



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 1 – 15, 2018)

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

No activity reported for this county.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LEE COUNTY

CPO Francisko, along with other CPOs, took part in a dove hunting enforcement detail at Green River State Fish and Wildlife Area. He issued two citations for unplugged shotguns and a written warning for failure to maintain separate bags of harvested doves. Multiple other citations and warnings were issued by other CPOs.

While on patrol, CPOs Beltran and Posateri stopped a Rock Falls man who was suspected of operating his boat under the influence of alcohol. The man was arrested and given a mandatory court date. CPO Posateri tested the other passengers, and there were all found to be too intoxicated to drive the boat. CPO Posateri drove the boat back to the dock.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPOs Posateri and Francisko worked the Floatzilla event on the Mississippi River. The CPOs were tasked with keeping a safe zone around a tug boat pushed against the shoreline since the locks were closed to commercial traffic specifically for this event. Even though the CPOs were in a marked patrol with its emergency lights activated, several paddlers had to be verbally reminded of the dangers around the barge and tug.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Beltran stopped a Freeport man for operating his boat with children not in life jackets. During the inspection, CPO Beltran discovered the operator was intoxicated. The operator was arrested and given a mandatory court appearance.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BUREAU COUNTY

While checking dove hunters, CPO Wagner cited one individual for dove hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells and hunting without valid hunting license. In a separate incident, CPOs Wagner and Finn observed an individual walk away as they approached the dove field. After a short investigation, the individual was found to be a nonresident with no hunting license or habitat stamp. The individual was also found to have illegally harvested doves. Several citations and warnings were issued, and the individual's shotgun was seized.

CPOs Wagner and Filipiak conducted a patrol near Bureau Junction, and they spotted a vehicle traveling at 79 mph. A traffic stop was conducted, and the individual was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. He also had a warrant for his arrest for a failure to appear on another DUI arrest in 2016. The man was also charged for obstruction of identification for lying about his identity.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LASALLE COUNTY

While on a boat patrol, CPO Kaufman noticed some rental pontoon boats on the river. None of the rental boats had current rental decals, and it was discovered that the new owner of the rental business had not applied for a rental boat license. CPO Kaufman met with the new owner, explained all the requirements for renting the boats, told the owner he could not rent out any more boats until the issues were taken care of, and issued a written warning for failure to have a rental boat license.

CPOs Kaufman and Wagner checked six kayaks on the Illinois River. Only one kayaker had a PFD. Citations were issued to the other five kayakers for failure to have a PFD.

CPO Filipiak checked dove hunters on opening weekend at the four public dove fields at Matthiessen State Park. Twelve citations were issued for the following: failure to remove all expended shell casings after hunting hours were over; hunting doves with lead shot where restricted; dove hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells; no valid hunting license; and no valid hunting license, parental responsibility. Thirty written warnings were also issued.

CPO Murry arrested a subject on a motorcycle for improper lane usage, speeding, violation of classification – no valid motorcycle license, driving under the influence of alcohol, and driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC greater than .08 (BAC was .155%).

While conducting a boat patrol on Illinois River, CPO Wagner cited three individuals for operation of a watercraft without PFDs. One individual was cited for children under 13 not wearing life jackets.

CPO Jansen responded to a complaint of a male subject entering the women’s bathroom at Matthiessen State Park and offering a sex act. The female told the male subject to get out, but he would not leave and blocked the entrance. The female was able to push her way out of the bathroom and leave the Park. While driving through the Park at the time the complaint was received, CPO Jansen located the male subject’s vehicle leaving the Park. He stopped the vehicle and obtained a confession. The male subject was charged with disorderly conduct with pending felony charges for unlawful restraint.

