

Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
September 3, 2014

REGION I

A District 6 CPO and CPOT patrolled the Rock River and wrote numerous boat safety violation tickets and warnings.

Two District 6 CPOs and a CPOT responded to a call of a fox missing all of its hair in downtown Rockford. The fox was located along with food left by an unknown person. Steps are being taken to solve the problem.

A CPO arrested a subject for taking game fish and undersized largemouth bass with a casting net. A second subject was cited for operating a watercraft without navigation lights. The second subject was also found to be wanted on a warrant. Following his arrest, the subject was bonded and released.

A District 7 CPO met with the UBI (United Bowhunters of Illinois) president to receive some donation items to assist the Illinois Conservation Police field officers. One of UBI's objectives is: "To work with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to achieve the purposes and objectives of the Corporation."

A District 7 CPO issued written warnings for two watercrafts operating without a sounding device and failing to transfer certificate of numbers.

A District 7 CPO issued a citation for a subject operating a motorboat on Rice Lake without personal flotation devices on board. The subject was also issued a written warning for not having a fire extinguisher on board.

A District 7 CPO issued a citation to a subject for sport fishing without a valid sport fishing license at Snakeden Hollow State Fish & Wildlife Area (SFWA).

A District 7 CPO issued a subject a citation for fishing without a valid sport fishing license at Rice Lake SFWA.

A District 1 CPO observed black smoke billowing from a ground fire just off the roadway. A vehicle tire was clearly visible in the fire. The homeowner was contacted and interviewed. The homeowner stated he was attempting to burn a tree stump and admitted to placing a tire on the fire. The Apple River man received a citation for "the open burning of a waste tire" and a mandatory court appearance.

A District 1 CPO patrolled the Hennepin Canal by ATV after a complaint of illegal bank lines, however no lines were found at the time. The CPO will continue to patrol the area.

A District Sergeant stopped to assist a motorist after he observed a subject parked alongside of Rte 30. The passenger was urinating in the ditch. He located an open can of beer and after

issuing the citation he discovered the subject had given a false name. He was wanted on four warrants, one including a burglary in Iowa. He was taken to the Lee County jail and charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, felony obstruction, and possession of a controlled substance (cocaine)

A District Sergeant was on the trails at Starved Rock State Park and located six subjects in a Restricted Area of Illinois Canyon. Three of the subjects were in possession of alcohol and cannabis. A total of 15 citations were issued to the group.

A District Sergeant observed a subject getting out of a car with an open beer. The subject was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol. He was also wanted on a warrant.

A District Sergeant observed two subjects run out of the timber at Matthiessen State Park and toss a backpack in the trunk. He approached them and found both subjects had been digging Ginseng. They were issued 12 citations and the equipment and roots were seized.

A CPO cited multiple subjects for not having any wearable life jackets in the boat.

A CPO from Henderson County was assigned to the annual Labor Day event at Lake Argyle State Park. The three day event was a success as thousands of vehicles were able to enter and exit the parking areas without a single incident or accident. Several members of the public commented on how well traffic moved throughout the site.

A California man was cited for hunting squirrels without a non-resident hunting license. The subject was out hunting squirrels with three of his friends. The District 1 CPO observed three of the men walking out. When they saw the CPO one of the men stepped back into the timber and started heading away from the CPO. The two men on the trail tried to distract the CPO. The CPO was able to get into the timber and stop the other two men. When the CPO approached the California man, he stated he was holding the gun for his friend. A further field interview revealed the man was in possession of ammunition for the rifle he was carrying. The rest of his friends were all using shot guns. The California man was issued a citation for hunting without a license and warned for hunting squirrels without a habitat stamp.

Two District 1 CPOs responded to a capsized boat in Thomson on the Mississippi River Pool 13. Local boaters helped the capsized boaters out of the water and back to an island. No one was injured and the boat was recovered without any major damage. The operator of the boat was cited for operation of an overloaded motorboat.

A Freeport man was cited for operation of a personal watercraft after sunset.

A CPO conducted a joint boat patrol with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) on Mississippi River Pool # 14. Twenty boat safety inspections were conducted. Multiple written warnings and a citation were issued. The CPO and USCG then responded to a boat accident in Carroll County to assist another CPO. This accident is still under investigation. Two of the people involved in the boat accident were found to be in the United States with an expired visa. I.C.E. was advised of their status and will be following up with them.

CPOs in Winnebago County conducted a Sunday afternoon watercraft patrol on the Rock River. CPOs inspected 10 watercraft and issued 7 citations and 11 written warnings and completed one OUI watercraft arrest where the operator blew .176% breath alcohol on portable breath tester then later blew .153% breath alcohol on the Intoximeter. Other violations addressed included: unlawful operation of unnumbered watercraft, violation of wake zone, operation of motorboat without fire extinguisher(s) in serviceable condition, passengers < age 13 not wearing PFD's (Personal Flotation Devices), and failure to yield to an emergency watercraft.

On Labor Day weekend, CPOs working watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County and were interviewed by T.V. Channel 23 News regarding safe boating.

While checking shore fisherman along the Rock River in Winnebago County on Labor Day weekend, a CPO came upon a couple fishing without fishing licenses. A computer check of each subject was conducted while completing citations for the fishing offense(s) and the CPO learned the man was wanted on three separate warrants from three separate jurisdictions for traffic and drug offenses and known to be armed and dangerous. The combined bond amount on these three warrants totaled \$1325.00. Subject was arrested on warrant(s) without incident and transported to the Winnebago County Jail in lieu of bond.

REGION II

District 3 CPOs assisted ISP and several fire departments in searching the Kankakee River for a 13 year old drowning victim. District 3 CPOs were able to utilize side scan sonar to successfully locate the victim.

District 3 CPOs responded to a boating accident on the Kankakee River in Wilmington. Two persons in a rented canoe went over the Wilmington Dam in their canoe. One of the occupants became trapped in the boil of the dam for a short while but managed to get out of the boil and was rescued by fire personnel. The other occupant was also rescued from the river. Both occupants refused treatment and left the scene just minutes prior to CPOs arriving on scene. Paramedics and fire personnel related to CPOs that both occupants seemed intoxicated. CPOs were able to make phone contact with the occupants who had been dropped off at a bar, but they were unwilling to cooperate with the officer's attempts to meet with them. Officers attempted to locate the men but they purposefully and successfully evaded the officers' attempts to find them. Follow up investigation will continue.

