



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 1 – 15, 2018)

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Downers Grove woman at Mississippi Palisades State Park for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a posted prohibited area.

CPO Palumbo taught a trapper safety education class at the Carroll County Fairgrounds.

CPO Palumbo attended a kids' conservation day at Mississippi Palisades State Park and had the Conservation Police Lodge trailer on display.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Jones cited a Lake in the Hills man and an Elgin man for hunting squirrels with unplugged shotguns. One was issued a written warning for no habitat stamp, and both were given verbal warnings for no windshield cards.

CPO Jones cited an Arizona man and a Joliet man for not wearing blaze orange during the youth firearm season.

CPO Palumbo issued multiple citations and written warnings to three Rockford squirrel hunters for hunting private property without permission, failure to wear blaze orange while hunting during a firearm deer season, and for hunting at a State site when the season was closed.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Teas attended the Dixon Stewardship Days and had the education trailer on display.

While on patrol at Franklin Creek State Natural Area, CPO Teas cited a fisherman for no fishing license and possession of cannabis.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Francisko attended a hunter safety class and taught hunting laws to students at Mercer County High School.

CPO Francisko attended the West Central Quality Deer Management Association's Youth Deer Hunter Clinic and spoke about the duties of a CPO and the deer hunting laws. He interacted with the children and adults and answered several questions.

OGLE COUNTY

CPOs Beltran and Teas made a DUI arrest at Carnation Park in Oregon.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri responded to a report of an illegally taken deer. She observed two old deer hides hanging from the rafters of a pole barn. The legally taken hides were wrapped around wire tomato cages and are used for decoys during the hunting seasons. No violations were found.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Alt is currently investigating a hunting without permission complaint.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo participated as an instructor at multiple hunter safety classes.

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

BOONE COUNTY

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

CPO Alt conducted a hunting compliance check of an archery deer hunter. The man was found to be in violation for an unsigned archery deer permit. He issued the man a warning for the offense, and he had him sign the permit.

BUREAU COUNTY

While conducting sport fish enforcement along the Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for fishing without a fishing license. One individual was also cited for fishing without permission.

While conducting dove enforcement at the Hennepin Canal Parkway, CPO Wagner cited one individual for hunting with lead shot; and one individual was cited for hunting without a habitat stamp. Several written warnings were also issued to the hunters.

While patrolling Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Wagner observed a boat on Mirror Lake. A safety check was conducted, and the boat was found to have no wearable PFDs for the individuals onboard. The operator was issued a citation for not having wearable PFDs on the boat.

While on a routine patrol, CPO Wagner issued five speeding tickets to individuals who were traveling greater than 75 mph.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPOs Francisko and Alt attended pursuit training at Starved Rock State Park.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Kaufman found an individual in possession of a ten-inch smallmouth bass. The minimum legal limit on that particular body of water was 18 inches. A citation was issued.

CPOs Jansen and Kaufman located a boat in the restricted area of LaSalle Lake. While addressing the restricted area violation, the CPOs found more violations. One fisherman on the boat did not have a fishing license, the boat had expired registration, there was no throwable device, no serviceable fire extinguisher, no sounding device, and the batteries were not covered. Four citations and four written warnings were issued.

While on patrol at Matthiessen State Park, CPO Jansen observed a male subject in a vehicle traveling toward the exit of the Park while holding a fountain soda cup out of the car window. He observed the subject throw the cup at a Park sign. CPO Jansen conducted a vehicle stop, and the subject admitted throwing the cup out of the vehicle. The subject was cited for littering.

CPO Murry cited a driver for speeding. The vehicle was traveling 91 mph in a 55-mph speed zone.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn gave a presentation at Putnam County High School regarding the duties of a CPO.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt encountered a man and woman fishing in Rock Cut State Park. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and neither individual had a fishing license. Further investigation revealed that the man was a registered violent sexual predator prohibited from being present in any public park. The man was charged with fishing without a fishing license and unlawful entry or remaining in a public park as a sexual offender.

CPO Alt stopped a vehicle for speeding and expired registration. Both violations were addressed with written warnings.

While on patrol at Rock Cut State Park, CPO Murry stopped a vehicle for speeding. The driver was cited for speeding and arrested for driving while license suspended.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gerard gave a presentation at a hunter safety class in Chillicothe.

CPOs Lazzell and Thompson cited three fishermen for fishing without permission of the landowner. One of the subjects was also cited for fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Lazzell cited a fisherman at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

Cpt. Petreikis attended Payson School District's Annual Ag Day, and she had the education trailer on display. She spoke to students and adults about wildlife, hunting and fishing regulations, and the career of a CPO.

