



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



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

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(Weeks of August 14 – August 28, 2016)

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.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

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

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna man a citation for failure to submit his annual commercial fishing report.

CPO Jones issued a Morrison woman a citation for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri assisted Colona Police Department with a death investigation at the boat ramp in Cleveland where an East Moline man had drowned.

CPO Posateri taught at a Hunter Safety Class in Kewanee where there were nearly 100 students present.

CPOs Posateri and Francisko assisted the Illinois State Police with closing down Interstate 80 at the Colona ramp where a fatal traffic crashed occurred. The interstate was shut down and traffic was rerouted for nearly 5 hours.

JO DAVIESS

CPO Hoogerwerf investigated a personal injury boat accident at Apple Canyon Lake. A wake boarder attempted to do a flip, under rotated and landed awkwardly in the water. He complained of hip and ankle pain and was transported to the Monroe Clinic by the Warren ambulance. He was diagnosed with a broken hip and fractured ankle.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo observed a fish and ski boat operating well after sunset with no navigation lights displayed on the Rock River near Dixon. The boat was stopped and it was also discovered that the Dixon boat operator was operating without any personal flotation devices on board and no fire extinguisher, along with some other infractions of the Boat Registration and Safety Act. Citations and written warnings were issued.

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OGLE COUNTY

Three people were enjoying summer break down by the Rock River's water edge and set up a camp site unlawfully. Park staff at Lowden State Park attempted to make contact with the unlawful patrons. The three people fled. CPO Beltran arrived at the park and found the three campers making their way back to the truck parked illegally at the statue. One of the campers was leaving for the military in a few days and was nervous. After a brief investigation it was determined the youthful campers simply wanted to enjoy an evening on the river's edge before the summer was over. They were admonished and warned for their violations. Ogle County Sheriff's deputies assisted during this event.

Two disoriented women from the suburbs were driving in a remote area of White Pines State Park and observed CPO Beltran. The driver pulled in behind Beltran when he was patrolling the area. CPO Beltran noticed they were driving very close to the rear of his vehicle and was concerned there may be a problem and pulled off at a secondary location which is restricted to regular vehicle traffic. The vehicle followed and CPO Beltran performed a traffic stop. When contact was made with the females, the driver stated she thought CPO Beltran was her friend and she was following closely to orientate herself with the park in an attempt to return to her camp site. CPO Beltran asked if her friend's car had the word police written on the side or a light bar on the top. She said no and that she was not paying attention. She was cited and warned for several vehicle code and park violations.

A Waukegan man was driving his ATV down the middle of a gravel road while his license was revoked. CPO Beltran and Sgt. Petreikis stopped the man and issued citations for his vehicle code violations.

CPO Beltran was checking squirrel hunters in Ogle County when he saw a man sitting at the field's edge drinking a beer in his truck. CPO Beltran inquired as to his success for the day. He stated he had not been hunting but did have two firearms and was happy to show them to the officer. Upon inspection CPO Beltran discovered one of them was loaded and issued a warning for the violation.

State Parks are known for alcohol restrictions to keep the noise and behavior under control. A man from Wisconsin failed to properly follow the warnings and when approached by CPO Beltran claimed he did not see the signs. As CPO Beltran walked up to the site he began hiding his bottle which was in plain view on the picnic table. Rather than ask about the reasoning on why he hid the bottle and how he did not know there was an alcohol ban CPO Beltran wrote out a citation. When asked if he could simply issue a warning CPO advised the man he was warned when he saw the signs stating "No alcohol".

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

Cpt. Laura Petreikis received a call from a landowner advising a timber buyer was cutting walnut trees on her property without permission. She advised he was cutting them as she made the call. When I arrived, the timber buyer had left the area. The landowner advised he cut seven large walnut trees. Several walnut logs were lying along the driveway. While conducting the investigation, it was determined the tenant who lived in the residence on the property had portrayed himself as the landowner. He agreed to sell the walnut trees to the timber buyer for \$5,000.00 and had already been paid \$2,500.00. When identifying witnesses, it was learned that a subject was wanted on a FTA Warrant out of Peoria County for retail theft. Captain Petreikis transported the subject to jail where she was held on \$20,000.00 (10%) bond. The tenant who portrayed himself as the landowner returned \$2,500.00 to the timber buyer. The investigation is ongoing.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

A 25 year old Winslow man was driving through Lake Le Aqua Na State Park and was approaching CPO Steven Beltran and waved. The wave was early and awkward and he double waved as he was adjacent to the police vehicle. During the pass he was observed not wearing his seatbelt. Officer Beltran turned around and ran the license plate discovering it

was expired. After the traffic stop, the driver identified himself as revoked. Officer Beltran arrested the man and on the way to jail the man suggested that he was advised to wave to the police as a friendly gesture in efforts to avoid getting pulled over. CPO Beltran agreed but suggested not waving too early or often. The man was cited and jailed at Stephenson County.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo was called out from home while off by a concerned citizen that had observed a dangerously over loaded boat heading down the Rock River from Lawrence Park in Rock Falls. CPO Palumbo responded, launched his jet boat, and located the subjects a mile or so down the river amongst some Islands. The boat had a capacity plate rated for 2 people or 315 lbs. The Coleman Crowdad boat contained 4 adults, and probably that much weight in fishing gear. The Chicago boat operator was also operating with only 2 personal flotation devices on board, no fire extinguisher, and the vessel was unnumbered. The boating violations were addressed with multiple citations and written warnings, and the small vessel, with half the crew and equipment loaded into the CPOs work boat were safely escorted back to the ramp.