A District 3 CPO received information from the Channahon Police Dept that two subjects had been found to have illegally taken teal prior to the start of the teal season. Both hunters admitted that they had taken teal on September 1st, and stated that they had mistaken the start date of the season. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A District 2 CPO responded to a call from state police regarding a personal injury rollover accident at Moraine Hills State Park. According to the subject, she was only traveling "20 mph" when a deer jumped out in front of her and she swerved to avoid it. She drove up a steep embankment, struck a tree, and flipped the car over onto its top. The subject was transported to Centegra Hospital where she received a single stitch to her middle finger. A can of "Dust-off" was found lying outside and near the vehicle. The subject had previously been arrested for

numerous drug charges. Contact was made at the hospital where she admitted to "huffing" weeks earlier but stated that she did not do that anymore. She was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

A District 2 CPO responded to a call from park personnel at the Chain O' Lakes State Park regarding an individual who forgot to place his vehicle in park prior to loading his boat and the vehicle rolled down the ramp and submerged. Lake County Marine Unit was on scene and handled the accident.

Two District 2 CPOs arrested a subject on Nippersink Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject blew a 0.159. The CPOs then headed back to the Chain O' Lakes State Park boat ramp where they arrested a second subject for OUI after they observed him strike a pier. The subject blew a .126%.

A 26 year old subject was stopped for creating a wake in a no wake zone on Grass Lake. The operator exhibited signs of impairment, and field sobriety testing was done. The subject failed the testing and was arrested for OUI. The subject refused to submit to a breath test.

An OUI boater on the Fox River in St. Charles was stopped at the launch. Operator was arrested and blew .176%

A pontoon boat on the Fox River in St. Charles was stopped while operating after sunset with no operable navigation lights besides a Coleman lantern strapped to the front of the boat. The boat was occupied by several adults and small children and the children under the age of 13 were not wearing PFD's. The operator was cited for the violation along with not having valid registration and a written warning was issued for improper lights.

A District 2 CPO and CPOT stopped a boat for no stern light on the Fox River. The subject was arrested for OUI and blew a .103.

A District 2 CPO found two kayaks on a subdivision pond near Chain O' Lakes State Park. The two subjects had no PFDs, no fishing licenses, and expired paddle passes. Appropriate enforcement action taken.

District 2 wrote a total of 32 citations and 30 written warnings over the holiday weekend. The majority were boating and park violations.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO responded to a complaint in rural Coles County near Fair Grange of a poached deer. After speaking with one of the suspects, numerous other squirrel hunting violations were discovered. A citation and multiple warnings were issued for those. The investigation into the deer still continues with other possible suspects yet to be interviewed.

A District 11 CPO responded to a dove hunting without permission complaint. The subject had been cited last year for the same offense. The investigation is on-going.

A District 11 Sergeant and CPO cited a Mattoon man for violation of quiet hours in Walnut Point State Park and served him with a 90 day eviction notice. Numerous complaints were given on this subject on different dates.

Three District 11 CPOs assisted Cumberland County and Drug Task Force with two Sigel men who were stopped and found to be in possession and manufacturing methamphetamine. The two men were found to be in possession of ginseng. Also present were records of numerous ginseng violations. The two men received 16 citations for trespass to harvest ginseng, license and out of season violations.

Two District 19 CPOs arrested a 31 year old, Champaign man for operation of a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol on Clinton Lake. The subject refused to provide an evidentiary breath sample.

A District 19 CPO was patrolling DeWitt County at the Clinton Lake Spillway. The CPO encountered three males who were walking towards the parking lot with fishing poles in hand. During the inspection the CPO found no fish but did find a glass bowl with residue, a grinder, and 6.5 grams of cannabis. The man was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis. Further investigation found the other male had a joint (cannabis cigarette). He was arrested for possession of cannabis as well.

While patrolling Lake Decatur two District 19 CPOs observed a ski boat towing a large inflatable tube with two people. They also noticed two passengers riding on seat backs in the boat and a passenger riding on the swim platform on the back of the boat. After stopping the boat, the officers noticed a strong smell of an alcoholic beverage on the boat. The operator was found to be OUI and registered a .126% BAC.

An Oakley man was arrested on Lake Decatur for OUI. The subject was coming into the boat dock and almost hit a no wake buoy when the CPO noticed his boat. The subject had a BAC of 0.132.

A District 19 CPO found a minor in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. A referral will be made to the Dewitt County State's Attorney.

A District 19 CPO made an arrest of a male subject in Champaign County for falsifying information to obtain a fishing license. The subject was not able to purchase a fishing license due to child support reasons so he gave a false SSN in order to purchase one.

REGION IV

An Adams County CPO was patrolling the Quincy boat ramps when he conducted a safety inspection on a boat. The operator had a moderate odor of alcohol on his breath, failed field sobriety test, and was arrested for OUI. The subject had a BAC of .137.

An Adams County CPO received a disposition of a wildlife case made earlier this year. A subject was charged with hunting by aid of his vehicle when he intentionally ran over a deer with his

truck. The subject paid total fines and court costs of \$2212 and another \$1000 in restitution to IDNR.

A Jersey County CPO stopped a truck with no tail lights after dark. The driver was wanted on a warrant for theft. Bond was \$5000. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

A Jersey County CPO observed a male and female subject act suspicious upon seeing the marked squad while patrolling Pere Marquette State Park. The CPO made contact with the subjects and found the male subject to be in possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. He was arrested and transported to the Jersey County jail.

A Jersey County CPO was patrolling the Grafton boat ramp when a boat approached the ramp with no lights 30 minutes after sunset. A safety inspection revealed an unserviceable fire extinguisher, no sounding device, and the title had not been transferred. The operator had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath. He failed field sobriety tests, was arrested for OUI, and refused to take a breath test.

A Calhoun County and Jersey County CPO were on boat patrol and stopped a watercraft on the Mississippi River for an unlawful passenger location violation. A safety inspection revealed no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, insecure batteries and an insufficient number of PFDs on board. The operator showed some signs of impairment and was questioned on his alcohol consumption. The subject advised he had already consumed 3 beers in the short time they had been on the water. Field sobriety tests were conducted and the subject passed. He was issued one citation, four warnings, and released. Four hours later, the same boat was observed being operated without a stern light. Upon stopping the boat for the second time, the same operator showed several signs of impairment. He failed field sobriety and was arrested for OUI. He had a BAC of .151%.

A Jersey County CPO is investigating a personal injury boat accident. A boat operator made an abrupt turn to recover a downed skier when an elderly passenger slid off the seat and injured her back.

A Jersey County CPO and the District supervisor responded to a boat fire on the Mississippi River in the Grafton area. While investigating the accident, they learned the accident occurred in Missouri. The Missouri Highway Patrol was contacted and the information gathered was relayed to them.

A Brown County CPO attended a hunter safety classes in Brown County.

A Brown County CPO attended a hunter safety classes in Schuyler County.

A Jersey County CPO attended a hunter safety classes in Macoupin County.

