Illinois Conservation Police
Bi-Weekly Report

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

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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis
(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY
CPO Palumbo issued a citation and several warnings to a Hillsdale man during the youth waterfowl season. The man was operating a motorboat on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River with multiple passengers but did not possess any personal flotation devices on board. His duck boat also had an expired registration, along with other infractions of the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

HENRY COUNTY
CPO Posateri met with a landowner who had a deer feeder in his backyard. The landowner was not a hunter and simply wanted to see the deer. CPO Posateri talked to the man about chronic wasting disease and why feeding is not allowed. The man was issued a written warning for the violation, and he immediately removed the feeder.

During a patrol, CPO Posateri observed a very large plume of black smoke from the edge of Kewanee. The CPO responded and observed several pieces of furniture and a mattress burning in a pile. The fire department responded to extinguish the unattended fire. The landlord arrived and was issued citations for the illegal burning.

JODAVIESS COUNTY
CPOs Jones and Beltran were working the Mississippi River for boating and waterfowl enforcement when they stopped a boat for a safety inspection. Boating safety violations were observed, and written warnings were issued.

LEE COUNTY
CPO Teas cited a subject for driving while license suspended.

CPOs Palumbo and Teas conducted surveillance on a group of waterfowl hunters from their work boat on the Rock River. When the geese began to fly, the hunters were observed taking their limit over the course of the morning. Two of them did not stop, and they were observed attempting to take an over limit of geese. CPOs Palumbo and Teas boated up to the boat blind and conducted a compliance check of the three LaSalle County hunters. Citations and written
warnings were issued for unlawful attempt to take an over limit of Canada geese, operation of a motorboat with an insufficient number of wearable personal flotation devices on board, possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting, and failure to maintain separate bag limits.

**MERCER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**OGLE COUNTY**

While on patrol, CPO Teas located baited tree stands and identified two of the hunters. He also found additional baited sites. The hunters had used molasses, sweet feed, mineral blocks, and a feeder to bait their stands. During the investigation, it was determined one of the hunters had killed a deer on opening day of archery season over bait and failed to tag or check it in until the following day. Citations were issued to both hunters for placing bait and hunting deer by use/aid of bait. One hunter was issued an additional citation for unlawful take of deer. He was also issued warnings for permit violations. The deer was seized, and it was donated to the Illinois Sportsmen Against Hunger program.

**ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**

On October 17, CPO Francisko investigated a boat accident involving a Rockford man who purposely paddled his canoe over the Steel Dam on the Rock River near Milan. The man left Rockford approximately a week before the accident en route to St. Louis, MO. The subject stated he thought he could paddle fast enough to get past the low head dam’s turbulent water (commonly referred to as the drowning machine). The subject stated after he went over the dam, the canoe filled with water, and it was swept from underneath him. The 1950’s heavy-duty aluminum canoe was ripped into pieces by the water below the dam. The subject’s feet touched bottom when he stood up to get out of the dam’s turbulent water. The man stated, “I was sucked back into the dam so many times I lost count; somehow I got out.” It was determined the subject did not have any safety equipment onboard his canoe. The subject was issued a citation for not possessing a serviceable PFD of the appropriate size onboard his canoe, and he was issued a written warning for careless operation of a watercraft. A boat accident report was required since the canoe was a total loss. The subject stated he was not injured. The subject’s mother drove from Rockford to take him back home.

CPO Beltran was on patrol near the Mississippi River and Sunset Marina when he observed three people who appeared to be under the influence of drugs. One of the individuals walked up to the window of CPO Beltran’s marked police squad and said hello in an overt fashion. CPO Beltran noticed the strong odor of burnt cannabis, and he spoke with the people about the possession and consumption of drugs. All of the cannabis was previously smoked while relaxing on the River’s edge. The cannabis blunt was thrown into the River before CPO Beltran arrived. It was determined that one of the men had an active warrant, and he was taken to jail.

**STEPHENSON COUNTY**

CPO Alt is working multiple unlawfully baited archery deer stand complaints.

**WHITESIDE COUNTY**

CPO Palumbo was in the right place at the right time. A Galt bow hunter was being investigated in the field for an untagged buck in the bed of a pickup truck. At the same time, a TIP complaint came in for a deer being unlawfully taken with a firearm at the same location. This complaint was unfounded, but the bow hunter was in violation of failing to tag the deer, deer hunting with no hunting license and habitat stamp, and transportation of an uncased compound bow. A citation was issued, along with written warnings.

**District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire**
BOONE COUNTY
CPO Alt completed a court disposition regarding an arrest of a Belvidere man for the unlawful taking of white-tailed deer. The hunter appeared in court and pled guilty to the charge. He received $480 in total fines and costs. The eight-point white-tailed deer head/rack and packaged venison was forwarded to Springfield for disposition per Department policy.

CPO Alt is actively working area woodland properties in search of unlawfully baited deer stands and evidence of unlawful deer hunting.

BUREAU COUNTY
CPO Wagner, while checking hunters for youth firearm season, was informed of an individual trying to check in deer without valid permit. After a short investigation, the individual was written for unlawful take of white-tailed deer without a valid permit and unlawful hunting of white-tailed deer without a valid permit. The deer was seized and taken to local processor. The meat will be donated to the food pantry.

CPO Wagner, while checking a boater at Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, cited an individual for operation of a watercraft without a wearable PFD.

CPO Wagner, while checking waterfowl hunters, cited an individual for hunting with an unplugged shotgun. Another individual was found to have revoked hunting privileges. Because his privileges were revoked, he was not supposed to be anywhere near or around individuals engaged in wildlife activity. That individual was arrested and issued a citation for violating the conditions of his revocation.

DEKALB COUNTY
While en route to check deer hunters in the early morning hours, CPO Murry observed a large fire burning. Upon getting closer, CPO Murry observed the fire to be a very large area of construction materials. An attempt was made to wake the homeowners. After unsuccessful attempts, CPO Murry contacted DeKalb County to have the fire department dispatched to the location due to the fact the fire was nearing a couple of vehicles. The homeowners eventually woke up and moved the vehicle shortly before the fire reached its location. While talking to the homeowner, it was determined that they were burning some scrap construction materials in a burn pit the night before. The fire was not put out sufficiently prior to going to bed. The fire smoldered throughout the night; and due to a large amount of saw dust, the fire traveled to the construction pile. An investigation is pending with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the large amount of illegal burning that had taken place prior to this incident.