CPO Blazinic attended an outdoor expo at the Farm & Home Supply in Quincy.

CPO Blazinic received a complaint from site technicians at Siloam Springs State Park regarding individuals dumping garbage in the State Park. While cleaning up the garbage, the site technicians found pieces of mail possibly belonging to the suspects. CPO Blazinic located the suspects at their residences and issued citations.

CPO Blazinic issued a citation to a father for parental responsibility during the youth firearm deer season for not checking in deer harvested on same day.

CPO Blazinic received notification of a tree stand accident at Siloam Springs State Park. An archery deer hunter fell from a tree stand, fracturing his ankle.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Blakeley gave a presentation at a safety fair held by Western Illinois Electric in Carthage. He discussed the importance of water safety and boat safety. The event was attended by approximately 150 fifth grade students.

CPO Wheatley responded to a boat incident on Pool 20 of the Mississippi River. A Tennessee man had experienced problems with his boat, and his boat began taking on water. After a failed attempt to put the boat on the trailer, the man tied the boat to his truck to secure it. The rope broke, and the boat flipped over. No one was injured.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Blakeley spoke to approximately 40 youth hunters and their parents at Eagle Lake Outfitters before the youth deer season.

CPO Blakeley encountered two nonresident deer hunters who illegally transported an uncased bow and loaded crossbow after legal hunting hours, and they failed to report their deer harvest before processing two deer. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Wichern received a disposition on a case involving an illegal deer harvest. The Meredosia deer hunter paid \$707 in fines/costs for failing to tag an eight-point deer taken in the county during the 2017 archery deer season.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Fraser participated in the 2018 firearms and defensive tactics scenario training.

CPO Fraser patrolled for deer hunters.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

District 10 CPOs worked security and directed traffic at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site's annual Candlelight Tour.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds and CPOs Barnes, Blazinic, Cottrell, Graden, Greuel, Moody, Reeves, Viverito, and Wright attended pursuit policy and seizure/forfeiture training at the IDNR headquarters.

CPO Fraser served as a monitor for the Department's POWER and SWIM test portion of the recruit applicant process.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

CPO Kelley attended a hunter safety class at the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee.

LAKE COUNTY

While working on Lake Michigan, CPO Knop observed a fisherman snagging and removing something from his line in a restricted area. The subject refused to show CPO Knop his fishing license because he said that he was not fishing. Citations were issued.

CPOs Vaughan, Knop, and Davis, along with Sgt. Schreiber, worked four snagging details. The details resulted in approximately 20 citations and warnings for unlawful snagging of salmon and salmon fishing without a license and/or salmon stamp.

MCHENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

District 2, 3, and 4 CPOs conducted night shoot training at the Grundy County Sheriff's firearm range. Joe Schroeder, with Grundy County EMA, provided lighting for the event.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber investigated a baited ground blind and tree stand at Kankakee River State Park. He located a subject hunting from the baited ground blind and another from a baited tree stand. The violators had spread piles of oats on the ground in front of their blinds with the intent to attract white-tailed deer. Both Chicago men were issued citations and educated about the Illinois baiting laws.

CPO Farber gave a presentation at a hunter safety course at Bordertown Guns in Momence.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to an incident at the boat ramp at Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area. A truck and boat trailer slid off the ramp and were completely submerged in the river. The driver of the vehicle was able to exit before the truck filled with water. The vehicle and trailer were removed by a tow service, and no injuries were sustained during the incident.

CPO Reid checked an archery deer hunter in the field. He was able to determine the hunter had provided false information to fraudulently obtain a hunting license and deer permits. The hunter was arrested for falsification of records, hunting without a valid permit, and hunting without permission.

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

COOK COUNTY

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed two subjects unlawfully attempting to snag salmon at a Lake Michigan harbor closed to snagging. Once the subjects saw Sgt. Whitchurch, both attempted to leave the area and hide. He spoke with both subjects, and it was learned one of the subjects lived out of state and did not possess a valid nonresident sport fishing license, or a Lake Michigan salmon stamp. Both subjects were educated on the snagging regulations and fishing license regulations. Citations and written warnings were issued for unlawfully snagging in waters closed to snagging, unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft, unlawful fishing without a valid nonresident sport fishing license, and unlawfully attempting to take salmon without a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp.