REGION V

A CPO investigated a possible fish kill in Gallatin County on the Little Wabash River. Several "ruff" fish were dead, however no foul play is suspected. High heat combined with low water

upstream is likely the reason the fish died. A substantial rainfall the previous day possibly brought the fish downstream.

A police radio broadcast led to the stop of a female driver in Hamilton County. She was arrested on an outstanding deceptive practice warrant and was cited for driving with a suspended license and driving without insurance.

A search for two missing people on a malfunctioning jet ski at Rend Lake ended with the jet ski and the missing persons being found. The report was made an hour after sunset when the people had not returned to the boat ramp or campsite.

The Rend Lake Marina requested an accident report for a rental boat that was damaged while cruising the lake. The investigation revealed the single boat accident was not USCG reportable due to the dollar amount of damage but a field report was completed to document the damage for the marina.

On the opening day of the Dove season, a CPO made contact with a subject hunting dove. While speaking with him, the CPO observed numerous dove attempts to land in a single location next to a horse barn. When the CPO went to check the hunters near the barn, the older hunter immediately attempted to call someone on his cell. Two younger men jumped over barn gates to hurry and meet the CPO. The CPO walked past them to their hunting location and observed a large amount of wheat seed dumped on the ground in a horse lot. One of the hunters said his grandfather placed the seed and he knew it was illegal to hunt doves over it. Citations for hunting doves over bait were issued to each subject.

While conducting migratory game checks in Franklin County, CPOs located a group of hunters hunting dove near Valier. During the check, a CPO walked the fields and located areas of broadcast sunflower seeds. Further inspection of the area revealed more baited areas. Approximately five hunters were in the field and killed 14 doves. The owner of the field admitted he had spread seed by hand approximately two weeks earlier. Charges are pending in the investigation.

A CPO was assigned to investigate a train derailment in Massac County. The fuel tank on one of the locomotives ruptured and diesel fuel was leaked into a nearby creek that fed into the Ohio River. The remediation crew had booms in place and the spill was contained.

A CPO attended an SFST update training course for SFST instructors.

A CPO attended a training course for DUI Search Warrants.

CPOs conducted boat patrol on Lake of Egypt on Friday night. Several written warnings were issued lighting violations.

A CPO was a guest speaker at the Carterville High school on Thursday. The CPO spoke to the juniors and seniors on the career of a Conservation Police Officer and the requirements for the position.

CPOs conducted boat patrol on Kinkaid Lake on Saturday. A Jackson County subject was arrested by a CPO for several violations including registration violation, equipment violations, operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and resisting arrest. The subject was also arrested by a Jackson County Deputy for aggravated battery of a police officer as the subject pushed the deputy that had arrived to assist with the subject at a boat ramp.

A CPO is investigating timber theft in District 16.

A CPO is investigating sale of American alligator in District 16.

A CPO is investigating an unlicensed outfitter in District 16.

A District 16 Sgt. and CPO attended the ITTF (Illinois Terrorism Task Force) Conference in Peoria.

A District 16 Sgt. responded to Kinkaid Lake to a boater that had an engine failure. The boat was towed in and the family was supplied with water.

A CPO patrolled Jackson County for dove hunters on opening day for dove hunting. While on patrol the CPO came across four adult subjects and two youths hunting over a sunflower field. During a compliance check, the CPO discovered that the field had also been supplemented with wheat and corn. When the landowner, who was hunting the field, was confronted about the additional corn and wheat, he stated that he wanted to make it a good hunt for the kids. Information was taken for a report to be referred to the USFWS.

A CPO conducted surveillance of a dove field in Massac County. Information of large numbers of doves being harvested earlier in the day at the same location had been received. An individual who had hunted in the morning, who admitted to shooting 17 doves and recovering 15 was interviewed. During the afternoon hunt, the same hunter shot three doves and was able to recover two prior to my making contact with him. A written statement was given by the offender detailing the entirety of his actions. This case is being referred to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

A CPO conducted surveillance of a dove field in Massac County and encountered a hunter who had no hunting license and no HIP number. The hunter was issued a citation and two written warnings.

CPOs arrested seven persons for possession of alcohol in a restricted area at the Kinkaid Lake Spillway.

A CPO responded to a hunting complaint in Williamson County. Three subjects were attempting to leave as the CPO arrived. One subject was issued a citation for shooting across a roadway and several warnings were also issued.

A CPO responded to a TIPS complaint. One subject was issued a citation for no hunting license and a couple written warnings were also issued. The TIPS complaint violation is unfounded at this time.

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September 10, 2014**

REGION I

A District 6 CPO observed a subject climbing at Wildcat Canyon in a restricted area. The officer detected the odor of cannabis and discovered a pipe and a baggie of cannabis. Citations were issued for cannabis < 2.5 grms, drug paraphernalia and entry into a restricted area.

A CPOT arrested multiple subjects for entering a restricted area at Starved Rock State Park.

A District 6 CPOT arrested a male and female subject at Starved Rock State Park for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A District 6 CPOT got dispatched to a possible drunk driver at Illini State Park. The vehicle was located and when it passed the officer it rapidly accelerated and attempted to get away from officers. Once stopped the driver was found to be under the age of 21 and had a BAC of .051. He was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor and multiple IVC violations and zero tolerance. His passenger was arrested for delivery of alcohol to a minor.

Conservation Police conducted a commercial fishing detail in Henderson County. Five trammel nets were located and inspected.

A District 6 CPO received a complaint regarding a battery, which occurred at a northern Illinois state park. During the investigation, the CPO met with the victim, a 17 year old female. On the date of the battery, the victim stated she visited the state park in the morning and was seated in a day use area alone. Shortly thereafter, the victim was approached by a white, middle aged male. After a brief conversation, the victim became uncomfortable and attempted to leave. The suspect grabbed the victim by the arm, at which time the victim pulled free from his grasp and left the park. This case remains under investigation.

Three District 6 officers responded to a juvenile female in a tree hanging over a cliff in Matthiessen State Park. The female had been hiking in a restricted area and slipped; she rolled down a hill about 50 feet before she was able to grab a tree. When she looked down from her location all she saw was the Vermilion River below her. The officers were able to secure her with a rope, until Oglesby and Utica Fire Departments arrived. The fire departments were able to rescue her and she was transported to the hospital as a precaution.

A District 6 officer handled a complaint of an assault at Starved Rock State Park. An 18 year old male was in a parking lot talking on a cell phone when he was approached by an 80 year old

male. The 80 year old started up a conversation with the 18 year old male. During the conversation the 80 year old male tried to grab the other man's crotch. The case is being referred to the LaSalle County State's Attorney.

