



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 September 16 – 30, 2019)

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

CPOT Peecher gave a presentation to fourth grade students at the Carroll County Soil and Water Conservation District Field Day at Mississippi Palisades State Park regarding the duties of a CPO.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri conducted waterfowl enforcement and issued a written warning for a boat equipment violation.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin observed a kayaker on the Apple River and conducted a safety check. The Hanover man was issued a citation for failure to have a wearable PFD on board his kayak.

CPO Hoftender and CPOT Martin issued written warnings to two Palatine men at Apple River Canyon State Park for not having their fishing license in possession.

CPOT Peecher responded to a report of an abandoned boat at the base of Chestnut Mountain Resort. No one had been reported missing, and the boat appeared to have come unmoored from the rising water level.

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MERCER COUNTY

CPOT McKune arrested a subject for felony/aggravated DUI. The subject's BAC was .215%. In separate incidences, he issued eight citations and six written warnings for various other violations.

CPOT McKune attended Boat Operator Search and Rescue Training on Lake Michigan. He also attended trapper education training at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran arrested a man at White Pines Forest State Park who was wanted on an armed and dangerous warrant. The man was transported to the Ogle County Jail.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Teas received a disposition involving a subject who killed a buck during the archery season and failed to tag it. The subject then had another subject purchase a permit to tag the deer. The antlers were seized, and both subjects were charged. The subject who purchased the additional permit paid a fine of \$120. The subject who failed to tag the deer and used a permit belonging to another received fines totaling \$957 and a suspension of his hunting privileges until August 2020.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While patrolling Illini State Park, CPO Murry and CPOT Leannah encountered an intoxicated subject in the Park after hours. The individual also had an active warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and transported to the LaSalle County Jail.

While patrolling LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Murry and CPOT Leannah discovered two individuals inside the area after the posted closing time. They were also in possession of and fishing with live bluegill taken from another body of water. Two citations were written for the offenses.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a fisherman at Starved Rock State Park after he was found to be in possession of a short smallmouth bass. The fish was successfully released back into the Illinois River. Two written warnings were issued to other fishermen who were parked in prohibited areas of Starved Rock State Park.

CPO Stanbary assisted two hikers who called 911 after a dog and its owner became stranded along a steep bank of the Illinois River. The hikers reported that one of the dogs broke away from its leash and chased an animal over a steep bank that descended to the Illinois River. Once the dog became stranded, the dog's owner went down the steep embankment and became stranded as well. He assisted the stranded hiker by lowering a rope to their location and helping the hiker and dog out of the River and up the steep embankment. Both were not injured.

CPO Stanbary issued a citation to a motorist inside Matthiessen State Park after he was observed transporting a child in the bed of his pickup. In a separate incidence, he issued a written warning to a motorist for improper lane usage and

unlawful use of an electronic communication device after he witnessed erratic driving from the motorist as she was exiting the Vermillion River area of Matthiessen State Park.

While conducting boating enforcement, CPO Stanbary issued warnings to two separate boaters for equipment violations. Waterfowl compliance checks were also conducted on a trio of teal hunters.

While patrolling the Illinois River, CPO Stanbary noticed a group of fishermen near the Henry Boat Ramp. One individual was drinking beer and throwing the cans under a large piece of concrete near the water's edge. When he approached the group, the same subject attempted to hide the open 12 pack. The man who was observed littering was cited for pollution of a waterway, and a second subject was issued a warning for untagged devices.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Kaufman responded to Olsen Lake in Rock Cut State Park. The initial report was that a kayaker had capsized and was in the water. Another boater said the kayaker had made it to shore. The kayaker was not in a location easily accessible by land. Loves Park Fire Department launched a boat and transported him to the boat ramp. He was complaining of left leg pain and was taken to a local hospital.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson conducted sport fishing compliance checks. He witnessed a bank fisherman smoking and discarding a cigarette in the water. The subject also had a small amount of suspected cannabis on his person. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. In a separate incidence, CPO Thompson issued a citation for no fishing license.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOT McCarter attended trapper education training at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited a subject for fishing without a fishing license.

