



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

DATE: October 19, 2015

(Weeks of September 26 – October 18)

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

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

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

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District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

(CPO Beltran, CPO Francisko, CPO Hoogerwerf, CPO Jones, CPO Palumbo, CPO Posateri & CPO Teas)

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

CARROLL COUNTY

While on patrol at Mississippi Palisades State Park, CPO Jones observed a bottle of vodka sitting on a picnic table bench at one of the campsites. The Rockford man who was the site holder was issued a citation for possession of alcoholic beverages in a posted prohibited area.

During a waterfowl compliance check CPO Jones issued a Savanna woman written warnings for failure to have her HIP certification and failure to have a State Waterfowl Stamp.

CPO Hoogerwerf spoke to approximately 150 local 4th grade children at the Conservation Field Day held at Mississippi Palisades State Park.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri gave a brief presentation to the Wingshooting Clinic participants at Johnson Sauk Trail SRA in Kewanee, IL.

The Hennepin 100 ultramarathon was held on the Hennepin Canal starting in Sterling, IL and ending in Colona, IL. There were nearly 300 participants and they had 30 hours to complete the 100 mile race. The weather conditions were ideal and no significant incidents were reported.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf and the Illinois EPA began a joint investigation into an illegal dump site.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted multiple teal hunting compliance checks. A hunter was issued a written warning for not having his federal waterfowl stamp in possession.

CPO Hoogerwerf conducted multiple nighttime patrols in know deer poaching areas. No violations were observed.

LEE COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

MERCER COUNTY

On September 13th 2015, Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko received a request from Mercer County Sheriff's department to investigate a reported explosion and rifle fire east of Swedona, IL. All Mercer Counties Deputies and other officers were unable to respond. These types of calls can be extremely dangerous due to numerous threats Law Enforcement Officers face these days. The CPO responded to the property where the explosion reportedly occurred. Two suspect vehicles were located and stopped for investigation. It was determined a Mercer County man had purchased 2 pounds of Tanerite exploding targets. The man admitted he exploded the entire 2 pounds at one time. This action caused the town of Swedona IL to shake and nearby neighbors stated they felt the percussion of the explosion in their chest from hundreds of yards away. The matter was referred to the Mercer County States Attorney's office.

OGLE COUNTY

While on patrol in a remote area of Castle Rock State Park late at night, CPO Teas observed a vehicle with two occupants parked in a lot after posted closing time. CPO Teas approached the vehicle and observed the driver start the vehicle to leave. CPO Teas approached the driver and observed open alcohol in the cup holder. As CPO Teas continued to investigate the subjects it soon led to the arrest of both occupants. The driver was arrested for possession of cocaine, driving while license suspended, possession of cannabis, illegal transportation of alcohol, unlawful entry to a state site after posted closing time and had 2 outstanding warrants for his arrest. The passenger was arrested for possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia, and unlawful entry to a state site after posted closing time.

A man from Dixon was in violation of driving under the influence of cannabis. A citation was issued and he was jailed for 2 warrants by CPO Beltran.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri assisted IDNR Biologists with duck blind inspections on the Mississippi River.

On September 12th 2015, IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko taught Illinois hunting laws to 5 separate Hunter Safety Classes at the Rock Island Conservation Club. This is an all-day event that groups of students transition from station to station throughout the day.

On September 15th 2015, IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko did presentations to 3 classes of United Township High School students on job duties of an Illinois Conservation Police Officer. These students are in a specialized Law Enforcement class.

On September 22nd 2015, IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko was asked to do a presentation at the annual "Illinois Park Law Enforcement Association" conference in Galena IL. CPO Francisko co-presented with ISP Trooper Kuehl on an "Officer Involved Shooting" event from 2013.

On September 22nd 2015, IDNR Region 1 District 1 CPO Francisko did a boat accident investigation presentation to Cordova Fire Department. CFD had several new members who had not worked with IDNR on a boat accident. The CFD Chief wanted to get persons trained on proper procedures.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No Activity Reported for this County

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPOs Teas and Palumbo along with the Whiteside County Sheriff's office investigated an illegal cannabis grow on state property at Big Bend SFWA in Whiteside County. In all, 260 cannabis plants were removed and destroyed from different cultivated grow sites on Big Bend property. Illinois Conservation Police and Whiteside County Sheriff's office are continuing to investigate the incident.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and a written warning to a Morrison and Libertyville hunter for hunting doves with unplugged shotguns.

While on boat patrol of Pool 14 on the Mississippi River, CPO Palumbo issued a citation to a Clinton, IA man for operating a personal watercraft after the hours of sunset.

With the assistance of the Whiteside County Sheriff's Department, IDNR Lands Personnel, and concerned local hunters; CPO's Palumbo and Teas located and eradicated 2 separate plots of cannabis plants that were growing on Big Bend Fish and Wildlife area. Approximately 260 full grown plants were seized and destroyed.

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

Lake-

CPO Semenik issued a citation to a Chicago woman for failure to immediately release a short largemouth bass. The woman was fishing Squaw Creek off the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The bass was discovered at the bottom of a bucket full of bluegill. When initially asked about her catch she stated there was "Just some bluegill" in her bucket. Largemouth bass must be a minimum of 14 inches to keep from the Fox Chain O' Lakes. The largemouth bass the women had hidden was 11 inches.

On September 20th, CPO Semenik and CPO Hurt patrolled Kane County along the Fox River. After launching their boat near St. Charles the two pulled up on a group of fisherman to conduct sport fishing compliance checks. During the checks three of the men were arrested. A California man was arrested for Possession of Cannabis more 2.5 Grams but less than 10 Grams and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The man had in his possession a grinder, rolling papers, and a mini electronic scale. The second man from Chicago was arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. A glass smoking pipe was found in his possession. The third man from Bensenville was arrested for Possession of Cannabis less than 2.5 Grams. Also while on patrol two citations were issued for No Fishing Licenses and one for a PFD violation. Written warnings for No Fishing License, no Type IV PFD, and No Water Usage Stamp were also issued.