Three District 6 officers responded to a missing swimmer on the Illinois River. Three individuals had been on shore and tried to swim to an island; two of them made it to the island the other did not. The officers rescued the two on the island. The officers, along with Ottawa River Rescue, Peru River Rescue, and members from Oglesby Swift Water Rescue conducted recovery operations and were able to locate the swimmer's body the next day.

A District 1 CPO completed a boat accident which occurred in Ogle County over Memorial Day Weekend. The personal injury accident was not reported and the CPO did not learn about it until later. The accident occurred when a subject fell off of a tube being towed by a ski boat. When the subject fell off, his arm was severely cut by the tow rope. The subject was taken to the hospital and treated for his injuries. The operator was later issued a citation for failure to report a boat accident as required and arrested on an outstanding LaSalle County warrant.

A District 1 CPO handled a personal injury boat accident which occurred on the Rock River in Ogle County over Labor Day weekend. A subject was struck in the back of the head by their own knee board while they were knee boarding. The subject was transported to the hospital and treated for the injury. No charges were filed.

While checking dove hunters at Green River Wildlife Area in Lee County, a District 1 CPO discovered two subjects hunting with lead shot in a non-toxic shot only area. As the CPO continued the compliance check, he discovered one of the subjects to have an unplugged shotgun. When the CPO ran a check on the subjects it was discovered one of them had a revoked FOID card. Both subjects received citations for the lead shot and the subject with the revoked FOID was arrested and transported to the Lee County Jail. The subject's firearms and ammunition were seized.

A District 1 CPO spoke at a Hunter Safety Class in Ogle County.

A District 1 CPO completed a boat title investigation in Ogle County. A subject had applied for registration on one boat he had bought, but submitted a title to another. The CPO contacted all involved parties and learned the seller had bought the boat approximately one year ago and never transferred registration from the previous owner. The seller was issued a citation for the violation and the buyer is now able to register his boat.

A District 1 CPO took appropriate enforcement action on two Rock Falls hunters for unlawfully taking/attempting to take a Canada goose with toxic/lead shot over a baited/manipulated dove field. Citations and written warnings issued.

A District 1 CPO issued a citation to a Lanark man for unlawfully digging ginseng during the closed season. A ½ lb of green ginseng root was seized.

Several District 7 officers worked the opener of Teal season along the Illinois River. Officers observed violations for unlawfully shooting Wood Ducks during the closed season, shooting before legal shooting time, and hunting without a Federal waterfowl stamp.

A CPO arrested a subject for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. The subject was found to have a BAC in excess of .08.

While completing watercraft safety inspections at the Pierce Lake boat launch in Rock Cut State Park, a CPO was approached by a male and female juvenile requesting a ride out of the park before close. Upon running the juveniles through state dispatch prior to the assist, the female juvenile returned wanted – missing juvenile - out of Winnebago County. Protective custody was taken and the juvenile returned home to her step-parent.

While checking shore fisherman along the Rock River at the Rockton Dam, a CPO caught four fishermen; three fishing without fishing licenses and one who was fishing without having their fishing license in possession.

While completing watercraft safety inspections at Pierce Lake in Rock Cut State Park, a CPO addressed various equipment violations to include: fire extinguisher not in serviceable condition and battery terminals not covered or batteries not secured to the hull.

While checking shore fishermen along the Rock River in Winnebago County, a CPO stopped at a parked vehicle believed to be a stranded motorist near the Prairie Hill Road Bridge. The CPO discovered a citizen welding the bolts on the highway guard rail. The citizen, who does not work for the county highway department, took it upon himself without authorization to weld the bolts on the guard rail to prevent their removal by trespassers whom he claimed were accessing his private property along the river adjacent this highway to fish. The man was ordered to cease all activity to the guard rail immediately. Photographs accompanied a field report generated by the CPO for State's Attorney to review for damage to the guard rail.

A District 7 CPO responded to a landowner complaint near Chillicothe of an unoccupied vehicle parked on his property. The landowner did not recognize the vehicle or give anyone permission to be on his property. The CPO stood by until two people returned from digging ginseng root. Neither trespasser had a ginseng harvest license and possessed the red seeds which should have been replanted in the area where the parent plant was taken. Enforcement action was taken; evidence was photographed and returned to the landowner.

REGION II

A District 2 Officer cited a Round Lake individual for possession of a 9 inch Largemouth Bass in an area where there is a 14 inch length limit. The individual's boyfriend also received written warnings for failing to have his fishing license in possession and fishing with more than two poles in a "Two pole and line only" area.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO checked waterfowl hunters on Lake Shelbyville and checked some dove fields and ginseng properties as well. Investigations are pending.

A District 11 CPO arrested a Mattoon woman at Lake Paradise on a Coles County warrant for contempt of court. She was also arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The Mattoon man that she was at the lake with was also arrested for possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

A District 11 CPO handled a boat accident on Mill Creek Lake in Clark County and issued the man a citation for violation of “no wake” area.

A District 19 CPO conducted a detail at the Clinton Lake Spillway and noticed a male subject reeling a pole rapidly and occasionally attempting to set the hook. When the man removed the line from the water the CPO noticed a weighted treble hook with no bait attached. The man continued this for several casts. The subject was issued a citation for snagging.

A District 19 CPO, on patrol in Moraine View SRA, arrested a 20 year old McLean County man on a charge of a sexually violent predator knowingly being in a state park and fishing without a license. The CPO had arrested the same man three years earlier for the same offenses and in the same park.

A District 19 CPO attended a Hunter Safety Course in Iroquois County.

A District 19 CPO investigated a woman in Decatur for possession of wildlife because she had a raccoon in the house. The investigation started with her son reportedly being bitten or scratched by the raccoon; however she did not report the bite/scratch until days later. One citation was given and the investigation is on-going.

A District 19 CPO has an active investigation of a subject in possession of a Capuchin Monkey in Bloomington. Active records and paperwork is being looked at to see if the Dangerous Animals Act is being followed or violated. Charges are pending.

REGION IV

A District 13 CPO assisted the US Coast Guard with a tug boat that sank on the Mississippi River. Sonar was used to locate and mark the tug so it could be raised by a salvage company.

District 13 CPOs responded to two personal injury boat accidents on Lou Yeager Lake.

A District 13 officer arrested a Montgomery County man at Hillsboro Lake for OUI. The man had a BAC of .144.

A District 13 CPO worked the Scholastic Shoot at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. Thousands of kids from across the country competed in the annual event.

A Madison County CPO worked the Law Enforcement tent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield.

A Madison County CPO assisted in the teaching of a side scan sonar class. The class was attended by Conservation Police Officers from both Illinois and Wisconsin.