CPO Murry received a court disposition of a man arrested during the 2016 firearm season. CPO Murry arrested the individual for hunting white-tailed deer over bait and having no valid FOID card. The man paid over $500 in fines. The individual’s FOID card had been revoked 15 years ago, during a police encounter in which he was eventually found not guilty. On October 25, the subject contacted CPO Murry to give thanks for the arrest because it allowed him to start the process of getting his FOID card reinstated. He now has a valid FOID card and can legally participate in the firearm season.

LASALLE COUNTY
CPO Jansen attended a Safety Fair at Pilkington in Naplate and answered questions on hunting, fishing, boating safety, and snowmobile safety.

CPO Jansen discovered a vehicle parked at the Matthiessen State Park Vermilion River Area after dark when the park was closed. After contacting the registered owner, it was determined that his son had the vehicle; but he had not
spoken to his son in several hours. A few minutes later, CPO Jansen spoke with the mother who stated her son had been hiking earlier and had posted a picture on social media. Being concerned that the hiker was injured and without cell phone signal, a cell phone ping was requested. The ping came back on private property bordering the park. While searching, the hiker called CPO Jansen and informed him where he and two friends were. Once contact was made and all hikers were found without injury, it was determined they had ventured way off the legal hiking trails and onto private property where they were trespassing. The subjects were each issued citations for entering a restricted area.

Late one Saturday night, CPO Kaufman was patrolling through the state parks and found numerous individuals sleeping in every place but the campgrounds. The first stop was Buffalo Rock State Park. He located two cars in the parking lot one and a half hours after closing time. Two individuals emerged from the trails approximately 45 minutes later. They had been looking for the campsites for Buffalo Rock State Park. CPO Kaufman gave them directions to the campsites. Next, CPO Kaufman went to Matthiessen State Park where he found two individuals sleeping in hammocks two and one half hours after closing time. A citation was issued, along with a written warning. Finally, CPO Kaufman went to Starved Rock State Park where he found two individuals sleeping in their car in the main parking lot 30 minutes after closing time. They said that they decided to sleep in the parking lot after they could not get a campsite. CPO Kaufman directed them to Illini State Park, which did have open campsites.

PUTNAM COUNTY
CPOs Finn and Wagner checked duck hunters along the Illinois River during opening weekend. They found two to be hunting without a valid FOID card, two to be hunting without a federal duck stamp, one hunting without a valid hunting license, and one hunting with an unplugged shotgun. Three citations and several warnings were issued throughout the day.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY
CPO Fraser received a call from Winnebago County regarding a waterfowl hunting complaint. The complainant stated their house had been hit by shot from waterfowl hunters on the Rock River. CPO Fraser and a Deputy met the complainant, but they were unable to locate any evidence or signs of damage. CPO Fraser launched a boat in the area and checked five waterfowl hunters, all of which were over 200 yards from the home. One waterfowl hunter was found to have an unplugged shotgun, but no other violations were discovered. The waterfowl hunters were reminded of the minimum distance from homes they were required to be, and they were reminded that they were responsible for every shot. The complainant was satisfied with the outcome, and no other complaints were received in the area.

CPO Fraser cited a camper in Rock Cut State Park for no valid fishing license. The camper stated he was not fishing, despite CPO Fraser observing him do so. After the subject was issued a citation, he stated his father told him to lie to prevent being cited. The subject apologized for lying, admitted he was fishing, and stated he would purchase a fishing license in the future.

CPO Alt completed a court disposition to a July 4 watercraft OUI arrest where the boat operator blew a BAC of .21%. The boat operator pled guilty to the OUI charge and was assessed $1,768 in total fines and costs. He received 12 months of court supervision.

CPO Alt completed a court disposition to an arrest at Rock Cut State Park for driving while license suspended, speeding, and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. The driver appeared in court and pled guilty to driving while suspended. The subject was assessed $200 in fines and costs. Proof of current insurance was obtained by the driver for the vehicle. That charge was dismissed for compliance. The speeding charge was also dismissed.

CPO Alt is actively working area woodland properties in search of unlawfully baited deer stands and evidence of unlawful deer hunting.
CPO Alt completed a watercraft registration inspection of a boat in South Beloit. The boat was recently purchased by a citizen at a private sale. An incorrect boat length was recorded on the watercraft title provided to him by the previous owner.

**District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery**  
(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

**FULTON COUNTY**
CPO Thompson worked a complaint of trespassing. After a short interview, a Canton man was issued several written warnings for trespassing on private property.

CPO Thompson attended a hunter safety course at Cuba High School. Many topics were discussed, including various hunting regulations and safe firearm handling practices.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**
CPO Reid responded to a call regarding illegal hunting activity. Information was gathered, and charges are pending.

CPO Reid and Sgt. Avery worked a detail with the Illinois State Police.

**KNOX COUNTY**
CPOs Thompson and Elliott responded to a complaint of trespass at Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area. Upon arrival, the CPOs observed three Peoria subjects fishing in a restricted area of the site. The individuals were issued citations for fishing without permission, along with written warnings for trespass.

CPO Elliott attended two hunter safety courses at Galesburg High School. CPO Elliott explained the importance of adherence to the requirements in the annual hunting digest and hunter safety practices.

CPO Lazzell conducted an investigation of a Wisconsin man for unlawful purchase of timber without a timber buyer’s license.

**MARSHALL COUNTY**
No activity reported for this county.

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**
CPOs Thompson and Elliott investigated a Bushnell man for the take of a white-tailed buck. The CPOs received information the buck was harvested and not immediately tagged. After conducting an interview, the CPOs uncovered additional violations which included failure to report a harvest, unlawful possession, and unlawful transportation of an illegally taken deer. A citation was issued, along with written warnings.

CPOs Thompson and Elliott investigated a Macomb man regarding a buck he allegedly harvested. Information was provided to the CPOs alleging illegal activity surrounding the harvest. After an interview, the CPOs uncovered violations related to the past harvest of two deer by the man. The violations included failure to immediately tag a deer, falsification of a harvest report, and unlawful take of a deer without a valid permit. The CPOs received admissions to those violations and issued a ticket and several warnings.

