drive him home.

CPO Graden conducted a weekday, evening Jon boat patrol on Clinton Lake. Throughout the course of several watercraft inspections he issued seven written warnings and two citations for operation of a watercraft with insufficient wearable life vests.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Viverito were checking boats at the Weldon boat launch on Clinton Lake when they observed a boat come into the dock. As the operator observed us on the dock he immediately stopped the boat even though he was 10 yards from the boat launch. The operator then took several minutes to get to the dock. After securing the boat to the dock CPO Viverito found the Rantoul man was OUI and registered a .14% BAC.

Sgt. Williamson was patrolling Clinton Lake State Park when he encountered a man asking for help in the parking lot of the Mascoutin Shelter. The man kept pointing towards the boat launch stating that his family was camped over there and they were gone. It took several times to explain that he was pointing to the boat launch and that the campground was the other direction. With help from CPO Viverito and CPO Reeves we were able to find the campsite that his family was camped at. When CPO Viverito went to speak to the adults at the campsite he observed a one hitter pipe on the picnic table. After help from K9 Hank a bong, 1 jitter box, and 2 baggies of cannabis were also found. Six citations were issued for the civil offenses.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPO Viverito arrested a Decatur woman fishing on Lake Decatur for having a warrant out of Macon County. Along with the warrant, she was arrested for obstructing identification. She gave a false name for approximately 30 minutes until Decatur Police arrived on scene and were able to bring a booking photo to help identify her. She also had no valid fishing license and had too many fishing devices.

McLEAN COUNTY

While on patrol in Moraine View SRA, CPO Graden initiated a traffic stop on a truck traveling 49 mph in a posted 30 mph zone. The male driver was issued a written warning for speeding and a citation for illegal transportation of an open alcoholic beverage.

CPO Graden conducted a weekday, evening Jon boat patrol on Evergreen Lake. Throughout the course of several watercraft inspections, he issued seven written warnings and one citation for operation of a watercraft with insufficient wearable life vests.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Reeves received a complaint of illegal ginseng harvest from Allerton Park. CPO Reeves and CPO Wright were able to find the address of the violator from a license plate that was reported by one of the volunteer workers. After interviewing the man he turned over the ginseng and received multiple citations.

VERMILION COUNTY

During this reporting period, CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located an individual unlawfully harvesting ginseng on state land (Middlefork State Fish and Wildlife Area). The individual was cited accordingly and was also issued a written warning for trespass to harvest ginseng on adjacent private ground.

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located three subjects squirrel hunting in the Harry "Babe" Woodard SNA. Numerous violations were detected including:

Citation- Unplugged Shotgun

Citation- No valid Hunting License

Citation- Uncased Bow

Written Warning- No habitat stamp

Written Warning- No windshield card x2

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford received a trespassing complaint from the 2015 deer season. During the course of the investigation we uncovered two untagged, unconfirmed deer from the 2015 Deer Season. The individual responsible was issued a citation for failure to immediately tag deer upon harvest. The individual was also issued warnings for other assorted violations.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blakeley responded to a complaint along the Mississippi River South of Quincy. Three subjects went fishing and took a .22 rifle with them. After unloading the fishing equipment, one subject walked over the levee and shot a deer multiple times. None of the subjects had a valid Firearm Owners Identification.

CPO Myers taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course at the Transitions Building in Quincy.

BROWN COUNTY

Nothing reported

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Goetten taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety Course at the American Legion in Brussels.

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Goetten received a report of two subjects trespassing to collect ginseng in Greene County. Both subjects were identified and arrested. Several pounds of wet ginseng roots were seized.

HANCOCK COUNTY

Nothing reported

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten along with Jersey County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a battery on the Mississippi River. Two barge employees got into a fight. One was significantly injured and transported to the hospital. The offender was arrested for battery and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten arrested a subject at Pere Marquette State Park on several warrants. The subject was wanted on a warrant out of Texas for possession of several pounds of cannabis with intent to deliver, a warrant out of Missouri for possession of several pounds of cannabis with intent to deliver and an Alton Police Department warrant for traffic offenses. After being taken into custody, cannabis and drug paraphernalia were found in his vehicle. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten arrested a fisherman on the Illinois River on an arrest warrant for failure to appear on a traffic offense out of Macoupin County. He was transported to the Jersey County jail.

