



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 16 – 31, 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 Posateri completed an accident report regarding a large pine tree that fell onto an occupied camper at Mississippi Palisades State Park. No one was injured.

CPO Beltran checked several duck hunters during the high wind opener. Most hunters had a good time but were unsuccessful in their harvest. A few minor boat violations were addressed with written warnings.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri spent time in the field scouting for deer season.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Beltran checked several duck hunters during the high wind opener. Most hunters had a good time but were unsuccessful in their harvest. A few minor boat violations were addressed with written warnings.

LEE COUNTY

CPOs Teas and Beltran were on patrol in Franklin Creek State Natural Area when they observed a subject covered up with a blanket in the front seat of his parked car. After speaking with the subject, it was determined he had a warrant for his arrest. In addition, the subject was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine. The subject was arrested and transported to the Lee County Jail.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Posateri investigated the unlawful taking of a deer during the youth deer season.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran spoke to a Byron man regarding his deer harvest posted on his social media page. The man had time to post on the date of harvest, but he failed to check in the deer harvest in the legal timeframe. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Beltran investigated the cause of death of an eagle along IL Route 2. It was determined that the eagle was feeding on a carcass in the road when it was struck by a motor vehicle. The eagle was transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko checked multiple trout fishermen at Prospect Pond. He observed suspect behavior by a man who hastily left the area. A compliance check was conducted at the man's vehicle, and the man had his limit of five trout but did not have a valid fishing license or a trout stamp. A citation was issued for no fishing license, and a written warning was issued for the trout stamp violation. The trout were handled per IDNR policy.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking individuals during archery deer season, CPO Wagner issued citations for deer hunting without a hunting license and hunting without a habitat stamp.

CPO Wagner issued three moving violations for individuals traveling in excess of 75 mph.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry is investigating a TIP complaint regarding the unlawful taking of migratory waterfowl.

CPO Murry is investigating a case regarding unlawful hunting of white-tailed deer over bait. One hunter was found hunting over bait, and the investigation into others hunting the area is ongoing.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak was on a foot patrol at Starved Rock State Park when he observed two individuals consuming alcohol in a posted restricted area. While questioning the individuals, he smelled the aroma of burnt cannabis and asked if the individuals had any. Cannabis cigarettes were observed in an open compartment of the female's backpack. When asked for their identification, the female was unable to produce anything with her name on it. The female provided a fake name and a fake date of birth. Both individuals were escorted to the Starved Rock Visitor's Center; however, the male decided to flee on foot towards the parking lot. CPO Filipiak engaged in the foot pursuit, and he was able to catch the individual and place him under arrest. The female ran through the woods and became lost. CPO Kaufman assisted by locating the female. The male was charged with fleeing to elude a police officer and possession of alcohol in a restricted area. The female was charged with obstruction of identification and possession of alcohol in a restricted area. She also received a civil violation for possession of cannabis.

CPO Wagner closed out a case regarding possession of a controlled substance. The subject appeared in court and pled guilty to the charge. The subject was fined \$650 and given a 24-month probation.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Finn encountered a hunter hunting in a baited area. The bow hunter stated he knew there was salt near his stand, and that was why he placed his stand there. He also stated that did not place the salt, so he felt it was okay to hunt there. The hunter was educated on the laws of hunting by use or aid of bait. Two citations were issued for hunting by use or aid of bait and unlawful attempt to take of white-tailed deer. Three written warnings were also issued.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson cited two men who were deer hunting without permission on IDNR mine property.

CPO Thompson conducted an interview of a Smithfield man who allegedly falsified a harvest report. He received a confession to violations which included failure to tag immediately upon kill, unlawful use of another's permit, falsification of a harvest report, and unlawful transport of an uncased bow. The man admitted to intentionally using his antlerless permit to tag a young buck and using a friend's permit to tag an additional doe he had shot. Two citations and several warnings were issued, and an antlerless only permit was seized.

CPO Thompson cited a Morton man for unlawful feeding/baiting of white-tailed deer. Three locations were found where corn and mineral blocks were used to attract wild deer. Upon further investigation, he identified the individual who placed the bait and obtained a confession. Two citations and several warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson cited a Pekin man for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. He observed two men transporting an untagged deer on an ATV. A written warning was also issued.