CPO Palumbo issued citations and written warnings to four Chicago men for taking by illegal methods and possessing a cooler full of Spinyback Softshell Turtles. All of the turtles were released back to the waters of the Rock River in Whiteside County.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt inspected a pontoon boat on Candlewick Association Lake. Violations documented included failure to wear lanyard cut-off during motorboat operation, failure to display valid registration decal, improper display of valid registration number, failure to secure battery and insufficient number of PFD.'s and no type IV throwable.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary were on a uniformed patrol of the Hennepin Canal when three men were observed snagging fish. The three men were questioned and denied snagging fish however one man had a snagged fish on his line at the time when CPO Finn and CPO Stanbary approached. All three men were given citations for illegally snagging fish.

CPO Palumbo issued a citation and a written warning to a Lyndon man for operating a motorized vehicle along the Hennepin Feeder Canal in Bureau County.

DEKALB COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kaufman located seven individuals at LaSalle Lake after posted closing time. One individual was highly intoxicated and three other individuals were in possession of alcohol. Several citations were issued and four individuals with alcohol were evicted.

CPO Jansen investigated a fatal boat accident on the Illinois River near Seneca. Investigation and charges are still being reviewed.

While on a Tuesday night boat patrol CPOs Jansen and Kaufman located a pontoon boat on the Illinois River. They noticed all four individuals appeared to be having a good time, dancing and singing, while traveling upstream. During a

boat safety compliance check they noticed the operator showed signs of impairment. The operator was arrested for operating watercraft under the influence of alcohol. He provided a breath sample of .177 BAC.

CPO Finn was checking fishermen at Peru Sportsman Club when he observed three men returning to their vehicle. After a quick license check CPO Finn observed the three men had no trash with them. Finn questioned the men and found they had left their trash on the bank. One fisherman was given a citation for littering. The man later drove his vehicle with a suspended license and was arrested by CPO Finn. The man was given citations for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended license.

CPO Murry along with CPOT Stanbary were patrolling LaSalle Lake. While working LaSalle Lake, they cited multiple fishermen for fishing without a sport fishing license. One individual was observed as having a short (7 inches) smallmouth bass in his possession. When asked about it, the fisherman stated he caught the fish with a cast net and was going to take it home and put it in his fish tank. The fisherman was cited for failure to immediately release a short fish. He was issued a warning for taking a sport fish by illegal means. The smallmouth bass was released into the lake.

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks :
3 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks
14 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, swimming in restricted areas

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which led to:
8 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license
7 individuals were fishing without permission on private land
1 individual was issued a citation for being in possession of short small mouth bass
1 individual was issued a citation for being in possession of short largemouth bass

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser and Sergeant Wire received a sexual assault complaint that occurred in Rock Cut State Park from Rockford Police Department. CPO Fraser and Sgt. Wire met with the victim and obtained all information they could from her. The victim stated she was a drug addict and prostitute who was raped in the early morning hours while sleeping somewhere in the park. The victim could not remember any specifics of the attack or location and refused to submit to a rape test kit. Information about a local pimp and drug dealers were obtained during the investigation and the information has been forwarded to other agencies.

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park CPO Fraser observed a pickup truck with three teenage individuals riding in the bed of the truck. CPO Fraser stopped the vehicle after observing the driver unsafely pass a vehicle at a high rate of speed around a curve in the campground with the individuals still in the truck bed. While speaking with the driver, who was under 21, CPO Fraser observed a fake driver's license which stated the driver was over 21. CPO Fraser seized the fraudulent license and cited the driver for unsafe passing and possession of a fraudulent ID. The three passengers in the bed were cited for no seatbelt.

Just after conducting boat patrol on the Rock River, CPOs Fraser and Schoonhoven heard Winnebago County broadcast a vehicle near their location tailgating a vehicle and pointing a firearm at the driver. The CPOs along with Winnebago County located and stopped the vehicle and discovered the two teenage occupants were pointing an airsoft replica handgun at drivers. Charges against the occupants were handled by Winnebago County.

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park after posted closed hours, CPO Fraser cited multiple groups of subjects for entering or remaining on Department lands after hours.

While attempting to interview a theft subject, CPO Fraser heard a Winnebago County broadcast about shots fired at a nearby County Forest Preserve. CPO Fraser arrived on scene just after the subject was taken into custody. Witnesses stated the individual fired a handgun at a campground host who was attempting to collect camping fees. The suspect then fired approximately 10 more shots in the direction of campers before being subdued by campers and taken into custody by Roscoe Police Department. During the scuffle a camper shot and killed the suspect's dog that was attacking the campers who were subduing the suspect. A 9mm handgun, .454 revolver, AR15 rifle, M1A rifle, and a bolt action shotgun were retrieved from the suspect's person, vehicle, and camper. The suspect was arrested for aggravated weapons and FOID charges.

While sitting in his patrol vehicle completing paperwork, CPO Fraser observed a vehicle pass two large 'DO NOT ENTER' signs and enter a restricted access service road in Rock Cut State Park. CPO Fraser caught up to and stopped the vehicle. The driver stated he was not paying attention and was just following his GPS. While on the stop CPO Fraser discovered the subject's driver's license was suspended. The subject was issued citations for driving while license suspended and entering a restricted area.