**PEORIA COUNTY**
CPO Gerard received a court disposition for a court case. An individual pled guilty to unlawfully killing a trumpeter swan. He was ordered to pay $2,000 in fines and fees.
## STARK COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

## TAZEWELL COUNTY
CPO VanZant received a disposition on two subjects who were arrested for being minors in possession of alcohol. Both subjects were fined $447 and given 12 months of court supervision.

## 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
CPOs Wheatley and Blazinic, along with Adams County Emergency Corps and Missouri Water Patrol, conducted search and recovery operations on the Mississippi River Pool 21 and 22 for a 19-year-old subject involved in a boating accident. As of October 26, the subject had not been located and is presumed deceased.

CPO Blazinic was checking archery deer hunters when he checked a subject getting ready to go archery deer hunting in the evening. When the subject opened the door to his pickup truck, CPO Blazinic noticed an uncased compound bow. CPO Blazinic informed the subject that the compound bow needed to be cased or made inoperable for transport. The subject was issued written warnings.

### BROWN COUNTY
CPO Blazinic conducted firearm instructor duties at the Mt. Sterling Correctional Center range.

### CALHOUN COUNTY
CPO Weishaupt brought the wildlife trailer to the McCully Heritage Project in Kampselle. Approximately 117 students from multiple schools attended.

CPO Weishaupt scouted waterfowl hunting areas for bait.

### GREENE COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

### HANCOCK COUNTY
CPO Wheatley continues patrolling during bow season to document violations and answer complaints.

### JERSEY COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.
MACOUPIN COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

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 Liebl assisted Sgt. Meyers and CPOs Macias, Weishaupt, and Wright in the search for a missing boater on Sangchris Lake. Two men were in a boat that took on water. One man swam to shore; the other did not make it. Using side scan sonar, the missing boater was located and marked. Divers from a local dive team were then directed to the location, and they recovered the missing person.

LOGAN COUNTY
CPO Gilmer attended a Quails and Upland Game Alliance Banquet.

MASON COUNTY
CPO Blazinic conducted firearm instructor duties at the Highland Pistol and Rifle Club.

CPO Gilmer responded to a possible boat accident on the Illinois River. The complaint was that a kayak had flipped over and was floating down the River. It was determined that the “kayak” was a mostly submerged red river marker, but a person on shore would not be able to tell that. While conducting the search for the kayak, CPO Gilmer found trammel nets set in the River. The nets were blocking boat traffic past them in either direction. The nets are required to be attended and tagged as commercial fishing devices, which they were not. CPO Gilmer found the commercial fishermen and gave them a ticket for not tagging the devices. Warnings were also issued for not being in attendance of the nets and blocking the waterway.

MENARD COUNTY
CPO Gilmer dealt with a complaint of a person hunting without permission outside of Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. The hunter did not have permission to be hunting at that location, and he was given a ticket for hunting without permission.

MORGAN COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY
CPO Blazinic conducted firearm instructor duties at the Illinois State Police Range in Pawnee.
CPO Macias was checking deer hunting activity and found a few early hunters. Compliance checks were initiated, and all hunters were found to be in compliance. While checking three hunters, CPO Macias noticed a few people fishing. Compliance checks were initiated, and several individuals were found to be without fishing licenses. One citation was issued, along with several written warnings.

CPO Macias responded to a hunting blind that was suspected of being too close to a dwelling. After finding the blind and using a laser range finder, it was determined that the stand was 108 yards away from the dwelling. Although the distance was legal for archery hunting, the hunter was told the dwelling is home to several children; and the homeowner had concerns about the safety of his children.

**SCOTT COUNTY**

CPO Wichern gave a presentation to 33 new hunters at a hunter safety class at the Scott County Fairgrounds. He talked about the duties of an Illinois Conservation Officer and the Illinois conservation laws.

**Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins**

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

**KANE COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**LAKE COUNTY**

On their off-duty time, CPOs Davis, Winters, and Semenik participated in the Moving Day Parkinson’s Walk in Lincoln Park with and in support of CPO Siedsma.

CPO Vaughan conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling 95 mph in a 55-mph zone. Subsequent investigation revealed the subject to be heavily intoxicated and had open alcohol in the center console. The subject was cited for speeding, open alcohol, and driving under the influence of alcohol.

CPOs Vaughan and Semenik issued two citations and one warning to an individual snagging in a restrict area at Waukegan Harbor. The subject was denied fishing privileges due to unpaid child support.

CPO Vaughan gave five 20-minute trapping presentations to sophomores at Lake Community High School in Lake Villa. The presentation covered legal and illegal trapping methods, as well as demonstrating trap placement and showing furs of several furbearers in Illinois.

CPO Kelley received a complaint of illegal snagging in Winthrop Harbor. After a brief wait, a man arrived at Kellogg Creek to snag salmon. CPO Kelley issued the man a citation.

While working in the Waukegan Harbor area, CPO Knop observed an individual snagging in a restricted area. While observing this individual, CPO Knop saw another person come up and speak briefly with the fisherman, then leave. The fisherman kept snagging. CPO Knop later found out the person had told the fisherman it was illegal to snag in that area. A citation was issued for unlawful snagging in a restricted area.

CPO VanWiltenburg responded to a TIP complaint in Wauconda. A subject was cited for hunting without permission, and a written warning was issued for no state habitat stamp.
CPO VanWiltenburg cited a subject for hunting in Ingleside with the use/aid of bait. He was also cited for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Further investigation revealed his hunting privileges were suspended by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, so an additional charge of hunting while suspended was added.

CPOs Kelley and Winters responded to an injured skunk call in Fox Lake. The resident had used a Conibear to catch the skunk. The trap was not tagged, and it was being used improperly. The trap did not kill the skunk. The skunk was dispatched, and enforcement action was taken.

**Mchenry County**

CPO Davis received a complaint of a subject using a cast net immediately below Stratton Lock and Dam. Upon arrival, CPO Davis observed the subject net four white bass. He was cited, and the fish were released alive.

CPO Kelley found a baited tree stand and waited for the hunter to return. When the hunter returned to hunt the stand and replenish his bait, he was issued a citation.

**District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast**

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

**Grundy County**

No activity reported for this county.