While on patrol, Sgt. Whitchurch observed two subjects field dressing a deer in a small field. He spoke with the subjects, and it was learned the subject who harvested the deer had unlawfully moved the deer and began to field dress it without immediately tagging it. The hunter was issued a citation for failure to immediately tag the deer prior to moving it.

CPO Ausmus continues to assist CPO Alt and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Police with the unlawful dumping of an abandoned watercraft on Forest Preserve District property.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement at area harbors, CPO Ausmus issued two written warnings for no salmon stamp when required.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement in and around Lake Michigan. He issued several citations for fishing without a valid sport fishing license and no Lake Michigan salmon stamps. Written warnings were issued for no salmon stamp and fishing license not in possession.

CPO Ausmus is investigating a hit-and-run boat accident that occurred at the end of the boating season.

CPO Ausmus spoke at a hunter safety course in Arlington Heights.

While conducting a Lake Michigan snagging enforcement detail, CPO Sanford observed two individuals actively attempting to snag salmon before the open season. He conducted a fishing compliance check. It was discovered neither individual possessed a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp, and each was in possession of a snagged Chinook salmon. Both individuals were issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season and written warnings for no valid salmon stamp and unlawful possession of a snagging device. The salmon were seized as evidence and donated to a lawful angler with a valid salmon stamp. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford observed an individual attempting to

snag salmon before the open season. He conducted a fishing compliance check, and the individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season and a written warning for unlawful possession of a snagging device. Yet another individual was observed attempting to snag salmon before the open season, and CPO Sanford conducted a fishing compliance check. It was discovered the individual did not possess a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp even though he was in possession of one snagged Chinook salmon. The individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season and written warnings for no salmon stamp and unlawful possession of a snagging device. The salmon was seized as evidence and donated to a lawful angler with a valid salmon stamp.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual fishing from the bank of a lagoon, and a fishing compliance check was conducted. It was discovered the individual had not possessed a valid sport fishing license since 2014, and a citation was issued for the license violation.

While conducting a Lake Michigan snagging enforcement detail, CPO Sanford observed an individual unlawfully snagging in a prohibited area and snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. He conducted a fishing compliance check and issued two citations for unlawful snagging where prohibited and unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. The individual was also issued a written warning for unlawful possession of a snagging device.

CPOs Klemme and Mooi conducted snagging details. Several fishermen were checked after they were observed snagging. The individuals advised they were snagging in Lincoln Park Lagoon when another fisherman advised them to try Belmont Harbor. They stated that they did not realize that snagging was prohibited in Belmont Harbor. A total of four citations were issued for snagging in a restricted area. Written warnings were also issued for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft, no fishing license, and no Lake Michigan salmon stamp.

CPO Stanbary conducted a snagging enforcement detail at Jackson Harbor. During the detail, a driver was found smoking cannabis and drinking a beer inside his vehicle. A civil cannabis ticket was issued after a small amount of cannabis was confiscated from the driver's door and ash tray. A written warning was issued for the alcohol violation.

While conducting fishing enforcement at Lake Michigan, CPO Stanbary issued citations to fishermen for the following violations: no fishing license; no salmon stamp; and snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. Written warnings were issued for no fishing license, pollution of a waterway, and no salmon stamp. Four unlawfully caught salmon were seized from fishermen. In addition, a fisherman was arrested on two outstanding warrants from DuPage and Will counties. The man was unable to post bond, and he was transported to the 3rd Chicago Police District where he was booked and held awaiting bond.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a snagging enforcement detail. A fisherman at Lincoln Park Lagoon was issued a written warning for no license in possession. A fisherman at Diversey Harbor was cited for unlawfully snagging in a closed area. A boater in Diversey Harbor was issued a citation after the CPOs observed the boat operating without navigation lights. During the stop of the vessel, it was discovered the boat had not had valid registration since 2015. A personal watercraft operator was issued three written warnings when the operator was observed operating after sunset. During a boat safety inspection, it was noted the fire extinguisher was unserviceable; and the watercraft had no visual distress signals onboard.