CPO Goetten received a trespass complaint in Jersey County. A landowner obtained trail camera photographs of two subjects. They were identified and interviewed. Both admitted to trespassing to collect ginseng. Both were cited.

CPO Gushleff attended National Hunting and Fishing Days at Nilo Farms with the Wildlife Education Trailer and answered several questions in regards to the upcoming wildlife seasons.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the Farm Bureau in Carlinville.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the Pike-Calhoun Sportsman's Club in Pleasant Hill.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the First Southern Baptist Church in Rushville

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPOs Elliott and Bettis arrested two subjects for unlawfully harvesting 2.165 lbs. of wild ginseng from Jim Edgar Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran attended a hunter safety course at Pana Jr High School teaching 18 bright young minds about Hunting Regulations in Illinois.

CPO Cochran attended a Hunter Safety course at Masonic Lodge in Assumption teaching 19 bright young minds about Hunting Regulations in Illinois.

CPOs Cochran and Thornley attended the 2016 Brett Creager Memorial Youth Event at Sangchris Lake State Park. The CPOs answered questions and spoke to the youth hunters about common violations associated with waterfowl hunting. Approximately 60-70 youths were in attendance.

CPO Bettis attended a Hunter Safety course at Farm Extension Office teaching 30 students Hunting Regulations in Illinois.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Bettis attended a Hunter Safety course at American Legion teaching 60 students Hunting Regulations in Illinois.

MASON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis taught eight different 20 minute presentations on Illinois Wildlife to two-hundred fifth grade Menard County students at the annual field days event at the Menard County Fairgrounds.

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Swance was patrolling the Sangamon River and discovered several people fishing in a remote area. On his way to contact the group he encountered a couple who seemed startled by CPO Swance being in the area. CPO Swance recognized the item in the female's pocket as a hitter box. The women handed CPO Swance the item. She was issued a civil citation for drug possession.

OTHER: St. Clair County - CPO Cochran attended a bench trial at the St. Clair County Courthouse regarding a speeding ticket issued at Frank Holten State Recreation Area this summer. The defendant did not appear for trial and was found guilty in his absence.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a call at the Horseshoe Island Access at Carlyle Lake about a pelican caught in a trot line. Tapley was able to wade out to the pelican, remove the hook from his mouth, and release him.

CPO Matt Lentz attended a Hunter Safety Class at Langham Outdoors in Donnellson attended by 40 Students.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley received a call at the Allen Branch Boat Ramp at Carlyle Lake about a vehicle that was submerged. When Tapley arrived, he saw a truck and trailer (boat still attached) underwater at the boat ramp. The driver said his back tires started to slide on the algae on the ramp under the water and he couldn't get the truck out. No one was injured and the truck was removed.

CPO Tapley and CPOT Knop received a call about dove hunters hunting too close to Carlyle Lake. Tapley and Knop went to the area which was just after the end of hunting hours. As they were walking towards the hunting field several shots were heard. Two of the hunters admitted to shooting at doves after the end of hunting hours and were issued citations.

CPO Tapley attended a Hunter Safety Course in Albers. CPO Tapley was called out to Eldon Hazlet State Park on his day off by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rangers in reference to a person driving his truck through a ditch in the park. When Tapley arrived, he spoke with the driver who had no excuse for his actions. The passenger was found to have open alcohol. Two citations were issued.

CPO Matt Lentz attended a Trapper Safety Class at Carlyle Lake attended by 10 students

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were covertly working teal hunters at the Carlyle sub-impoundments. They observed several hunters shoot early and also shoot and kill a wood-duck out of season. Citations were issued for unlawful take of wood-duck and warnings for the early shooting.

MADISON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Tapley was called to Coffeen Lake in reference to a truck and trailer under water. The driver of the truck had set the parking brake but had forgotten to put the truck in "Park" as he was about to load his boat. No one was injured and the Hillsboro Fire Department Dive Team came to assist the tow company with locating and removing the vehicle.