CPO Kelley cited three Skokie residents for possession of alcohol at Illinois Beach State Park.

CPO winters issued two subjects citations for unlawfully fishing without sport fishing licenses.

CPOs Hurt and Wagner were conducting work boat patrol on Long Lake. A compliance check was conducted on a boat with 3 fishermen. During the compliance check, CPO Hurt noticed a glass smoking pipe on the bottom of the boat. Another glass smoking pipe and bag of Cannabis were also found on the boat. Two individuals were arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of Cannabis <2.5 Grams. The two individuals were also cited for fishing without a valid sport fishing license. One of the individuals was also cited for having no wearable PFD's on the boat and given a written warning for no water usage stamp. The individuals were released on a Notice to Appear.

McHenry-

Sgt. Riedel, CPOs Schreiber, Kelley, VanWiltensburg, and Vaughan attended the funeral service and procession for a McHenry County Sheriff's Deputy who was killed in the line of duty.

Kane-

While following up on a complaint in Kane County, CPO Semenik was advised by ISP of a missing 74 year old male with dementia last seen walking from Algonquin. A large scale search was being organized when CPO Semenik located the subject 4 miles south of town along the bike trail in Carpentersville. CPO Semenik spoke with the subject and transported him back to his residence where he was met by the family.

CPO Siedsma responded to complaint of illegal fishing at the Carpentersville Dam along the Fox River. Upon arrival two male subjects were observed throwing a cast net. After observing the subjects for several minutes, the subject were approached and stopped. Both subjects were carrying bait containers, which each contained

over 12 / 5-6" bass and several small pan fish. Each subject was cited for creel limit violations and illegal methods.

Lake-

CPO Kelley issued citations to three individuals at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of alcohol.

CPO Semenik and CPO Hurt conducted a mid-week Fox Chain O' Lakes boat patrol. 3 Citations and 6 written warnings were issued for various Boating and Fishing violations.

CPOs Schreiber, Winters, and Farber, and Sgt. Riedel responded to a call at the Chain O' Lakes State Park regarding a 30' pontoon boat that tipped over while being trailered. The boat is registered to a local vendor who serves hotdogs, brats, burgers, ice cream, and drinks to boaters on the chain. The owner had borrowed a trailer from a friend and was removing the boat for the season. Unfortunately, the boat is very top heavy when out of the water and rolled over as they were driving out of the park. Luckily, no one was injured but it did require two tow trucks and about 2 hours of their time to upright the boat, remove it from the trailer, and drag to a more secure location.

McHenry-

CPO Semenik arrested a man unlawfully fishing without consent of landowner at an abandoned property lake in McHenry County. There has been a standing complaint at this location for several years and there is strictly no trespassing.

CPO Davis completed a boat registration investigation

Kane-

CPO cited one hunter in Big Rock and another in Campton Hills for archery hunting over bait.

Training- The IDNR region 2 instructors completed the firearms training of all the CPOs located in region 2

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

Kendall County

CPO Honiotes, Wollgast and Kashner staffed the Wildlife trailer at National Hunting and Fishing Days at Silver Springs SP.

Kankakee County

CPO Wollgast and Kashner taught a hunter safety class in Essex

CPO Anderson investigated a boat registration/titling issue.

CPO Vadbunker arrested 2 subjects for unlawful possession of cannabis while working Kankakee River SP.

Grundy County

CPO Wollgast and Kashner worked Stratton Park on the Illinois River during the Cornfest event. Several written warnings were issued for minor boating infractions.

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Grundy County

CPO Wollgast is working several deer bait cases.

Will County

CPO Anderson is investigating a situation where a kayak was stolen from Kankakee River SP.

CPO Reid received a complaint of an alligator swimming around in a subdivision pond in Manhattan. He confirmed that it was indeed a 3 ft. long alligator and it was successfully trapped and removed from the pond. CPO Reid conducted a patrol of a private body of water where a trespass complaint exists. 2 individuals were observed fishing directly next to a sign reading "No Fishing/Trespassing". Both men were cited for Fishing without Permission.

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CPO Honiotes is investigating a possible hunting accident where a bus driver was struck in the face with a shotgun pellet. Minor injury occurred further investigation is pending.

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

COOK COUNTY:

CPO Macias was enforcing OUI laws at the Worth and Alsip boat launches and issued a no wake violation citation to a group of boaters.

CPO Macias was on patrol in William Powers State Fish and Game area and observed a child riding in an SUV without being secured to the passenger seat CPO Macias initiated the stop and issued a citation for an unsecured passenger.

CPO Macias was on patrol in William Power State Fish and Game Area and stopped a driver for failing to stop at a traffic signal. CPO Macias initiated the stop and discovered cannabis inside the vehicle, the driver was not wearing a safety belt, had no license, and the car was not insured. Driver received numerous citations.

CPO Macias was patrolling the lake Michigan harbors when he saw a subject park his car in Belmont Harbor, exited his vehicle with a snagging pole and drop his line in the water dragging it through the water. When CPO Macias checked him the subject did not have his fishing license on his person. Subject received a citation for snagging and a written warning for no license in possession.

CPO Mooi conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River a written warning was issued to an Evanston man for operation of a non-powered watercraft without a water usage stamp.

CPO Mooi patrolled William Powers State Recreation Area. Upon approaching the foot bridge on State Line Road, a man kicked a can into the channel between the lakes. CPO Mooi spoke with the man about pollution of a waterway and noticed the can was a 12 .oz. can of Colt 45. CPO Mooi issued the Chicago man a citation for possession of Alcohol in a prohibited area, and a written warning was issued for pollution of a waterway. The man retrieved the can before it floated out into the main portion of the lake.