**Kankakee County**

CPO Farber received a complaint about several gunshots within a hunting area at Kankakee River State Park. CPO Farber located two sportsmen, with firearms in hand, and hid in an area of concealment to observe the hunters. One of the hunters was wearing a blaze orange vest, and the other was in full camo. The two men appeared to be squirrel hunting. CPO Farber spoke with the hunters. After a short interview, it was determined that the subjects were, in fact, squirrel hunting. Squirrel season closes at this site as soon as archery deer season begins. The men were educated about the site-specific rule, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

**Kendall County**

CPO Bergland observed a vehicle in an area of Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area where some vandalism has occurred. A male and female teen were in the vehicle. After checking to make sure everything was okay, CPO Bergland asked if there were any drugs or alcohol in the vehicle. The driver said there was not and gave permission to search. CPO Bergland found two burnt ends of cannabis cigarettes and a glass smoking pipe with burnt cannabis residue on it. Civil law violation citations were issued.

CPO Bergland, while working a plain clothes detail at Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area during opening day of fall trout season, found a group of three fishermen who had each taken over the limit of trout and did not have their inland trout stamp. Citations were issued.

**Will County**

CPOs Reid and Mooi conducted an investigation and interview of an individual suspected of unlawfully taking a buck. It was determined the deer was harvested without the proper license/permit. Enforcement action was taken for the violations.

CPO Reid interviewed a subject who was stopped by Sheriff’s Deputies for shooting doves from his vehicle. The subject admitted to driving around looking for doves on the power lines and shooting them from the window with an air rifle. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for hunting with the aid of a vehicle, shooting from a roadway, hunting without permission, and unlawful take of migratory doves.
CPOs Reid and Honiotes responded to an animal complaint with Will County Sheriff’s Deputies in Homer Glen. A young buck had wandered through the front gate of the city’s water treatment plant and was now confined inside the 12-foot barbed wire fences. Officers used parked vehicles to create a funnel, and corralled the deer. The deer was herded it toward the open gate. With the Officers help, the buck successfully escaped unharmed.

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

COOK COUNTY

Sgt. Whitchurch and CPO Sanford were conducting snagging enforcement at a Lake Michigan Harbor when they observed a subject unlawfully snagging. The subject had persons parked in a vehicle nearby to monitor for Conservation Police in the area. When the subject learned CPO Sanford was in the area, the subject tossed his fishing pole in the bushes. The subject was then observed retrieving his fishing pole from the bushes and walking away. Contact with the subject was made, and the subject was cited for unlawfully snagging in waters closed to snagging. A warning was also issued for unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

CPO Sanford responded to a complaint of an individual unlawfully snagging rainbow (steelhead) trout, a species prohibited to be taken by snagging methods. CPO Sanford located the individual who was in possession of numerous salmon, as well as two trout, which had been caught using a snagging method. The individual was issued one citation for the unlawful snagging of a prohibited species.

While conducting late evening snagging enforcement, CPO Sanford located an individual unlawfully snagging in waters closed to snagging. The individual was issued one citation for the violation. The individual was also issued written warnings for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft, unlawful possession of a snagging device, and no valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp.

CPO Sanford and Sgt. Whitchurch located two individuals snagging for salmon in an area open to snagging. After a fishing compliance check was conducted, one individual was found to be fishing without a valid sport fishing license or Lake Michigan salmon stamp. The individual was issued one citation and one written warning for the violations. The other individual was found to be attempting to take salmon without a valid Lake Michigan salmon stamp. The individual was issued a written warning for the violation.

While conducting an early morning snagging enforcement detail, CPO Sanford located an individual snagging in waters closed to snagging. After making contact, the individual was found to have taken an over limit of trout and salmon and had unlawfully snagged a rainbow (steelhead) trout. The individual was issued three citations for the violations. The individual was also issued written warnings for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft and unlawful possession of a snagging device.

In a separate incident, while conducted an early morning snagging enforcement detail, CPO Sanford located an individual snagging in waters closed to snagging. The individual was also found to be salmon fishing without a valid sport fishing license or Lake Michigan salmon stamp. The individual was issued three citations for the violations. The individual was also issued written warnings for snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft and unlawful possession of a snagging device.

While conducted trout fishing enforcement at area lakes, CPO Sanford and Sgt. Whitchurch located an individual attempting to take trout without a valid inland trout stamp. The individual was issued one citation for the violation.

CPO Sanford completed a boat accident investigation which resulted in one citation being issued for improper overtaking of another vessel.
CPO Sanford gave a presentation at a hunter safety course in Arlington Heights.

CPO Klemme has been conducting snagging patrols on Lake Michigan. Several citations have been issued for violations of unlawful snagging in areas closed to snagging.

CPOs Klemme and Stanbary responded to Belmont Harbor after receiving a report of snagging near the dog beach. Three fishermen were observed snagging in the Harbor which is closed to snagging. When the CPOs approached, they observed one fisherman cut his line in the water, leaving his line and snag hook. A second fisherman cut his line and threw his snag hook in the water, and the third fisherman cut his line and stomped his snag hook into the sand as officers approached. A total of four citations were issued to the trio to include a citation to a father for allowing his juvenile son to fish in an illegal manner.

A fisherman was cited at Diversey Harbor after CPO Stanbary observed him actively snagging north of the Fullerton Bridge.

CPO Stanbary is investigating a boating accident that occurred on Lake Michigan on October 10, 2017. It was reported by the Chicago Police Marine Unit that a 31-foot pleasure boat ran out of fuel, and the waves pushed it against a break wall near the planetarium. Significant damage to the boat’s fiberglass hull was sustained. No injuries were reported, and the investigation remains open.

CPO Stanbary cited a motorist on Lagrange Road after he observed the driver litter from a motor vehicle. The driver was also observed texting on his mobile phone while driving.

CPO Stanbary patrolled the Lake Michigan harbors for snagging and sport fishing enforcement. One written warning was issued to a fisherman for no fishing license in possession. A Texas resident was issued a citation for no valid nonresident sport fishing license after he was found fly fishing with no license at Belmont Harbor.

CPO Stanbary investigated a trapping complaint in Wooddale. Neighbors had complained that illegal trapping of animals was occurring. Upon further inquiry, the homeowner had obtained a nuisance permit for skunks and woodchucks that were burrowing under his garage. The CPO found the homeowner to be in compliance.