PUTNAM COUNTY

CPOs Finn and Filipiak found two individuals hunting ginseng without permission. Both subjects had ginseng harvesting licenses; however, both were trespassing and harvesting without permission. It was determined that the subjects had been trespassing in the area for three days. They were also found to be in possession of immature plants. They received six citations each and three warnings each. Both were fingerprinted and released with a mandatory court date in Putnam County. All the illegally harvested ginseng was seized.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt investigated a violation of the posted no wake zone on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park. Upon locating the suspect watercraft, he advised the group of the complaint and observed violation. A boat safety inspection was conducted, and the violations detected included: operation of an unnumbered watercraft, overloading motorboat, no sounding device, insufficient wearable PFDs, no type IV throwable PFD, no fire extinguisher, and unlawful possession and/or consumption of alcohol in a state park where posted prohibited. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While on a boat patrol on Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park, CPO Alt inspected boats and fishermen. The violations documented included: unlawful operation of a motorboat without a fire extinguisher, unlawful operation of a motorboat without a sounding device, unlawful operation of a watercraft without a certificate of number in possession, and unlawful operation of a motorboat without a lanyard when equipped for such use.

CPO Alt taught a hunter safety class.

CPO Alt cited multiple motor vehicle drivers traveling 35, 36, and 40 mph while driving through Rock Cut State Park in a posted 20 mph zone. In a separate incident, CPO Alt had two abandoned vehicles at Rock Cut State Park towed at the owners’ expense.

CPO Alt cited two individuals fishing without fishing licenses at Rock Cut State Park. One of the individuals was found to be a registered sex offender and cannot be in a park. This case was referred to the Winnebago County State’s Attorney’s Office for charging.

CPO Alt conducted a foot patrol in Rock Cut State Park, and he found three individuals who unlawfully climbed to the top of Lone Rock which is posted as “Restricted-No Climbing.” All three individuals were cited for the violation.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

On the opening weekend of teal season, CPOs Gerard, Thompson, and Lazzell conducted waterfowl enforcement at Rice Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area. Three different groups of hunters were observed shooting before legal shooting hours. Two teal and two wood ducks were unlawfully taken by the hunters. After conducting interviews and compliance checks, the violations uncovered included nine counts of attempting to take waterfowl before legal shooting time, two counts of unlawful take of wood duck during closed season, one count of unlawful possession of lead shot, and one count of possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. A total of 12 citations and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Thompson conducted a detail focusing on recreational boating enforcement at Bernadotte Dam on the Spoon River. During the detail, he issued three written warnings.

CPO Thompson issued a citation and written warning for dove hunting administrative rule violations.

CPO Thompson conducted boating safety checks at Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area. Five written warnings were issued for PFD and safety equipment violations.

CPO Thompson conducted compliance checks on teal hunters at Rice Lake. Written warnings were issued for failure to maintain separate bags and a boating safety violation.

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Gilmer worked with an intern to pull 300 yards of illegal trammel net in Peoria Lake. The nets require a commercial fishing gear tag for every 100 yards. There was only one tag instead of the required three tags, and the nets had not been checked for a couple of weeks. The law requires trammel nets to be checked every 24 hours. There were 374 fish pulled from the net, including six different dead fish species and eight dead turtles. The commercial fisherman was issued citations, and a court date was given for the offense.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted a compliance check on a fisherman at Powerton Lake. It was discovered that the Gridley man was wanted on a Woodford County arrest warrant, and he was arrested. He was also issued citations for fishing without a license, fishing in a restricted area, and possession of cannabis.

CPO Gerard cited a fisherman at Powerton Lake for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Goetten conducted a boat patrol detail. The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department K-9 also participated in the detail. Several boats were stopped, and one drug arrest was made. Several boating violations were discovered and addressed.

CPO Goetten received a disposition in a 2017 case involving an outfitter that was unlawfully baiting deer. The investigation revealed several baited areas, and two clients were actively hunting over bait. At that time, the outfitter and the clients were issued citations. In May 2018, the outfitter pled guilty to two counts, and his total fines and costs were \$2,559.

A disposition was received regarding a subject charged with harvesting a buck without a permit. The man pled guilty, and his total fines and costs were \$672.

CPOs Gushleff and Weishaupt conducted waterfowl enforcement on opening day of teal season. They issued a written warning for a boat infraction.

CPO Weishaupt checked two nonresident men and a juvenile fishing, and neither man had a fishing license. Both subjects received citations and were told to pick up their trash, beer cans, and bait containers. When CPO Weishaupt came back to area, he found the ticket and court envelope written to the subject from California torn up and thrown on the ground. He also saw several beer cans in the water. The subjects were found in their truck at the Brussels Ferry. CPO Weishaupt stopped them and discussed the violations. The driver of the truck was from Missouri and was cooperative. He was issued a pollution ticket for his beer cans being dumped in the water. The subject from California stated he tore up the ticket because he was mad. He also stated he was not going to pay any money and to take him to jail. The California subject was transported to jail where he posted a \$150 cash bond and was released.