CPO Mooi was patrolling William Powers State Recreation Area when he was flagged down by a man near the visitor's center. The man informed CPO Mooi that he was trying to contact Chicago Police because he thought his son, who had run away from home and been missing from Wisconsin since June, was going to try to attend a family party at the park. The man gave CPO Mooi a description of the juvenile and the family members he may be travelling with. After a short while, a teenager matching the description arrived with a middle-aged woman. CPO Mooi approached the two and was able to get the information needed to perform a leads check on the juvenile. ISP Dispatch informed CPO Mooi that there was an active missing person's report out of Racine, WI. and Chicago, IL. for the juvenile subject. The juvenile was transported to CPD 4th district and turned over to CPD to be reunited with his father.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol when they saw a male and female subject fishing at a Cook County Lake. As soon as the female subject saw the CPO's, she immediately tossed the fishing pole on the ground and walked away hurriedly. The female subject was ordered to stop and a fishing license was requested. She did not possess a valid sport fishing license. The male subject was also check for a fishing license. He did not possess a valid sport fishing license either. CPO Whitchurch was able to locate a small cooler lying in the weeds which possessed a largemouth bass. The male subject admitted to catching the bass and placing it in the cooler. CPO Whitchurch measured the largemouth bass which was under the length limit which applied to the body of water they were fishing. CPO Whitchurch pointed out the sign which showed the

fishing regulations nearby. Citations were issued for unlawful possession of an undersized largemouth bass and for fishing without valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Whitchurch received a complaint of a subject unlawfully hunting squirrels in the City of Chicago. CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger visited the property. While visiting the property, CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger spoke with a person who lived at the home on the property. This person admitted to shooting squirrels because he was protecting the fruit yield from peach and apple trees which were on the property. A records check revealed the subject did not possess a valid Illinois Hunting License and Habitant Stamp. The subject was also informed of the yardage required to hunt by use of gun from an inhabited dwelling. The subject was cited for unlawfully hunting without a valid hunting License.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger completed a sport fishing enforcement detail in the City of Chicago. Many Chicago Park District Lagoons were checked to insure compliance with sport fishing regulations. Four citations were issued to subjects who were fishing without valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan enforcing sport fishing regulations when they encountered a subject actively fishing without a valid sport fishing license. The subject's identity was confirmed and his personal information was run through Illinois State Police Dispatch. It was learned the subject was wanted on a valid warrant for a probation violation with full extradition to another county in Illinois. The subject was taken into custody and transferred to the Chicago Police District 19 Police Station where he was held until he was moved to Chicago Area North Police Station where he was extradited to the Illinois County from which the arrest warrant was issued. The subject was cited for unlawful fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

Sgt McReynolds, CPOs Barnes, Greuel and Moody assisted the US Fish and Wildlife Agency with a multi-state investigation with the Illegal Harvest and Sale of Ginseng.

Coles Co

CPO Greuel cited a Casey man for unlawful trespass to harvest Wild Ginseng in Coles County.

CPO Wellum attended a Hunter Safety Course at the Charleston Gun Club.

CPO Wellum stopped an Oakland man for Speeding. The man was arrested for Driving While License Revoked and Operation of Uninsured Motor Vehicle.

CPO Moody cited two Charleston men at the Lake Charleston Dam for Fishing with No Valid License. One of the men was also arrested for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Cannabis as well.

Cumberland Co

CPO Greuel cited two Greenup men in Cumberland County for unlawful harvest of Wild Ginseng without a valid License.

Shelby Co.

CPOs Barnes and Moody cited two Neoga men for Trespassing to Harvest Ginseng.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon man for Fishing with No Valid License at the Kaskaskia River in Shelby Co..

Cumberland County

CPO's Moody and Barnes responded to a complaint of an individual trying to sell a Java Monkey in Cumberland County. Upon finding the woman, she claimed that she never owned a monkey. After speaking with her, the woman finally admitted to having the monkey in the home. She retrieved it and brought it to the officers in a small pet carrier. The woman admitted that she was unequipped to take care of a monkey. The St Louis zoo agreed to take the monkey, and "Jax" seems to have adapted nicely. The possession and sale of Java Monkey's is illegal in Illinois.

CPO's Moody and Barnes cited a Cumberland County man for Trespass to Harvest Ginseng as well as digging Ginseng with no harvester's license. His girlfriend was also cited for Trespass to Harvest Ginseng. CPO Greuel attended a hunter safety course in Cumberland Co.

Douglas

CPO Moody cited a Villa Grove man for deer hunting over bait in rural Douglas county.

Moultrie

CPO Moody responded to a call of a man trespassing while bow hunting. Upon locating the man, CPO Moody found other violations as well.

Sgt. McReynolds checked a Mt. Zion man deer hunting on the Shelbyville Fish and Wildlife area. The man was issued a citation for no site permit and given written warnings for two additional violations.

Shelby County

CPO Moody cited a Windsor man in rural Shelby County for Trespass to Harvest Ginseng.

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's office with an injured suicidal man. The man was transported to the hospital for medical treatment and mental evaluation.

CPO Greuel cited a Tower Hill hunter for possession of 2.5-10 grams of cannabis.

CPO Greuel, Viverito and Wellum administered night shoot at Charleston Police Department and DeWitt County Sheriff's range.

MCLEAN COUNTY

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On Saturday, August 29, while en route to Clinton Lake. CPO Graden issued a speeding citation, to a 54 year old male, from Heyworth, for travelling 98 mph in a posted 55 mph zone.

District 19

All CPO's have attended multiple hunter safety courses and trapping safety courses as the fall approaches.