CPO Lazzell initiated an investigation regarding the unlawful cutting of trees along the Rock Island Trail.

STARK COUNTY

CPOT McCarter gave a hunting presentation at the Toulon Public Library. The presentation served to educate inexperienced students on how to get involved in deer hunting, as well as legal requirements involved with hunting in general.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn attended a hunter education course. He spoke on the regulations regarding hunting and trapping and interacted with the young hunters. He also answered questions to ensure they were comfortable with the laws before going out to hunt this fall.

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

CPO Kelley and CPOT Doescher arrested a repeat offender for illegal snagging. The man was caught two years ago for the same offense.

While patrolling Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Reid, CPOT Iaffaldano, and Sgt. Schreiber observed a pickup with several occupants who were not wearing seatbelts. A traffic stop was conducted, and numerous violations were documented. The driver was arrested for driving while suspended, DUI drugs, possession of cannabis, more than 30 grams but less than 100 grams, and open container. A female in the backseat was charged with consumption of alcohol by a minor, open container, possession of cannabis, less than 10 grams, and arrested on an outstanding warrant. Another passenger was cited for cannabis, less than 10 grams.

CPO Reid and CPOT Iaffaldano arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for driving on a suspended license and for an outstanding warrant.

CPO Reid arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for driving a motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license.

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

Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject at Chain O'Lakes State Park for operation of a motor vehicle without registration and theft of property, less than \$500.

CPO Winters cited a subject for failure to check traps every calendar day after a skunk was left in a live trap for several days.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Kelley and Winters responded to a nuisance trapping complaint. A resident had trapped a skunk and did not know what to do with it. She had been trying to trap squirrels. The skunk was disposed of properly, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Kelley cited a subject for failure to immediately release an undersized largemouth bass.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber located two dove hunters hunting a field without proper hunting licenses, and they were in possession of three doves. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

KENDALL COUNTY

CPO Bergland received a call regarding a goose that was caught in a soccer net in a park in Yorkville. When he arrived, the goose was severely entangled in the net. He was able to cut the goose from the net, and he transported it to the Fox River where it was released and swam away.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Honiotes responded to multiple complaints of illegal trapping of nuisance animals. He educated the complainants and trappers about living with wildlife in Illinois.

CPO Honiotes used side scan sonar to assist the Illinois State Police with an ongoing homicide investigation.

CPO Honiotes has been assisting the US Fish and Wildlife Service with the continued investigation of a Canada goose poisoning case.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPOTs Doescher and Prasun conducted snagging enforcement on Lake Michigan. Two written warnings were issued.

CPOT Doescher assisted District 2 CPOs with snagging enforcement. A citation was issued for snagging out of season. One written warning was issued for a fishing violation.

CPOTs Doescher and Gates assisted the Schaumburg Police Department with an incident at the Woodfield Mall.

CPOT Doescher attended the Bartlett Peace Day event and used the education trailer to teach the attendees about the different types of wildlife living in Illinois.

CPO Klemme is investigating an incident with a suspected forged boat title.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement on Lake Michigan. Written warnings were issued for unattended devices.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPOT Kusta checked two fishermen who did not have a valid Illinois sport fishing license. The fishermen were educated on the licensing laws, and appropriate enforcement action was taken. In a separate incidence, he checked a fisherman who had live gobies in his possession. Appropriate enforcement action was taken. Another fisherman was observed snagging out of season. Appropriate enforcement action was taken; and the fisherman was educated on snagging regulations regarding seasons, prohibited areas, and snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

CPOTs Kusta and Gates conducted a traffic stop for violation of a traffic control device, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPOT Kusta checked one fisherman who could not produce a valid Illinois sport fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPOT Kusta conducted a boat safety inspection at a Lake Michigan harbor boat launch. There were six occupants that were waiting to go out on the boat. The operator did not have any PFDs on board the boat. The safety inspection also revealed that the lanyard for the engine cut-off was missing, and there were no visual distress signals (flares) on board. Appropriate enforcement action was taken, and the operator was advised that they could not take the boat out until all the safety equipment was in place.