After patrolling the Rock River and while en route to the Rock Cut Office in Rockford, Officers Schoonhoven and Fraser overheard on the Winnebago County Sheriff's radio frequency a complaint of two men pointing a handgun from their vehicle toward other motorist. The complainant described the offending vehicle and direction of travel (which was approximately 4 miles north of us and driving toward us.) CPOs positioned their squad at an intersection to intercept the offending vehicle. They were then joined at this location by a Winnebago County Deputy Sheriff. After the offending vehicle drove past us we initiated a felony traffic stop on this vehicle. The vehicle was occupied by two 18 year old males who were subsequently taken into custody. A black handgun (later discovered to be an airsoft handgun) was found on the floor of the vehicle under the passenger seat. Criminal charges are being considered by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police and the Winnebago County State's Attorney.

While investigating a suspicious person complaint at Rock Cut State Park, Officer Schoonhoven met with this person who was subsequently arrested on a \$200,000 felony warrant and other drug charges.

CPOs Alt and Fraser conducted a watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County during the ANYTHING THAT FLOATS ROCK RIVER RAFT RACE & REGATTA. Eleven watercraft were inspected and fifteen written contacts were generated and addressed for various boat equipment violations and operation violations.

CPO Alt stopped a motorist for speeding fifteen miles over the speed limit, failure to signal at stop intersection and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. While speaking to the driver, CPO Alt smelled an odor of cannabis emanating from inside the motor vehicle. After inquiring on the odor, the driver handed CPO Alt a glass cannabis paraphernalia pipe from the glove compartment which contained burnt cannabis residue.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

McDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing reported.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing reported.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Van Zant cited five subjects for not having life jackets and registration on their watercraft.

Two subjects who were caught and cited for fishing without permission were fined \$120.00 in Tazewell County Court.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid finished an investigation of a large fish kill in Warren, Knox and Fulton Counties. An estimated 17,000 plus fish were killed over an 11 mile stretch of Cedar Creek. The cause of the kill was traced back to a large cattle operation. Charges are pending.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Rich Riedel
(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Davis and CPO Winters arrested a subject for OUI on Nippersink Lake. He supplied a breath sample showing a concentration of .100%. The operator was also cited for violation of No Wake area.

While conducting boat patrol on small lakes in Lake County, CPO Wagner issued a citation for unnumbered watercraft. He also issued citations for fishing without a license.

CPO Wagner, while conducting department lands traffic enforcement, arrested two individuals for driving on suspended driver's licenses and one individual was also cited for speeding.

CPO VanWiltburg cited a Lake County boat rental business for renting boats without the required license. He was also issued written warnings for not registering the rental boats.

CPO VanWiltburg stopped a pick-up at Chain O' Lakes State Park. There were two children riding in the bed of the pick-up (9 and 14 years old). The driver was cited for the seat belt violations and no proof of insurance.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Kelley issued a citation to a subject in possession of a 6 1/2 inch Largemouth Bass where a 14 inch minimum length limit applies.

CPO VanWiltburg found a subject on the Fox River with two 9 inch largemouth bass. A citation and written warning were issued.

CPO Kelley issued a speeding citation to a subject at Moraine Hills State Park.

CPO Semenik conducted a traffic stop on a pickup truck out of Colorado for speeding 15 mph over the posted speed limit. An inquiry of the driver's information returned three felony warrants out of Colorado. The man was arrested and transported to McHenry County Jail where he was held until extradition back to Colorado.

District 3 – Sgt. Mark Simon
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast investigated a battery complaint that was reported to have occurred on the Illinois River west of Morris. A male and a female subject each reported that the other person battered them. A report was taken and forwarded to the State's Attorney's office for review for prosecution.

CPO Wollgast completed a jet ski registration investigation and is currently working on another boat registration case.

CPO Wollgast taught at a Hunter Safety class.

CPO Wollgast was called to investigate claims from several property owners of trespassing occurring on the Mazon River from people boating, fishing and collecting fossils.

CPO Wollgast, with the coordinated efforts of the Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA, is investigating a pollution case.

CPOs Mieure, Kasher, Wollgast and Sgt. Simon responded to a report of a tornado in southeast Grundy County. No structure damage or personal injuries occurred during the severe weather event, just flooding and crop damage. Seven inches of rain fell in about an hour period causing flash flooding.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker continued an investigation of a subject that had exposed his genitals to another at Kankakee River State Park. The subject would exit his vehicle, expose his genitals to a person walking in the park and then would drive ahead of the victim and repeat the process. The subject was located and was charged with exposing his genitals, disorderly conduct and obscenity. He was also evicted from the site for 90 days.

CPO Mieure handled a boat registration investigation.

CPO Mieure is investigating complaints of persons unlawfully taking protected length walleyes from the Kankakee River.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes handled an investigation of a boating accident where a boat that was moored at a dock caught fire and burned to the water line.

CPO Reid cited several individuals for pollution of a waterway while tubing on the DuPage River. In what has become an increasing problem, people tubing and floating down the DuPage River are sinking their empty beer cans and bottles rather than disposing of them properly.

CPO Honiotes handled a boating accident on the Kankakee River. Two fishermen in a small Jon boat set out to go fishing during the high water conditions. They improperly anchored their boat from the stern and the current quickly pulled their boat under the water. The two fishermen were able to swim to shore and didn't incur any injuries. The boat sank and has not been able to be recovered.