CPO Viverito observed a personal watercraft operator not wearing a life jacket on Clinton Lake. The CPO hailed the man into the dock and several violations were discovered. The CPO ran the man's information through dispatch who informed the CPO that the man had a warrant. The man was handcuffed and placed in the CPO's squad. The man was issued a citation and several written warnings and was transported to the DeWitt County Jail where he was booked.

Region 3 District 19

Piatt County

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject near Monticello for Unlawful take of a whitetail deer and hunting deer over bait. The arrest occurred when CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus found the Monticello man tracking a deer he had shot near the baited area. The man subsequently admitted to shooting it over bait and was cited. The subject has a mandatory court date in November at the Piatt County Courthouse.

CPO Wright worked a baited stand in Piatt county that was approximately 50yds behind the sheriff's office. A LaPlace man was found hunting over the bait. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wright and CPO Viverito worked a tip from a deer hunter at Allerton Park of two men possibly illegally harvesting ginseng. After about an hour of surveying the vehicle in question from a distance, two men approached the vehicle with two bags and a shovel. The CPOs approached the men and found ginseng in their bags. After interviewing the men and releasing them with charges pending, the CPOs received trail camera footage that one of the men had dug a few weeks prior in the same location. The next day the CPOs went to the man's house and interviewed the man. The Wellington man admitted to the previous dig and the CPOs were able to seize the ginseng from that day as well. In total approximately 6lbs dry was seized. Charges are pending with the states attorney.

Vermilion County

CPO Schultz and CPOT Sanford were on patrol along the vermilion river in Danville when CPOT Sanford observed a man rolling a cannabis cigar in a car along the river. The man then men three others and proceeded to go fishing on the privately posted property side of the river. A compliance check resulted in numerous citations and written warnings for the possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis, fishing without permission, fishing without a license and criminal trespass.

CPO Schultz and CPOT Sanford located a baited stand along the north fork of the vermilion river. While working the baited area they observed two men kayaking and fishing in the river. The CPO's conducted a boat stop and completed a compliance check. Violations were found and addressed including no fishing license, no PFD's on board, and no water usage stamps on the vessels. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Schultz and CPOT Sanford continue to work a case involving criminal trespass to state property and theft of trail cameras from private property. While CPOT Sanford was off duty one evening, he observed two men exit a restricted State observatory property with a camouflage backpack. After calling CPO Schultz to assist the CPO's found the men, who were trespassing on state land, were in possession of four trail cameras. Several reports have been received involving trail cameras in the area. The bag was seized as part of the investigation and the investigation is ongoing.

Champaign County

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus assisted a Missouri Conservation Officer in seizing 5 unlawfully taken turkeys from Missouri. The Subjects who had been involved in the unlawful take were Champaign County residents. CPO Reeves interviewed the subjects, obtained written statements from both and seized the 5 turkeys. Charges are pending in this case out of Missouri.

DeWitt County

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus wrote a male subject a citation for failing to release short crappie at Clinton Lake at the Dewitt Bridge.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus handled a traffic crash report at the Weldon Boat Ramp at Clinton Lake where a man accidentally backed a friend's vehicle into Clinton Lake at the ramp. The CornBelt Dive team was contacted to help remove the vehicle from under the water.

McLean County

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a male subject for Driving while revoked, wanted on warrant as well as other IVC violations. The arrest occurred after CPO Reeves observed the subject talking on a cell phone and nearly running CPO Viverito off the road while he was trailering a watercraft. CPO Graden arrived on scene and transported the Peoria man to jail to be lodged on the no bond warrant.

DISTRICT 7 - WOODFORD COUNTY

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CPO Matt Graden worked a joint wildlife investigation with CPO Isaac Gerard in Woodford County. The result was a 23 year old Texas man being cited for: Falsification of IDNR Records to Obtain Illinois Resident Hunting Privileges, Unlawfully Archery Hunting Whitetail Deer Without a Valid Hunting License, and Unlawfully Archery Hunting Whitetail Deer Without Valid Permits. Written warnings were issued for: Unlawful Take of a Whitetail Deer, Hunting Without a Habitat Stamp, and Archery Hunting Without Permits on Person.

Macon and Cumberland Counties

Region 3 received a complaint of the possible sale of a monkey in the Decatur area. After pictures were found of the monkey that was being offered for sale it was determined to be a Java monkey and a violation of the dangerous animals act to even possess in the state of Illinois. Further complaints stated that there may also be a monkey for sale in Cumberland County. CPO's Barnes and Moody went to Cumberland County and CPO Cottrell and Sgt. Williamson went to Decatur to attempt to find the monkeys that were listed for sale. CPO Cottrell and Sgt. Williamson found a Decatur woman that admitted to buying the monkey on Sunday and selling it to a woman out of Cumberland County on Monday. While speaking with her CPO Moody called and stated that they had seized the monkey in Cumberland County and that the people he seized the monkey from admitted that it came from Decatur. The monkey "Jax" was taken to the St. Louis zoo where he will be transferred to a primate facility. Charges are pending for the people who illegally possessed the monkey.

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

Hancock

CPO Wheatley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in LaHarpe.

Jersey County

CPO Snodgrass and CPO Goetten observed a suspicious vehicle parked at a dead end road. While watching the vehicle, one occupant was observed smoking something. Another occupant finished a beer and discarded the can on the ground. The vehicle was stopped as the suspects left the area. The driver was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. The passenger was cited for littering.

CPO Snodgrass and CPO Goetten checked waterfowl blinds on the Illinois River during the teal season. While checking three blind occupants for compliance, CPO Goetten located a prescription pill bottle with cannabis hidden in the corner of the blind. CPO Snodgrass continued the inspection and located a drug pipe and more cannabis hidden in another corner of the blind. All blind occupants denied knowledge of the contraband. Upon obtaining their information, it was discovered one of the subjects was wanted on an Alton PD arrest warrant with bond \$5000 (10%). Another occupant was a convicted felon. All three were arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail. Each was charged with drug possession. The felon was charged with felony possession of a firearm. His shotgun was seized.