CPOT Kusta conducted sport fishing enforcement, and one fisherman was cited for not having a valid fishing license.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPOT Prasun found several fishermen without valid fishing licenses. Enforcement action was taken, and the subjects were educated on licensing laws. A third subject was cited for not having their fishing license on their person.

While conducting a routine patrol, CPOT Prasun assisted two separate motorists who were stranded along the roadway. He also came across a traffic crash in the middle of Interstate 55 during rush hour and was able to relocate the vehicles and occupants to a safe location. The Illinois State Police completed the accident report.

CPOTs Prasun and Gates attended the Free Youth Fishing Derby at William W. Powers State Recreation Area and used the IDNR Education Trailer to educate educated young fishermen. Approximately 300 children and family members attended the event.

CPOT Prasun completed a boat accident report for two boats that collided in the Chicago Harbor Locks due to a third boat leaving the locks and creating a wake.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPOTs Kusta and Gates investigated a nuisance wildlife trapping complaint in a residential neighborhood. CPOT Kusta observed a live trap set up outside the residence. Contact was made with the trapper, and he admitted the trap was his. The trapper was educated on the laws regarding trapping nuisance wildlife, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

Central Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

GREENE COUNTY

While conducting sport fishing enforcement, CPOT Olroyd arrested an individual on a warrant.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley attended several public speaking events and informative seminars with local area schools where he discussed boating safety with multiple groups. He also discussed the duties of a CPO.

CPO Wheatley is continuing the investigation of illegal dumping.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPOT Olroyd assisted Jersey County Sheriff's deputies and Illinois State Police in the execution of a search warrant.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Jansen conducted a timber truck inspection. The driver did not have proof of ownership of the logs and was issued a citation.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer

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

CASS COUNTY

CPOTs G. Anderson and Wahlbrink attended the trapper education training held at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPO Thornley and CPOT McClenning conducted sport fishing enforcement along the Illinois River. Compliance checks resulted in written warnings for no fishing license in possession and no fire extinguisher.

CPO Thornley and CPOT McClenning conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle that was being driven erratically. The driver did not possess a valid driver's license and was issued a citation. The vehicle was released to the registered owner. In a separate incidence, CPO Thornley and CPOT McClenning conducted a traffic stop for speeding, and the driver was issued a citation.

CPOT Wahlbrink checked numerous fishermen at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. One written warning was issued to a man for not having his fishing license in his possession.

CPO Wichern and CPOT Roesch conducted several fishing compliance patrols along the Illinois River. They located and seized abandon, unmarked fishing devices.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LOGAN COUNTY

While conducting fishing enforcement at Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Thornley checked two men who had three poles between them. When asked for their licenses, one of the men stated he was not fishing. The second fisherman stated that they were his poles. The fisherman was cited for three poles on a two-pole limit lake.

CPOT Wahlbrink rescued an injured screech owl that had been hit by a vehicle. A brief exam revealed that the owl had a broken wing. The owl was taken to the Illinois Raptor Center where it is expected to make a full recovery.

MASON COUNTY

Sgt. Gilmer, CPO Thornley, and US Fish and Wildlife Refuge Officer Carr, along with his K-9, conducted a waterfowl detail along the Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge. During this detail, CPO Thornley found a father and son hunting geese. Neither hunter had their hunting documents in their possession, and the young son was using an unplugged shotgun. The father was issued a citation for no hunting license in possession and a warning was issued for the son's unplugged shotgun. All three officers checked multiple boats that were returning from teal hunting. Two written warnings were issued for failure to maintain separate bag limits. One citation was issued to a boat operator for insufficient number of PFDs on a vessel, and two written warnings were issued for no Type IV PFD and no cut off lanyard.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley conducted a fish compliance check of an individual along the Sangamon River. It was determined that the individual had a valid Sangamon County warrant, and the individual was transferred to the Menard County Jail.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern and CPOT Roesch conducted several fishing compliance patrols along the Illinois River. They located and seized abandon, unmarked fishing devices.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds attended a firearms training committee meeting at the State Police Range.

