



# 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, 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**

CPO Jones cited an Evergreen Park man for driving off the roadway in a restricted area at Mississippi Palisades State Park. The man's truck was stuck up to the license plate in the mud. He was also issued warnings for dog off leash and alcohol in prohibited area.

CPO Jones cited Chicago a man at Miller's Hollow for fishing without a license.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri was a guest speaker at the monthly meeting for the Izaak Walton League in Geneseo. Topics covered were the hiring of new CPOs, fishing regulations, boating regulations, and changes to the penalties for illegally taking antlered deer.

CPO Posateri responded to a call regarding pollution in the pond at Windmont Park. Due to the heavy rains and the record high temperatures, an algae bloom occurred. This blue-green alga has the appearance of thick green paint with streaks through the water. There were no other environmental concerns.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Jones and Sgt. Petreikis interviewed two East Dubuque men about their deer hunting activities. Both men were cited for possession of illegally taken deer. Five deer racks were seized, and the men were issued written warnings for falsification violations.

CPO Jones cited a Bellwood man and a Chicago woman for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a posted prohibited area at Apple River Canyon State Park. They were also given verbal warnings for their noise violations in the campground. In a separate incident, CPO Jones conducted a fishing compliance check on two individuals at Apple River Canyon State Park. One individual did not have his fishing license in possession, and a written warning was issued.

CPO Jones arrested a Galena man for hunting without permission, hunting raccoons out of season, and no hunting license.

CPO Jones arrested a Wood Dale man for criminal trespass and riding his ATV on another's property.

#### LEE COUNTY

CPO Posateri worked opening day of dove season at the Green River State Wildlife Area. Three hunters were found to be in violation with possession and use of lead shot on a State site requiring nontoxic shot, and they were cited. Three hunters were found to be using unplugged shotguns, and they were cited. One hunter had nearly limited out on doves using lead shot and using an unplugged shotgun and was cited for several violations with a mandatory court date. The illegally taken doves were seized as evidence.

#### MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### OGLE COUNTY

CPO Teas checked a group of dove and goose hunters. The violations discovered included: a nonresident with no hunting license, no habitat stamp, and possession of lead shot while hunting geese. A citation and warnings were issued.

CPO Teas investigated a boat accident. A goose hunter was drift hunting on the Rock River during flooded conditions when he was swept into a tree leaning over the water. The boat filled with water and sank, along with his hunting equipment and shotgun. The hunter held onto a floating log and made his way to shore. The hunter was not injured during the incident.

CPO Teas cited a fisherman for an undersized smallmouth bass.

While on patrol, CPO Teas observed a vehicle parked in a popular fishing spot along the Rock River. When he approached the vehicle, the occupant appeared to conceal something in the vehicle. The man was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia, had a suspended driver's license, and had a warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested and transported to the Ogle County Jail.

CPO Beltran conducted a fishing compliance check on two Rochelle men who were fishing at the Oregon Dam. One of the men had an active warrant and was classified as armed and dangerous. CPO Beltran requested assistance from the Oregon Police Department to secure the man into custody, and the man was taken to the Ogle County Jail.

CPO Beltran investigated a dumping case at Castle Rock State Park. Information was found in the garbage which resulted in an arrest. The person was also ordered to pick up the garbage.

#### ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri taught a portion of the annual hunter safety class held at the Rock Island Conservation Club. Approximately 150 students attended the class.

CPO Posateri attended the National Wild Turkey Federation's annual JAKES Day at the Rock Island Conservation Club. This is a local event to expose youth to turkey hunting, fishing, the BB gun range, the archery range, and the CPO Education Trailer.

CPO Francisko presented the Quad City Conservation Alliance (QCCA) with an IDNR Conservation Police "Certificate of Appreciation" for supporting the mission of the Illinois Conservation Police in the form of yearly equipment donations over the last twenty years. This was done to convey the sincere appreciation of all local CPOs to the groups that make up the QCCA.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Jones attended a hunter safety class in Lena.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a 2017 case involving a Winnebago County man's unlawful take and/or possession of a white-tailed deer during the archery deer season by aid or use of bait. The Stephenson County Court assessed the hunter \$1,054 in total fines and costs, and the hunter received a 1-year conditional discharge.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo issued an Erie man a citation for unlawfully hunting doves with an unplugged shotgun.