CPO Thompson issued a written warning to a man operating an off-road vehicle in Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area.

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

No activity reported for this county.

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

CPO Blazinic is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley cited a hunter for hunting with the aid of bait and illegally feeding deer.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt participated in a one-hour radio program to answer questions and talk about general hunting regulations.

CPO Weishaupt conducted deer enforcement.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley received information regarding a Hamilton man who bought a deer tag, hunting license, and habitat stamp after killing a deer. The source provided all information needed to identify the subject. The man was located; and after a short interview, he confessed to the crime. The man was cited for hunting without a license, hunting without a permit, and failure to tag immediately upon harvest.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten found two subjects hunting on property they did not have permission to be on. They were also hunting over bait and hunting without a state habitat stamp. Seven citations were issued, and a bow and ground blind were seized. Additional charges involving two rifles were also filed.

While conducting traffic enforcement at Pere Marquette State Park, CPO Weishaupt observed a vehicle drive too fast through campground and exit the State Park. The vehicle then entered a no passing zone, and the CPO observed the driver pass another vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a citation for passing in a no passing zone. In a separate incident, CPO Weishaupt responded to a medical emergency at Pere Marquette State Park.

CPO Weishaupt conducted deer enforcement.

CPO Weishaupt received a report of a boat adrift below Grafton. He conducted a search of the Mississippi River between Grafton and the Alton Dam; however, he did not locate the boat.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt conducted deer enforcement.

CPO Blazinic arrested a subject for white-tailed deer archery hunting in a baited area. The subject had baited the area with granular deer mineral and soy beans. The subject had also shot an opossum out of season with archery equipment. The subject was charged with unlawful white-tailed deer hunting in a baited area, unlawful feeding of white-tailed deer, and unlawful harvest of an opossum with archery equipment. The subject's compound bow was seized for forfeiture.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

CPO Blakeley taught a hunter safety class which was attended by approximately 40 future hunters.

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 and Lt. Danner attended an event at Sangchris Lake State Park which was sponsored by the Sangchris Waterfowl Association. One of the Department's new airboats was on display, and they spoke with youth and other hunters in attendance.

CPO Fraser checked four deer hunters who were returning from their hunting location by boat. One hunter was warned for not having his hunting license in possession, and the boat operator was issued two written warnings.

CPO Fraser cited a deer hunter for no hunting license. A written warning was also issued for no habitat stamp.

CPO Fraser worked a security detail at the Old State Capitol during a U.S. Citizen Naturalization Ceremony.

CPO Fraser conducted deer enforcement. No violations were observed.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern observed an Ashland deer hunter hunting with a crossbow after legal hours. After a short interview, it was determined the archery hunter had also previously hunted from a baited ladder stand belonging to his friend on the same property. The hunter was charged with hunting after hours, and the subject provided the name of the second

Ashland hunter who owned the baited stand. The owner of the baited stand agreed to meet CPO Wichern at the baited deer stand that evening. After a short interview, it was determined that he and another nonresident deer hunter had placed a mineral block and trail camera at the location of an old bait hole on the property in August. He agreed to remove the deer stand and camera from the area and cover the baited area with pallets and brush. The subjects were charged with deer bait placement.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Wichern received a TIP complaint regarding two fishermen taking an over limit of rainbow trout at Southwind Park. The following day he observed a subject catch several trout and give away a total of three trout to other fishermen. The fisherman was also observed throwing the trout that he possessed on the shore and proceed to his vehicle in the adjacent parking lot. CPO Wichern stopped the subject and questioned him about the two, dead trout that he threw on the shore as he left. The fisherman produced an Illinois fishing license and inland trout stamp and stated he did not want to clean just two fish. The subject was charged with wanton waste of two rainbow trout, and the fish were given to a fisherman who had not been successful.

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 VanWiltenburg cited a subject for hunting deer with the use/aid of bait.

LAKE COUNTY

As part of the Lake Michigan Resource Protection and Angler Education Program, CPO Kelley cited several individuals for illegal snagging in the Waukegan River.