Two men were killed and one man was injured at a recycling plant in Granite City while handling ordinances that were sent there. The ordinances were supposed to be inert when sent to be recycled. Madison County CPOs assisted local officers, as well as the ATF, IEMA, and bomb squads from Scott Air Force Base, St. Louis County, and Secretary of State Police, with security and traffic control around the state area where the remaining ordinances were detonated.

While working in Madison County, a CPO located two men fishing without fishing licenses. A check of the men showed one of them was wanted on warrant. Citations were issued for no fishing license, and the one man was taken to jail for the outstanding warrant.

A Madison County CPO was the first law enforcement officer on scene of a vehicle/train accident. Luckily the train was only travelling at about 10 miles per hour. The front end of the car was struck and the car was pushed off into a steep ditch. The elderly woman driving the car was amazingly unhurt. ISP handled the investigation of the crash.

A CPO was checking fishermen along the Mississippi River near Alton. The CPO observed two individuals with poles sitting next to each other. The CPO watched as one of the males was actively casting and reeling, but the other male was consumed by the inner beat within him and was showing his expansive repertoire of dance moves. Several minutes passed and the dancing individual continued grooving. The CPO attempted to reposition himself and was caught by the dancer. The CPO walked down and checked the fishing license of the male he had observed fishing. That male stated that both the fishing poles were his and the dancing male was “watching his pole.” Not buying their story the CPO asked the dancer for his identification. The CPO asked the dancer if the pole went in what would he do and the dancer responded scream for help. The CPO took down their information and departed. The CPO checked the status of the dancer’s ability to purchase a fishing license and ran both individuals. The dancer was wanted on two warrants. The CPO went back to the dancer and informed him he was under arrest. During a subsequent search of the dancer a glass pipe used for smoking marijuana was located.

A CPO was checking fishermen along the Wood River Creek in East Alton. A check of the fisherman revealed he was an endangered missing person. The individual was taken into protective custody and turned over to Alton Police Department.

A CPO was observing fishermen on the Mississippi River near Alton. He watched three males fishing and drinking and watched as one male threw a glass bottle into the river. The CPO conducted a compliance check on the three individuals. One male had no fishing license, but had cannabis and wooden hitter pipe and one male had a warrant for his arrest. The other male had a fishing license and chose to recover the glass bottle he tossed instead of receiving a ticket.

A CPO was writing reports from his squad in Horseshoe Lake State Park when a car sped past him traveling over 20 mph over the speed limit. A traffic stop of the vehicle revealed the driver was suspended and the three passengers in the vehicle were either suspended or revoked. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

REGION V

A CPO is investigating a hunting accident from a dove field in Hamilton County. The man was

leaving the field when doves flew low into the field and a hunter from the other side of the field fired toward them. The man leaving the field had eleven pellets lodged in his face, torso and arm. The incident is still under investigation.

A CPO followed up on a landowner complaint and cited a subject for operating his ATV without permission in the Orient Bottoms area of Franklin County.

While checking teal hunters at Rend Lake, hunters indicated someone left a shotgun in a nearby homemade blind. The CPO recovered the abandoned shotgun. Another CPO checked hunters in that location the previous day and issued a citation to one of the hunters. The hunting party was contacted and the CPO who recovered the shotgun is waiting for the owner to confirm ownership.

Several violations were discovered while checking teal, goose and dove hunters over the weekend. Three separate individuals were cited for using lead shot while waterfowl hunting. Other violations noted were for shooting before legal shooting hours, no license or registration in HIP and miscellaneous boating equipment violations.

A District 14 CPO closed out a case where a Florida hunter poached four deer in Illinois. The subject pleaded guilty to four counts of unlawful possession of deer and paid \$4000.00 in fines and fees.

Additional baited dove hunting areas were found in District 14 and are being monitored for hunting activity.

A Fayette County CPO investigated two separate complaints of subjects digging ginseng prior to season. One subject was in possession of one pound of ginseng, and the other subject was in possession of 5 pounds of ginseng. Both subjects were cited and the ginseng seized.

A Marion County CPO and District Sergeant worked a detail at Carlyle Lake Wildlife Management area on opening day of teal season. Two subjects were cited for no Federal stamp, and one subject was cited for using an unplugged shotgun. Eight warnings were issued for failure to maintain separate bag limits.

A Lawrence County CPO cited two subjects for dove hunting with no license.

The District Sergeant cited a subject for unlawfully harvesting ginseng from Sam Parr State Park.

District CPOs attended three hunter safety classes.

Two CPOs attended the Cache River Days celebration with the education trailer.

A CPO conducted a detail with Illinois State Police in Massac County enforcing motor carrier inspections on timber trucks. Fifteen violations were noted including overweight violations, incomplete haul logs and no proof of ownership.

A CPO responded to a hunting complaint of an elderly person's home being peppered by a hunter thought to be squirrel hunting. The CPO was able to locate the subject after a couple hours of searching the woods. The elderly person rents a home on a couple hundred acres. The hunter was the son of the landlord and no charges were filed.

A CPO conducted interviews of three subjects in Williamson County in regard to a complaint from the 2013 Archery deer season. The case is still being investigated.

A CPO attended a youth dove hunt in Jackson County giving a presentation on hunter safety and meeting with all the young hunters. This is the 12th year of the event and the doves gave the young hunters plenty of wing shooting opportunities.

A CPO cited a fisherman at Pyramid State Park for failure to release a 16" largemouth bass. There is a 14"-18' protected slot limit in the park.

A CPO attended a Hunter's Safety class at the DuQuoin Middle School.

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**Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
September 17, 2014**

REGION I

A District 6 CPO observed an individual come out of a nature preserve with gloves on that are frequently used for gardening. The CPO left the parking lot while alerting another officer in plain clothes. The plain clothes officer observed the male quickly go to a tree and put a bag in the trunk of his car. A stop of the vehicle resulted in the finding of 18 ginseng plants that were illegally dug in the nature preserve. The individual was cited for unlawfully removing plants from a nature preserve, unlawfully digging immature ginseng, failing to replant ginseng berries, and harvesting ginseng without a license. The individual was fingerprinted and has a mandatory court appearance.

As a District 1 CPO was checking fishermen late one night on the Hennepin Canal, a car pulled into the parking lot. The Geneseo, IL man opened the trunk, pulled out a live trap, dropped it on the ground, and a few critters took off running. The CPO immediately walked over to him and asked what kind of critters he was releasing. He was releasing 2 fox squirrels he caught in a live trap in his yard approximately five miles away. He claimed the nuisance squirrels are "destroying" his personal apple crop from the five apple trees and two pear trees in his urban yard. The CPO showed the man the 2014-15 Illinois Hunting & Trapping Digest, Page 28, and advised him it was illegal to trap squirrels. The CPO encouraged the man to use flashing or other methods to discourage the squirrels from climbing up the trees. The man was advised to contact the CPO if those methods were not successful and they would discuss the possibility of a nuisance removal permit.