**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

CPOs Anderson, Bergland, Farber, Kaufman, Posateri, Sievers, Tapley, Johnson, Jourdan, and D. Taylor, along with Sgt. K. Taylor, attended airboat training on the Illinois River near Starved Rock. The training focused on basic and advanced maneuvers for airboat operations in varying conditions. These boats will be used in emergencies such as search and rescue, evacuations, and specialized enforcement where traditional watercraft are unable to access.

While checking Sandy Ford Land and Water Reserve, CPO Filipiak found were six people in an area only allowed to hold four hunters. Two individuals were found to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. The other four individuals were group hunting; two of the four had their limit of squirrels but were continuing to hunt. Multiple citations were issued, including being in a hunting area when unauthorized and unlawful take of squirrels.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alt stopped vehicle for speeding in Rock Cut State Park. The man was cited for speeding and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle. The Winnebago County Court assessed the driver \$200 in total fines and costs. In a separate incident, CPO Alt stopped a vehicle for speeding. The man was driving over 20 mph over the speed limit. The Winnebago County Court assessed the driver \$345 in total fines and costs.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a case involving a Rockford man who fled on foot after fishing without a fishing license and provided a false name and identification. The Winnebago County Court found the man guilty of resisting/obstructing a peace officer and obstructing identification. The man was assessed \$352 in total fines and costs and received a 24-month conditional discharge.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a 2017 case involving the unlawful take and/or possession a white-tailed deer by aid or use of bait. The Winnebago County Court found the man guilty on all charges and assessed \$390 in total fines and costs.

CPO Alt received a disposition in a case involving a personal injury and property damage boat accident on the Rock River. The operator had insufficient wearable PFDs aboard the boat. The Winnebago County Court found the operator guilty of unlawful operation of a watercraft without sufficient number of PFDs and assessed the operator \$165 in total fines and costs.

**District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

**FULTON COUNTY**

CPO Gerard cited an individual for unlawfully attempting to take teal 26 minutes before the legal shooting time.

**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 Roper attended a Juvenile Officer course to become a certified Juvenile Officer.

**STARK COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell cited a man for pollution of a waterway and criminal damage to property.

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**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**

CPO Blazinic checked several recreational watercraft and sport fishermen.

CPO Blazinic responded to a timber complaint. A timber buyer accidentally cut approximately ten trees on the wrong property. The complainant/landowner is trying to work out a compromise with the timber buyer and get compensation for the trees.

CPO Blazinic spoke at a hunter safety class in Quincy. Approximately 65 students attended the class.

CPO Blazinic has been scouting and preparing for the upcoming white-tailed deer season.

#### BROWN COUNTY

CPO Blakeley was a guest reader for the summer reading program at Mt. Sterling Library. He also participated in an active shooter drill for the Brown County School District and taught a portion of the hunter safety class in Mt. Sterling.

CPO Blakeley assisted IDNR staff with the daily draw for the opening day of dove season at Buckhorn. Approximately 100 hunters attended the draw for 33 available hunting stakes. Approximately 1,200 doves were harvested opening day at that site.

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt conducted hunting enforcement at various public hunting areas. He also conducted commercial fish enforcement.

CPO Weishaupt attended the Annual Forestry Day at McCully's Heritage Project in Kampsville. He utilized the wildlife education trailer for a multiple school events involving 133 grade school students.

#### GREENE COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt assisted the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department. The lead driver of a vehicle escorting a semitruck carrying a wide load was lost, and they unsuccessfully attempted to cross the Hardin Bridge over the Illinois River. After the driver of the lead vehicle determined the wide load would not fit, the semi driver was advised to back the load down IL Rt. 16 to their missed turn which was approximately five miles away. CPO Weishaupt contacted a property owner in the area and obtained permission for the semi to turn around by driving on their property, and he stopped traffic in both directions for load to turn around and go on its way.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY

A disposition was received in a 2017 case involving a South Carolina man who was charged with the unlawful take of a protected species. The man was found guilty on two counts, and he was fined \$1,250.