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation at Coffeen Lake for no fishing license

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers gave a presentation to the Whitetail Classic at the First Baptist Church in Chester about the new law changes. There were approximately 50 attendees.

CPO Ray, CPO Sievers and CPOT Knop were on a department issued marked patrol boat working recreational boating enforcing. They observed a yellow or white watercraft on plane traveling north creating a large wake in the posted no wake area. The operator was arrested for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and with a BAC over .08.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers applied for an arrest warrant for the female driver who fled from him while he was patrolling Frank Holten State Park during the 4th of July weekend. The St. Clair County State's Attorney office filed the charges for unlawfully being in the park after the posted closing time, unlawfully driving with a suspended driver's license, no valid vehicle registration, no vehicle insurance, obstruction of a police officer by providing a false name and date of birth, reckless driving, and fleeing and eluding of a police officer.

CPO Ray arrested a subject operating a motor vehicle at Frank Holten State Park. The operator was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, failing to wear his seatbelt and a written warning for speeding.

CPO Ray received an anonymous call informing him of three individuals waterfowl hunting, taking Wood Ducks during closed season. CPO Charles was near the area and contacted to assist with the complaint. The hunters stated they had only duck hunted a few times and were not very good at identifying ducks. They thought all the ducks they were shooting at were Teal. They guys across the field started yelling and cursing at them, and told them to stop shooting Wood Ducks. One hunter stated he was the only one to kill a duck and he thought it was a teal when he shot it. They utilized their phones and later identified the duck as a Wood Duck. He got nervous and tossed the Wood Duck in the weeds. The subjects received citations for hunting on railroad property without permission and written warnings for attempting to take Wood Ducks during closed season. One hunter was issued a citation for taking a Wood Duck during closed season and hunting without permission of Illinois Railroad.

CPO Ray attended two Hunter Safety Classes in St. Clair County with over 85 students attending.

CPO Ray arrested a subject on Beaver Lake at Peabody River King for short fish and over the legal creel limit. The subject attempted to avoid CPO Ray by changing course of travel in his watercraft from the center of the lake to the far bank. The subject was reluctant to stop when CPO Ray approached his watercraft. The subject had a fire extinguisher which was manufactured in 1971 and was not operational. The subject stated he did not catch or keep any fish today. The subject had 4 largemouth bass in his cooler and the legal creel limit at the park is 3. The minimum length for largemouth bass is 15". The largest of the 4 bass was 13 ½" and the smallest was 8 ½".

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OTHER: Region 5-Perry County

CPO Schachner and CPOT Knop were covertly working teal hunters at Pyramid State Park to assist the local CPO in response to a complaint. The original violators were not located, but they covertly watched a subject shoot at tree swallows three times. A citation was issued for take of protected species.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay cited a non-resident fisherman, fishing on the Big Muddy River without a license.

CPO Lay cited a resident fisherman at Rend Lake for fishing without a license.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HAMILTON COUNTY

Two hunters charged by CPO Schoenhoff were fined for violations committed during the deer gun season in 2015. An Oklahoma hunter paid \$1,484.00 and received 24 months suspension from guilty verdicts on charges of unlawful take of a Whitetail deer and possession of another's deer permit. A Louisiana hunter pleaded guilty for unlawfully loaning the permit and he was fined \$942.00 and received 24 months supervision. The buck antlers were forfeited to the Department.

CPO Schoenhoff taught the law section at a Hunter safety class in McLeansboro.

CPO Folden investigated a possible unlawful dumping in McLeansboro.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden observed a UTV on the roadway near Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area. While following the vehicle CPO Folden observed the passenger throw some trash in a ditch. CPO Folden stopped the vehicle and cited the driver for unlawful operation of an ATV on the roadway and the passenger for depositing trash on the roadway.

CPO Lay issued a citation to a hunter who was hunting teal on Rend Lake for the use of an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Lay spoke to a large Hunter Safety Class at the Mt. Vernon Market Place this reporting period.

POPE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Folden investigated a Facebook post indicating a man harvested ginseng out of season. CPO Folden interviewed the subject who was embarrassed but openly admitted that he thought the season started September 1st. The ginseng was harvested in White County. CPO Folden cited the man for unlawful harvesting ginseng out of season.