CPO Honiotes was performing a boat safety inspection at the DesPlaines CA boat launch during the high water conditions. A subject was trying to assist a PWC (Personal Watercraft) in docking and he fell into the water. He was wearing an unzipped life jacket. CPO Honiotes quickly secured the individual, zipped up his life jacket, and was assisted from the river safely. The subject may have drowned without intervention as the river was flooded, the current strong, and there was a large amount of debris collected around the dock that could have snagged him and held him under the water.

CPO Honiotes assisted Bolingbrook Police in a search for two missing 9 year old boys near Whalon Lake. The boys were successfully located unharmed and reunited with their families.

CPO Reid arrested three subjects for criminal trespass at a private quarry. The subjects had entered the property passing multiple signs advising that trespassers would be prosecuted and parked right in front of a large sign that advised the same. They were found to be smoking cannabis. One of the subjects had a pair of brass knuckles.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Gilmer was assigned to the Air and Water Show in Chicago over the weekend. While at the show he and his coworkers wrote 10 citations and several warnings for expired registration and other boat safety violations on Friday. On Saturday they wrote several more citations and warnings to include citations for operating under the influence following a boat accident in DuSable Harbor after the intoxicated operator struck and damaged 6 other boats. On Sunday they issued more citations to another individual for operating under the influence following a boat stop for expired registration and Chicago Police Department telling them the boat operator had struck another boat out on Lake Michigan causing an accident.

CPO Gilmer was traveling back to his residence after working the Air and Water Show when he saw a driver traveling at 93 mph. He positioned himself behind the speeding vehicle to have a cigarette butt thrown out the moon roof of the vehicle at his patrol squad. The cigarette butt lit up the windshield with sparks. CPO Gilmer performed a traffic stop and asked the driver what he had done, if the vehicle behind him was a convertible and his cigarette butt had gone into the vehicle. He answered with, "I don't know, I learned my lesson." The driver was cited for littering and given three warnings for other traffic offenses.

CPOs Gilmer, Klemme, and Poffenberger were patrolling Lake Michigan when they observed a boat traveling at a very high rate of speed after dark with no navigation or stern lights. They performed a boat stop to find 6 adults, 2 children, and an infant on the boat. The boat was a rental boat and the lights were inoperable. They were very scared they were going to get struck by another boat since they were very hard to see after dark. The officers escorted the boat into

31st Street Harbor in Chicago with their patrol boat lights activated. Everyone on the boat was very thankful for the escort to safety, thanking the officers over and over. The officers kept telling them it was just their job and were glad they were safe and told them it was certainly nice to be appreciated for a job well done.

CPO Mooi issued a citation to a man for poisoning skunks and raccoons and a written warning was issued for nuisance animal trapping without a nuisance animal removal permit. The man informed CPO Mooi and CPOT Poffenberger that he was "outraged that he received a ticket but "Killary gets off Scott free."

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Chicago River when he observed a man seated on the sun deck of a small vessel underway on the river. CPO Mooi politely told the man to sit in the seat while the vessel was in motion. The man complied. Approximately 10 minutes later, CPO Mooi observed the man seated on the sun deck again, upon noticing the Conservation Police boat, the man sat back in the seat. CPO Mooi waiting until the vessel passed to turn the CPO boat in order to stop the vessel and speak with the man. Upon bringing the other vessel into view again, CPO Mooi observed the man sitting on the sun deck again. A stop was made and a citation was issued for a passenger location violation.

CPO Mooi is investigating a boat accident on Lake Michigan. All parties involved have been identified and charged for operation of a watercraft without certificate of title, operation of unnumbered watercraft, as well as leaving the scene and failure to report a personal injury boat accident are awaiting felony approval by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

While on boat patrol in the "play pen" area of Lake Michigan, CPO Klemme observed a boat towing two tubes without a competent observer. There were approximately 8 children on the two tubes. The operator was issued a citation.

CPO Klemme was conducting vessel inspections at Alsip boat launch when she observed a vessel traveling at a high rate of speed through a "No Wake" zone. The vessel continued down the Cal-Sag toward Worth boat launch. CPO Klemme followed the vessel by land to Worth boat launch where the vessel had launched from. After an inspection the operator was issued a citation for no wearable life jackets and a warning for the wake violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR lake when he observed a subject fishing. As CPO Whitchurch drove past the angler, the angler kept watching CPO Whitchurch closely. As CPO Whitchurch pulled his patrol vehicle around the corner of the lake, he observed the angler hurriedly return to his vehicle and attempt to leave the area. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject who admitted he knew he should not have been fishing because he could not obtain a valid Illinois Sport Fishing license because he was delinquent on child support. The subject was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing from a boat at an IDNR lake. CPO Whitchurch also observed both subjects possessing alcohol on the boat where alcohol was prohibited. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subjects on the boat and a safety inspection was completed. The boat did not have valid registration, there was no sounding device onboard, the batteries were not covered or secured, there were no wearable personal flotation devices onboard, and there was no type IV flotation device onboard. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued for the plethora of violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR property when he stopped a vehicle for speeding and for failing to secure two children in child safety restraints. After stopping the vehicle, it was learned the driver of the vehicle did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was arrested and bonded after being cited for unlawful operation of a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, unlawful failure to secure two children under the age of 8 in child safety restraints, and speeding. The driver will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed a boat underway which had Wisconsin registration displayed which was expired in 2012. A boating safety check was completed and the boat did

not have visual distress signals onboard, proper personal flotation devices onboard, and the batteries were not stowed correctly. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects fishing at an IDNR lake. When CPO Whitchurch exited his patrol vehicle to check the two fishermen, they both walked over into high weeds at the shoreline. CPO Whitchurch observed both subjects hide beers. It was unlawful to consume and possess alcohol where they were located. A fishing license check was conducted on both subjects. Both subjects did not have valid sport fishing licenses. They were both issued one citation and one written warning each.