While checking fishermen at Jackson Harbor, CPO Stanbary came to the aid of a fisherman that had snagged a large Chinook salmon and found himself a long way from his landing net. The CPO successfully netted the salmon and congratulated the fisherman on his trophy salmon.

CPO Stanbary followed up on two nuisance animal/unlawful trapping complaints. Written warnings were issued to homeowners in Chicago and West Chicago for trapping during a closed season and no trapping or habitat stamp. CPO Stanbary issued nuisance permits to each and educated them on the proper permitting procedure and nuisance trapping protocol.

CPOs Stanbary and Ausmus conducted a joint patrol where emphasis was placed on fish and snagging enforcement. Stanbary issued a citation to a trout fisherman at Green Lake for no valid sport fishing license. A fisherman at Wolf Lake was issued a written warning for no inland trout stamp. A snag fisherman at Jackson Harbor was issued a written warning for possessing a resident fishing license when he was required to possess a nonresident fishing license.

CPO Stanbary met with a hunter who had arrived at his hunting property in the early morning hours only to discover that his tree stand and a trail camera had been stolen. Perpetrators had accessed the property by cutting a lock. Investigation into the crime is ongoing.
CPO Stanbary patrolled William W. Powers State Recreation Area and Green Lake during the fall trout season to ensure fishing compliance. One written warning was issued to a fisherman who had no inland trout stamp.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement targeting illegal snagging in the Chicago harbors. CPO Ausmus documented the following violations: snagging in an area closed to snagging, no fishing license, no Lake Michigan salmon stamp, unlawful take of a protected species by snagging, improper display of watercraft registration, and operation of a watercraft without navigation lights.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt. Whitchurch responded to a commercial burglar alarm at the Hotel Florence State Historic Site. No signs of forced entry were found, and a sweep of the interior was conducted with the Chicago Police Department. The alarm was deemed false.

CPO Ausmus conducted a radio interview with ESPN Radio Chicago for Chauncey’s Great Outdoors, and he answered several questions about the new crossbow law, bobcat changes, and snagging regulations.

CPOs Ausmus and Stanbary conducted sport fishing enforcement at several popular fall fishing spots. Two citations were issued for fishing without a license. Two warnings were issued for no Lake Michigan salmon stamp, and one warning was issued for no inland trout stamp.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt. Whitchurch spoke at a hunter safety course in Tinley Park. Thirty-two students were in attendance.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt. Whitchurch assisted the Burr Ridge Police Department with a deer that was trapped in a resident’s basement. The doe fell into a basement window well, broke out the window, and fell into the basement. The deer was alive when officers from the Burr Ridge Police Department arrived, but it was deceased shortly thereafter. In an effort to minimize further damage to the home, CPO Ausmus, Sgt. Whitchurch and the Burr Ridge officers secured a rope around the deer’s hindquarter and pulled it through the window from which it came. The deer carcass was disposed of.

CPOs Mooi and Klemme were conducting fish enforcement when they observed three fishermen in Burnham Harbor. When approached by the CPOs, the female in the group placed her pole against the wall and began using her phone. When asked for licenses, the two males produced valid sport fishing licenses. The female acted as though she was busy. When asked again for her license by CPO Klemme, she admitted she had an expired one. A records check indicated the last license she purchased was in 2015. A citation was issued for no fishing license, and a warning was issued for no salmon stamp.

CPO Mooi assisted a District 3 CPO by interviewing a Cook County resident about a deer possibly shot at night. The hunter said that he did not recover the deer until late in the evening; and once located, he found that coyotes had mauled and ruined the meat. The hunter was able to salvage the head/antlers for a mount. The hunter was determined not to be in violation.

CPO Mooi conducted a fishing enforcement on opening day of fall trout season. While checking fishermen at Wolf Lake, he watched a few fishermen who were having exceptional luck. After about an hour of being at the trout pond, CPO Mooi checked a fisherman who was suspected of being in possession of more than the daily limit of five trout. When checked, the fisherman stated he only caught four fish. When asked again the fisherman said “maybe six.” CPO Mooi informed the individual that he observed him put a seventh fish in the bag. The fisherman stated, “You got me.” He dumped out a seventh fish. When CPO Mooi dumped out the rest of the bag, the individual was in possession of 10 trout, twice the daily limit. Citations and warnings were issued for the violations. The fish were seized and distributed to fishermen who had not yet reached their daily limit.

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 Wright was checking crappie fishermen on Clinton Lake when one subject had four crappie, and three of them were short of the length limit. The Chicago man was given a citation for the possession of short crappie.

CPOs Wright and Viverito are working a poaching case involving six deer (possibly more) and three turkeys. The case involves eight individuals. Some of the complaints are killing deer with no permits, not tagging deer, trespassing to kill deer, and attempting to take turkey with no permits.

CPOs Wright and Viverito, were patrolling Clinton Lake when they came across a vehicle parked at a common bow hunting location. CPO Viverito ran the plates and cross referenced the registered owner in the hunter database. The CPOs uncovered numerous violations, not just on the hunter, but also on several of his acquaintances. An investigation is ongoing; but so far, three illegally taken deer have been discovered.

CPO Viverito organized a K9 training day that was attended by approximately 15 K9 units from the surrounding area. The training included acclimating the K9s to water, boats, and other outdoor factors. Clinton Lake State Recreation Area grounds, vehicle, and buildings were utilized for the training.

**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**
On Saturday, October 21, CPO Graden participated in the Funk’s Grove Fall Festival. The Office of Law Enforcement Education Trailer was also on display. It was estimated that over 2,000 people attended the event.

CPO Graden cited an archery deer hunter for unlawfully hunting white-tailed deer by use/aid of bait.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Reeves were called to Clinton Lake State Recreation Area. Two hunters found an eight-point buck that had been gut shot. After talking with the hunters in the parking lot, Sgt. Williamson contacted CPO Viverito about the two men. CPO Viverito informed him that two men had been in the area the day before looking for a deer that they had shot the night before. Sgt. Williamson went with the hunters to the location of the eight-point buck. It was determined that it had been there a couple of days. He interviewed the hunters separately and found that one of
the hunters shot the eight-point buck. That hunter failed to shoot a doe first as required at this site. The Clinton man was cited for the offense.

