



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

Northwest Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a Morrison man a citation and a written warning for the unlawful take and the unlawful attempt to take a wood duck during the closed season at Potter's Marsh on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River.

CPOT Peecher scouted several areas for the upcoming firearm deer season and waterfowl season.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Francisko received a complaint regarding drug use at a campsite at Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area. An Illinois State Police Trooper also responded for routine assistance. CPO Francisko spoke with the subjects, and they denied any drug use. They also refused to allow the officers to conduct a search of their tent where two large dogs were being kept. The CPO requested the assistance of the Kewanee Police Department's K-9 unit. The K-9 unit made a positive alert on the Florida couple's tent and vehicle. The CPO then obtained consent to search and discovered cannabis and drug paraphernalia in the tent. The campsite was registered in the female's name, and she admitted the drugs and paraphernalia were hers. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Peecher cited an Iowa man for not having children under the age of 13 wear life jackets. The man was also issued warnings for not having the battery covered, no fire extinguisher, and no whistle.

CPO Hoftender cited a Rock Island man for littering at Apple River Canyon State Park. He was also issued a warning for having two ground fires that were not in camp stoves.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo taught a hunter safety class at the Sauk Valley Archer's indoor range in Dixon.

CPO Beltran responded to a call regarding illegal dumping of wastewater onto the ground. It was determined that the violation did take place, and the matter was referred to the State's Attorney's Office for prosecution.

MERCER COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol, CPOT McKune issued one OUI citation. The subject had a BAC of .150%.

While on patrol, CPOT McKune issued two DUI citations and 18 written warnings.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued a Chicago woman a citation for allowing her minor child to oversee an uncontrollable dog at their campsite at White Pines Forest State Park. The dog left the campsite and ran out into the road, biting another dog that was on a leash as that family was walking through the Park.

CPO Palumbo issued a Rochelle man a citation and written warning for the unlawful take of sport fish by illegal methods and then transporting them from one body of water to another.

CPO Palumbo taught a hunter safety class at Smokin Gun Worx Gun Shop in Forreston.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko conducted multiple boats patrols resulting in the issuance of 32 miscellaneous written warnings for boating and fishing violations. He also issued two boating citations for safety violations and two fishing related citations.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran, Illinois EPA staff, and IDNR biologists responded to a large fish kill along Rock Run Creek. It was reported that fish were killed in a ten mile stretch of the creek due to a spill. The source of contamination was discovered, and the case is under investigation.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued citations and written warnings to two Chicago anglers who were in possession of undersized smallmouth bass. One of the fishermen did not have a valid sport fishing license.

CPO Palumbo issued an Indiana hunter a written warning for dove hunting with no habitat stamp.

CPO Palumbo issued a Havana man a written warning for dove hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner cited an individual at Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area for entering a restricted area.

DEKALB COUNTY

While conducting enforcement at Shabbona Lake State Recreation Area, CPO Wagner cited an individual for a child under the age of 13 not wearing a PFD while the vessel was under way.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on patrol at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Kaufman noticed a female standing up in the backseat of a convertible while the vehicle was traveling on a park road. A traffic stop was conducted, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting fish enforcement on the Illinois River, CPO Kaufman found a fisherman in possession of a short walleye, and the legal limit is 14 inches. The fisherman was issued a citation. In a separate incidence, CPO Kaufman issued a citation to a fisherman who did not have a fishing license.

CPO Kaufman conducted a safety inspection on a boat at a boat ramp along the Illinois River. The operator was new to boating, but all the children on board were wearing PFDs. Three minor violations were found during the inspection, and three written warnings were issued. He gave the operator a boating digest and explained the boating laws. He also recommended that the entire family attend a boater safety course.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gerdes conducted multiple sport fishing enforcement details along the Illinois River. Citations were issued for fishing without a fishing license and unlawfully fishing with unattended sport fishing equipment.

CPO Wagner and CPOT Gerdes responded to a 911 call made by a subject who was lost in Starved Rock State Park after dark. After searching the area, it was discovered that the subject left the Park and returned to his residence without incident. During the search, other hikers were found in the Park after closing time and were cited for the violation.