CPO Whitchurch stopped a vehicle on a roadway at an IDNR property after the vehicle was clocked by use of radar driving double the posted speed limit. The vehicle was also observed disobeying two stop signs and the driver was using a handheld electronic communication device while driving. Upon making contact with the driver, CPO Whitchurch observed alcohol inside the vehicle. Multiple citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch observed a watercraft underway at an IDNR lake which had a young child under the age of 13 onboard the watercraft who was not wearing a personal flotation device. A safety inspection was completed. There were not enough personal flotation devices onboard the boat for every person. It was also confirmed the child onboard the boat was under the age of 13. CPO Whitchurch explained personal flotation device laws to the operator/owner of the boat and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch observed two personal watercrafts being operated on Lake Michigan and inside a harbor well after sunset and before sunrise. The two personal watercrafts were also observed creating large wakes and operating very fast in a posted no wake area. Contact with both personal watercraft operators was made. Both operators were issued a citation and a warning for the violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a personal watercraft being operated in violation of a posted no wake area and also creating a large wake within 150 feet of a public launch ramp. Contact with the operator was made and it was revealed the operator of the personal watercraft was a youthful operator who did not possess a boating safety certificate. The youthful operator's father was standing on shore and CPO Whitchurch explained all pertinent boating laws to the father. The father was issued a parental responsibility citation for the youthful operator violation.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol when he observed a personal watercraft and a boat being operated which did not have valid registration displayed. A check on the two watercrafts revealed the owners never did apply for watercraft registration. Both subjects were cited for the registration violations.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a large high performance boat being operated. The boat had an out of state registration decal and number attached which was years expired. A boat safety check was completed and it was learned there was also a personal flotation device violation and a battery violation. The owner/operator of the boat was an Illinois resident who had purchased the boat more than one year ago and never applied for registration. A citation and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at a Cook County Canal Backwater when he saw two subjects fishing from a boat after sunset. There were no navigation lights visible on the boat. CPO Whitchurch observed the boat moving close to the bank when he called the boat over. CPO Whitchurch conducted fishing license checks on the two subjects. They both had valid sport fishing licenses. CPO Whitchurch also conducted a boat safety inspection. There were no wearable personal flotation devices onboard, no sounding device onboard, the registration was expired and the battery was not covered. CPO Whitchurch explained all applicable laws to the operator of the boat. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued. The boat was removed from the waterway.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR lake when he observed a motorboat being operated on plane creating a large wake. A closer look at the boat's engine revealed the engine was greater than 10 HP which meant the boat could only operate at no wake speed. Contact with the boat's operator was made and it was learned there was a registration violation as well. Enforcement action was taken against the operator.

CPO Whitchurch observed a kayak underway at an IDNR lake. CPO Whitchurch requested to see a water usage stamp from the kayaker. The kayaker made a derogatory comment regarding the law and also informed CPO Whitchurch he was waiting all season to be asked for one to ensure that Conservation Police enforce the law. The kayaker was issued a citation for not having the required water usage stamp.

CPO Whitchurch observed a boat underway at a Cook County Canal well after sunset without any lighting activated. The boat also had registration which expired in 2015. A check of the boat revealed there was no sounding device onboard and there were not enough wearable personal flotation devices onboard for every person. A citation and multiple written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol enforcing sport fishing regulations at a Chicago Park District lagoon in the south side of Chicago. CPO Whitchurch observed two subjects actively fishing. One subject caught a large red ear slider turtle. After he caught the turtle, he placed it in a plastic bag and set it next to his chair. CPO Whitchurch checked the two subjects who did not have valid sport fishing licenses. CPO Whitchurch explained the sport fishing license rules to the subjects and also the reptile and amphibian laws to them. Citations were issued and the turtle was released back into the water.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol during nighttime hours at the Des Plaines River when he observed a subject wading in the river fishing. The subject was observed drinking alcohol out of a glass bottle. When the subject was finished drinking the alcohol out of the glass bottle, CPO Whitchurch observed the subject toss the glass bottle into the river. CPO Whitchurch made contact with the subject who was also unlawfully fishing without a valid sport fishing license. CPO Whitchurch ordered the subject to cease fishing and to find the bottle he tossed into the river. The subject successfully retrieved the glass bottle from the river. Citations were issued.

DUPAGE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park when he observed a male standing near the water north of the park office. CPO Mooi approached and noticed another man there as well. CPO Mooi stood approximately 10 feet from the subjects while they continuously looked around before taking turns drinking out of a bottle of Jim Beam and a 2-liter bottle of Coca-Cola. The men began stumbling towards the water and CPO Mooi made contact with the individuals. A citation was issued for possession of alcohol on the beach.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park near the Dead River when he observed a man lying on a log near the edge of the prairie sunbathing nude. A citation was issued to the 67 year old man for sunbathing nude at the beach.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park when a park employee informed him that a family complained of people consuming alcohol on the main beach. CPO Mooi responded to the beach but was unable to locate the subjects described by the employee. While speaking with visitors, CPO Mooi observed a group of people opening glass beer bottles near the water. Contact was made and a citation was issued for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Mooi and CPO Vaughan were approached by a visitor getting ready to leave the park. The visitor pointed out the subjects described by the park employee. Contact was made with the individuals and a citation was issued for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Gilmer, along with Winthrop Harbor Police Department, dealt with four Hispanic males from Chicago drinking and smoking cannabis at North Point Marina after midnight. They got the call from North Point Marina Security Officers. The four individuals received a permit to have a fire in the pits at the south beach area of the state property. The four individuals explained North Point Marina was so peaceful compared to inner city Chicago where they are from. The officers explained they were glad they were enjoying the facilities, but the permit is no longer valid once alcohol and cannabis were found on the individuals. The individuals were escorted off of state property.