**PIATT COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**VERMILION COUNTY**

CPO Cottrell cited a Champaign County resident for unlawful possession and consumption of alcohol where restricted. Two written warnings for other offenses were also issued.

CPO Cottrell received information of a deer that was illegally taken at night from Kickapoo State Recreation Area. CPO Cottrell contacted the suspect and obtained a full confession. The Danville man stated that he was traveling through the park when he saw a doe near the roadway. He drove past the deer and loaded his crossbow. He then drove back to where the doe was located. He shined and shot the deer out of the passenger window. Several citations and written warnings were issued. He has a mandatory court date at the Vermilion County Courthouse.

**South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes**

**District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

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

**CLARK COUNTY**

CPO Mieure, while on patrol, came upon a truck with a raccoon in a live trap that was visible in the back of the truck. CPO Mieure conducted a traffic stop and issued the Paris man a written warning for no trapping license, no habitat stamp, as well as warnings for an untagged trapping device. Information was given to the subject on how to acquire a nuisance animal removal permit from the IDNR.

CPO Mieure issued a written warning for speeding to a young man from Paris.

**COLES COUNTY**

CPO Mieure issued a West Terre Haute man a citation for trespassing to harvest ginseng and a written warning for criminal trespass to real property after he was identified from pictures taken by the property owner’s trail camera.

CPO Mieure, while conducting deer enforcement, issued a young man from Charleston a written warning for transporting an uncased bow on his ATV.

CPO Mieure attended the following classes at ILEAS in Urbana: Police and Minority Relations and Responding to Police Officers and Veterans in Crisis.

CPO Mieure responded to a complaint of hunting without permission on property owned by the city of Mattoon. The subject was issued a citation for illegally hunting after hours. The subject was also issued written warnings for transporting an uncased bow and hunting without permission.

**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 Moody cited an Arthur man on the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area when he found the subject parked in the roadway at dark. The vehicle’s lights were off, and there was an uncased crossbow sitting in the passenger’s lap. The man received written warnings as well.

CPO Barnes cited a Decatur subject for fishing on the Kaskaskia River without a license.

CPO Barnes cited a Decatur subject for fishing at Lake Shelbyville without a license.

SHELBY COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

**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 scouted for deer season.

MADISON COUNTY
CPO Rolfingsmeier wrote a citation to a fisherman for fishing without permission along the Metro East Sanitation property.

CPO French arrested a Wood River subject on warrant from the Alton Police Department.

CPO Liebl was contacted by a local police officer regarding a deer complaint. The officer had been called to the area due to a horrible smell coming from a house in town. The officer looked inside the garage and saw a white-tailed deer lying on the floor. There were no tags visible on the deer, and the inside and outside of the garage was swarming with flies. The owner of the house arrived and said that he had shot the buck on Friday, but when he went to get help to drag it out, he could not find it. On Sunday, he found the deer, tagged it, and brought it home. It was now Wednesday, and the deer was horribly decomposing. The hunter said he tagged the deer, but never registered it. The hunter was issued a citation for failure to register the deer, and he was given a warning for removing the permit before registering the deer. The local officer told the hunter he had to immediately remove the deer and lawfully dispose of it due to the stench throughout the neighborhood.

MONROE COUNTY
CPO Schachner was having a conversation with a grandfather and his grandson at a popular local lake, when he observed another fisherman walking away toward the far side of the lake which was forested. The subject’s body language conveyed he did not wish to meet the CPO. CPO Schachner quickly drove his squad around to the far side of the lake. The fisherman reached the trees first and immediately disappeared into the brush. After a short search, he
found the subject hiding in the timber. The subject was cited for no fishing license. He was also issued written warnings for fleeing/eluding and expired vehicle registration.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY
CPO Sievers received a complaint about a possible individual hunting without permission near Chester. No hunter was located on the property.

CPO Sievers received a complaint about fishing without permission. Once the fisherman was identified, the landowner stated the fisherman had permission.

CPO Sievers was stopped along a road that he has received complaints about people hunting from the road. He observed a truck drive by and shine a light into the field. CPO Sievers stopped the vehicle. The male driver admitted that he had shined the light into the field to look for deer so he could show them to his wife and daughter. An uncased crossbow was behind the driver’s seat, and the vehicle’s registration had expired in March. The driver was issued a citation and two written warnings.

CPO Sievers issued a written warning to a new outfitter who did not have a valid deer turkey outfitter permit.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Shortly after dark, CPO Schachner received a complaint call of a vehicle parked on a rural road adjacent to a large tract of timber. The complainant/landowner stated no one had permission to hunt the timber; and about an hour earlier, the same truck was slowly traveling the road in a manner consistent with someone “road-hunting.” The vehicle departed before CPO Schachner arrived, so he traveled to the residence of the owner of the truck. The owner’s story for why the vehicle was parked there was very suspect, so CPO Schachner returned to the location where it was parked. After an intensive three-hour search of the timber in the dark, CPO Schachner located a partially full beer can, cigarette butt, a very fresh blood trail, and a crossbow bolt. The evidence revealed the subject shot a deer from the roadway with a crossbow. He then pursued it into the timber. A second visit with the subject that night revealed this was, in fact, the case. The subject’s crossbow was seized, and he was cited for taking deer with the aid of a vehicle, shooting a bow and arrow device from the roadway, transporting an uncased crossbow, and hunting without permission.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY
CPO Schoenhoff conducted a traffic stop for speeding, and she smelled a strong odor of cannabis coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle was conducted with the driver’s consent, and less than 10 grams of cannabis was found. CPO Schoenhoff was assisted with the search by CPO Lay.

CPO Folden responded to an ISPERN alert on a vehicle identified travelling on Interstate 57. The complaint was of a child abduction, and the suspected occupant of the vehicle was considered armed and dangerous. A Secretary of State Police Officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop on the Interstate. When CPO Folden arrived, the subject was in custody; and only routine assistance with traffic was needed.
CPO Lay arrested two Johnson County men for hunting by the aid/use of a motor vehicle. The two men were observed shining hand-held lights out the window of a truck at night. Two loaded/uncased firearms located in the vehicle were seized. Open alcohol was also found. CPO Lay was assisted by CPO Williams.