Sgt. Schreiber and CPOs Kelley and VanWiltenburg responded to a traffic accident involving a car that struck a tree at Chain O'Lakes State Park. The driver was arrested for DUI (BAC was .277%).

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley handled a complaint involving a duck blind on the Fox River and nearby homes. The blind was found to be legally situated from the residences.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Anderson responded to a structure fire at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area. An abandon building was destroyed, and the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Sgt. Wollgast responded to a complaint of vehicle damage at the boat ramp parking lot of Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area. The investigation revealed that someone had broken the window out of a parked vehicle, and a bag was taken out of the front passenger seat.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Bergland was passed by a vehicle traveling over 70 mph in a 45-mph zone. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver said he was in a hurry to get to a fishing lake. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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

COOK COUNTY

Sgt. Whitchurch and CPO Thornley manned the CPO Education Trailer at the Wolf Lake Festival at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. Attendees were educated about the duties of a CPO, fish/wildlife laws, and fish/wildlife identification.

While conducting snagging enforcement, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject unlawfully snagging at Belmont Harbor. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in water closed to snagging. Two written warnings were also issued.

While on patrol, CPOs Ausmus and Sanford received a tip from a citizen that there were subjects unlawfully snagging in Belmont Harbor. Upon arrival, the CPOs observed one male subject standing above the dock. They also observed three other males coming and going over the fence to/from the dock. The CPOs documented the violations, and three of the four subjects were issued citations for snagging in waters closed to snagging and unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. Several snag poles, hooks, and a net with two salmon were seized. The subjects have a pending court appearance.

CPO Ausmus conducted snagging enforcement. He observed five subjects snagging from a dock at Belmont Harbor. When he spoke with the subjects, all denied knowing they were in violation. All subjects possessed valid fishing licenses and salmon stamps; however, each subject was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in closed waters and warnings for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

CPO Ausmus checked trout fisherman at Wolf Lake. Two subjects were issued warnings for trout fishing without an inland trout stamp. Another subject was issued a citation for fishing without a valid fishing license and a warning for fishing without a trout stamp.

CPOs Ausmus and Stanbary conducted fishing enforcement; and as they were exiting Diversey Harbor, they observed a subject fishing near the docks. When the subject saw the CPOs, he began to walk away from the water's edge. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in closed waters, and a written warning was issued for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

CPOs Stanbary and Thornley conducted a snagging detail. Two citations were issued to fishermen for no valid resident and nonresident sport fishing licenses.

CPO Stanbary cited two fishermen for fishing with no valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Stanbary stopped a motorcyclist on I-55 for driving on the shoulder of the roadway during rush hour traffic, and a citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Stanbary is investigating a TIP complaint regarding illegal hunting at a Cook County Forest Preserve property.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a fisherman at Jackson Harbor who was unlawfully snagging salmon without a valid salmon stamp.

CPOs Stanbary and Ausmus conducted fish enforcement for the fall trout opener at William W. Powers State Recreation Area. A fisherman was issued a written warning after he was observed urinating in a parking lot in plain view of park visitors. Later in the patrol, a fisherman at Diversey Harbor was cited for unlawfully snagging in an area closed to snagging.

While conducting waterfowl enforcement at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Stanbary checked a pair of hunters. One hunter had not signed or affixed his federal migratory bird stamp to his hunting license. He also noted that both of their shotguns were cased with the safety in the fire position. The CPO reminded the pair to make sure their guns were in the safe position at all times until ready to fire while afield. A written warning was issued for the stamp violation. A written warning was also issued for an uncovered/unsecured battery on their boat.

While conducting trout enforcement at inland trout lakes, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman after he was found fishing with no inland trout stamp. The fisherman had no fish in his possession and immediately used his phone to purchase the stamp from the IDNR website. A second trout fisherman was issued a written warning for no license in possession.

CPO Stanbary assisted a motorist in locating an injured deer that was struck by a motor vehicle. The deer had broken back legs and was dispatched by the CPO. The motorist was issued a salvage tag.

CPO Stanbary is investigating an incident where a four-foot American alligator in a plastic tote was abandoned outside a pet shop after hours.