CPOT Wahlbrink investigated a boating accident on Lake Springfield that involved a man who fell overboard while fishing. A good Samaritan observed the man fall overboard and rendered help. The man was able to re-board his boat and continued to fish.

CPOT Wahlbrink assisted a motorist whose vehicle had broken down on a busy road and aided in traffic control until a tow truck removed the vehicle.

SCOTT COUNTY

CPO Wichern and CPOT Roesch conducted several fishing compliance patrols along the Illinois River. They located and seized abandon, unmarked fishing devices.

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds
(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum issued a salvage deer tag to a Clark County resident.

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with handling a domestic dispute which resulted in an arrest for battery. In a separate incidence, CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with handling a second domestic dispute. No arrests were made.

CPO Wellum conducted surveillance of several areas for preparation of the upcoming hunting season.

While conducting fishing compliance checks, CPO Wellum issued an Indiana resident a citation for fishing without a sport fishing license.

CPO Wellum attended the "Fall Festival" in Marshall and spoke with several residents. He answered multiple conservation related questions.

CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County deputy with an accident involving a side-by-side ATV. The operator of the ATV was transported to the hospital by helicopter.

CPO Wellum assisted the Clark County Sheriff's Office with the manhunt of a subject who fled into the woods after burglarizing a residence. The subject was later arrested a short distance from the initial location of the burglary.

COLES COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt responded to a call of a dead deer on a resident's property. A salvage tag was issued to the landowner, and the deer was reported to an IDNR biologist.

CPO Barnes observed a large pile of trash dumped on the Embarras River. A search of the garbage revealed an address of a residence in Charleston. He interviewed the subject at that address, and the subject admitted to dumping the garbage. The subject picked up all the trash, and a citation was issued for pollution of a waterway.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt assisted CPO Mieure with a hunter harassment call. The issue was resolved with statements taken from both parties involved, and no enforcement action was taken.

CPO Wellum responded to a call regarding an injured pigeon. The pigeon was found to be a banded racing pigeon, and it did not seem to have any injuries. He transported the pigeon to a safe location to monitor it for the night, and it flew away the next morning.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt received a call from park staff at Walnut Point State Park regarding vandalism on the walking trails. The investigation is ongoing.

While on patrol at Walnut Point State Park, CPO Mieure issued a Georgetown woman a written warning for fishing without her fishing license in possession.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPOT Hyatt, along with CPO Mieure, taught a hunter safety course at the Paris Police Shooting Range.

CPOT Hyatt worked with Edgar County Sheriff Wood to dispatch a sick deer on private property.

CPOT Hyatt is investigating a TIPs complaint involving a bait pile and a salt lick.

CPO Wellum responded to a residence regarding a report of a sick deer. He dispatched the deer and transported it to an IDNR biologist for examination. The biologist removed samples of the deer's tissue and sent them to a laboratory for testing.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Barnes responded to a complaint of an ATV riding along the shore of Lake Shelbyville. The ATV was located, and appropriate enforcement action was taken. The violation was also reported to the US Army Corps of Engineers ranger.

SHELBY COUNTY

While conducting fish enforcement, CPO Moody cited two individuals for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

CPO Greuel cited a Maroa man for hunting without a valid hunting license, and a warning was issued for not having a valid habitat stamp.

CPO Greuel assisted a Shelbyville man with titling his watercraft.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPOT Miller attended trapper education training at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPOT Miller conducted a traffic stop on I-72 near Champaign. A female subject was driving 104 mph in a 70-mph zone. The driver was given a notice to appear in court.

DEWITT COUNTY

While on patrol, CPOT Workman and CPO Viverito, along with K-9 Hank, checked several vehicles. Hank alerted to two of the vehicles which led to three arrests. Contraband was found in multiple locations in each of the two vehicles.