While completing watercraft safety inspections at the Pierce Lake boat launch in Rock Cut State Park, a CPO observed a man and woman arguing loudly (drawing attention from surrounding park patrons) while standing soaking wet in the lake next to a canoe that appeared to have been capsized. Before the CPO could intervene, the man grabbed the woman and knocked her backwards into the water. The man was promptly arrested for domestic battery and disorderly conduct and then taken to the Winnebago County Jail.

While working a late Saturday evening, a CPO checked fishermen along the shoreline of Levings Lake in Rockford and caught four individuals fishing without fishing licenses.

While checking fishermen along the Rock River in Winnebago County, a CPO came upon a stranded motorist stalled in the center lane of traffic on Springfield Avenue and South Main Street. After assisting the driver with a tow, it was discovered the driver's temporary license plates had been expired since May. The CPO then learned the driver was also driving without insurance.

A CPO responded to a Target Illinois Poaching complaint of possible deer poaching in South Beloit along the upper Rock River. A neighborhood canvas revealed the source for the four shotgun shots heard after 6 a.m. came from a lone goose hunter who was hunting within 100 yards of an inhabited dwelling. The investigation also revealed the property this hunter used to access the river on foot is well posted and the owner does not allow hunting. Investigation was unfounded for deer poaching but is pending for hunting without permission and too close to residences.

Conservation Police were assigned to investigate an incident that occurred at Putney's Landing. A female subject suffered a severe injury to her hand as a result of a fireworks accident. The investigation continues.

A District 7 CPO responded to a trespassing complaint in Peoria County of a male digging ginseng on private property without permission. The trespasser said he was granted permission from the farmer in 2008 and did not know the property had changed hands. Trespasser said he was sorry and was just trying to make enough money to buy a new front tooth. Enforcement action was taken and evidence seized.

A CPO while checking teal hunters on the Illinois River found a family in a boat that was sinking. The boat already had several inches of water in the passenger compartment. The boat was pulled to the shore and three children and three adults were taken to Barto Landing in Spring Valley where they started from. The owner of the boat stated he had just gotten the boat back from the shop thinking the problem was fixed. They only made it a mile when the boat began to take on water and the engine died. The owner was in the process of making arrangements to get the boat back to the boat ramp.

A District 6 CPO observed a people in a loud campsite sitting around a table filling Solo cups with beer. The CPO issued citations for possession of alcohol in a prohibited area.

A District 6 officer arrested two individuals for unlawful possession of cannabis and two individuals for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A District 6 officer arrested seven individuals for no fishing licenses.

A District 6 officer arrested five individuals and issued 17 citations for the unlawful harvest of ginseng from a state park.

A District 6 officer arrested an individual for driving under the influence of drugs, unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A District 6 officer arrested six individuals for hiking in a restricted area.

A District 6 officer arrested nine individuals for fishing without permission.

A District 6 CPOT conducted boat patrol at Shabbona Lake State Park. During that patrol he issued two citations for life jacket violations, and three written warnings for other boating violations.

A Dist 6 CPOT responded to three subjects swimming in the Illinois River near Starved Rock State park across from Plum Island. Upon his arrival he was notified that two of the swimmers had safely made it across the river and one swimmer had not. A 23 year old male subject started struggling while swimming across, went under the water, and witnesses never saw him resurface. A CPO rescued the two individuals from Plum Island and brought them back to the shore where it was confirmed that the 23 year old male subject was missing. The CPO and CPOT utilized side scan sonar attempting to locate the missing individual. Ottawa River Rescue and Peru River rescue assisted in locating the subject. The body of the male subject was located the next morning near the area he was last seen going under water. CPOs, were assisted by the District 6 Sergeant, Ottawa River Rescue, Peru River Rescue, and Oglesby Fire Department. The investigation is ongoing.

A CPOT worked dove hunters at Shabbona Lake State Park. While checking 60 hunters throughout the day, only one violation was discovered. A 16 year old hunter was found to be hunting with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. While speaking to him it was learned that this was the first time he had ever hunted and just received the shotgun as a present. He thought the orange follower in the shotgun tube was the plug. A written warning was issued to the young hunter.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO assisted a Paris woman with a report of an abandoned boat on her property.

A District 11 CPO received a complaint of a man dressed in camouflage walking down a dead end road near Hidden Springs State Forrest in Shelby County. Responding to the complaint, the

CPO found a Stewardson man walking down a road adjacent to the State Forest. The subject was in possession of freshly dug ginseng. During an interview of the subject, the CPO was told the ginseng was dug along the roadway. The subject was asked to show the dig holes along the roadway. The CPO was led to a spot where the subject had walked past a DNR sign and dug ginseng on State Forest property. The subject was cited for trespass to harvest ginseng.

A District 11 CPO is investigating a trespass to harvest ginseng complaint in rural Coles County. The suspect is an Indiana man. Charges are pending.

A District 11 CPO is investigating an abandoned boat in a private campground in Shelby County. The last known owner is currently on parole. The CPO contacted the man's IDOC Parole Agent for assistance contacting the man to have the boat moved.

A District 11 CPO attended a training class at ILEAS Training Center in Urbana.

A District 11 CPO spoke at a Hunter Safety Class in Toledo, IL.

A District 19 CPO, while on patrol in the evening hours in Clinton Lake, cited a Decatur man for driving while license suspended.

A District 19 CPO attended a week long Fur Takers of America College Course in Indiana. The Trappers College was very well taught and valuable information was gained.

Three District 19 CPOs traveled to Chicago for training and demonstration with the U.S. Coast Guard along Lake Michigan. Numerous types of boats were used, including the Region's own 27' Workskiff Boat.

REGION IV

No activity reported.

REGION V

A man was cited on the Army Corps of Engineers property in Franklin County for hunting teal with an unplugged shotgun. He was also warned for not having a waterfowl stamp and not registering in the Harvest Information Program.

Two CPOs completed a dove baiting investigation in Franklin County. They issued six citations for dove hunting violations including unlawful take of migratory birds with the use of bait and unlawful gift and tagging of birds in the field. Written warnings were also issued for dove hunting violations.

An investigation is underway in a separate case in Franklin County for the unlawful take of a game bird utilizing bait.

A shotgun was returned to a hunter who left it in the previous day's hunting spot near Gun Creek in Franklin County.

While checking the banks of the Big Muddy River in Franklin County, a CPO discovered a watercraft with many violations. The operator was cited for operating an unnumbered watercraft and operation without life jackets. Other boating violations were addressed with written warnings. The passenger was cited for possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis.