CPO Weishaupt cited a subject for digging ginseng without a license. The subject had been stopped by a Jersey County Sheriff's deputy and was found to have ginseng in glass jars. The subject told the deputy that he had a license and thought season had come in that day. The deputy seized the ginseng and contacted CPO Goetten. CPO Goetten passed the information on to CPO Weishaupt. A license check showed the subject had no ginseng license on the date of the infraction. After talking with the subject, he admitted that he brought the license two days after harvesting the ginseng on his mother's property.

GREENE COUNTY

CPOs Gushleff and Wichern conducted a dove hunting enforcement detail on the opening of dove season. Active hunters were found in a dove field, and an inspection was conducted for compliance. Several hunters were found to be

in violation, and three citations were issued for failure to maintain separate bag limits and unplugged shotguns. Two written warnings were issued for failure to register for HIP certification.

HANCOCK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten assisted in the attempt to locate three juveniles that escaped from a detention center in Grafton. All three were later apprehended.

CPO Goetten conducted a compliance check on a fisherman. It was discovered that he was wanted on a warrant for burglary. A search revealed he was also unlawfully in possession of Hydrocodone. He was arrested on the warrant and for the unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

CPO Goetten observed a vehicle driving all over the roadway, and a vehicle stop was conducted. The driver was found to have a revoked driver's license because of three prior DUI arrests. He showed indicators of impairment and failed field sobriety tests. He was arrested for DUI (BAC was .245%), and his vehicle was seized pending forfeiture.

CPO Goetten received a disposition in a case involving a 2017 traffic stop of a nonresident deer hunter. At that time, several violations were discovered; and a follow-up investigation revealed the subject and his father illegally harvested four bucks in Illinois. The case was presented to the State's Attorney, and charges were filed against the subject's father. Both subjects later pled guilty. The four illegally taken bucks were surrendered per the plea agreement, and their total fines and costs were \$4,000.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff is investigating a subject who is attempting to sell or give away a squirrel.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Fraser received a complaint of a dove hunter unlawfully killing a hawk at Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area. Several witnesses were interviewed based on hunter sign in sheets, and he was able to identify the man with the help of the witnesses, along with a photo from the original complainant. An interview of the suspect was completed, and the man eventually confessed to shooting the hawk. The violator was issued two citations and a warning; and his shotgun was seized. The violator also faces a hunting license suspension due to previous violations.

CPO Gilmer dealt with numerous issues during the opener of dove season to include using lead shot at State sites requiring non-toxic shot, baiting, use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, and not having a HIP certification. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

While conducting fishing license compliance checks at Lake Taylorville, CPO Fraser found an angler fishing at the marina without a fishing license. The subject then provided a fake name to conceal the fact he was wanted in two counties.

After an hour of trying different methods to identify the subject, CPO Fraser learned the subject's real information. The man was arrested for the two outstanding warrants, and he was also charged with felony obstructing justice.

CPO Fraser received a complaint from a landowner of dove hunters on his property without permission and hunting too close to a dwelling. With the help of surveillance, cell phone video, and pictures, he was able to identify multiple suspects. Interviews were completed, and 12 citations and warnings were issued for hunting without permission, hunting within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling, and no FOID card.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Gilmer issued a written warning to a woman who was keeping a squirrel as a pet. He explained the dangers of the spread of disease. The woman stated she did not want her grandkids to suffer from anything like that, and the squirrel was released into the wild.

CPO Gilmer wrote a citation for a dove hunter at Edward R. Madigan State Fish and Wildlife Area for hunting without a hunting license. The hunter was given a warning for not having a habitat stamp or HIP certification since he was honest about not having either of them.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Gilmer investigated a case of two wild Canada geese and one wild turkey being kept illegally. The eggs from the illegally kept birds were being sold. Citations were issued, and the birds were released into the wild.