CPO Wheatley gave presentations to high school students in Warsaw and Carthage as part of a career outreach project orchestrated by the staff. The results were positive, and the presentation gave the students a better understanding of a CPO's duties.

#### JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten stopped a vehicle for improper lane usage and littering. It was determined that the driver was on parole, and the passenger was in possession of a hitter pipe with cannabis residue. A parole/probable cause search was conducted, and the passenger was found to have two baggies with methamphetamine in his wallet. He was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and transported to the Jersey County Jail.

CPO Goetten arrested a subject for hunting with a rifle on property under the control of the Youth Detention Facility in Grafton.

CPOs Ray and Goetten conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle, and the subject was issued two civil citations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

**MACOUPIN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**PIKE COUNTY**

CPO Blazinic has been scouting and preparing for the upcoming white-tailed deer season.

**SCHUYLER COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone**

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

**CASS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY**

CPO Fraser cited several individuals for fishing without a valid fishing license. One of the subjects who was cited had multiple conservation offenses, and his fishing privileges were revoked for failure to pay child support.

CPO Fraser assisted Christian County deputies with an ATV rider who was shot while on his ATV. The victim stated he was trespassing on property in order to stay off the roadway when he was shot at by a subject on a dark colored side-by-side. The victim then fled the area until his ATV quit working. The victim notified someone in a nearby house who called 911. When CPO Fraser arrived on scene, the victim was bleeding from his head, neck, and arms and appeared to have shotgun BBs in his skin and clothes. It was later discovered that the victim had a warrant and was in possession of a loaded pistol without a FOID card; and he also had various burglary related tools in his possession. A neighborhood canvass of the area was conducted, along with a search of the woods; however, no side-by-side or other ATVs could be located. The victim was charged by Christian County, and their investigation is ongoing.

**LOGAN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MASON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MENARD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MORGAN COUNTY**

CPO Wichern observed two fishermen at Morgan Lake using a casting net and placing their catch into a white bucket. He approached the subjects and requested to see their sport fishing licenses and what they had caught with their casting net. Neither fisherman could produce a valid sport fishing license, and they both stated that they had caught some bait fish to take to the Illinois River that evening. CPO Wichern observed bluegill and gizzard shad in the bucket. They were advised that transporting those fish from Morgan Lake to the Illinois River would be a violation, and the subjects were issued a citation for catching sport fish with a casting net. Warnings were issued for not having valid fishing licenses in their possession. The fish were successfully released.

CPO Blakeley issued a citation to a nonresident dove hunter for illegal transportation of an uncased, loaded shotgun on an ATV. Other hunters in the party were issued written warnings for hunting violations.

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

**Northeast Zone – Captain Brett Scroggins**

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

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Vaughan attended the Ducks Unlimited Greenwing event at Redwing Slough in Antioch. Approximately 150 children and their families attended the outdoor event.

CPOs Davis and Winters responded to a subject at Chain O'Lakes State Park who called 911 and stated she was not feeling safe. CPO Davis spoke with the subject and determined she was under the influence of drugs. She was requesting help to get her back on her meds. EMS arrived and transported the subject to the hospital.

CPO Kelley cited three men who were fishing on Round Lake. The men had no wearable PFDs onboard their small jon boat.

CPO Kelley cited a man with no permit who was using a dog-proof trap to catch nuisance wildlife. CPO VanWiltburg caught the man doing the same thing last year, and he was apprised of the permit process at that time.

CPO Knop arrested two subjects at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful nudity in a State Park.

CPO Kelley arrested three subjects at Adeline Jay Geo-Karis Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful nudity in a State Park.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Winters and Kelley handled a complaint of a subject shooting squirrels from the window of his residence. Contact was made with the subject, and a confession was obtained. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPOs Farber and Reid, along with the Illinois State Police, conducted a joint detail at Kankakee River State Park in response to several recent public complaints of lewd conduct and public indecency at the Park. Officers were

approached on multiple occasions and solicited for sexual activity. Several arrests were made after individuals exposed themselves to officers.

#### KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to the Illinois and Michigan Canal State Trail regarding a report of a suicidal subject who was armed with a gun. CPO Reid and officers from the Channahon Police Department were able to locate the subject in the woods. After a brief standoff, the officers were able to convince the man to drop his pistol and surrender. The individual was transported to the hospital for psychological evaluation. The loaded pistol was recovered at the scene.

CPO Reid observed a vehicle driving recklessly, at a high rate of speed, on I-80; and radar was used to document the vehicle's speed at 98 mph. A traffic stop was initiated, and the driver was arrested for aggravated speeding.

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

#### COOK COUNTY

While on patrol, Sgt. Whitchurch conducted a compliance check on a man who was unlawfully snagging. The man had a suspended fishing license because of snagging violations the year prior. He was taken into custody and charged with fishing while fishing license under suspension and unlawful snagging during a closed season. The subject was then bonded and will appear in court at a later date.

Sgt. Whitchurch was on patrol at a Lake Michigan harbor when he observed a subject unlawfully snagging salmon in a harbor that was closed to snagging. When the subject saw Sgt. Whitchurch, he immediately set his fishing pole down and left the line with a snagging hook in the water. The subject was ordered to reel in his line which exposed the snagging hook. The subject was issued a citation for the unlawful snagging activity. Written warnings were issued for no Lake Michigan salmon stamp and unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft. In a separate incident, Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject unlawfully snagging. When the subject saw Sgt. Whitchurch, he immediately turned and began to walk in the opposite direction. The subject was ordered to stop. After informing the subject that it was unlawful to snag salmon, a citation was issued for unlawfully snagging in waters closed to snagging, and a written warning was issued for unlawfully snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft.

Sgt. Whitchurch observed a subject at a Chicago harbor unlawfully snagging a rainbow trout and maintaining possession of the trout. After informing the subject that he had been watching him for some time, the subject admitted the violations. The subject was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season, and a written warning was issued for unlawful snagging and retaining a prohibited species. The fish was returned to the water.

While on patrol at William W. Powers State Recreation Area, CPO Klemme observed a vehicle disobey a stop sign. She conducted a traffic stop with the assistance of CPO Snodgrass. When the officers approached the vehicle, there was a strong smell of cannabis. After further investigation, cannabis and cannabis products were discovered in the center compartment. The driver was issued a written warning for the stop sign violation, and the passenger was issued a civil citation for the cannabis.

CPO Klemme conducted an early snagging detail in the Belmont Harbor area, and several fishermen were observed fishing near the lighthouse. A compliance check was performed, and it was discovered that one individual was fishing without a license. He was issued a citation for the fishing license violation and a written warning for no salmon stamp.

CPOs Thornley and Sanford conducted sport fish enforcement. Several fishermen were checked at various harbors along Lake Michigan. The CPOs spotted a man fishing at one of the harbors who appeared to be illegally snagging. The man spotted CPO Thornley's squad and attempted to catch his snag hook on a log and break the line. CPO Sanford immediately made contact and took possession of the pole and snag hook. The fisherman was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season, and a written warning was issued for possession of a snag line. In a separate incident, CPOs Thornley and Sanford observed a subject illegally snagging at another harbor. The man was issued a citation for unlawfully snagging during a closed season.

CPO Thornley conducted sport fish enforcement at Lake Michigan harbors. A written warning was issued to a fisherman with no salmon stamp. A second fisherman was issued a written warning for no fishing license in possession. While at Jackson Park Harbor, CPO Thornley spotted a man attempting to snag salmon. When he asked the fisherman if he was having any luck, the fisherman set his pole down and stated he was not fishing. CPO Thornley requested the fisherman reel in the line, and there was a snag hook with a lead weight on the end. It was determined the fisherman did not possess a fishing license or a salmon stamp. Citations were issued for no fishing license and unlawful snagging during a closed season. A written warning was issued for no salmon stamp.

While checking fishermen at an inland lake, CPO Thornley spotted three males smoking cannabis near a family gathering. He spoke with the individuals, and civil citations for cannabis were issued.