While checking fishermen at Starved Rock State Park, CPO Wagner cited six individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Wagner checked dove hunters at Matthiessen State Park and cited an individual for hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

CPO Murry responded to a personal injury boating accident. A juvenile was transported to the hospital by ambulance and later flown to a Chicago hospital for surgery.

CPO Murry is investigating vandalism at Starved Rock State Park. A social media post generated a great deal of attention, and other incidents of vandalism have been reported. Anyone with information regarding the vandalism is asked to contact CPO Murry at nathan.murry@illinois.gov.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While conducting enforcement at Rock Cut State Park, CPO Wagner cited an individual for possession of alcohol in a restricted area. Alcohol is not allowed in Rock Cut State Park. Another individual was cited for fishing without a valid fishing license.

CPO Alt and CPOT Wahlbrink conducted waterfowl enforcement and checked two hunters that had been hunting from a motorized watercraft. The hunting compliance and watercraft safety inspection led to the issuance of two citations for uncased firearms and several written warnings. In a separate incidence, three individuals on a jon boat were checked at a boat ramp. The individuals stated they had been hunting Canada geese and fishing while aboard the boat on the Rock River. After a hunting and fishing compliance check and a watercraft safety inspection, it was determined that there were not enough suitable life jackets on board. A citation was issued to the operator.

While conducting fishing compliance checks at Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt and CPOT Wahlbrink checked a woman who was fishing. Upon inspecting her license and state identification, CPOT Wahlbrink found that the woman was a

nonresident in possession of a resident fishing license. A thorough investigation revealed that the vendor she used to purchase her license from had mistakenly entered her state of residency. IDNR records indicated that she had purchased the correct, nonresident license in the previous year; and a written warning was issued.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott made an arrest of two individuals trespassing on private property. The CPOs received photos of the suspects and were able to positively identify two of the individuals. Those two individuals admitted to being on the property without permission. Two citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted compliance checks on the Spoon River. During the checks, he issued three written warnings for no fishing license, fishing without permission, and trespass.

CPOs Thompson and Elliott conducted compliance checks during dove season. They issued three written warnings for no habitat stamp.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPOs Thompson and Elliott conducted an enforcement detail on the opening day of teal season on the Mississippi River. They checked 20 waterfowl hunters and issued a citation for unlawful possession of lead shot while hunting waterfowl. They also issued eight additional written warnings.

CPO Beltran and CPOT McKune arrested an Oquawka man for operating under the influence of alcohol.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard cited three Tazewell County residents for unlawful hunting of Canada geese. The subjects were observed rallying and chasing geese with their jon boat. The three individuals were also observed shooting geese while the boat was underway. An additional citation was issued for unlawful possession of lead shot.

CPOs Lazzell and Gerard conducted a waterfowl enforcement detail on the opening day of teal season. No violations were discovered.

During a compliance check on the Illinois River, CPO Lazzell cited a Pekin man for failure to transfer his boat registration.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn attended training on the VIRTRA system, a virtual simulation trainer.

CPOT McCarter and CPO Gerard cited six ATV riders for riding on private property without permission.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on the Chain O'Lakes, CPOs Winters and Davis observed a watercraft operating without lights after sunset. A boat stop was conducted, and the operator was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

CPO Kelley responded to a traffic crash at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park. A fight developed when three North Chicago residents allegedly attacked a female involved in the accident. Lake County Sheriff's deputies followed up on the attack because the perpetrators had already left the Park.

CPO Reid arrested two subjects at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a subject at Half Day Pond for failure to immediately release a 9-inch largemouth bass. The minimum length limit at this body of water is 15 inches.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Davis and Sgt. Schreiber arrested two subjects who were fishing along the Fox River for unlawfully taking sport fish with a cast net. The subjects were in possession of 88 bluegill, one white crappie, and three largemouth bass.

Sgt. Schreiber cited a subject for throwing litter from a moving vehicle.