CPO Lay issued an archery hunter a citation for leaving his deer stand and ladder on a Department managed area. Such activity is prohibited.

CPO Lay assisted CPO Schoenhoff with a civil cannabis arrest of a Perry County man in Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area.

CPO Lay investigated an illegal dumping complaint on private property. The trash contained pieces of mail with the suspect’s name on it, and the man was issued a citation for the dumping of trash on private property.

CPO Williams attended a hunter safety class being taught as part of the Frankfort Community High School curriculum.

**GALLATIN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**HAMILTON COUNTY**

CPO Folden received a complaint of several nonresident trucks parked on a farmer’s property after dark. The farmer claimed he did not give anybody permission to be there. CPO Folden went to the location and observed trucks from Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Ohio, and Tennessee. The hunters were involved in the PKC World Coon Hunting Competition. CPO Folden identified the guide who was responsible for placing the hunters in the location. He then verified with the landowner that he had given the subject permission in the past but did not want the additional competition hunters on his property. The landowner was upset that he did not receive a call ahead of time to explain the situation. During the check of the complaint, CPO Folden identified uncased firearms in two of the vehicles. The guide was issued a citation for hunting without permission, and he was issued a warning for having a loaded firearm in his vehicle. Another subject was issued a citation for unlawfully transporting an uncased firearm in a truck. The remaining subjects were issued written warnings for hunting without permission.

**HARDIN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY**

After a lengthy investigation, CPO Jourdan arrested two men for timber violations. The original complaint from a landowner was received in April, 2017. The landowner alleged that he was not paid in full by the two timber buyers. The timber buyers were arrested in October, 2017 for felony failure to pay the landowner for timber in excess of $10,000. Other violations discovered in the investigation led to 20 other violations for which the men must appear in court. The charges occurred in seven counties and include failure to pay landowner for timber, failure to pay the 4% harvest fees, failure to file harvest fee report forms, and failure to have timber buyer records.

CPO Jourdan arrested an archery deer hunter for hunting over a pile of corn.

CPO Lay closed out a field report from September of an abandoned boat recovered from IDNR managed land. The boat was subsequently junked and destroyed by a local tow company after the suspect/owner could not be located.

**POPE COUNTY**
CPO Johnson worked with IDNR Foresters on a case where a timber buyer failed to pay a landowner. The case is ongoing.

CPO Johnson received a complaint of a deer being poached near Golconda. CPO Johnson spoke with a witness who observed a white Ford truck slowly going down the road with an occupant in the bed. The truck slowed down, and a deer was shot from the roadway with a crossbow. The investigation led to the CPO identifying a juvenile with a white Ford truck. The CPO arranged an interview with the two juveniles and their parents. The juveniles confessed to driving down the roadway at night and putting the truck headlights on a deer. They also stated that the deer was shot with a crossbow from the bed of the truck. The CPO spoke at length to the juveniles about choices and their consequences. The CPO also discussed the satisfaction and pride from legally harvesting an animal. The juveniles were very remorseful for the act and became very emotional. The CPO issued 10 written warnings and two citations for the unlawful take of the deer. Arrangements will be made to have the juveniles do community service to pay the fine. This service, offered in Pope County, takes the financial burden off the parents and holds the juveniles more accountable.

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a failure to pay timber complaint from multiple individuals against the same revoked timber buyer.

**SALINE COUNTY**

CPO Diggins issued the following written warnings: not having a fishing license in possession, park violation, boating and registration violations, and timber truck inspection violations.

CPO Diggins is monitoring two baited areas, and he is conducting night patrols in spotlighting complaint areas.

**WHITE COUNTY**

CPO Johnson concluded an ongoing open source investigation. The investigation took eight months to complete, and eight individuals were cited with 16 citations and eight written warnings. Written warnings were issued for: possession of a nine-point deer; five separate cases of transfer of permit; unlawful take of a deer; and unlawful take of a deer in Gallatin County. Citations were issued for: unlawful possession of a nine-point deer; unlawful take of a nine point deer; unlawful use of another permit; no valid permit; hunting without a license; unlawful take of a nine point deer; unlawful take of deer accessory; unlawful attempt to take deer; no valid deer permit; unlawful take of an eight-point deer; unlawful take of a nine point deer; hunting without a valid permit; unlawful take of an eight point deer; unlawful take of an antlered deer during closed season in Gallatin County; no valid deer permit; and unlawful take of a 10-point deer.

**District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt**

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

**CLAY COUNTY**

CPOs Roper and Smith assisted CPO Buhnerkempe in the apprehension of a nonresident that was hunting in Illinois with revoked hunting privileges.

CPO Buhnerkempe conducted an investigation with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources on a subject participating in the PKC World Coon Hunting Championship headquartered in Salem. The South Carolina man’s hunting privileges were revoked in South Carolina for numerous poaching violations which made his hunting privileges revoked in all the Interstate Violator Compact states, including Illinois. The weekend prior to the hunt, the subject was involved in a hit and run accident and vehicle pursuit in Marion County. He escaped on foot. The following Monday, CPO Buhnerkempe was contacted by PKC officials informing him that the subject had registered to hunt that evening. CPO Buhnerkempe met with the group of hunters and their guide that evening, and he participated in the hunt as a nonhunting spectator. At the conclusion of the hunt, a team consisting of CPOs Smith, Roper, and Marion County K9 Officer Vieira apprehended
the subject when he returned to his vehicle. The K9 alerted on the vehicle, and a search was conducted. The search yielded a loaded illegal firearm, over 500 rounds of ammunition, and felony drugs. The contraband was seized as evidence, and the vehicle was seized pending forfeiture to the State. The subject and his brother were charged with numerous violations, including felony possession of a controlled substance, felony possession of a firearm, felony driving while license suspended, hunting while license suspended, as well as other wildlife charges. They are being held in the Clay County Jail pending a bond hearing.

CRAWFORD COUNTY
CPOs Compton and D. Taylor conducted a commercial fishing detail on the Wabash River. Multiple warnings were issued.

CPO Roper spoke with a Robinson High School student about seeking a career as an Illinois Conservation Police Officer.

CPO Roper conducted nighttime wildlife enforcement to look for illegal hunting activity.

EDWARDS COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY
CPO Roper gave a presentation to a hunter safety class about Illinois hunting laws. He also explained interactions in the field with a Conservation Police Officer.