While conducting a snagging enforcement detail at Jackson Harbor, CPOs Stanbary and Thornley issued one citation to a fisherman for pollution of a waterway after he was observed throwing beer cans on the ground very close to the water's edge. A fisherman fishing out of a small jon boat was issued a citation after he ignored an earlier warning about having no navigation lights or personal flotation device onboard. A citation was issued to a snagger who was found fishing with no salmon stamp. Warnings were issued to a fisherman for no license in possession and snagging within 200 feet of a moored craft.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted snagging enforcement details at Lincoln Park Lagoon, Jackson Park, Burnham Harbor, Belmont Harbor, and Diversey Harbor. A citation was issued to a fisherman who was snagging for salmon and

did not have a valid salmon stamp. A written warning was issued to a fisherman for no license in possession. A fisherman who was snagging at Lincoln Park Lagoon was found to have no fishing license or salmon stamp. He was issued a citation for no valid sport fishing license and a written warning for no salmon stamp. A fisherman was located snagging in Diversey Harbor in between boat docks, an area which is closed to snagging. He was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in a closed area and a written warning for snagging within 200 feet of a moored craft.

CPOs Mooi and Klemme conducted sport fish enforcement along the Chicago Lakefront. Four individuals were observed illegally snagging in Belmont Harbor, and citations were issued to each for possessing snag hooks in waters closed to snagging. Written warnings were issued for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft, and one fisherman was given additional written warnings for no fishing license or salmon stamp.

CPOs Mooi and Sanford were conducting sport fish enforcement along the Chicago Lakefront when CPO Sanford received a complaint about snagging in an area closed to snagging. An individual was found snagging along the north wall, and a citation and warning for snagging in closed waters and snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft were issued.

While conducting sport fish enforcement along the Chicago Lakefront, CPO Mooi observed a woman driving a car with heavy damage to the front of the vehicle. As the vehicle drove past, he observed open alcohol inside the vehicle. The driver was stopped, and field sobriety testing was conducted. The driver was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. Due to a combination of admitted alcohol and prescription drug use, the driver was transported to the hospital for a blood draw and observation.

CPO Mooi was patrolling William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he observed a person remove their boat from the water and take off at a high rate of speed from the boat launch. A stop was conducted, and a written warning was issued for expired boat registration and speeding within the State area.

CPO Mooi attended a Vehicle Operations and Rescue Tactics class. The course is designed to familiarize officers with the dangers and complications from the worst-case scenario of having to fight and shoot from inside a vehicle if trapped or ambushed. The class also included training on risk management when dealing with armed offenders around motor vehicles such as in parking lots or traffic stops.

While patrolling the Chicago Lakefront, CPO Mooi observed two individuals snagging from the docks in Jackson Park's inner harbor. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the two individuals were issued written warnings for the violation of snagging within 200 feet of a boat.

CPO Thornley was conducting sport fish enforcement when he spotted an individual sitting in a vehicle with an open alcohol container, and the subject was smoking cannabis. A citation for civil cannabis was issued, and a written warning was issued for the open alcohol container.

CPO Thornley checked several fishermen during a sport fishing detail, and he issued two citations to individuals attempting to snag salmon without a Lake Michigan salmon stamp. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley spotted several people snagging from a dock. A citation was issued to a man for fishing within 200 feet of a moored vessel, and a written warning was issued for parental responsibility allowing his daughter to snag from the dock.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement concentrating on snagging, and he checked several fishermen. Three fishermen did not possess a Lake Michigan salmon stamp as required, and each individual was issued a citation for the violation.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted sport fish enforcement on Lake Michigan. The CPOs spotted two personal watercrafts entering Burnham Harbor after sunset. CPO Thornley conducted a boat safety check of the personal watercrafts. One of the personal watercrafts did not have a visual distress signal or valid registration sticker. It was

determined that the personal watercraft was purchased in October 2017, but the title had not been transferred. A citation was issued for failure to transfer ownership, and written warnings were issued for other minor violations.

CPO Thornley issued a written warning to a vessel entering Diversey Harbor after sunset without navigation lights. He also issued a written warning to a fisherman who was snagging without a salmon stamp near Fullerton Avenue.