CPO Kelley cited a subject for failure to immediately release undersized fish. The subject had a 7.5-inch largemouth bass where a 14-inch minimum length limit applies.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPOT Elliot and Sgt. Wollgast assisted a man at Heidecke Lake. The man forgot to put the plug in his boat, and it sank up against the center dike. He walked onto shore and called 911. Sgt. Wollgast and the acting site superintendent,

Chris Jones, were able to retrieve the boat and pump out the water. CPOT Elliot assisted in towing the boat back to the launch, and the boat was trailered without incident.

CPOs Honiotes and Anderson gave a presentation to over 500 Grundy County fifth grade students at the annual Natural Resources Tour. They educated the students on the local wildlife, the importance of protecting the natural resources, and hunting.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber scouted several areas for the upcoming deer seasons.

CPO Farber checked dove hunters at two locations. A warning was issued to a subject who was hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes concluded his investigation into a fatal boat accident.

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

COOK COUNTY

While conducting fish enforcement, CPOT Doescher cited a Chicago woman for possession of an over-limit of bluegill. In a separate incidence, she cited an Algonquin man for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPOT Doescher investigated a complaint of a woman keeping a cedar waxwing bird. The bird was released, and the woman was issued a warning.

CPOT Doescher arrested a Lombard man at Deep Quarry Lake. The man had a warrant for failure to appear in DuPage County.

CPOT Prasun responded to a report of a dead bobcat in the roadway; however, it turned out to be a roadkill racoon.

CPOT Prasun responded to a complaint of an oil slick on the Des Plaines River and found no evidence of any contaminants in the water.

CPOT Prasun conducted a traffic stop after the driver was observed driving in an unsafe manner. The driver was issued a citation for disobeying a traffic control signal.

CPOT Prasun is investigating a deer baiting case.

CPOT Prasun conducted sport fishing enforcement and boating enforcement at Cook County inland lakes. He took enforcement action against two subjects who were unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license. Another subject was cited for failure to immediately release short largemouth bass.

CPOT Prasun checked a fisherman at Calumet Harbor who was in possession of a cooler full of round gobies. The fisherman was educated on injurious species laws, and enforcement action was taken.

Sgt. Mooi, along with CPOTs Prasun, Kusta, McCarter, Miller, and Doescher, attend a week-long boat operator search and rescue class. The class was held on Lake Michigan and the Calumet River.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement on the Calumet River. He checked two fishermen and found neither had a fishing license. Enforcement action was taken, and the subjects were educated on licensing laws.

CPOT Kusta conducted recreational boat enforcement at the Cal-Sag Channel. He found the following violations: no battery cover and operation of two unnumbered watercrafts. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Kusta observed a subject actively fishing at an IDNR lake. A fishing compliance check was conducted, and the subject was issued a citation for unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fishing enforcement at a Lake Michigan harbor. He checked two subjects and found that only one subject had a fishing license. They also had approximately 20 live gobies in a bucket. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and both subjects were educated on injurious species laws.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPOT Kusta gave a presentation at a hunter safety course at the Naperville Sportsman's Club. He educated the class on important hunting laws and fielded questions from participants of all ages.

Central Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPO Blazinic checked a fisherman that had a valid order of protection. The order of protection indicated that the respondent needed to stay 1,000 feet away from the petitioner. The subject was in violation, and he was taken into custody and transported to the Adams County Jail. He was also cited for fishing without a sport fishing license.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

CPOT Olroyd scouted areas for the upcoming firearm deer season and waterfowl season.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley scouted areas for the upcoming firearm deer season.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten received dispositions for the following cases: 1) A subject arrested for possession of methamphetamine pled guilty. He served 60 days in jail and paid \$1,818 in fines/costs. 2) A subject cited for hunting on property without permission pled guilty and paid \$367 in fines/costs. 3) A subject arrested for possession of cannabis with intent to deliver pled guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and paid \$400 in fines/cost. 4) A subject arrested for DUI, driving