CPO Vaughan taught the game laws section for a hunter safety class at North Point Marina. Approximately 25 students were in attendance.

CPO Vaughan is investigating a boat accident which occurred at North Point Marina. A subject backed into two boats as he was attempting to dock his boat at his slip.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations at Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

CPO Vaughan and CPO Mooi assisted Zion Police Department with the search for an armed robbery suspect who had headed toward Illinois Beach State Park. An investigation is on-going with Zion Police Department.

CPO Vaughan obtained a warrant for a subject arrested on Memorial Day weekend for possession of methamphetamine.

CPO Vaughan, along with help from Illinois Beach State Park staff, assisted a family who were looking for two lost juveniles who had been at the beach earlier in the day. The juveniles were located walking back to their residence in Zion.

CPO Farber investigated a boat accident that occurred on Lake Michigan off the coast of Lake Forest. Several men were out fishing on a 20 ft watercraft in 2-3 ft waves. The men stopped for lunch in the middle of the lake. While eating lunch the watercraft began taking on water from the starboard stern of the vessel. Several seconds later the operator was thrown from the watercraft. Two passengers were able to dive off of the boat before it turned over. The owner/operator was able to dive down underneath the watercraft and locate three life jackets. The United States Coast Guard responded to the May Day call from Wilmette Harbor. All three men were rescued and refused medical treatment.

CPO Farber worked the second week of the Illinois State Fair at Conservation World. He was able to answer many questions ranging from the new Bobcat hunting laws to non- resident archery deer permit inquiries.

CPO Farber was fortunate to be able to work with Sgt. Wagner and CPO Bettis. Both veteran officers had many great stories and experiences to share from their 26 years of service with the Illinois Conservation Police.

CPO Farber and Sgt. Shannon conducted recreational boat enforcement at Waukegan Harbor. They observed two jet skis in violation of a no wake zone. The CPOs discovered that one of the subjects was issued a citation for the same offense one week prior. The repeat offender was issued another citation for violation of a no wake zone.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

Nothing reported.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody wrote citations and warnings for various fishing violations on the waters of Coles County.

CPO Barnes issued a Mattoon subject a citation for pollution of a waterway in Coles County.

CPO Barnes arrested a Mattoon subject at Lake Charleston who had three arrest warrants out of Coles, Douglas and Effingham Counties.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston man for speeding and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle in Coles County.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDGAR COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Greuel cited a Kankakee man on Lake Shelbyville for operation of an un-numbered watercraft in Moultrie County.

CPO Moody completed a boat registration investigation for a Sullivan man on a boat in Moultrie County.

SHELBY COUNTY

Sgt. McReynolds stopped a Springfield man for speeding, failure to signal and passing at an intersection. The man was issued a citation for passing at an intersection in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon woman for possession of alcohol in a restricted area at Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Greuel cited a Windsor man for driving 80 mph in a 55 mph zone in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel and CPO Ausmus cited a Windsor man for insufficient PFD's on a watercraft on Lake Shelbyville.

CPO Greuel cited a Shelbyville woman for driving 83 mph in a 55 mph zone in Shelby County.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and Sgt. Williamson worked the educational trailer at a special event at the Field and Stream store in Champaign. They were promoting not-for-profit outdoor organizations from around the area.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Reeves found an individual at Weldon Springs State Park to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The Clinton man had the items seized.

CPO Reeves issued and observed a Champaign man snagging fish at the Clinton Lake Spillway. He claimed that he was just snagging Asian Carp. CPO Reeves informed him that snagging is not selective and issued him a citation.

CPO Viverito and CPOT Ausmus were on boat patrol on Clinton Lake when they stopped a pontoon boat with 3 male occupants. During the check they noticed a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage. After getting the Bloomington man on their boat, he admitted to drinking and taking prescription pain medication. He registered a .182 BAC and was written for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. He had a conviction for the same offense in 2013

While checking fishermen at the Clinton Lake Dam, CPO Viverito and K9 Hank found a car that Hank alerted on. CPO Viverito found the vehicle owner fishing and asked them if there was anything in the car that a K9 would hit on. The Lincoln man stated that he had a prescription for Tylenol with codeine. He gave CPO permission to search his vehicle and during the search CPO Viverito found an open phentynol patch in the glove compartment. When asked about the patch, the man stated that it was for his mom who had passed away. He did not have a prescription for the patch and the investigation is ongoing.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

McLEAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford investigated a burglary at Kickapoo Landing Canoe Rental in Kickapoo State Park in Vermilion County where a large sum of money was taken. After collecting evidence, and conducting numerous interviews, CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford were able to develop suspects and able to secure a confession within 27 hours of the crime. This case is now pending filing of formal charges.