CPOT Miller conducted a traffic stop which resulted in the custodial arrest of a female passenger who had an active warrant out of Macon County. The male driver was issued multiple warnings.

CPOT Miller conducted a boat safety inspection on Clinton Lake. The male operator was issued a written warning for having an unsecured battery.

CPOT G. Anderson conducted ten fishing compliance checks at Clinton Lake. One written warning was issued for a fishing license violation.

FORD COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson taught a trapper education class in Sibley, and he answered questions from the audience.

CPOT G. Anderson conducted two fishing compliance checks at Jordan Pond. No enforcement action was taken.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

CPOT G. Anderson taught a hunter education class in Watseka, and he answered questions from the audience.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPOT Miller met with the Livingston County Sheriff's Office command staff, the Livingston County State's Attorney, and the Livingston County Circuit Clerk to continue to build strong working relationships between state and local law enforcement.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

While conducting foot patrol on state lands, CPO Sanford located a mineral block and trail camera on private property, just outside the boundary of the state land. He eventually located the individual responsible for placement of the bait, and the individual was issued a citation for unlawful placement of bait accessible to white-tailed deer.

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

While conducting fishing compliance checks at Carlyle Lake, CPO Macias issued a citation and a pair of warnings to three individuals.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl was notified by a conservation worker at Horseshoe Lake State Park of an unusual jaw bone that was found. The jaw bone was brought to Cahokia Mounds and identified as a human jaw. The Madison County Coroner was contacted and agreed that the bone looked very old. The jaw bone was turned over to the IDNR Archaeologist for further investigation. A search of the area where the jaw bone was found revealed other bone fragments. The IDNR Archaeologist will continue investigating the area.

CPO Liebl and CPOT Roundcount attended a hunter safety class to discuss hunting rules and regulations. Approximately 35 students attended the course.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers and CPOT Roundcount checked a fisherman in a boat at the Sparta T Cut. The fisherman's fishing privileges had been revoked for being delinquent on child support, and his fishing license was seized.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPOT Gerdes worked with conservation agents from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to conduct a sport fishing enforcement detail on the Mississippi River near St. Louis. CPOT Gerdes and the Missouri agents conducted 18 vessel inspections, checking both boating equipment and fishing compliance. Appropriate enforcement action was taken for various violations.

CPO Schachner completed an investigation involving multiple subjects who bought and sold a boat without transferring the title and registration. The boat trailer was also in the same situation but did not have a title which matched the trailer. The final purchaser attempted to title and register the boat/trailer but was unsuccessful due to the previous owner's failure to do so properly. The final purchaser approached CPO Schachner for assistance. After the investigation, CPO Schachner was able to correct the matter so the boat could be titled. A citation was issued to a former owner and several other citations are pending. Secretary of State Police are following up on the trailer titling issue.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Sievers completed a timber truck inspection that was initiated by an Illinois State Police Trooper. The truck was initially stopped because the driver failed to yield at a stop sign. The driver of the timber truck was issued two written warnings for the timber violations.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO T. Williams conducted a fishing license compliance check on a subject fishing from a boat on Lake Moses. The subject advised that they had a fishing license, but it was in their wallet in the car. A check of the license database revealed that the subject had a child support block and could not have any licenses issued by the IDNR. A citation was issued.

CPOT Wilkinson completed four boat safety inspections and four fishing compliance checks. One boat safety equipment violation was documented with a written warning.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO T. Williams was contacted by Officer Schelling of the US Fish and Wildlife Service to assist with the report of a dead bald eagle along Route 13. An immature bald eagle was transferred to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for submission to the national eagle repository.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

POPE COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson conducted 15 fishing compliance checks, six boat safety inspections, four hunter compliance checks, and arrested a subject for OUI.

CPOT Wilkinson inspected one vessel at the Golconda Marina. Appropriate enforcement action was taken for one boating violation.