While checking trout fishermen at Horsetail Lake, CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman for no license in possession.

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

Following up on a tip, CPO Stanbary located a fisherman snagging in Burnham Harbor. The fisherman was cited for snagging in a closed area, and written warnings were issued for no salmon stamp and unlawful possession of a snag pole.

While on a boat patrol, CPOs Stanbary and Thornley retrieved a dead white-tailed buck that was floating in Monroe Harbor. The animal was properly disposed.

CPO Stanbary was on patrol when he cited a salmon fisherman in Burnham Harbor after he was found fishing and in possession of a salmon with no salmon stamp. The fish was seized from the fisherman. Another fisherman was issued a written warning for no valid nonresident fishing license. A third fisherman was issued a written warning for no salmon stamp.

CPO Stanbary investigated a report of a man shooting a white-tailed deer out of season. After interviewing the suspect, it was determined that the report was unfounded.

While on patrol, CPO Stanbary cited a fisherman at Salt Creek for no valid sport fishing license. The man was concealing a collapsible rod under his jacket.

CPO Stanbary conducted a random minnow dealer inspection at Fishtech in Morton Grove. The facility was inspected, and the records and invoices were examined. The business was found to be operating in compliance with all regulations set forth by the IDNR.

CPOs Thornley and Sanford conducted sport fish enforcement at various harbors along Lake Michigan. CPO Thornley issued a written warning for snagging within 200 feet of a moored boat at Montrose Harbor. CPO Thornley issued two written warnings to two men who did not possess a salmon stamp. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley spotted a fisherman snagging on the west side of Montrose Harbor. The man was issued a citation for unlawful snagging in an area prohibited for snagging. The man was also issued a citation for no fishing license and a written warning for no salmon stamp.

CPO Thornley received a call about a waterfowl hunter who inadvertently shot a swan. CPO Thornley met with the hunter, and the hunter stated he heard a bird flying and jumped up and shot. The hunter stated he was looking into the sun, and it was hard to see what it was. The hunter then noticed it was a mute swan and contacted the officer. CPO Thornley advised it was the hunter's responsibility to know what he was shooting at, and a citation was issued for unlawful take of a migratory game bird.

While patrolling Wolf Lake, CPO Thornley issued a written warning to a fisherman who did not possess a trout stamp.

CPO Thornley received a TIP about two males snagging at Burnham Harbor. Citations were issued for snagging in a prohibited area and no fishing license. A written warning was issued for no salmon stamp.

CPOs Thornley and Stanbary conducted snagging enforcement at several lakefront harbors. CPO Thornley issued a written warning to a man fishing without a trout stamp at Burnham Harbor. The CPOs issued a civil cannabis citation to a man who was fishing along the harbor.

CPO Thornley investigated a dead deer found near the front door of a residence in Elmhurst. It was determined the deer was struck by a vehicle, and the deer was removed from the residence.

CPO Thornley checked several duck hunters on the Des Plaines River, and no violations were found.

CPOs Thornley and Klemme conducted sport fish enforcement at several trout ponds. CPO Thornley issued a written warning to a fisherman who did not possess a trout stamp. CPO Thornley also issued a citation to a fisherman who did not possess a fishing license.

While checking fishermen at Horsetail Lake, CPO Klemme found one fisherman who was in possession of three trout. He had purchased a fishing license but not an inland trout stamp. A citation was issued, and the trout were seized.

CPOs Klemme and Thornley checked fisherman at Green Lake. Several violations were discovered which included several nonresident fishing license and inland trout stamp violations. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOs Klemme and Mooi were patrolling near the Calumet Harbor boat launch when they smelled cannabis. The CPOs approached the suspected vehicle and discovered three occupants with open alcohol and cannabis. The occupants were cited.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a man fishing off the north wall at Jackson Harbor. The man was found to be fishing for salmon without a fishing license or salmon stamp. A citation and written warning were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the lakefront near Calumet Harbor when he observed a Jeep pull away at a high rate of speed, and the occupants were not wearing seatbelts. A traffic stop was conducted, and CPOs Mooi and Stanbary observed

open alcohol and cannabis. It was found that the driver was driving while suspended. Citations and warnings were issued for the violations.