While conducting waterfowl enforcement, CPO Gilmer checked some teal hunters in a blind at Sanganois State Fish and Wildlife Area; and he noticed two side-by-side ATVs near the blind. He asked them why they rode the ATVs through the waterfowl refuge to their blind. The hunters stated they had an ATV permit from the Site Superintendent to build their blinds. When asked if they were building their blinds, they responded they were hunting; but they were going to work on the blinds. The ATV permit specifically stated the permit was not to be used for hunting. The violators were issued a citation.

CPO Gilmer found a deer feeder filled with corn. The owners were not hunters, but they enjoyed watching the deer and turkey. The issues with the spread of diseases from baiting and the reasons why baiting was illegal were explained. The deer feeder was emptied and removed.

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wichern received a complaint from the Jacksonville Police Department regarding a large dog caught in a body grip trap near a residence. The trap had been set to catch nuisance groundhogs under the residence. The trapper was located and charged with unlawfully using a body grip trap with sides larger than seven inches on land. The trapper was also given citations for no valid trapping license and failing to properly mark his trap with his name and address. The dog did not survive, and the trapper agreed to make restitution to the dog's owner for the loss.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPOs Fraser, Gilmer, and Macias, along with Sgt. Myers, assisted Sangamon County deputies with a case involving a drowning on Lake Springfield. One man voluntarily left the boat to swim; and after he began to struggle, two other men entered the water to help. Two men were later located by a sonar search, and divers recovered their bodies. The third male was uninjured.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins

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

KANE COUNTY

While investigating a TIP complaint at the Montgomery dam on the Fox River, CPOs Kelly and VanWiltburg observed two individuals using a cast net to catch bait. As the men left the River to return to their vehicle, CPO VanWiltburg found they had also netted and kept several bluegill and one largemouth bass. Citations and written warnings were issued.

CPO Vaughan cited two subjects near the Fox River for unlawful possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Knop and Sgt. Schreiber arrested a subject at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

CPO Kelley cited three men for unlawful public nudity at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park.

CPOs Knop and Vaughan cited several subjects for unlawful possession of cannabis.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Davis and Semenik investigated several areas for waterfowl and dove hunting.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber addressed a complaint regarding subjects hunting doves from a motor vehicle. The St. Anne Police Department received the initial complaint and conducted a stop on the vehicle that was allegedly hunting from the roadway. Two male passengers were found to be in possession of uncased, loaded, high-powered air rifles. One of the men admitted he was attempting to take doves from the roadway and took responsibilities for both air rifles. The poacher was found to be hunting without a license, habitat stamp, or HIP registration. Citations were issued for hunting doves from the roadway and hunting doves without a hunting license. Several written warnings were also issued.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid observed an individual with a 9mm pistol shooting at a series of targets that the individual had set up in one of the parking areas at the Des Plaines State Fish and Wildlife Area. The man was recklessly placing rounds into the woods where unsuspecting individuals could be walking, and he was arrested for unlawfully discharging the pistol.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPOs Klemme and Snodgrass conducted a boat patrol on the Chicago River. While investigating a possible boat accident, CPO Klemme observed a pontoon boat with several children onboard that were not wearing PFDs. The pontoon was a rental, and the parents claimed that they were not aware of the law. The children were ages 6, 7, and 9. The operator was issued a citation.

CPO Klemme participated in a recent surge operation with the US Coast Guard, US Coast Guard Investigative Service and Chicago Police Department. Several illegal charter boats were targeted, and several citations were issued for no registration and equipment violations. There are several citations pending follow-up investigations.

CPOs Klemme and Ausmus conducted ramp enforcement. CPO Klemme issued a citation to a fisherman who was observed fishing from a boat while returning to the launch. Other citations and warnings were issued for various watercraft violations.

Sgt. Whitchurch was observing people fish in the rain at a Cook County lake when he observed a subject fishing with too many lines. He educated the angler on the amount of lines allotted by law. The angler was apologetic and was issued a written warning for unlawful fishing with too many lines.

CPO Thornley conducted recreational sport fish enforcement at a Cook County lake, and he checked four fishermen. One of the fishermen had a 24-hour fishing license which had expired the previous week. The individual was advised they could not fish without a license, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley checked several vessels for proper safety equipment while on patrol on the Chicago River. A citation was issued to a boat operator for unlawful operation above no wake speed on the River.