While conducting a Lake Michigan snagging enforcement detail, CPOs Sanford and Thornley observed an individual actively attempting to snag salmon during a closed season. CPO Sanford spoke with the individual and conducted a fishing compliance check. The individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season, and a written warning was issued for unlawful possession of a snagging device. A second individual was observed actively attempting to snag salmon during a closed season. CPO Thornley spoke with the individual and conducted a fishing compliance check. The individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging during a closed season, and a written warning was issued for unlawful possession of a snagging device.

While conducting a separate Lake Michigan snagging enforcement detail, CPO Sanford observed an individual actively attempting to snag salmon where prohibited. A fishing compliance check was conducted. The individual was issued a citation for unlawful snagging where prohibited, and written warnings were issued for unlawful snagging within 200 feet of a moored watercraft and unlawful snagging during a closed season. In a separate incident, CPO Sanford issued a citation to a fisherman for unlawful snagging where prohibited, and written warnings were issued for unlawful snagging with 200 feet of a moored watercraft and unlawful possession of a snagging device.

While on patrol, CPO Sanford observed a motorcycle traveling within the barricades of an active construction zone, and a traffic stop was conducted. CPO Sanford discovered the individual did not possess a valid motorcycle classification and could not legally operate the motorcycle. The individual was issued two citations for violation of classification and disobeying a traffic control device. The individual was also issued a written warning for driver's license not on person.

While conducting boating enforcement at a Cal-Sag Channel boat ramp, CPO Stanbary inspected a boat that was displaying Wisconsin registration numbers. While speaking to the owner of the boat, he learned the watercraft belonged to an Illinois resident and had been purchased several months previous. The CPO explained to the owner that the boat was required to be registered in Illinois. During the safety inspection, the CPO noted the battery terminals were not covered, and there was no type IV throwable PFD onboard. The boater was issued one citation and two written warnings for the violations.

CPO Stanbary issued a civil cannabis violation to a fisherman at Montrose Harbor after he was found smoking cannabis while fishing. Three cannabis cigarettes were seized from the fisherman.

CPO Stanbary issued a written warning to a fisherman at Diversey Harbor for no salmon stamp. A second individual was issued a citation for fishing with no valid sport fishing license.

CPO Ausmus conducted sport fishing enforcement at local lakes. Several subjects were observed fishing on a popular point, and fishing compliance checks were conducted. A young female angler and her father inquired as to what age a person needed to have a fishing license. The female stated she was 17 and did not have any ID. A check of the female's information through the license database did not show information regarding a driver's license or fishing license. After further conversation with the father and daughter, the father admitted he thought she needed a license at age 18 and told her to give the wrong birth year. CPO Ausmus cited the female for fishing without a sport fishing license and educated both individuals on laws regarding obstructing identification.

CPO Ausmus conducted fishing enforcement to target illegal snagging in Chicago harbors. A Palos Park man was cited for fishing without a license.

**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**

While patrolling Clinton Lake, CPO Viverito deployed his K-9 partner, Hank. Hank alerted to one of the six vehicles in the parking lot, and CPO Graden arrived to assist. There were three Decatur men in the vehicle who claimed that they rode together. One of the men gave CPO Viverito a false name. CPO Graden interviewed the suspect and identified the man. The man was a registered child sex offender. The vehicle was searched, and contraband was discovered. The stop resulted in the arrest of two of the men.

While Sgt. Williamson was off duty, he came upon a car in a ditch. When he got closer, he found that the car was upright, and there was a boat trailer that had turned over approximately ten yards behind the vehicle. Approximately 15 yards behind that, there was an upside down, 20-foot boat in the ditch. The male driver flagged him down. The driver stated that no one was hurt. Sgt. Williamson suspected the driver was impaired, and he contacted the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office. The driver attempted to walk away numerous times but was directed back to the scene. When deputies arrived, the driver refused all field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI.

**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**

After an investigation, CPO Reeves made an arrest in a case where a subject drove an excavator onto State Park property. The male subject used the machinery to destroy and alter State property, and he has a court date next month.