CPO Snodgrass and CPO Goetten conducted a foot patrol of Pere Marquette State Park at night. Two subjects were observed at a lookout point and were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis. Both were arrested.

CPO Goetten investigated a personal injury bike accident on the Pere Marquette State Park bike trail. A woman lost control of her bike resulting in a serious concussion and a broken collar bone. She was air lifted to Barnes Hospital.

Pike County

CPO Drone taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Nebo.

Calhoun County

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Meppen.

Jersey County

CPO Goetten responded to a battery complaint initiated by the Grafton Police Department. The offender fled the scene after a physical altercation at a Grafton bar. CPO Goetten located the offender on a motorcycle several miles away on Route 100 and initiated a traffic stop. The subject was arrested without further incident.

CPO Goetten located and arrested an archery deer hunter in the restricted area of Pere Marquette State Park. He was cited and his bow and tree stand were seized.

Schuyler County

CPO Blakeley located a baited area in March of this year in Schuyler County. On 10/4, he checked the area for hunting activity. Upon inspecting the area, a crossbow was hanging in a stand over a baited area. He backed out of the area and setup surveillance. After several hours of surveillance, a truck pulled into the area and a hunter exited the vehicle without a bow and headed toward the stand with the crossbow. He inspected the truck before checking the hunter. Two trophy rock mineral blocks and several bags of minerals and other illegal substances were in the bed of the truck. Three hunters were located on the property. All the hunters admitted to placing and hunting over the bait. The hunters advised they knew it was illegal to hunt with bait. The hunters apologized and thanked him for doing his job. They said it had been a rough couple of years hunting and wanted to increase their odds. They advised while they were at the local sports store, they were informed they probably wouldn't encounter a CPO due to the impending lay-offs.

CPO Blakeley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a hunter safety course in Rushville.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

DISTRICT 10 BI-WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

District 10 CPO's Elliott, Bettis, Thornley, Cochran, and Tanke took part in a Multi-Jurisdictional involving agencies from the US Fish & Wildlife Service, Illinois DNR, and Missouri Dept. of Conservation related to the unlawful harvesting & sale of ginseng.

Logan

CPO Bettis and CPOT Thornley presented the Law Enforcement Section of a Hunter Safety Course in Logan County to 28 students.

Menard

CPO Bettis and CPOT Thornley gave a presentation to 30 subjects of Athens Christian Church. Items of discussion were the job duties of a Conservation Police Officer, along with current Illinois laws.

CPO Bettis and CPOT Thornley used the Education Trailer during the Ag Discovery Educational Day, September 17, Menard County Fairgrounds. They presented 8 different 20 minute sections to 151 Menard County 5th graders.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

Bond Co:

Clinton Co:

CPO Tapley was patrolling South Shore State Park when he came across a vehicle parked by the outhouses. Due to its dilapidated conditions, the park has become an area where numerous complaints of lewd conduct have been reported. As CPO Tapley exited his squad, a female came out of the women’s outhouse, followed a few seconds later by a male subject. CPO Tapley spoke with the two subjects separately, who both had differing stories as to why they were both in the outhouse. The male subject originally said the female subject called him in there because she “had something to tell him”. After further probing, the female said they were “making out” in the outhouse because it was “quiet” and “private”. CPO Tapley informed them of the complaints about the area and asked them to find a more private location to share their affection. The male subject was issued a park citation for unlawful use of/entry to the women’s outhouse.

CPO Tapley has issued several citations for snagging over the last two weeks. On one occasion, CPO Tapley was called at home while off duty about several subjects snagging. After CPO Tapley responded, he issued three subjects citations for snagging. On another occasion, CPO Tapley issued a man a citation for snagging. This was his second time being caught snagging this year by CPO Tapley.

CPO Tapley received a complaint about two men using a cast net to catch sport fish on the Kaskaskia River near the General Dean Bridge. After an interview with them, it was found they had approximately 20 crappie, several bluegill, and some shad they had caught with a cast net. One of the men was issued a citation for taking sport fish with a cast net, the other man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid fishing license.

Madison Co:

CPO Liebl was stopped at a traffic light when a female Missouri resident pulled up in the turn lane next to him. While the light was still red, the woman drove through the intersection. A traffic stop was conducted. During the stop it was determined that the woman’s driver’s license was suspended in Missouri. The woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license and warned for disobeying a traffic control device.

CPO Liebl was notified of a boat accident that occurred at a local lake. Two friends were operating jet skis down the lake. The friends would take turns with one driving straight and the other jumping the wake behind the first. On one pass down the lake, the operator driving straight slowed down. When the second operator went to jump the wake behind him, he instead drove over the back of the first jet ski. The first operator was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. The operator broke several ribs and fractured vertebrae in his lower back. The operator of the second jet ski was cited for careless operation of a watercraft.

Monroe Co:

CPO Schachner and CPO trainee Knop covertly observed three nonresident dove hunters shoot up to 22 minutes after legal shooting time. In addition, the hunters failed to maintain separate bag limits, transported an uncased gun and open alcohol and one of them did not have a hunting license, habitat stamp and HIP number. All three received citations and numerous warnings.

Montgomery Co:

CPO Lentz attended a hunter safety class in which 65 students were present.

Randolph Co:

St. Clair Co:

CPO Ray arrested a subject for taking Common Snapping Turtles during closed season and selling wild caught Common Snapping Turtles and Red Eared Sliders.

CPO Schachner and CPO trainee Knop received a request for assistance from a local police department regarding an early morning stop the police officers made on a subject spotlighting deer from a vehicle. The location of the spotlighting has had numerous previous poaching problems. In addition the violator was well-known to CPO Schachner from previous complaints and other suspected violations. An interview of the subject combined with the local police officers observations resulted in a citation for spotlighting and a mandatory court appearance.