While pulling into the south end of William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Thornley noticed a vehicle parked on the grass. The occupant of the vehicle was advised they were not allowed to park on the grass, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley checked several fishermen at Wolf Lake. One of the fishermen did not possess a fishing license, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley traveled to Montrose Harbor to check salmon fishermen. While walking towards the Harbor, he noticed a gentleman pick up his pole and walk towards the parking lot. CPO Thornley intercepted the fisherman and asked for his license. The fisherman stated he did not possess a license, and he was issued a citation for the violation.

CPO Thornley conducted a timber truck inspection on I-294. The driver was issued a written warning for incomplete haul records.

CPO Thornley was on patrol in William W. Powers State Recreation Area when he noticed a vehicle parked in the parking lot with garbage near the vehicle. He asked the occupant of the vehicle about the litter, and the driver stated he thought he had picked it all up from earlier. CPO Thornley advised the driver he had missed some of the items, and a written warning was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley traveled to Chicago to locate video footage of boat traveling on the Chicago River which may have been the responsible party in a boat accident. The City of Chicago and private corporations have been cooperative in supplying video footage which is assisting with the boat accident investigation.

CPO Thornley traveled to Schaumburg to conduct a pollution of waterways investigation. He located the area of the incident and took photographs. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at a Cook County lake. He asked two fishermen for their licenses, and one of the fishermen complied. The other individual stated he was not fishing, however, CPO Thornley had observed the man fishing prior to speaking with him. A citation was issued for the violation.

CPO Thornley checked several salmon fishermen on Lake Michigan. Two of the fishermen did not possess a fishing license or a salmon stamp and were each issued a citation for no fishing license. Each also received a written warning for no salmon stamp. In a separate incident, CPO Thornley issued a fisherman a citation for no fishing license.

CPO Thornley investigated a TIP complaint regarding snagging; however, no violators were located.

CPOs Thornley and Ausmus conducted sport fish enforcement at various harbors along Lake Michigan, and several fishermen were checked. CPO Thornley issued three warnings for no salmon stamps.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at harbors along Lake Michigan. He noticed a snagger and advised the fisherman it was illegal to snag. The man was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season.

While conducting sport fishing enforcement at Montrose Harbor, CPO Ausmus noticed a one-person, sit-in kayak operating with two adult occupants. He hailed the kayak over and completed a boat safety inspection. The occupants were found to only have one PFD, and there were no signaling devices. The operator was cited for the PFD violation, and warnings were issued for overloading and no visual distress signals. Both occupants were educated on watercraft safety and the dangers of Lake Michigan.

CPO Ausmus was conducting sport fishing enforcement when he spotted a personal watercraft out after legal sunset. The operator was hailed to shore and ordered back to his slip. Once at the slip, CPO Ausmus conducted a boat safety inspection. The operator was issued a citation for operation of a personal watercraft after sunset. Warnings were issued for no sounding device, a wake violation, improper registration display, and no visual distress signal.

While patrolling state lands, CPO Sanford observed four individuals fishing from the bank. He approached the individuals to conduct a fishing compliance check and noticed one of the individuals was in possession of alcohol where prohibited. Upon completion of the compliance check, CPO Sanford learned none of the individuals possessed a valid sport fishing license. The individual in possession of the alcohol was issued a citation for the violation, and a written warning was issued for the fishing license violation. The other three individuals were issued written warnings for the fishing license violation.

CPO Sanford investigated a boat accident on a Cook County waterway. Seven individuals were ejected from a capsizing vessel. The operator of the vessel was found to have violated the posted capacity plate of the vessel, which ultimately resulted in the capsizing incident. The vessel was also found to have no valid registration. The operator of the vessel was issued a citation for violating the capacity plate, and written warnings were issued for other violations to the Boat Registration and Safety Act.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed a man fishing from the bank of Lake Michigan. As CPO Sanford approached the individual to conduct a fishing compliance check, the individual placed his fishing device on the ground and began to walk away. He was asked to show his sport fishing license, and he stated he did not have a license. After a brief conversation, the man stated he was targeting salmon; but he did not possess the required Lake Michigan salmon stamp. The man was also in possession of a snagging device, where prohibited. The man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license, and written warnings were issued for no salmon stamp and unlawful possession of a snagging device.