while license revoked, speeding, and reckless driving pled guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and paid \$1,249 in fines/costs. 5) A subject arrested for felony fleeing and eluding pled guilty. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and paid \$1,549 in fines/costs. 6) Two subjects arrested for possession of methamphetamine and hypodermic needles pled guilty. One subject served 56 days in jail, and the second subject served 30 days in jail. 7) A Missouri resident charged for the unlawful take of a large buck pled guilty. He paid \$2,377 in fines/costs.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Goetten received dispositions for the following cases: 1) A fisherman arrested for fishing without a license, the unlawful use of a cast net to take sport fish, and possession of methamphetamine pled guilty. He spent two days in jail, was assigned 30 hours community service, and paid \$3,749 in fines/costs. 2) A Connecticut deer hunter arrested for falsifying residency in Illinois pled guilty. He paid \$5,251 in fines/costs, and four bucks were seized.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Jansen issued three citations for short smallmouth. In a separate incidence, he arrested a subject for driving on a suspended license.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass conducted a dove enforcement detail on the opening day of dove season and checked several sunflower fields. He issued one citation for failure to maintain separate bags, and 13 written warnings were issued for miscellaneous dove hunting violations.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Snodgrass checked several dove hunters. Two subjects were found to be in possession of lead shot, and both were cited for the violation.

MASON COUNTY

Sgt. Gilmer conducted a dove enforcement detail and arrested several individuals for taking over the limit of 15 doves. One of the violators had approximately 40 dove breasts in a bowl in his refrigerator, and he admitted that he knew he was wrong and knew the limit was 15 birds. Other violations included unplugged shotguns, no hunting license, no habitat stamp, no HIP certification, and hunting without permission.

Sgt. Gilmer conducted waterfowl enforcement and arrested several people for various waterfowl hunting related violations. Some of the violations addressed included operating a boat with an uncased and loaded shotgun, hunting without permission, and shooting too early. Many boat violations were also addressed.

Sgt. Gilmer and CPO Wichern investigated a complaint of hunting teal without permission at the Crane Duck Club. It was determined that two teal hunters from Sangamon County had taken teal out of a private duck blind belonging to the Crane Duck Club when they were supposed to be hunting the public duck blinds on Sanganois. Both hunters were charged with hunting waterfowl without permission.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Hyatt is continuing his investigation of a timber case involving a subject who is cutting timber on multiple properties without permission.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of a Clark County resident possessing an alligator without a permit. He also received pictures from the complainant of the alligator being held by children during an exhibition, and the mouth of the alligator was not banded. In addition, complaints were received that this subject transporting and displaying large snakes in an illegal manner; and pictures were provided to show the violations involving the snakes. CPOs Wellum and Greuel arrived at the residence and spoke with the owner of the alligator, and it was confirmed that the owner did not have a Special Use Permit. The man was issued citations for possession of an alligator without a special use permit, transportation of python in plain view (not in an escape-proof container), failure to band the mouth of an alligator during an exhibition, buying/selling alligators without a special use permit, and failure to maintain a python in escape-proof case.

CPO Wellum conducted a timber truck inspection, and the driver was issued a citation for failure to possess transportation paperwork. Due to the multiple vehicle code violations, an Illinois State Police Trooper was called to complete a commercial motor vehicle inspection. Multiple citations were issued.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man one written warning for speeding.

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Mieure issued one written warning for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

While on patrol at Fox Ridge State Park, CPO Mieure issued a Charleston man one written warning for putting up his deer stand prior to September 15th in accordance with Park rules.

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds cited a Mattoon woman for fishing without valid license, and a written warning was issued for being within the controlled access highway area of Interstate 57. A Mattoon man was also issued a written warning for operation of an off-highway vehicle on a controlled access highway.

CPO Barnes assisted Charleston Police in the handling of a two-car accident.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

While patrolling Walnut Point State Park, CPO Mieure issued a Hindsboro man one citation for fishing without valid sport fishing license.

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this report.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While conducting a boat patrol on Lake Shelbyville, CPO Mieure issued a Paris man one written warning for no orange flag while pulling a tuber.

CPO Moody is investigating a large dumping incident that occurred at the Lake Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited an Arthur man at Wolf Creek State Park for failure to transfer watercraft title and/or registration.

CPOT Hyatt assisted CPO Mieure and Sgt. McReynolds at the tent campground area at Eagle Creek State Park with an apparent suicide.

CPO Barnes cited a Peru subject at Lake Shelbyville for towing in a watercraft without having an observer.