CPO Smith attended a hunter safety education class at the County Line Shooting Center where he discussed hunter safety and the laws pertaining to hunting and wildlife.

FAYETTE COUNTY
CPO Compton charged the owner of Base Camp Leasing with two counts of unlawful outfitting in Illinois without an outfitter permit. The owner is an Indiana resident. All hunters hunting on Base Camp leased properties within Illinois are subject to charges. These charges were from 2016 and 2017.

JASPER COUNTY
CPOs Roper and D. Taylor assisted the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office with traffic control for a traffic accident.

CPO Roper walked timber to scout for deer season.

CPO Roper conducted nighttime wildlife enforcement to look for illegal hunting activity.

CPO Roper assisted the Jasper County Sheriff’s Office with a traffic stop involving minors and alcohol.

CPO Roper conducted a boat title investigation.

CPO Smith responded to a complaint of dogs chasing and harassing white-tailed deer. This is an ongoing complaint where other CPOs in the District have confronted this individual. A hunter’s trail camera had taken a picture of the individual’s dogs several days after he was cited for the same offense.

CPO Taylor found two bow hunter hunting Prairie Ridge State Natural Area. After speaking with the two hunters, they stated they were unaware that they could not hunt there. The hunters were informed that they could not, and they were shown the no hunting sign next to where they parked. Each hunter was issued a citation for hunting in a posted no hunting area.
**LAWRENCE COUNTY**

CPO Roper assisted CPO D. Taylor with traffic control at the Octoberfest celebration at Red Hills State Park.

CPO D. Taylor investigated a hunting accident involving a subject falling from a tree stand. The foot platform cables snapped, causing the subject to fall 30 feet. He was air lifted out. The subject suffered four broken vertebrae and eight broken ribs.

**MARION COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**RICHLAND COUNTY**

CPO Buhnerkempe completed an investigation of a hunter who shot a large buck with his son’s shotgun during the youth firearm deer season. CPO Buhnerkempe interviewed the hunter, and he admitted to shooting the deer with his son’s firearm because his son was unable to get a shot at it. The hunter was cited for his violations, and the deer was seized.

**WABASH COUNTY**

While checking fishermen at Beall Woods State Park, a fisherman was found not to have a fishing license. The fisherman was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Smith attended a hunter safety education class at the Wabash County Quail Club where he discussed hunter safety and the laws pertaining to hunting and wildlife.

**WAYNE COUNTY**

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a driver for improper lane usage after she crossed the center line on Route 45 and almost struck his patrol vehicle.

**District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor**

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

**ALEXANDER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**JACKSON COUNTY**

CPO Lewis investigated the harvest reporting records of a group of New Jersey bow hunters. The investigation resulted in a total of five citations. The violations discovered during the investigation were for allowing youth hunters to hunt during the youth deer season without a license, failure to report deer harvests as required, and hunting deer without a habitat stamp.

**JOHNSON COUNTY**

CPO Johnson received a complaint of an individual dumping multiple bags of household trash in the dumpster at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The dumpster was overflowing from the holiday weekend, and the subject placed the bags on the ground. The subject’s name and address was located on some items in the bag. The subject was cited for unlawful use of the Park’s dumpster.

**MASSAC COUNTY**

CPO Mohrman assisted with the security detail at the 44th Annual Fort Massac Encampment.
CPO Johnson assisted with the Fort Massac Encampment detail. He assisted with parking, and he reunited a young girl with her parents.

CPO Lay volunteered to work both days of the Fort Massac Encampment. The two-day event was attended by several thousand people.

CPO Smith volunteered to work the Fort Massac Encampment detail. He assisted with parking and security patrols at the event.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis completed the investigation into a complaint of fishing jugs being abandoned on Pinckneyville Lake. CPO Lewis went to the violator's residence to issue citations for fishing without a license and storing an unregistered watercraft on the Lake. It was determined that this individual also had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on DUI charges out of Sangamon County. The subject was taken to the Perry County Jail for processing.

CPO Lay received information and photographs of a baited deer stand area, and the investigation is ongoing.

While patrolling Pyramid State Recreation Area, CPO Lewis came upon a suspicious vehicle parked along the side of the roadway. The truck was loaded with hunting equipment, including an uncased bow in the cab. None of the equipment was secured. The truck windows were rolled down, and the keys were in the ignition. Two hunters came walking up and advised they were scouting the area for an afternoon hunt. A hunter compliance check was then completed. During the check, it was determined both hunters had failed to report their 2016 harvest as required, thereby forfeiting their hunting privileges for Pyramid State Recreation Area. Upon further investigation, it was determined one of the hunters was wanted on a warrant out of Monroe County for failure to appear on a driving with expired registration charge. He was taken to the Perry County Jail for processing. Both hunters were cited for deer hunting at Pyramid State Recreation Area after having forfeited their hunting privileges. One written warning was issued for transporting an uncased bow.

CPO Lewis was investigating a hunting without permission complaint when he was flagged down by a bow hunter. The hunter was requesting assistance because his friend was stuck in a tree at Pyramid State Recreation Area. He stated that his friend was attempting to climb out of the tree with his climbing stand when the base of the stand slipped and became stuck to the tree. CPO Lewis and the hunter went to the friend's location and helped him free the stand base by climbing up the tree with another climbing stand. The friend sustained no injuries. The initial hunting without permission complaint was unfounded.

CPO Lewis investigated a trespassing complaint. The complainant advised there was a truck parked on their property and believed someone was fishing without their permission. CPO Lewis located four fishermen on the property, and all four were cited for fishing without permission at the landowner's request. This was the second time these fishermen were cited for the charge in Perry County this year.

CPO Lewis investigated a hunting accident. The accident occurred when the hunter took a shot at a deer with his crossbow. The bow did not have a guard attached to the forearm to protect his fingers from the bow string. When he shot, the string hit his left thumb. The hunter suffered a broken bone and large laceration to the finger.

CPO Folden attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed Field Trial Facility building at Pyramid State Recreation Area. Many members of the “Friends of Pyramid” were present. This group assisted with raising funds for the newly constructed site. Approximately 35 attendees were present.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.
UNION COUNTY
No activity reported for this county.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY
CPO Somers conducted surveillance of baited areas.