CPO Snodgrass was on patrol at Diversey Harbor when he observed several subjects fishing for salmon. A compliance check was conducted, and he found four subjects to be unlawfully fishing without sport fishing licenses or salmon stamps. All four subjects were issued citations for no sport fishing license, and warnings were given for no valid salmon stamp.

CPO Snodgrass conducted a snagging enforcement detail at various Chicago harbors. During the detail, he found a subject to be fishing with no valid fishing license, no salmon stamp, and to be in possession of snagging devices in a closed area. The subject was issued a citation for no valid fishing license, and written warnings were issued for the no salmon stamp and possession of snagging devices in a closed area.

CPO Snodgrass investigated a hit-and-run boat accident involving two vessels that resulted in several injuries. During the investigation, he discovered several violations had occurred. One operator was issued citations for failure to report a boat accident and improper passenger location. That same operator was also issued warnings for no valid registration and overloading.

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

DEWITT COUNTY

CPOs Viverito and Wright, along with Sgt. Williamson, responded to a drowning at Clinton Lake. Sonar was used to locate the Peoria man, and his body was recovered.

CPO Wright responded to a dove hunting complaint regarding hunters shooting killdeers instead of doves. After observing the individuals and checking them after their hunt, no violations were found.

While conducting recreational boat enforcement on Clinton Lake, CPO Graden arrested a 30-year-old male from Tremont for unlawful operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject provided an evidentiary breath sample which documented his blood alcohol concentration was .129%.

CPO Graden investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident at the Clinton Lake Marina. The driver of the offending vehicle has been identified, and further investigation is pending.

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MCLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Cook County resident for unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol in a restricted area of the campground at Kickapoo State Recreation Area. In a separate incident, CPO Cottrell cited a Vermilion County resident for unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol in a restricted area while camping in Kickapoo State Recreation Area. In addition, the subject was issued a written warning for violation of quiet hours after receiving several complaints about this campsite.

CPO Graden investigated a TIP complaint involving two individuals trespassing to illegally harvest ginseng. The suspects were identified, interviewed, and arrested. Approximately one pound of ginseng was recovered and returned to the rightful owners.

South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Mieuse responded to a complaint of a subject trespassing to harvest ginseng on private property. The subject was found in the woods and was issued two citations for trespass to harvest ginseng and no ginseng license.

CPO Wellum arrested an Indiana resident on Mill Creek Lake for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and operation of a watercraft with an alcohol concentration over .08 (BAC was .109%).

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with an arrest of a combative subject.

CPO Wellum arrested a Clark County resident on a warrant out of Indiana for check fraud. The subject was also issued a citation for harvesting ginseng without permission of landowner.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody wrote citations for multiple fishing violations at various waterways.

CPO Mieuse issued three written warnings for fishing licenses not in possession while doing checks at Lake Charleston and along the Embarras River.

CPO Mieuse issued one written warning at Fox Ridge State Park campground for a vehicle without valid registration.

While checking canoes and kayaks on the Embarras River at Fox Ridge State Park, CPO Mieuse issued three written warnings to kayakers without lifejackets.

CPO Wellum conducted a timber inspection on a timber truck, and no violations were found.

CPO Wellum issued a Coles County resident a citation for travelling 85 mph in a 55-mph zone.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

While checking watercraft on Lake Mattoon, CPO Mieuse issued two written warnings to a boater for no valid registration decal and no type IV throwable device.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Mieuse issued two written warnings to a couple on Twin Lakes for operating paddleboards without lifejackets as required.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Lake Shelbyville, CPO Moody cited a Lovington man for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis.

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for possession of cannabis.

CPO Wellum arrested a Shelby County resident on Lake Shelbyville for OUI (BAC was .126%).

SHELBY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued one citation for an unplugged shotgun and one citation for no boat registration.

CLINTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Sievers assisted Madison City Fire Department personnel with locating a missing swimmer from the Chain of Rocks Low Water Dam.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner investigated a complaint of a subject illegally attempting to sell three raccoon kits. He contacted the subject and discovered she transferred the raccoon kits to a licensed rehabilitator the day before; however, she also illegally possessed a mature raccoon (which was living in a cage with trash and filth), as well as possessing ferrets without a noncommercial ferret permit. The raccoon was seized and transferred to a licensed rehabilitator. A second subject who illegally sold her the raccoons, which were taken from the wild as kits, was identified. The second subject also possessed an adult raccoon, which had been acquired legally. However, her furbearing mammal breeders permit was expired. Both subjects were issued citations for selling/purchasing raccoons in 2018, and they were given a mandatory court appearance. Each of them also received multiple warnings for: removal of raccoons from the wild, illegal sale/purchase of raccoons in 2017, possession of raccoon without furbearing mammal breeders permit, and possession of ferrets without a noncommercial ferret permit.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz issued two civil violations for cannabis at Coffeen Lake.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers removed five tree stands from the Randolph County Recreation Area.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Rolfingsmeier spoke to the Mascoutah Sportsmen's Club about proper fish habitat and management.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Williams checked teal hunters during the opening weekend of the season. No violations were found.

CPOs Jourdan and Williams conducted watercraft safety inspections at a launch ramp at Rend Lake. They issued several written warnings for equipment violations, and one operator was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol (BAC was 0.154%).

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Williams responded to a complaint of a subject squirrel hunting without permission. The subject was no longer at the reported hunting site when CPO Williams arrived, but a witness was able to provide the identity of the hunter. The subject was later located at their residence, and a citation was issued.

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement. No violations were found.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOs Folden and Haggerty were checking dove hunters at Ten Mile Creek when they observed a hunter in possession of alcoholic beverages. After talking with the subject, he admitted to being under the influence of alcohol and stated the beverage containers were his. The hunter was issued a citation for possession of an alcohol beverage while dove hunting on State property.

CPO Folden completed an investigation on a complaint from a local landowner in which the landowner stated the neighboring property owner crossed onto his property and caused damage. The damage was caused while planting food plots and clearing trees to place a large deer stand near the property line. CPO Folden identified the violator and issued a citation for causing damage to another person's property while engaged in hunting activities. This citation was issued per the advice of the Hamilton County State's Attorney, and the violator was ordered to pay the landowner an agreed amount of money.

HARDIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement. No violations were found.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay investigated a criminal damage to property report at the Waltonville Dam parking lot. A window of a vehicle parked there had been broken out. No suspects are known at this time.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Diggins issued one written warning for an Illinois Vehicle Code violation.

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement. No violations were found.

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith met with landowner and issued him a salvage deer tag for a deer that was found dead in a field not far from Route 50.

Sgt. Hyatt cited four dove hunters for hunting doves by use or aid of bait.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

While on patrol, CPO Roper stopped a semi hauling logs and conducted a timber truck inspection. No violations of the Timber Transportation Act were observed, and no enforcement action was taken.

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith received a tip that an individual was spotted walking into a wooded area carrying a shovel and bag, and the person was suspected of digging ginseng out of season. CPO Smith arrived at the location and met the individual as he was exiting the woods. The man had a pruning tool and machete on his person, but no ginseng root was found. The man said he was clearing an area in front of his tree stand where he deer hunts. No violations were found.

CPOs Smith and Compton checked dove hunters and found some violations with two separate groups. The following enforcement action was taken: one citation for an unplugged shotgun; five written warnings for failing to maintain separate bags; one written warning for no hunting license; and one written warning for no habitat stamp.

CPO Smith issued a citation to an individual who baited an area within a sunflower field. The individual brought in sunflower seeds that he bought from a store and mixed them with the existing sunflower field.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith responded to a call for routine assistance from an Illinois State Police trooper on I-57. The trooper suspected there were drugs in the vehicle and requested help to secure the driver and passenger. The search of the vehicle resulted in several syringes, meth residue, and cannabis.