CPO Thornley conducted a compliance check of a fisherman at the Lincoln Park Lagoon. The man stated he did not possess a fishing license or a salmon stamp. A check of the individual's information determined he had an active warrant out of Cook County. The man was taken into custody, and he was able to post bond on the outstanding warrant. The man was released and issued two citations for no fishing license and no salmon stamp. The man was also given a mandatory court date.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted sport fish enforcement of Lake Michigan. The CPOs checked several fishermen at Lincoln Park Lagoon, and no violations were found. The CPOs received a call about fishermen fishing on the dock at Jackson Park inner harbor. The CPOs spotted several fishermen along the banks of the harbor. CPO Thornley checked a fisherman along the north bank of the inner harbor, and the fisherman stated he did not possess a license. The fisherman was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Thornley checked two fishermen on the bridge at Jackson Harbor. One of the fishermen had a jon boat along the shore. The owner of the jon boat provided his license but did not possess a salmon stamp. A citation was issued for no salmon stamp, and he was advised not to place the boat in the water without a life vest onboard.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary checked two fishermen on the south side of a Lake Michigan harbor. As CPO Stanbary walked up to check a fisherman, CPO Thornley spotted the man fishing next to him throw a beer can into the tall weeds close the waterline. The man was issued a citation for pollution of waterways. Another fisherman was issued a citation for no salmon stamp.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted sport fish enforcement of Lake Michigan focusing on illegal snagging. CPO Thornley checked a fisherman who was walking away from him, and he requested to see the man's fishing license. The man stated it was in his car. A check of the Point of Sale System showed that the fisherman did not possess a fishing license or a salmon stamp. CPO Thornley issued a citation for no fishing license. A written warning was issued for no salmon stamp.

As CPO Thornley was traveling along the water's edge at Lake Michigan, he spotted a man throw a can into the water. CPO Thornley walked to where the man was standing and spotted a Budweiser beer can floating on top of the water. The man was issued a citation for pollution of waterways. He also issued a written warning to a man who did not have his fishing license in possession.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Jackson Park Harbor. He checked a fisherman who did not possess a salmon stamp, and a citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley spotted a fisherman illegally snagging on the north side of Fullerton Avenue. The man was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in an area prohibited for snagging. The man was also issued a written warning for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored boat. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley spotted two fishermen illegally snagging on the north side of Fullerton Avenue. Both men were issued a citation for unlawful snagging in an area prohibited for snagging. The two men were also issued a written warning for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored boat.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement of Lincoln Park Lagoon, and he checked several fishermen. A citation was issued to a man who did not possess a salmon stamp.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell issued two written warnings to Champaign County residents for unlawful operation of a vehicle in a restricted area.

DEWITT COUNTY

While on deer hunting enforcement patrol, CPOs Reeves and Viverito came across a red pickup truck without a hunter windshield card. The CPOs waited for the owner to return to the truck. When a man emerged from the woods, his jacket pocket was bulging; but he was not carrying any hunting gear. CPO Viverito asked the man if his jacket pocket contained ginseng, and the man said yes. The ginseng was seized, and it will be replanted. The man received two citations.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a nonresident for unlawful camping at Harry “Babe” Woodyard State Natural Area. A written warning was also issued for an unlawful ground fire.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum conducted an inspection of a timber truck, and no violations were found.

CPO Wellum attended a hunter safety course.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Greuel attended a hunting safety course at the Coles County Sportsman Club.

While on patrol at Fox Ridge State Park, CPO Wellum conducted five traffic stops resulting in five written warnings for speeding.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum received a hunting complaint. He met with landowner and walked the property. No violations were found.

CPO Barnes cited an Edwardsville man for trespassing to harvest ginseng.

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Toledo man for trespass to harvest ginseng and digging ginseng with no harvester's permit.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Wellum patrolled Walnut Point State Park during a Halloween event in the campground. One traffic stop was conducted which resulted in a written warning for speeding.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody cited a Sullivan woman after she got her truck stuck in a mud hole while mudding on a Wildlife Management Area.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds cited a Nokomis man for no ginseng harvest license and trespass to harvest ginseng.

CPO Barnes attended a hunter safety class at Wyman Park in Sullivan.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley observed a man snagging for fish below the Carlyle Lake Dam. The fisherman was found to have snagged two paddlefish and one large catfish. The fish were returned to the water, and the man was issued a citation.

MADISON COUNTY

While patrolling Horseshoe Lake State Park, CPO Liebl encountered two fishermen. Both fishermen were unlawfully fishing without permission from the railroad tracks. One individual was fishing on the State Lake, and one was fishing on private property. A check showed one did not have a valid fishing license due to being revoked for child support. Enforcement action was taken for no valid fishing license and for fishing on property without permission.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Sievers attended a hunter safety class at the Hecker Sportsman Club in Hecker.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers was notified that the Sparta Police Department was handling an investigation of a battery that occurred at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex's shower house. The victims were also suspected of not paying camping fees and utilizing the shower house. He met with the couple, and they admitted to sleeping in the car at the shower house and using the shower house without paying for camping. One citation was issued, and he informed them of the regulations for State campgrounds.