Five subjects who hunted waterfowl over a baited area in Pope County pleaded guilty and paid over \$2,000.00 in fines and fees.

While checking a teal hunter south of the Rend lake Dam in Franklin County, a CPO saw three paths in the tall weeds. Two paths went to the decoy spread and the other to the side. The CPO followed a path through the tall weeds from the hunter's location until the path ended. He looked down and saw a freshly killed wood duck hen. The hunter said he did not know the difference between a wood duck and teal until he made a phone call. The hunter was cited for unlawful take of a wood duck hen during the closed season and given a mandatory court date.

CPOs spent an afternoon clearing and cleaning out evidence from the District evidence facility. Space has been freed up to prepare for the upcoming game season.

A CPO was advised by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office that a subject fell down a cliff at Giant City State Park. The subject fell approximately 20-25 feet near the Stonefort trail and required ambulatory care for a laceration on the back of the head and possibly a sprained wrist.

A CPO assisted the Illinois State Police investigations and the United States Marshal Service on a man hunt of an individual wanted on multiple federal warrants. The man hunt began after the man eluded police after carjacking a woman in rural Williamson County.

A CPO worked Horseshoe Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area for traffic control during an event (5K walk) held on site for a local murder victim.

A CPO spoke to and assisted with the archery range at National Wild Turkey Foundation JAKES Day at Trail of Tears State Forest. Approximately 60 youths attended the event.

A CPO assisted the U.S. Forest Service Officer with unlawful harvest of ginseng arrest on federal property (Shawnee National Forest).

A CPO and a USFWS Officer stopped a boat on Little Grassy Lake. While all the boating equipment and fishing licenses were in order, one subject was found to be in possession of cannabis. He was charged for the offense.

A CPO was assigned to investigate a fish kill that occurred on the lower Cache River. Subjects climbed over and around fencing and manually opened a gate releasing water and emptying the river enough to kill a large number of fish.

A CPO patrolled department lands from an ATV because of complaints of ATV's on state property.

A CPO concluded a fatal canoe accident which occurred on DuQuoin City Lake. A female boater was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis and operation a watercraft with no PFDs. A warrant was issued for her arrest and she turned herself in. She was subsequently taken to court for a plea hearing where she pleaded guilty to the paraphernalia and PFD charges. She was ordered to pay \$1,000 in fines and fees.

A District 16 Sergeant attended CPOT interviews held in Springfield.

**Office of Law Enforcement
WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
September 24, 2014**

REGION I

A District 6 CPO worked a detail targeting DUI/Open container violations at the Matthiessen State Park wine festival. Two citations for Illegal transportation and one written warning were issued.

A District 6 CPO observed two subjects snagging on the Illinois River near Starved Rock. Two citations were issued

A District 1 CPO was checking fishermen early one Sunday morning. During an inspection a fisherman was found to have an outstanding warrant from 2005. The man was arrested and transported to the nearest police station where bond was posted for him.

A District 6 officer received a call from a Starved Rock Conservation worker. The worker, who was mowing at the time, observed a couple get out of their vehicle with several bags and walk into a nature preserve. Several individuals have been arrested for illegally harvesting ginseng in that particular nature preserve over the years. The officer contacted another CPO in the area. One officer watched the vehicle while the other officer went into the nature preserve to locate the couple. When the couple came out of the nature preserve, the officers asked for consent to search their bags. One bag contained eight plants of ginseng; another bag contained their digging tools. Six citations were issued.

A District 6 officer conducted a compliance check of four fishermen on the Fox River. The fishermen ranged in age from 40-55 years old. As they handed the officer their fishing licenses he noticed one man had a Super Senior Fishing License that had cost him \$1. The officer asked to look at his identification and the officer determined that the individual who had sold him the fishing license had used the expiration date of the identification card as his birth date. The man was told to go get a new fishing license.

A District 6 officer found a fisherman with a short sauger and a short smallmouth bass. The fisherman said he didn't know what type of fish they were and that there was a length limit. The fisherman was issued a citation and given a fishing digest.

A District 6 officer was walking through the Mattheissen State Park Nature Preserve when he noticed an individual with a bucket and what appeared to be a cane. The officer asked the 89 year old man what he was doing. The man walked toward the officer and said he was picking mushrooms. The officer noticed a bag on the ground where the man had been standing. The officer walked over and found the bag contained 23 Ginseng plants. When asked if he was looking for ginseng or mushrooms the man said both. The “cane” was a small hoe to dig for the ginseng. The man was issued three citations, including one for removing plants from a nature preserve.

While conducting boat safety checks on the Mississippi River Pool 13, violations were found for no sounding device, no navigation lights after sunset, and not having an operable fire extinguisher. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A Milan woman was issued a warning for being in Mississippi Palisades State Park after closing.

A CPO was on patrol when he observed a pickup truck with a sign in the window that read” out of gas, back soon”. The truck happened to be parked near a gravel pit that did not allow fishing and had no trespassing signs posted in several areas. The CPO eventually located two subjects fishing near the back end of the gravel pit. One subject said they did really run out of gas and it was just lucky they happened to have their fishing gear with them and were relatively close to a lake. They were issued appropriate citations and the CPO watched them drive away in their “out of gas” truck.

A District 1 CPO completed a boat registration investigation in Stephenson County. A subject bought a boat which had never been registered. The CPO contacted the seller and learned he had purchased the boat and had never applied for new registration. Enforcement action was taken on the seller for Failure to Transfer.

While walking the trails of Starved Rock State Park, Conservation Police observed four subjects climbing on the rocks of Lone Tree Canyon. After approaching the subjects the CPOs noticed two bags sitting at the bottom of the canyon. Upon further investigation they found drug paraphernalia, less than 2.5 grams of cannabis and alcohol in one of the bags. Three of the subjects were cited for climbing and one subject was cited for paraphernalia, cannabis, climbing and possession of alcohol.

A District 6 CPOT patrolled rivers and parks in Winnebago County. Multiple citations and warnings were issued for Fish Code violations.

A District 6 CPOT patrolled Rock Cut State Park and issued citations and warnings for speeding, alcohol in the park, and other State Park Ad. Rule and I.V.C. (Illinois Vehicle Code) violations.

A District 6 CPOT received a call about a dead hawk in Winnebago County. The hawk appears to have been killed by electric shock from a power line. With help from other CPOs and a district wildlife biologist the hawk was determined to be an immature Coopers Hawk or Sharp-Shinned Hawk. The hawk is being stored frozen while the CPOT is in the process of finding an authorized institution that may want the hawk for educational purposes.

A CPO arrested three subjects for taking game fish with a minnow seine. The subjects were also cited for taking undersize walleye.