CPOT Wilkinson and CPO Haggerty performed a boat patrol on the Ohio River. Two watercraft safety inspections were performed, along with three fishing compliance checks and one commercial fishing inspection. One commercial fishing violation was documented, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

SALINE COUNTY

CPOT Wilkinson assisted a stranded motorist. Their vehicle was stalled in the roadway, and he pushed the vehicle to a nearby parking lot.

While on patrol, CPO Knop observed a vehicle backed into a suspicious area. He walked by the vehicle and noticed a glass pipe with burn marks on the dashboard. One man was found fishing behind the truck. The suspect did not have a fishing license, and his driving privileges were revoked. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While conducting waterfowl enforcement, CPO Knop observed a single hunter from a distance. The hunter had teal in his decoys before legal shooting time and had multiple other species land in his decoys while he was hunting. As the hunter was packing up for the day, he conducted a compliance check; and no violations were found. He expressed his gratitude for how the hunter conducted himself in the field.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty attended a Gracie Survival Training course.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPOT Skelton issued a salvage tag to an individual who found a deer.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPOT Willand received a report from a landowner regarding unlawful harvest of ginseng. The investigation is ongoing.

FAYETTE COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper observed an individual fishing from the bank at Vandalia Lake; and a fishing compliance check was conducted. He discovered that the individual did not possess a valid fishing license, and appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roper attended a Gracie Survival Training course.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Taylor issued a written warning to a subject for driving their vehicle out into a dove field at Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife Area.

CPOT Willand conducted a boat safety inspection at Sam Parr State Fish and Wildlife area, and the operator was issued a written warning for no Type IV throwable device when required.

While conducting fishing compliance and boat safety checks at Newton Lake, CPOT Skelton checked several fishermen, and performed two boat safety inspections.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

While patrolling Red Hills State Park, CPO Taylor observed a truck advertising a plumbing company from Marion. A check of the truck's license plate revealed that the truck was reported stolen. The vehicle was stopped, and the driver admitted to stealing the vehicle from Carbondale. The driver was arrested for possession of a stolen vehicle and driving while revoked. More charges are pending in Jackson County.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WABASH COUNTY

CPOT Skelton conducted fishing enforcement along the Wabash River, and he checked several fishermen. No violations were found.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPOT Skelton assisted a stranded motorist on I-64 by changing the vehicle's flat tire.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPOTs Spinka and Wolf, along with CPO Teas, conducted commercial fish enforcement on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers on two separate occasions. No commercial violations were observed. Several warnings were given to recreational fisherman for minor violations.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Tapley encountered two female subjects at Lake Murphysboro State Park after the Park had closed. Both were found to be in possession of cannabis, and two citations were issued.

CPO Tapley conducted a timber truck inspection. The driver was found to not have accurate haul log records, and a citation was issued.

CPO Tapley and CPOT K. Williams checked a group of teal hunters. One subject was found to be using a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. All three hunters were also found to be in possession of cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Tapley testified in court at a preliminary hearing for a subject who had been charged with possession of methamphetamine and obstructing justice. The judge found probable cause, and the court case is pending trial.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity was reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPOT Wolf arrested a man at Fort Massac State Park for violating an order of protection.

CPOT Wolf and CPO Teas conducted a commercial fishing patrol on the Ohio River. One man was issued multiple warnings.

CPOT Wolf is investigating an illegal deer baiting site.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

While on patrol in the Shawnee National Forest, CPO Vasicek and CPOT K. Williams discovered a large, unlawful dump site. Among the discarded items were electronic equipment, chemicals, and firearm ammunition reloading supplies. A small amount of evidence was gathered at the scene, and a suspect's address was developed. The CPOs interviewed a male subject who ultimately confessed to multiple dump sites. The subject was cited for the offense and given a timeframe to clean up the items he had dumped.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson completed an investigation involving subjects who illegally took largemouth bass from a private lake. One of the subjects was interviewed, and two citations were issued for fishing without permission and unlawful take of bass.

CPO Johnson attended a Gracie Survival Training course.

CPO Tapley and Sgt. Taylor assisted the Williamson County Sheriff's Department with the recovery of a stolen UTV. The investigation is ongoing.