CPO Sievers checked a man running his beagle at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. The man had a hunting license but no habitat stamp. The IDNR database revealed that in January the man received a citation for dog training violations at Pyramid State Recreation Area and a written warning for not having a habitat stamp. The man was issued a citation for not having a habitat stamp.

CPO Sievers picked up a severely injured bald eagle along the bluff near Modoc. While transporting the eagle to the Tree House Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, the eagle expired. The bird will be transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Agency.

CPO Sievers manned a demonstration booth at the Delta Waterfowl Arch Chapter's Youth Day at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex. He demonstrated how to determine if a waterfowl hunter was using toxic shot and how to identify what gear could be waterfowl related. Approximately 150 children attended the event.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Liebl and Sgt. Manker responded to a call regarding a sick raccoon in a subdivision. The raccoon was located, and it was apparent that it had distemper. The raccoon was removed and properly disposed.

CPO Schachner investigated a complaint of hunting on a State area which was closed to hunting. Two deer cameras were located and seized, and the appropriate contact information was left for the owner of the cameras.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Lay and Diggins provided assistance to the bank fishermen at the Paralyzed Veterans Association fishing tournament at Rend Lake. The CPOs also had a boat ready for any water related needs at the tournament.

CPO Lay spoke at West Frankfort High School's Wildlife Appreciation class. Students attending this class complete their hunter safety course throughout the school year.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOs Buhnerkempe, Johnson, and Folden conducted a night firearms training at the Ten Mile Creek Fish and Wildlife Area firearms range.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this class.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay gave a presentation at a well-attended hunter safety course in Ina. The students were given instruction on current hunting rules and regulations and how to stay legal while hunting.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty attended a dream hunt function at Camp Oxford. On the evening prior to the hunt, CPO Diggins gave a safety presentation to the youth hunters.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty conducted patrols for archery deer hunters. Several hunters were checked, and no violations were found.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper responded to a complaint from the Clark County Sheriff's Department concerning reckless boat operation at Mill Creek Lake. He spoke to the complainant, and he was able to locate the boaters involved in the complaint. Two individuals were issued one citation each for operation of a watercraft at wake speed in a no wake zone and failure to have a competent observer while towing a skier. Four written warning were also issued to one of the boaters.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor received a complaint regarding two men trespassing to harvest ginseng. The men were located, and both were issued a citation for trespass to harvest ginseng.

While on patrol at Newton Lake, CPO Roper observed a fisherman near the boat launch access. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual was in possession of a largemouth bass that was below the required minimum length limit. The subject was issued one citation for failure to immediately release a short fish. In a separate incident, CPO Roper observed two subjects fishing near the site office at Newton Lake. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the subjects were in possession of two largemouth bass that were below the required minimum length limit. It was also discovered that one of the individuals had a warrant for their arrest. The subject was arrested and transported to the Jasper County Jail. That individual was also issued one citation for failure to immediately release short fish.

While on patrol during youth firearm season, CPO Roper observed two hunters returning to their vehicle. A hunter compliance check was conducted on the father and son. It was discovered the youth hunter had no valid hunting license. The father of the youth hunter was issued a written warning for no valid hunting license (parental responsibility).

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a man for unlawfully operating an ATV on private property without permission. The subject was identified from trail camera pictures taken in August.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating the unlawful take of deer during closed season.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson is investigating a felony timber case.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Vasicek cited three subjects who were illegally hunting white-tailed deer.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis attended a conservation fair at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds. The event is for area grade school students (first through fifth grade) to learn about various topics involving conservation, and the event is organized by local county soil and water districts. He gave 14 short presentations to students regarding boating safety.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek was first on scene to a rural residence where a convicted felon was in possession of a firearm. It was reported that the subject was high on methamphetamine and had shot multiple rounds inside the residence while his mother was present. After several hours, two teams entered the residence and conducted a building search. A loaded firearm was recovered from inside the house, and multiple bullet holes were discovered inside the house. The subject was not present but was taken into custody around midnight that night in Anna.

CPO Vasicek was involved in another manhunt for an armed felon the following day. A subject crashed a vehicle, injuring himself and his passenger; however, both fled the scene. The Illinois State police located the subjects more than a mile from the crash scene. One subject fled into the woods, and the other was taken into custody. The man in custody had two syringes on his person and appeared to be high on methamphetamine. He stated that the subject who fled was also on meth and had a pistol in his boot. That subject was identified as a felon. A search of the adjacent area was conducted by CPO Vasicek, the Illinois State Police, and Union County deputies. It was later learned that he had made it to a farmhouse and was driven into town.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.