**South Zone – Captain Jim Mayes**

**District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds**

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

**CLARK COUNTY**

CPOs Greuel and Wellum cited a man for criminal trespass.

**COLES COUNTY**

CPO Barnes cited a Toledo subject at Lake Mattoon for possession of three undersized largemouth bass.

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston subject for trespass to harvest ginseng.

After receiving a complaint from a landowner, CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Charleston man for trespass to harvest ginseng and harvesting ginseng without a harvester's permit.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

CPO Barnes cited a Charleston subject for trespass to harvest ginseng. In a separate incident, CPO Barnes cited an Edwardsville subject for trespass to harvest ginseng.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

CPO Greuel cited a Neoga woman and Hindsboro man at Walnut Point State Park for illegal transportation of alcohol after the subjects were observed operating a UTV within the Park.

**EDGAR COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**MOULTRIE COUNTY**

CPO Greuel cited a Michigan man on Lake Shelbyville for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

CPO Moody cited an Atwood man for trespass to harvest ginseng after he located the man and his father digging ginseng on US Army Corps of Engineers property.

While checking fishermen at Shelbyville Wildlife Management Area, CPO Moody cited a Mattoon man for possession of cannabis.

**SHELBY COUNTY**

District 11 and District 19 CPOs attended defensive tactics training at Wolf Creek State Park.

CPO Barnes and Sgt. McReynolds cited a Lovington subject for trespass to harvest ginseng.

CPO Greuel assisted the Windsor Police Department with the apprehension of a subject wanted for aggravated battery with a firearm.

CPO Greuel and Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with traffic control at a head-on crash on County Highway 6.

Sgt. McReynolds assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with traffic control on Rt. 16 at a two-car accident that shut down the highway.

CPO Greuel assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office with traffic control on Rt. 16 because of an overturned semi-truck that broke off a power line.

### **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**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **MADISON COUNTY**

CPO Goetten observed a subject carrying a large piece of equipment while riding a bicycle across Wood River Creek. Based on the location near an unattended work site, he stopped the subject to verify he was not in possession of stolen property. The subject was identified and determined to be wanted on an East Alton Police Department arrest warrant for burglary. He was arrested and transported to the East Alton Police Department.

CPO Goetten continued an investigation into a nonresident who illegally harvested two bucks in Illinois. The investigation revealed the offenses occurred in Madison County. Charges are pending in Illinois and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

CPOs Ray and Goetten arrested a subject in Horseshoe Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area for driving while license suspended. The subject was also issued citations for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

#### **MONROE COUNTY**

CPO Schachner investigated a landowner complaint of a suspicious vehicle parked along a remote road. After approximately two hours of foot patrol, CPO Schachner encountered two subjects who were fossil hunting. The fossil hunters entered two separate properties without landowner permission. In addition to the two fossils he found on the properties, one of the subjects also possessed cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Civil citations were issued for the drug related material, and written warnings issued for criminal trespass. The fossils were seized and returned to the landowners.

#### **MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

#### **RANDOLPH COUNTY**

CPO Schachner investigated a dumping complaint on State property. A clubhouse owner was tearing down/salvaging his clubhouse and decided to dump insulation and broken glass in a ravine on the State property which was immediately next to his property. He was cited for littering/dumping in a waterway and was given 24 hours to clean up the trash.

CPO Schachner investigated a damage complaint at a local nature preserve. An adjoining landowner used a chainsaw and bush hog to make multiple trails which looped within the boundaries of the nature preserve. There were approximately eight signs clearly marking the boundary, and nearly all the trails traveled within feet of and past the nature preserve signs. The landowner openly admitted causing the damage to the nature preserve but could not provide any legitimate reasoning for his actions. He was cited for damage/cutting of trees and vegetation and will be notified of the potential civil/restitution damages which could add up to several thousand dollars.

CPO Sievers traveled to Texas to take possession of the Department's new air boat, and he received training from the manufacturer.

#### ST. CLAIR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

#### 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 Lay took a report from the Wayne Fitzgerald State Recreation Area campground host regarding an item which had been found in one of the campground loops by some bike riders. The item was collected and placed in the abandoned property safe.