CPO Barnes checked areas for bait during the dove and early goose season.

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

CPOT Miller issued multiple boating violation warnings to a boater on Clinton Lake. In a separate incidence, he issued a citation to a boater on Clinton Lake for not having a Type IV throwable PFD on his vessel.

While conducting fish enforcement at Clinton Lake, CPOT Miller arrested a sport fisherman on an active warrant. The fisherman was also issued a written warning for no fishing license.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Miller conducted a boat patrol on Clinton Lake. During the patrol, several watercraft safety inspections were conducted. As a result, eight written warnings and one citation were issued for boating violations.

CPOs Viverito and Ausmus conducted waterfowl enforcement at Clinton Lake. They cited two Clinton men for shooting wood ducks out of season and shooting ducks before legal shooting hours. Written warnings were issued for boat safety equipment violations.

CPO Ausmus and Sgt. Williamson conducted boat enforcement on Clinton Lake. Several watercraft safety inspections were completed, and three written warnings were issued for no orange flag while towing a skier, unlawful passenger location, and a PFD violation.

CPO Ausmus issued a Morton woman a written warning for speeding at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area.

CPO Ausmus assisted staff at Clinton Lake State Recreation Area with the draw at the dove hunting opener. He answered numerous questions about state and site-specific rules for Clinton Lake.

FORD COUNTY

CPO Anderson conducted a dove detail at various private areas.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPO Ausmus issued a Rantoul woman a citation for speeding.

While conducting dove hunting enforcement on state lands, CPO Sanford observed two individuals hunting doves from the edge of a mowed sunflower field. He conducted a hunting compliance check on the individuals and discovered neither one possessed a valid HIP as required. It was also discovered that one individual was using an unplugged shotgun. A citation was issued for the unplugged gun, and a written warning was issued for the HIP violation. The other individual was issued a written warning for the HIP violation.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPOT Anderson conducted 15 dove hunting compliance checks and 14 FOID checks.

CPO Ausmus and CPOT Anderson confiscated ten unlawfully hung deer stands from Moraine View State Recreation Area. Seizure tags were left at the sites.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Miller issued a sport fisherman a written warning for no fishing license.

While conducting a patrol on state lands, CPO Sanford observed a vehicle traveling well over the posted speed limit. He conducted a traffic stop and discovered the vehicle's registration was expired. The driver was issued a citation for the speed infraction, and a written warning was issued for the expired registration. In a separate incidence, CPO Sanford observed two off-road vehicles unlawfully operating on the roadway within the boundaries of a state park. He stopped both vehicles. The operator/owner of the first vehicle was educated as to the laws pertaining to off-road vehicle usage, and a citation was issued for the violation. The operator of the second vehicle, who was a juvenile, was also educated as to the laws and repercussions for future violations.

South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

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 Macias checked several teal hunters at Carlyle Lake. Most hunters had all required documents, and their gear was legal and safe. Some boats used by the teal hunters did reveal minor violations, and several written warnings were issued.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Macias checked several fishermen who attempted to lie about their licenses. The investigation revealed that several of the men did not have a fishing license. Several citations were issued to the group that ranged from no fishing license to illegal snagging.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Blazinic served as a firearm instructor for the annual fall firearms qualification.

CPO Goetten received a disposition on a case involving a subject arrested for DUI, driving while license revoked, and child endangerment. The subject pled guilty and was sentenced to ten days in jail and 200 hours of public service. He paid \$1,500 in fines/costs.

District 13 officers searched the Mississippi River by boat from the Alton Bridge to the Lock and Dam for a subject who had jumped from the Alton Bridge. The body was recovered from the River.

CPO Sievers and CPOT Gerdes attended a hunter safety class in Trenton.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers assisted Missouri Conservation Officer Doran in locating a subject who was avoiding meeting with Officer Doran. The subject had been fishing on the Mississippi River in Illinois and Missouri without a fishing license and had lied to Officer Doran about having a license. The subject did not have a valid Illinois sport fishing license. The subject was issued a citation by Officer Doran for no valid fishing license in Missouri, and CPO Sievers issued a citation for no valid fishing license in Illinois.