CPOs Mooi and Stanbary were patrolling Lake Michigan at Jackson Harbor when they observed multiple people snagging for salmon near the boat launch. After conducting a compliance check, one of the men was found to be fishing without a fishing license or salmon stamp. A citation and a written warning were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi was on patrol when he observed a vehicle swerving between lanes and crossing the fog line several times. A stop was conducted, and the man was found to be driving while suspended. The man submitted to a portable breath test and was found not to be under the influence. A citation was issued for driving while suspended, and a valid driver was brought to the scene to take the vehicle.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Calumet Harbor when he observed a vehicle driving erratically out of the parking lot near the boat launch. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was found to be in possession of open alcohol and less than 10 grams of cannabis. Citations and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Jackson Harbor when he observed two individuals snagging near the boats in the inner harbor. A citation and a written warning were issued to the violators for unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of moored watercraft and licensing violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed three men fishing at Steel Worker's Park. A compliance check was conducted, and all three men were found to be in violation of fishing license or salmon stamp regulations. Citations and written warnings were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi was inside Calumet Park when he observed a red truck pull into the lot. CPO Mooi could smell the odor of burnt cannabis coming from the vehicle. CPO Mooi walked over and began talking with the individuals. CPO Mooi was joined by CPO Klemme, and they observed open alcohol in the vehicle. One of the individuals produced a half smoked "joint." The driver of the vehicle also had a suspended license. Citations and written warnings were issued for the violations. A licensed driver was called to the scene to take possession of the truck.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed two individuals in Jackson Harbor snagging near the boats. A citation and written warning were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi was patrolling near the boat launch in Jackson Harbor when he observed an individual snagging. A compliance check was conducted, and the individual did not have a fishing license or salmon stamp. A citation and written warning were issued for the violations.

CPO Mooi observed three men snagging in Jackson Harbor. One man was actively snagging, and the other two were drinking and watching. A compliance check was conducted, and the man could not find his salmon stamp. A record check was conducted, and the man was found to not have a salmon stamp. A citation was issued for the violation.

While conducting a snagging enforcement detail, CPOs Ausmus and Sanford located three individuals snagging salmon in waters closed to snagging and snagging within 200 feet of multiple moored watercraft. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and all three individuals were issued citations for unlawful snagging in waters closed to snagging and unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. One of the individuals was also issued written warnings for no valid sport fishing license or Lake Michigan salmon stamp. Two snagged Chinook salmon, three snagging rods/reels, a landing net, and seven snag hooks were seized as evidence.

While conducting a snagging enforcement detail, CPOs Thornley and Sanford located an individual attempting to snag salmon in waters closed to snagging. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual was issued a

citation for unlawful snagging in waters closed to snagging. A written warning was also issued for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft at a Chicago harbor. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed an individual creating an unsafe situation by passing numerous cars while driving on the shoulder of a busy expressway. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was issued a citation for unlawful driving on the shoulder.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Viverito received a complaint regarding hunting without permission. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a DeWitt County man for hunting over bait.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Graden is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Vermilion County resident for fishing without permission at Clear Pond in Kickapoo State Recreation Area while it was posted "CLOSED" for trout stocking.

CPO Cottrell cited a Vermilion County resident for unlawful operation of a motorcycle off roadway after the subject drove around the posted gated area.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

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

CPO Wellum received a criminal trespass/hunting without permission complaint. The complaint was found to be unfounded.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

CPO Wellum received a complaint regarding an injured turkey vulture. The badly injured bird was found, and it had to be dispatched.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes assisted Sgt. McReynolds on an arrest for possession of meth.

CPO Barnes cited a Moweaqua subject for possession of cannabis.

CPO Moody recovered a stolen truck on Lake Shelbyville property. The case was turned over to the Toledo Police Department, and the truck was returned to the owner.

CPO Moody cited a Decatur man for hunting deer over bait.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes cited a Windsor subject for deer hunting without a hunting license.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Tapley gave a presentation regarding hunting laws at a hunter safety class.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley assisted CPOs in the Peoria area during the opening weekend of the central zone waterfowl season.