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford investigated the unlawful sale of protected aquatic species in Region 3 and this investigation is still on going.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPOs Blazinic and Myers stopped a boat on the Mississippi River at Piggyback Island. The boat appeared to be overloaded and a passenger was sitting on the bow with his legs hanging over. They conducted a boat safety inspection and determined there were not enough lifejackets on board, the fire extinguisher was expired, and the battery was uncovered. Their investigation also revealed that 4 of the 6 passengers on board were underage and had consumed alcohol.

CPO Myers taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the Community Building in Paloma.

BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the KC Hall in Mt. Sterling.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Blazinic and Weishaupt patrolled the Illinois River at Kampsville during a fireworks event. Weather kept most boaters off the river that evening.

GREENE COUNTY

CPOs Goetten and Weishaupt interviewed a subject in White Hall in reference to his ginseng activities. The subject confessed to harvesting ginseng out of season.

CPO Gushleff taught the basics hunting laws in an hour long presentation to a Hunter Safety course at the KC Hall in Carrollton.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley assisted the Illinois State Police along with Hancock County Sheriff, McDonough County Sheriff, Hamilton Police, Carthage Police, and Warsaw Police Departments on a manhunt for a LaHarpe man with multiple felony warrants. A perimeter was set up and air units called in for search support. Multiple properties were searched along with outbuildings in the area. The search ended around 8 o'clock that evening and was re-established the following day. The man was eventually located in Burlington, Iowa in a residence.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a boat on the Illinois River for expired registration. The four occupants were under the age of 21 and possessed alcohol. Two possessed several items of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle at Pere Marquette State Park. The driver and passenger were in possession of several items of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

CPO Goetten stopped a boat on the Illinois River. There were not enough personal flotation devices on the boat for all occupants. The operator and one passenger were in possession of several items of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Goetten checked several fishermen at Pere Marquette State Park. One subject did not have a fishing license and was acting suspicious. CPO Goetten determined the subject was a child sex offender. He was arrested for being in a public park. Once in custody, CPO Goetten located a drug pipe with cannabis residue in his pocket.

CPO Goetten and CPOT Snodgrass patrolled the Mississippi River during the Blessing of the Fleet. Several boaters attended this event, however weather kept most boaters off the river that evening.

Sgt. Wagner and CPOs Weishaupt and Goetten assisted Jersey County in a motorcycle crash on Route 100. The motorcycle and operator hit a guard rail on a sharp turn. Sgt. Wagner was first on the scene. They shut Route 100 down so a helicopter could land on the road. Once the subject left the scene, they continued traffic control, while Jersey County investigated the accident.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran received information from site staff of illegal dumping at Sangchris Lake State Park. The investigation led CPOs Cochran and Tanke to a female out of Pawnee. CPOs Cochran and Tanke arrived at the female's residence in Pawnee but were unable to make contact. A business card was left at the residence informing her to contact CPO Cochran. The next day CPO Cochran had a voicemail from the female and several from an adult male. The male confessed to dumping the trash and was issued a citation.

CPO Cochran received a disposition regarding a man arrested on Lake Taylorville for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol back in May 2016. The man pleaded guilty to OUI and paid a total of \$1567 in fines and court costs. Because the man refused to submit to the breath test he will subsequently be suspended from operating a watercraft for a minimum of two years.

CPO Cochran was a guest speaker at WTIM Radio Station 96.1FM in Taylorville. On live radio, CPO Cochran answered questions about boating safety.

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MASON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis was called to the Sangamon River near the New Salem Boat Launch regarding a large propane tank floating in the Sangamon River. Upon arriving, he observed the tank was entangled in a small brush pile, floating in the main channel approximately 15 feet from the end of the boat ramp. He was able to use his rescue rope and lasso the tank, securing it until Menard County Rescue arrived to assist in the removal of the tank from the water. Menard County Sheriff's Department contacted a subject to remove the tank from the boat ramp parking lot.

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Cochran rode in the State Fair Parade in Springfield in his squad to kick off the 2016 Illinois State Fair.

Sgt. Stone and CPO Bettis worked the 2016 State Fair working both security shifts and day shifts.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CLINTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl discussed conservation law and the responsibilities of a Conservation Police Officer at a Hunter Safety class to approximately 30 students in Highland.

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz cited a male subject at Coffeen Lake for keeping over the creel limit of large mouth bass.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a complaint about a boat operator on the Mississippi River who was not giving way to a tug boat operator. CPO Sievers attempted to locate the boat with the provided description. The boat was not located.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier, after receiving a picture off of a trail camera from a landowner of an individual fishing without permission on his property, was able to track down the individual and issued him a citation.

CPO Ralph Sievers had seized cannabis from a subject in Frank Holten State Park in June. The cannabis was transferred to the Illinois State Police Forensic Lab to be tested and weighed. The cannabis tested positive as cannabis and weighed over 12 grams. CPO Sievers located the subject at his residence and issued him a citation for the possession of cannabis over 10 grams and released him on a notice to appear.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Folden and CPO Lay were on boat patrol on Rend Lake and observed a pontoon boat with two children under the age of 13 not wearing life jackets. The boat was stopped for the observed violation and a boat safety inspection was conducted. During the inspection CPO Folden noticed signs of impairment in the operator's actions. Shortly after, the operator was arrested for unlawful operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The operator's blood alcohol concentration was .116%. Two OUI citations were issued and one written warning was issued for the youth not wearing life jackets.