Washington Co:

On 9/15/15, CPO Charles was asked to give a presentation to 81 Nashville High School students. CPO Charles discussed the different responsibilities of a Conservation Police Officer.

On 9/16/15, CPO Charles attended a meeting at Okawville School that represented all local law enforcement in the area in order to coordinate response techniques for emergency situations at the school.

On 9/25/15, CPO Charles spoke at a hunter safety course in Chester.

Bond Co:

CPO Lentz attended hunter safety class in mulberry grove that was attended by 65 students.

Clinton Co:

On 10/2/15, CPO Charles spoke at a hunter safety course in Carlyle.

CPO Lentz arrested subject at Carlyle lake for taking sport fish with cast net.

CPO Lentz arrested subject at Carlyle lake for no fishing license.

Clinton County:

CPO Tapley handled a boat accident on Carlyle Lake. No injuries were reported, but the boat became swamped after both occupants were ejected from the boat. Both occupants were wearing lifejackets and the operator was wearing the engine cutoff lanyard, which combined probably made a huge impact in the outcome of the accident. It was later learned that a hydraulic hose on the steering failed, which was the cause for the boat to make an abrupt turn and eject the occupants.

Madison Co:

CPO Liebl and CPO Ray used sonar to search for a person who jumped off a bridge over the Mississippi River. Information about where the incident took place, and what had exactly happened, was sparse at best. No targets were identified and no further information was given about the incident. About 10 days later, a fisherman walking the river bank on Chouteau Island discovered a body washed up on shore. CPO Liebl was the first responder to arrive and secured the scene until Madison City Police and the Madison County Coroner Investigator arrived. It was determined to be the man who jumped off the bridge a week and a half earlier.

CPO Liebl and PCPO Tripp were contacted by Hartford Police about a missing fisherman on the Cahokia Diversion Canal by the Lewis and Clark Historic Site. A friend of the fisherman became worried when he found an abandoned truck in the parking lot, and abandoned fishing equipment set up on a spillway in the canal.

Although there was not a lot of water going over the spillway where the fishing gear was, it was moss covered and very slippery. Shortly after starting a search with a remote controlled sonar boat, a potential target was identified. A small jon boat was launched and sonar was again used to identify a possible target. CPO Liebl was able to recover the body of the missing fisherman below the spillway and bring him to shore where he was turned over to local emergency responders, the Madison County Coroner Investigator, and Hartford Police. Hartford Police and the Madison County Coroner's Office are investigating the incident.

CPO Liebl was contacted by a local landowner about illegal tree stands on his property. The landowner had located the stands and ground blind earlier in the year and had left notes on the equipment asking for their immediate removal. When they were not removed, the owner contacted CPO Liebl to ask what could be done. After hearing his options, the owner asked the equipment be seized and removed. All equipment was removed and seizure tags were left behind with CPO Liebl's contact information. If the owner makes contact, the trespassing issue will be addressed. If no contact is made, the equipment will eventually be deemed abandoned property, and forfeited to the IL DNR.

CPO Liebl was contacted by a person who was taking care of a property owned by a bank. The man was informed that someone was illegally hunting the property. When CPO Liebl arrived at the property, the caretaker and 2 Madison County Deputies were on scene. The deputies stayed by a vehicle found while CPO Liebl went into the woods to look for the hunters. About 150 yards into the woods, CPO Liebl located two bow hunters. The bow hunters stated they obtained permission from the previous owner, not knowing that the property had been foreclosed on for about a year. The manager of the bank that now owned the property was contacted, and after hearing the story, wanted the hunters only warned not to come back. While checking the two hunters through State Police, it was discovered that one of the men had a \$5000.00 warrant out of Clinton County for theft. Both men were given warnings for hunting without permission. The one hunter was arrested on the outstanding warrant and transported to the Madison County Jail.

Monroe Co:

CPO Schachner and CPO Trainee Knop responded to a complaint of hunting without permission related to a deer gut pile discovered on private property. After some investigation and additional foot patrols, they determined a likely suspect. An interview determined the suspect did not actually shoot the deer on the property, but trailed it onto the complainant's property and recovered it/gutted it there. The violator had previously been warned against trespassing by the complainant and the CPO's also determined the violator was hunting with the aid of bait (deer cocaine). The violator was cited and instructed to remove the bait. He was also warned for hunting without permission and informed of the appropriate manner to handle trailing a deer on private property.

Montgomery Co:

CPO Lentz arrested subject in Montgomery county for failure to check his deer in on same day harvested.

CPO Lentz arrested subject for failure to wear blaze orange while deer hunting during youth deer season.

Randolph Co:

CPO Schachner and CPO Trainee Knop arrested a subject for deer hunting with the aid of bait (shelled corn originally placed in a large rubber feed tub as well as salt and additional minerals). The violator and his adult son were the only subjects who hunted his property, and he was hunting in the center of his large property and within 20 yards of the obvious bait.

However, he obstinately attempted to deny knowledge of the bait even though he discretely attempted to clean up/hide salt from a second baited location which he was unaware the CPO's also knew about. He was

cited for deer hunting with the aid of bait. He received a written warning for no deer permits in possession while hunting and he and his adult son were also warned for transporting uncased bows on their golf cart. CPO Schachner and CPO Trainee Knop arrested a subject for deer hunting with the aid of bait (salt and additional minerals). In addition, the hunter did not purchase/possess a deer permit or habitat stamp and was not wearing blaze orange during youth gun deer season.

It was clear the violator had gone through a lot of effort to transport and set-up a large amount of hunting gear at his remote hunting location. However he complained he really didn't expect that he would be hunting, and he bemoaned the fact that just prior to arriving at his hunting location, he was at a business which sold deer permits and stamps.