CPO Sievers completed a timber truck inspection, and no violations were identified.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Sievers and CPOT Gerdes attended a hunter safety class in Caseyville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed a timber truck inspection. The driver did not have the proof of ownership or the written permission from the landowner to haul the logs. CPO Sievers verified that the tree owner had given permission, and the information provided by the truck driver matched with the landowner's information. The truck driver was issued one citation and one written warning.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty and Sgt. Cariens conducted a search for a personal watercraft towing another personal watercraft. After locating both personal watercrafts, it was determined that the operator of the towing personal watercraft was operating under the influence of alcohol (BAC of .146%). The subject was issued citations for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, operation of a watercraft with a BAC over .08%, and operation of a personal watercraft after sunset.

CPO Jourdan, with assistance from CPOT Wilkinson, arrested a subject on Rend Lake for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject's BAC was .144%. Also, the subject had been smoking cannabis. The same subject was arrested at Rend Lake a month prior for OUI-alcohol, and the subject had just been convicted on the first offense four days prior to this arrest.

Illinois Conservation Police were requested by the Franklin County Sheriff's Department to respond to a single personal watercraft accident in which a passenger was still missing. Sgt. Cariens and CPOs Knop and T. Williams responded. Sonar was used to locate the body of the passenger, and a recovery was made by the Benton Fire Department Dive Team. The passenger was pronounced dead on the scene. The operator of the personal watercraft was arrested and taken to the Franklin County Jail for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol (BAC was .309%) resulting in a death and aggravated reckless operation. Neither subject was wearing a PFD when thrown into the water.

CPOT Wilkinson conducted four watercraft safety inspections, and no violations were documented. He also conducted nine fishing compliance checks, and one citation was issued for fishing without a fishing license.

While conducting a boat patrol at Rend Lake, CPOT Wilkinson assisted a stranded watercraft. He also conducted four watercraft safety inspections. One watercraft operator was issued a written warning for a PFD violation and no sounding device.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan discovered a subject in possession of two wood ducks during the opening weekend of teal season. The subject was cited for taking a protected species during a closed season.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

While on patrol at state owned sites, CPOT Wilkinson found one hunter with an unplugged shotgun; and appropriate enforcement action was taken. He conducted seven fishing compliance check and two watercraft safety inspections. A written warning was issued to the watercraft operator for a PFD violation. A citation was issued for fishing without a sport fishing license, and a written warning was issued to a nonresident for fishing without a nonresident fishing license.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith responded to a trespassing complaint from a landowner regarding three individuals fishing without permission. He issued three citations to the individuals who were fishing without permission.

CPO AJ Hyatt conducted hunter safety checks during the dove opener and issued one warning for an illegally taken crow.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPOs Roper and Smith conducted hunter compliance checks. Two hunters were found to be hunting in a mowed sunflower field, and they were operating an ATV with a loaded, uncased shotgun in the ATV. CPO Roper began inspecting the hunting area and found a line of dumped sunflower seeds placed into the mowed area of the sunflower field for bait. One of the shotguns used while hunting was also found to have no plugging device. Both hunters were issued a citation for unlawful take of migratory birds over bait. One individual was issued a citation for unlawful transportation of a loaded, uncased firearm in a motor vehicle; and the other subject was issued a citation for hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

During the opening day of teal season, CPOT Willand checked several waterfowl hunters in the field. He wrote three citations and one written warning. The citations were for an unplugged shot gun, unlawful take of a protected species, and failure to have required personal floatation devices on board a canoe.

CPOTs Skelton and AJ Hyatt conducted hunter safety checks on opening day of teal season. A total of 34 hunters were checked, and appropriate enforcement action was taken for hunting without required equipment (decoys), hunting with unplugged shotguns, and taking of a wood duck during the closed season.

CPO Smith conducted hunter safety checks during the teal season. After hearing several shots being fired 13 minutes before shooting hours, he walked into the area where the shots originated. He found several violations consisting of unplugged shotguns and unlawful take of migratory bird out of season, and he seized one teal and one northern shoveler duck. Six citations and three written warnings were issued.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor issued a written warning to a timber truck driver for not having his timber haul sheet filled out properly.