CPO Schoenhoff issued a citation for sport fishing without a sport fishing license on the Little Wabash River.

OTHER: Douglas County - CPO Diggins cited two game breeders for the unlawful sale and possession of whitetail deer without a wild game breeders permit. Both men were issued two citations.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Taylor attended Crawford County Conservation Days in Palestine. The CPOs displayed District 15's air boat and demonstrated what the boat sounds like. The CPOs talked about conservation safety pinpointing boating safety and general outdoor safety measures. The CPOs also spoke about the job and duties of a Conservation Police Officer.

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith was patrolling the area of Cox's Bridge and found some minor boating violations from a boat that was full of teal hunters. CPO Smith issued a written warning for a life jacket violation and a written warning for a battery cover issue.

CPO Smith observed an ATV operating on the roadway. CPO Smith stopped the ATV and explained to the 14 year old operator the dangers of operating on the road and the laws that he was violating. CPO Smith explained to the operator he could cross the roadway at a 90 degree. CPO Smith issued a written warning for operation of ATV on roadway.

CPO Smith was en route to Forbes Lake State Park and heard ISP dispatch transmitting a message pertaining to a man with a gun at Ellen's Restaurant in Farina. CPO Smith activated his emergency lights and siren and proceeded to the location.

CPO Roper was also en route from Vandalia. Before CPO Smith arrived, ISP advised the gun was no longer with the suspect. CPO Smith and ISP arrived simultaneously at Ellen's. CPO Smith and IDP exited their vehicles and proceeded to the south side of the restaurant where a Fayette County Deputy was on scene and had the suspect in custody. The

suspect said there were a man and woman in his vehicle who were threatening him. He exited his vehicle with the gun in his hands and entered the restaurant. His intentions were not to rob or inflict harm upon anyone in the restaurant. A search of the suspect's vehicle revealed a substantial amount of methamphetamines. A search of the area was conducted by ISP and CPOs for the other two suspects. Suspects were not found.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor handled a complaint of trespassing to dig ginseng in Jasper County. Two citations were issued to a Crawford County subject for trespass to dig ginseng and harvest of ginseng without a license.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing reported.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman and Sgt. K Taylor assisted in the release of a juvenile bald eagle at the Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area. The eagle was initially picked up by CPO Mohrman and CPOT Knop after it was discovered injured at the Union County Refuge in January. After extensive rehabilitation at Free Again Wildlife the eagle was able to fully recover and thus be released.

CPO Mohrman gave a presentation on conservation law and new law updates at a Hunter Safety Class in Marion.

CPO Mohrman assisted the Desoto Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office with a manhunt. The manhunt was initiated for two unknown subjects who burglarized a rural Jackson County residence and were observed by the homeowner running into a wooded area. Taken from the residence were several loaded firearms and small electronics. A K-9 unit was used to track the subjects but once nightfall came the search was called off without locating the burglars.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Thompson observed a motorcycle crash while en route to an Ohio River boat detail and assisted the driver. The driver had a broken leg with partial bone sticking through the skin. CPO Thompson notified EMS and ISP, informing

them the driver was also DUI. CPO Thompson activated his video camera which caught the crash on disc. The disc was relayed to the Trooper handling the crash and DUI.

CPO Thompson observed a vehicle enter the closed picnic area at Ferne Clyffe State Park. After stopping the car he discovered both occupants were in possession of open alcohol. Citations were issued to both.

CPO Thompson observed and stopped two ATV's driving on IL Rte 37 near Buncombe. Both operators were issued citations and they called a friend with a trailer to take the ATV's home.

CPO Thompson cited a subject for cutting/destroying four small trees at their campsite at Ferne Clyffe State Park. They were also issued written warnings for violation of quiet hours and littering.

CPO Thompson responded to a complaint of a truck on the Tunnel Hill Trail. After speaking with the Site Superintendent it was noted that the driver had been told the previous week to stay off the Trail with his equipment. The owner/operator was cited.

MASSAC COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PERRY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing reported.

UNION COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

District 16 officers participated in the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days at John A. Logan College. The officers had the Conservation Police Education Trailer on display. Officers answered questions and passed out literature to the public.