The violator was also in possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis and admitted smoking the cannabis while he was hunting. He did not possess a medical exemption card, however he claimed he smoked the cannabis because he was currently being treated for lung cancer. He was warned for no blaze orange clothing and was cited for all the other violations. He was also instructed to contact a valid driver (who was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol) to drive him and his vehicle back home. Several of his family members arrived to transport him home.

St.Clair Co:

CPO Rolfingsmeier while conducting traffic enforcement wrote pulled over a vehicle for speeding at Frank Holten State Park, and the driver was driving on a suspended license. The driver was cited for speeding and driving on a suspended license.

Washington Co:

On 9/29/15, CPO Charles received information from Washington County Sheriff's Office of a possible drowning at Washington County State Recreation Area Lake. CPO Charles arrived on the scene and assisted in coordination of the search and rescue for the victim. CPO Charles also made the determination that the operator of the watercraft was under the influence of alcohol. CPO Charles arrested the operator for operation of a watercraft under the influence. CPO Liebl began sonar operations to attempt to locate the victim in the water. CPO Liebl was able to locate the victim in approx. 15 minutes of searching. The Washington County Coroner took control of the victim on scene.

CPO Liebl was contacted by CPO Charles in reference to a boat accident that occurred late one night. After a night of fishing, a fisherman decided to jump out of the boat as they were headed in, and did not resurface. CPO Charles and local emergency responders had spent several hours searching the area, but could not locate the man. CPO Liebl was asked to use sonar to search the area to help locate the man. On the second pass through the suspected area where the man jumped in, CPO Liebl and CPO Charles identified a potential target. Within 15 minutes, CPO Liebl and CPO Charles were able to recover the body of the missing fishermen. The body was turned over to the Washington County Coroner, who arrived in a local emergency responder's watercraft. CPO Charles is handling the boat accident investigation.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation and a written warning to, two Missouri men fishing at Rend Lake. One angler was given a written warning for possessing one (1) short bass (fish was released alive), and the other fisherman was cited for not having a non-resident fishing license.

Sgt. Cariens was called out to assist with a death investigation at Rend Lake.

CPO Jourdan graduated from a week long Trapper's College in Indiana. Instructors for the college were some of the best trappers from across the nation. Students arrived from across the U.S., Canada, and even a student from Spain. Students worked for wildlife agencies and private businesses. Classes taught were how to set various traps, location of traps, and trap modification.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden completed the second of three randomly assigned commercial timber investigations. No violations were identified.

CPO Folden concluded the investigation into a fatal boating accident in Hamilton County.

CPO Folden attended Glock Armorers School at Carbondale Police Department.

CPO Folden taught the law portion of a Hunters Safety Class in Hamilton County.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Lay closed an investigation into a subject who wrote an insufficient funds check to the Wayne Fitzgerald State Park for camping fees owed. The camping fees were paid in full.

CPO Lay opened an investigation into and an unlawful timber cut in Franklin County.

POPE COUNTY

CPO's Diggins and Johnson worked a boating patrol on the Ohio River during the Golconda shrimp festival. A subject was observed creating a wake in the marina. CPO Johnson arrested the operator for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and operating a watercraft with a BAC over .08. His BAC was .133.

CPO Johnson completed two random commercial timber buyer investigations.

CPO Johnson is investigating a timber theft case. He met with IDNR Forrester's and counted 66 trees unlawfully taken by a timber buyer. The trees were measured to determine the overall board footage taken. The case is still under investigation.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins completed two random commercial timber buyer investigations.

Franklin County

CPO Williams arrested two Archery Deer hunters on the second day of Season while hunting over bait. Three mineral blocks were located around the tree the hunters were in. One of the hunters had made three shots, unsuccessfully, at a deer and two of the arrows were stuck in the dirt on either side of a mineral block. Each hunter received a citation.

CPO Lay began an investigation into an unlawful timber cutting complaint.

Region 5 CPO's participated in the quarterly Defensive Tactics Training. Officers were instructed with various ground fighting techniques.

Jefferson County

CPO Jourdan completed a timber buyer investigation that revealed \$5,700.00 in delinquent harvest fees. The buyer failed to submit several 4% fees dating back to 2012. He also was buying timber without a license in 2015. Charges of failure to maintain records, failure to pay 4% harvest fees and no timber buyers license are pending.

Hamilton County

CPO Folden is currently working on his final random commercial timber buyer's inspection.

CPO Folden has a significant deer case that is under investigation in cooperation with Indiana IDNR. Enforcement action should take place during the upcoming deer season.

CPO Folden has obtained several complaints from the public since the opening of archery deer season. He is currently investigating one individual for unlawful take of deer.

White County

CPO Schoenhoff is investigating a timber buyer as part of the random commercial inspections.

Hardin County

CPO Diggins received a poaching complaint from the Chief of Police in Rosiclaire. On September 30, a resident of Rosiclaire was target shooting with his compound bow in the city limits. A doe and her fawn wandered into the neighbor's yard to graze. The offender decided to shoot the fawn which at the time had wandered upon the city street. Upon receiving the complaint on October 6th, CPO Diggins met with the offender and received a full confession from him. The offender stated he has hunted deer for years and has never killed a deer. He stated when the deer walked within 20 yards he couldn't refrain from shooting it. The offender was charged with unlawful take during the closed season, and shooting a bow over a public roadway. He was also assessed a \$250.00 civil penalty.

Saline County

CPO Diggins assisted the Saline County Sheriff's office and State police with an alleged robbery and abduction at Sahara Woods SP. A vehicle was retrieved from the lake. The case is being investigated further by ISP and the Sheriff's office.