CPO Williams cited a subject for fishing without permission at the Sunset Club's Cambon Lake. This subject had been warned by a Trustee of the Club two weeks ago.

While talking about fishing with a subject who was sitting in a parked car at the West Frankfort Old City Lake, CPO Williams detected a strong odor of cannabis. The subject admitted to smoking cannabis and surrendered a hitter pipe and a civil amount of cannabis. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

#### GALLATIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement.

#### HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt were patrolling for teal hunters and observed four hunters coming in from the field on ATVs. CPO Smith checked each hunter and found no violations other than an unsigned hunting license and federal migratory bird stamp. Only a verbal warning was issued.

#### HARDIN COUNTY

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement.

#### JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan gave a presentation about current hunting laws at a hunter safety course in Mount Vernon. Approximately 60 students attended the class.

CPO Lay issued a no fishing license citation to an angler on Rend Lake.

**POPE COUNTY**

CPO Johnson completed an investigation of a suspended timber buyer who was still buying timber. The suspended buyer has been cited for operating without a timber license in the past. The case has been referred to the State's Attorney for felony charges.

**SALINE COUNTY**

CPOs Diggins and Haggerty conducted migratory bird enforcement.

**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**

No activity reported for this county.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**EDWARDS COUNTY**

CPO Compton gave a presentation at a hunter safety class.

**EFFINGHAM COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county.

**FAYETTE COUNTY**

CPOs Smith and Compton conducted a teal enforcement detail. It had been reported that early and late shooting was taking place at a specific location. CPO Smith observed one teal hunter discharge his firearm 19 minutes before shooting hours. CPO Smith spoke with the two hunters and issued one citation and three written warnings. In a separate incident, CPO Smith checked a teal hunter and issued a written warning for not being registered with HIP.

**JASPER COUNTY**

While at Sam Parr Lake, CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt inspected a boat coming into the launch area. CPO Smith issued a written warning for fire extinguisher violation, and a citation was issued for failing to release a short largemouth bass. The bass was still alive, and it was released back into the Lake.

CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt patrolled Newton Lake and conducted a fishing compliance check on two fishermen. Neither fisherman had their fishing license in possession. A check of the Point of Sale records indicated they each had a valid license, and a written warning was issued to each fisherman.

While on patrol at Newton Lake, CPO Roper initiated a boater safety check on two individuals fishing from a boat. One of the individuals did not have proof of their fishing license on their person. It was determined the individual did have a valid fishing license, and the subject was issued a written warning for failure to have a fishing license in possession.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MARION COUNTY

While off duty, CPO Buhnerkempe observed a vehicle with no windshield driving down a county road, and he suspected the driver to be driving under the influence. The Illinois State Police were contacted to come to the scene, and the subject was arrested.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith gave a presentation at a hunter safety education class at Richland County High School. Topics discussed were firearm safety, hunting regulations, changes to existing laws, and new laws.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Buhnerkempe cited a Virginia man for trespassing while participating in the Super Stakes coon hunt.

**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 Somers is investigating the unlawful take of deer during closed season.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Vasicek taught hunter safety to a large group of children and young adults at a hunter safety class.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis gave a presentation on hunting regulations at the Pinckneyville Knights of Columbus Hall.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Somers cited a man hunting on the Cache River for unlawful take of a wood duck during closed season, unlawfully hunting prior to lawful hunting hours, no hunting license, and no HIP number.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek spoke to a large group of young hunters and children interested in the outdoors at the National Wild Turkey Federation's annual JAKES Day event held at the Trail of Tears State Forest. He discussed outdoor safety, respect for others, and the importance of conservation laws.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is investigating the unlawful take of wood ducks during closed season.

CPO Johnson received a tip that a suspect in the theft of a thermal imager was put in jail. CPO Johnson waited until the suspect arrived home and had a deputy meet him at the house. The thermal imager was not found, but the deputy did find a night vision device. The night vision device is suspected to be stolen, and an investigation continues.

CPO Diggins attended the Annual Hunting and Fishing Days at John A. Logan College. The education trailer was used to educate the public. Literature was also handed out, and questions from the public were answered.