Several written warnings were issued by the CPOs.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Goetten cited a deer hunter for hunting with the aid of bait.

While conducting general wildlife enforcement, CPOs Ray and Goetten observed two male subjects riding dirt bikes down a creek on private property. The subjects stated that they were looking for rocks and thought they were on federal property. It was discovered that both subjects were wanted on active warrants. One subject was in possession of a controlled substance and suspected methamphetamine. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Madison County Jail.

CPO Liebl was notified of an incident at Horseshoe Lake State Park. Some vehicles were seen in an area that has been closed for several years and was blocked by large concrete barricades. One of the barricades was tipped over and partially pulled out of the way. Two vehicles had driven around the barricade and went back to the lake. While dealing with those two individuals, another vehicle drove around the barricade and went back to the lake. All three drivers were issued citations for operating a vehicle in a restricted area. After all the vehicles left the area, a local farmer used a tractor to place the barricade in its original position.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued two civil violations for cannabis at Coffeen Lake. One citation was issued for driving on a suspended driver's license.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers patrolled Randolph County State Recreation Area during the opening weekend of trout season. He issued a citation to a fisherman who had taken over his limit of trout and was giving them to a second fisherman. The second fisherman was issued a citation for being over the possession limit of trout. Written warnings were issued for not having a trout stamp and no driver's license. A family member was called so the vehicle did not have to be towed.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject for archery deer hunting without permission of landowner and unlawful possession of .22 pistol while in field.

CPO Schachner patrolled a property that has been periodically hunted illegally despite the landowner not allowing hunting, and he discovered two fresh gut piles. Further investigation revealed that both deer were shot on the property. Various items left by the hunters were seized as evidence, and additional evidence was documented. Shortly after leaving the property, CPO Schachner received multiple complaints of two subjects illegally killing deer in that area. Several photos were obtained, and the violators were identified. Contact was made the following day, and both violators confessed. Two 8-point deer heads/racks were seized, and each subject received two citations with mandatory court. The deer were already at a local processor, and the meat was donated to a local food pantry.

A subject was arrested for failure to tag a doe immediately upon kill. The deer was harvested at Kaskaskia State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Ray met the individuals as they appeared from wood line, and the subject retrieved his hunting license and unused deer permit from his truck.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for unlawfully hunting deer prior to the opening of archery season.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty provided security for IDNR personnel holding a permit hearing.

CPOs Folden and Williams conducted a deer decoy detail. No violations occurred.

CPOs Jourdan and Folden found three men in possession of an over limit of crappie at Rend Lake. The men had 87 crappie, 41 of which were over 10 inches. The limit is 25 per person, and only 10 can be over 10 inches in length. The CPOs issued three citations, and one written warning was issued for a boat violation.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Diggins taught a hunter safety course for students at the Hardin County Middle School.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty received complaints of a subject hunting without permission, and the investigation is ongoing.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

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

No activity reported for this county.

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 each man was issued citations for trespass to harvest ginseng and criminal trespass.

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

CPO Taylor spoke to approximately 30 students at a hunter safety class.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Lay and Sgt. Cariens assisted in the recovery of a stranded boater on Kinkaid Lake after receiving a call from the boater who had gotten his boat stuck in shallow water. The boater was successful in pushing his boat out of the shallow water with the assistance of a Jackson County deputy.

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

CPO Somers is investigating multiple cases of unlawful take of ginseng during closed season.

JOHNSON COUNTY

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

CPO Johnson served as a defensive tactics instructor at a class attended by other CPOs.

CPO Johnson is conducting background investigations on CPO Trainee applicants.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Williams patrolled an event at the Fort Massac Encampment. A vendor contacted him about the theft of a tomahawk from his tent. While obtaining the information on the suspect, the suspect walked by holding the stolen item. The suspect was quickly detained, and the item was recovered. Charges were filed for retail theft.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Vasicek is investigating a hunting accident that occurred on IDNR property within Pyramid State Recreation Area. The male subject fell from a tree and broke his leg while preparing to archery deer hunt. He was transported to Saint Louis University for treatment.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.