While on patrol, CPO Smith was stopped by a person driving toward him. That person stated there were two children locked in a vehicle that was sitting in a driveway just west of the location. CPO Smith found the vehicle with two small

children inside. The mother did not have a spare key and was starting to worry due to the heat. He was able to pry the door open enough to slip a wire into the interior of the vehicle and unlock the car door. The children were unharmed.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith observed two individuals fishing in a clearly marked restricted area just south of the spillway at Newton Lake. The two fishermen were issued citations for fishing in a restricted area. One fisherman was issued a written warning for fishing license not in possession. The second fisherman was issued a written warning no fishing license.

While patrolling Newton Lake by boat, CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt observed several violations. The following enforcement action was taken: one citation for a PFD violation to a person in a kayak; one written warning for an unnumbered watercraft; and two written warnings for fishing license not in possession.

While on patrol, CPOs Roper and Taylor observed a large group of dove hunters who were hunting in a private dove field. A hunter compliance check was conducted on the group after they finished the hunt. CPO Roper issued a citation and two written warnings to three individuals for failing to maintain separate bags of harvested doves in the field.

CPO Taylor checked a group of dove hunters and found one of the hunters was hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shotgun shells. The subject was issued a citation for the violation.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Prior to ginseng season, CPO Taylor observed a vehicle parked in an area in Red Hill State Park where subjects park to dig ginseng. He walked a short distance into the woods and observed a male subject walking back towards the vehicle. The subject was asked if he had been digging ginseng, and the man initially denied digging ginseng. After talking with the subject, he pulled out six ginseng roots and admitted to digging them in the Park. Further conversation with the subject revealed that he had 37 more roots at his home that he had dug prior to the season. The man was issued one citation for digging ginseng prior to the season and one citation for digging ginseng in a state park. All the ginseng was seized.

MARION COUNTY

CPOs Smith and Compton patrolled Carlyle Lake and backwaters with an air boat.

CPO Buhnerkempe received a complaint from a farmer about ATVs damaging his crops. He responded to the scene and observed muddy tire tracks in the bean field. He found matching tire tracks at a nearby residence; and after conducting interviews, a suspect confessed. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Buhnerkempe was traveling on Route 50 when an oncoming vehicle pulled out to pass, causing him to swerve onto the shoulder to avoid a head-on collision. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver issued a citation for his offense.

RICHLAND COUNTY

While on patrol at East Fork Lake with CPO Taylor, CPO Roper observed a boat with people onboard who were fishing. A safety inspection and fishing compliance check was conducted. The operator of the boat was issued a written warning for not having the boat battery securely strapped down and not having a serviceable fire extinguisher onboard.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson responded to a boat accident at Kinkaid Lake. Two subjects were operating a boat late at night and ran their boat 25 feet up onto the dam. The operator was flown to St Louis and treated for internal injuries. The operator was cited for no lanyard, failure to transfer title, expired registration, and careless operation of a watercraft.

CPO Somers was patrolling at Kinkaid Lake when he observed a pontoon boat creating a wake in the posted no wake zone. The boat was stopped, and the operator had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. The operator failed all phases of the field sobriety testing and was found to have a BAC of 0.119%. In a separate incident, CPO Sommers observed three fishermen fishing near the spillway at Kinkaid Lake. One fisherman was observed unlawfully snagging, and all three fishermen were found to be in violation. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Vasicek conducted a traffic stop on I-24. The subject's vehicle sped up behind multiple vehicles that were going the speed limit and drove very close to their rear bumpers until they changed lanes. Once the subject's vehicle had open road, the vehicle's speed was documented at over 90 mph. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek accepted a \$500 donation to the Illinois Conservation Foundation (Law Enforcement) from the Union County Whitetails Unlimited Chapter. The money is to be used for purchasing equipment for Illinois Wildlife Code enforcement.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson conducted a fishing enforcement check at Lake of Egypt. One subject was cited for fishing without a license.

While conducting a boat patrol at Lake of Egypt, CPOs Vasicek and Somers observed a boat creating a large wake in a no wake zone near two marinas. The boat was stopped, and multiple equipment violations were discovered. During the inspection, CPO Vasicek suspected that the operator was impaired. Field sobriety testing was conducted, and the operator failed the testing. He was arrested for OUI (BAC was .120%). Later that night, CPO Somers arrested another boat operator on Lake of Egypt for OUI.