MARION COUNTY

While conducting migratory bird enforcement, CPOs Smith and Roper heard several gunshots and walked into the area. They found two separate dove fields that contained bait consisting of cracked corn and sunflower seeds. Ten citations and several written warnings were issued for hunting over bait, unplugged firearm, and no hunting license habitat stamp. Twenty-five doves were seized, along with the bait samples.

In a separate incidence, CPOs Roper and Smith checked a group of hunters consisting of five adults and three children dove hunting over a mowed sunflower field. It was determined that two of the adults were Missouri residents and had no valid hunting licenses. One individual had no plugging device installed in their firearm, and another individual was found to have no valid hunting license. All harvested doves had been placed in a single pile. CPO Roper found the field to be baited with cracked corn. CPO Roper interviewed the landowner, and he admitted to placing the cracked corn in the sunflower field. The landowner stated that only he and his father knew it was there, and the rest of the hunters did not. Two subjects were issued citations for unlawful take of migratory game birds over bait. Two subjects were issued a citation for no valid hunting license. A fourth subject was issued citations for no valid hunting license and hunting with an unplugged shotgun. Eight written warnings were also issued.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

CPOT Skelton conducted hunter safety checks during the opening weekend of dove season. He checked a total of 13 hunters, and no violations were found.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Taylor received information that a subject that had dug ginseng and did not buy a ginseng license until he went and sold his ginseng. During the interview, the subject admitted to digging ginseng prior to the season and not having a ginseng license. The subject was issued three citations, and the partially dried ginseng was seized.

CPOT Skelton took a report from the Flora Police Department regarding a gunshot injury at a state site. The subject had been fishing, and he had a pistol tucked in his waistband. When he returned to his vehicle, he removed the pistol from his waistband to put it away. At that time, the pistol accidentally discharged; and the bullet struck his hand. He went to the Clay County Hospital and received treatment.

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ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPOT Spinka issued a written warning to two subjects for fishing without a valid sport fishing license.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPOT Spinka conducted recreational boater compliance checks on Lake Kinkaid. Seven written warnings were issued for various minor violations.

CPO Tapley scouted areas for the upcoming hunting season.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPOT Wolf assisted the Illinois State Police in arresting a subject at Ferne Clyffe State Park. The subject was wanted on a warrant and had fled from a traffic stop.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPOT Wolf issued two written warnings for speeding at Fort Massac State Park.

PERRY COUNTY

CPOs Roper, Tapley, and Williams answered questions from the public at the Law Enforcement Tent in Conservation World during the DuQuoin State Fair.

On the first day of teal season, CPO Lewis observed a group of hunters shooting at Canada geese at Pyramid State Recreational Area. Early season goose hunting is not allowed at this site due to manipulated crops in the dove hunting areas. Two of the hunters were found to be hunting with unplugged shotguns. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Teas attended the Cache River Days event.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPOT Wolf investigated a subject who was in possession of five unlawfully possessed white-tailed deer heads. It was also documented that the subject had failed to check in an additional five deer in the past two years. Five white-tailed deer heads were seized, and multiple citations were issued.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a boater on Lake of Egypt for failing to have a four-year-old passenger wear a PFD.

While conducting hunting compliance, CPOs Johnson and Somers observed a group of dove hunters. When the officers pulled up, the hunters became very nervous. Three of the hunters began walking quickly across the field, and two of the hunters ran into the woods. CPO Johnson walked over to the remaining hunters and observed an over-limit of doves. CPO Somers asked the remaining hunters about the identity of those who took off running across the field. One of the hunters stated he was the dad and told his two sons to run and hide. He told them to hide because they did not have a license and were over the limit of doves. A man and a 15-year-old juvenile came out of the woods. The group was found to be in possession of 99 doves over the limit. Four hunters were found to be in possession of 78 of the doves, and they were not maintaining separate bags. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and all the birds were seized and breasted out for donation to a local organization that feeds the homeless.

CPOT Wolf and CPO Vasicek arrested a subject on Lake of Egypt for OUI.

CPOT Wolf cited an individual for allowing a child under the age of 13 to ride in the boat without wearing a PFD.