CPO Folden received information from an informant alleging two subjects were illegally snagging fish directly below the Rend Lake Spillway. CPO Folden responded to the location and observed the subjects in question through binoculars. CPO Folden did not observe either subject snagging. However, one subject was throwing a cast net which is illegal within 1000 yards downstream of the Rend Lake Spillway. The other subject was fishing with a rod and reel. CPO Folden contacted the subjects. One subject was issued a citation for the unlawful use of the cast net. The other subject did not have a fishing license and was cited.

CPO Lay cited a Franklin County man for driving a vehicle without proof of insurance while in Wayne Fitzgerald State Park.

CPO Lay issued a written warning to a driver of a log hauling truck in Franklin County. The driver was warned for not having proof of ownership (for the logs) paper work in his truck.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden received a call near the end of his shift alleging an uninvited male subject was refusing to leave an occupied camp site at Hamilton County Conservation Area. CPO Folden and a Hamilton County Deputy responded. CPO Folden located the camp site in question and the complainant was sitting with the alleged violator at the same picnic table. After speaking to the 3 female subjects at the camp site CPO Folden determined they did not want the male subject at their camp site. They claimed they asked him to leave and he did not. They were afraid he may get violent if asked again. All four subjects had been drinking. CPO Folden arranged a sober driver for the male subject. CPO Folden escorted him off of the property and issued him a citation for unlawful entry into the park after the posted 10:00 pm closing time.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay spoke to a large group at a Hunter Safety Course held at the Rend Lake Sporting Goods store in Mt. Vernon.

CPO Lay (assisted by Rend Lake FWA Site Superintendent, Jason Newell) launched a boat on Rend Lake to recover a

stranded boater. The boat was towed to a launch area and one of the occupants was escorted to his truck and trailer. The recovery was made without incident or injury.

POPE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Lentz, CPO Roper and CPO Compton were working a ginseng enforcement detail in Fayette County. A Ramsey subject was found in possession of approximately 20 wet, freshly dug Ginseng roots. An additional 6 lbs. of dried ginseng roots were discovered at the subject's residence. All of the ginseng was seized for evidence and charges are pending in this case.

CPO Compton reports the disposition of a theft case which occurred at the Carlyle Lake Waterfowl Management Area last duck season. A group of hunters had their bicycle and cart stolen while out duck hunting. Two subjects were charged and pleaded guilty to theft and are banned from entering IDNR managed property for three years. The third subject was charged and pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct.

JASPER COUNTY

Sgt. Hyatt assisted ISP and local authorities in searching for an unidentified subject who ran from an ISP trooper after a traffic stop.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing reported.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPOs Buhnerkempe and Roper were first on scene of a motor vehicle accident. While traveling west bound on Hwy 7 they met a vehicle going east bound at a high rate of speed. As the vehicle topped a hill they observed the vehicle leave the roadway. The officers turned around and observed the crashed vehicle in the front yard of a residence. The officers found two unconscious, injured subjects in the vehicle. The officers rendered assistance until EMS arrived on scene.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Mohrman completed an administrative investigation regarding a commercial fisherman not sending in his 2015 fish harvest report. The fisherman, who only commercial fishes a couple weeks out of the year, did not know about the requirement to report his harvest. The Jackson County fisherman was issued a written warning for the violation and provided with the paperwork to remedy the situation

CPO Mohrman assisted a local city police department in an effort to locate stolen machinery. The machinery was reportedly stolen from local farmers and homeowners and allegedly "stashed" on and near Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area. No machinery or stash areas were located yet on this 4500 acre site. Future search efforts will include a drone flight.

A Jackson County landowner contacted CPO Mohrman about trash dumping near his property. A large amount of clothing and personal items were dumped off the county roadway back into the woods. The location was near SIU-Carbondale and appeared to be a dump site for stuff left after a student(s) moved out of a residence. A name was located on discarded mail in the trash pile and the follow-up investigation continues.

JOHNSON COUNTY

While patrolling on Lake of Egypt CPO's Mohrman, Thompson and CPOT Knop observed an obviously overloaded motorboat. The boat was stopped for inspection and besides being overloaded it was also determined the boat operator was impaired. The operator was arrested for OUI registering a BAC of .10 and cited for the overloading infraction.

CPO Thompson observed a subject "hide" something in the woods at Ferne Clyffe State Park and then drive away. The subject later returned and CPO Thompson approached the man. His driving privileges in Illinois were revoked and he was in possession of cannabis and paraphernalia. He was charged for the driving violation and a report was filed with the State's Attorney for the cannabis and paraphernalia.

MASSAC COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PERRY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted USFWS officers with the arrests of multiple subjects for unlawfully harvesting wild ginseng during closed season from Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted the Union County Sheriff with a domestic dispute with possible weapons involved.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

After nearly completing their patrol on Lake of Egypt CPOs Mohrman, Thompson and CPOT Knop were notified that a serious personal injury boat accident occurred on Crab Orchard Lake. The officers were called by Refuge Officer Rawlinson who was first to respond to the early evening accident. A subject operating his personal watercraft with his 4 year old granddaughter on board and lost control of the machine and crashed into the rocky shoreline near Carterville beach. The granddaughter was not injured but grandpa was not as lucky. The grandfather was immediately attended to by a nurse and military personnel who happened to be in the area recreating at the time. The subject was seriously injured and after being stabilized at Heartland Regional Hospital in Marion he was then airlifted to Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. The injured subject is listed in critical but stable condition. The Illinois Conservation Police and Refuge Police from Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge are investigating this accident.