Pope County

CPO Johnson observed a truck parked on the side of the road and heard someone shoot a shotgun in woods. He later observed a hunter walk out of the woods look all around and motioned back into the woods. CPO Johnson approached in his squad and the hunter appeared to throw something into the woods. A male and a youth hunter emerged from the woods and the CPO conducted a compliance check. The hunters both had their limit of 5 squirrels. They denied throwing an object into the woods. The area was checked and the hunters were allowed to leave. The area was searched again and an additional lanyard containing 2 squirrels was found. The adult hunter was later located. He was very emotional and remorseful. He spoke of the experience and his conviction during church and said the best sermons are sometimes lived. He was cited for unlawful take of 2 squirrels.

CPO Johnson is currently working a timber investigation involving the theft of 66 trees.

CPO Johnson assisted an individual who had not received payment for timber they sold.

CPO Johnson recovered a hawk that had been electrocuted. The hawk was taken to a rehabilitator.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

Crawford

Sgt. Hyatt and CPO D. Taylor arrested two subjects at Crawford County Conservation Area for digging ginseng on state property and possession of cannabis/drug paraphernalia. The subjects had approximately 4 pounds of wet ginseng.

Fayette

A joint investigation between the USFWS and the Illinois Conservation Police concluded in the arrest of a Missouri subject for violations of the Lacey Act. The subject was unlawfully releasing live Tilapia into the waters of the state and false labeling them as blue gill. The subject pled guilty and has been ordered to pay fines and restitution totaling over \$11,000.00.

Effingham County

While on assigned detail, CPO Holland observed a subject operating a vehicle enter a private drive to sell ginseng to the owner of the residence. CPO Holland spoke with the vehicle operator and noticed drug paraphernalia (smoking pipe) in the vehicle. CPO Holland inquired and the operator admitted the smoking pipe had cannabis in it. CPO Holland seized the paraphernalia, issued multiple citations and released the subject on scene.

Jasper

Sgt. Hyatt cited two subjects for trespass to harvest ginseng on Newton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area. One of the subjects was cited in 2001 by Sgt. Hyatt for harvesting ginseng on Sam Parr State Park.

Clay County

CPO Smith found a baited area and checked to see if anyone was hunting it one evening several days after finding the bait. There was a pickup truck sitting at the entrance to the property. CPO Smith checked the tree

stand close to the bait and did not find the hunter in the stand. CPO Smith decided to stand by and wait for the hunter at his truck (truck bed contained 3 bottles of deer bait such as deer cane). The hunter arrived at the truck around 6:35 PM. CPO Smith introduced himself to the hunter and asked him to take him to the tree stand where he was previously hunting. The hunter agreed and asked what this was about. CPO Smith stated he believed the area was baited and asked the hunter to point out the bait near his stand. The hunter complied and pointed to a pile of ground up corn. The hunter also showed CPO Smith a salt block in another area a few hundred yards away. CPO Smith took the salt block and issued 1 citation for hunting deer over bait.

Fayette

CPO Compton arrested a subject at the Casey's gas station in Ramsey who was wanted on a warrant.

Lawrence

CPO D. Taylor cited a subject for trespass to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng during the closed season. 5 pounds of dry ginseng was seized.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

Jackson Co

CPO Mohrman and CPO Somers participated in the bi-state and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ginseng detail. CPO Mohrman and CPO Somers assisted a federal agent with the interview of a ginseng dealer and a search of the dealer's business.

Subjects hiking near the Shawnee National Forest in Jackson county contacted CPO Mohrman after they discovered marijuana grow operation. The outdoor grow located on private property next to the National Forest was located by CPO Mohrman and officer's with the Jackson County counter drug unit. The growth will be investigated by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

Sgt Taylor and CPO Thompson attended the ITTF Conference in Peoria. While there they assisted in searching for a vehicle on the Illinois River between Hennepin and Starved Rock State Park. They also gave sonar demonstrations to conference participants showing the difference between the Marine Sonic sonar and Hummingbird sonar.

CPO Somers and CPO Vasicek attended the Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days held at John A Logan College. The CPOA trailer was set up with the officers answering various hunting and fishing questions.

Jackson Co

CPO Mohrman and CPO Thompson were presenters at the Southern Illinois Conservation Fair held at the DuQuoin fairgrounds. The 2 day event was attended by 2,000 grade school students. The CPO's spoke about water safety and utilizing the educational trailer discussed the wild critters found in the outdoors.

CPO Mohrman cited a ginseng harvester after it was learned he did not have a current ginseng license when he sold ginseng root to a dealer. The infraction was discovered after a routine check of the dealer's records.

CPO Mohrman is investigating the damage to two access gates at the new Burning Star site. The gates and wooden support posts were apparently ran over and completely destroyed. This is the second time in less than a month that this damage has occurred.

Johnson Co

CPO Thompson conducted a timber buyer audit, noting no violations. The buyer has maintained a license for several years in case he wants to go back into the business.

CPO Thompson made an inspection of a timber truck, discovering the driver was not carrying any proof of ownership papers. CPO Thompson followed up with the information the driver could provide and found the landowner had indeed sold the timber.

Union County:

CPO Vasicek Was driving behind a vehicle in Anna, IL passenger door opened twice while vehicle was moving then the female passenger jumped out of the vehicle while it was moving she was unhurt activated lights and stopped vehicle. Turned out to be a minor rolling domestic and she jumped out voluntarily. Male passenger was arrested on an outstanding Fayetteville County warrant during the investigation. Johnson County: CPO Vasicek Cited a Tennessee hunter for hunting without consent of landowner CPO Vasicek spoke to a group of cub scouts and Boy Scouts

Pulaski County:

CPO Vasicek located and cited a subject who was raccoon hunting during closed season

Perry County:

CPO Vasicek cited a subject for unlawfully hunting within 300 yards (50 yards) of an occupied dwelling with a rifle.