A District 7 CPO received a hunting complaint from a Peoria County landowner. The landowner explained he had asked a hunter on the neighboring property to remove a deer stand from the property line last year but the hunter had not complied with his request. The CPO walked the property line locating the deer stand in question and three additional stands. Three of the four stands were found to be baited with a buffet of corn, apples and a mineral block. While the CPO was collecting evidence for the unlawful feeding of wildlife he observed a male subject on a four-wheeler ride down the trail to the deer stands. The CPO took cover and watched the subject take down a hanging gravity feeder and then toss several ears of corn and a mineral block down the hillside. When the CPO made contact with the subject, the man explained he had put out the bait to get deer pictures and had come back to move it from under his stand before the start of season. The subject was educated on Illinois laws regarding the property line issue and the unlawful feeding of deer. The unlawful deer stand and all bait was removed from the area. Enforcement action was taken.

A CPOT arrested three individuals in Winnebago County for unlawful possession of cannabis, and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A CPOT made a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving Lock 14 of the I & M Canal. After a brief investigation the driver was arrested for DUI-Cannabis, and the passenger was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

A CPO cited two Iowa residents for not having a valid Illinois nonresident fishing license

A CPO spoke at the annual Henderson/Warren County safety education day in Stronghurst. The officer educated over 200 kids about water and boat safety.

District 6 CPOs held a detail at a State Park that was holding a wine festival. Numerous individuals were cited for operating a vehicle with open alcohol. One driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .132.

A fisherman was cited for illegally snagging fish. The fisherman had numerous Asian carp that had been snagged along with a largemouth bass. The bass was only 11.5 inches long and too short to legally keep.

A fisherman went to court for two snagging violations. The Conservation Police Officers had dealt with the fisherman numerous times, so they videotaped his actions as evidence. He was found guilty on both charges for illegally snagging fish. He was fined \$1000.00. This was his third and fourth conviction.

Conservation Police attended a Purdue University – “Professional Trappers Furbearer Management Short Course” (AKA Trappers College) September 6th-13th. It was an intense academy style training environment dealing with every aspect of modern trapping. Students were doing something trapping related from the time they woke up in the morning until the last

class ended at 10 p.m. nightly. This course is the only one of its kind in the USA, taught by some of the best known Trappers in the world. The course is open to governmental employees and private individuals also.

CPOs did a boat patrol of Mississippi River Pool # 14. Multiple fishing tournaments were being conducted. Boat safety inspections were conducted on 12 boats. Written warnings were issued for minor boat code violations only.

A District 1 CPO seized tree stands that were left up at Morrison Rockwood State Park that were not marked with the owner's name and address. The stands were also left up after the mandatory removal date.

A District 1 CPO patrolled the Mississippi and Rock Rivers in Whiteside County during the last weekend of the early teal season, and the Cabela's King Cat championship catfish tournament.

REGION II

No activity reported.

REGION III

A District 11 CPO responded to a complaint in Cumberland County of trespass to harvest ginseng. The CPO located two Cumberland County men and issued them a citation and a written warning each for ginseng violations. A third man ran from the area. The CPO learned the man's identity and that he is also currently wanted on a valid arrest warrant. The man will be issued citations at a later date, possibly at the county jail.

A District 11 CPO completed a boat registration investigation in Coles County.

A District 11 CPO attended a Hunting Safety Class in Coles County.

A District 11 CPO checked a Decatur man in hunting attire leaving US Army Corps of Engineer property on Lake Shelbyville in Moultrie County. The man was found to be digging ginseng without permission. The man was issued a citation and a written warning. The ginseng was seized as contraband.

A group of approximately 500 Mid Evil Times (Live Action Role Players) came to Wolf Creek State Park for the weekend. After receiving a call from an Indiana Police Detective of a firearm threat made to an Indiana resident from another group member from Michigan over a message board, a high visibility enforcement detail was worked in the area. The Michigan man did not come to the event. District 11 & 19 CPOs made several traffic stops for speeding and issued 15 written warnings.

Two District 11 CPOs completed a Douglas County investigation of two Indiana individuals trespassing to harvest ginseng. They met the subjects in Edgar County and issued them both citations.

Two District 19 CPOs traveled to Wolf Creek State Park in Shelby County for a detail targeting potential drug use in the State Park due to a high volume of people and traffic for a reenactment event. The detail consisted of three CPO's, one Sheriff's Deputy, and one Canine Officer. During the detail, numerous traffic stops and public assists were made, however no major incidents or citations had to be enforced.

A District 19 CPO discovered two subjects illegally digging ginseng in a State Park in Northern Vermilion County. Each subject had a bag of freshly dug ginseng and admitted to digging it inside State Park property. Both subjects were issued two citations each.

Two District 19 CPO's attended a week long ICS 300 (Incident Command System) class near St. Louis.

A District 19 CPO attended a Hunters Safety Course in Piatt County.

REGION IV

Two District 13 officers were working the walk in areas at Carlyle Lake. The officers observed a group of three hunters fire early at some teal that had landed in their decoys. A check of the hunters found one of them to be using a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells. Enforcement action was taken on the early shooting and the unplugged shotgun.

A St Clair County CPO attended Boat Operators Course on Lake Michigan Chicago.

A St Clair County CPO attended a Hunter Safety class in Caseyville and manned the CPL Trailer at Patriots Day in East St. Louis.

A St Clair County CPO arrested two teal hunters, one for unplugged and the use of lead. The other hunter was arrested for transportation of an uncased loaded shotgun and no lifejackets on a watercraft. Several written warnings were issued for boating violations.

A District 13 CPO checked a fisherman on a boat coming off of a creek to a boat ramp. As the man was approaching the ramp, the CPO observed the man move an uncased shotgun inside the boat. When the CPO checked the man, he found he had no FOID Card and the shotgun was loaded with two shells. Upon checking the fish the man had in possession, he was found to have a short crappie. The man was issued one citation and two written warnings.

A District 13 CPO made an appearance at a Hunter's Safety course to cover hunting laws. There were 24 students plus several adults in attendance.

A District 13 officer was on patrol in St Clair County during teal season. The officer heard shotgun shots approximately 20 minutes before legal hunting hours. The officer was able to determine the area where the shots came from and listened for additional shooting. The officer heard multiple shots prior to legal hunting hours. The officer located a duck blind with one hunter inside. The officer checked the hunter and discovered the hunter was in possession of drug paraphernalia. The hunter was cited for the violation. The officer then checked the hunters that were hunting before legal hunting hours. The officer checked two hunters and determined

they were the hunters that shot early. The hunters were both cited for hunting prior to hunting hours.

A District 13 officer spoke at a Biology field trip at the Washington County Conservation Area. The Nashville High School coordinated for all of their Biology students to attend this presentation, other speakers included a Wildlife Biologist, Forester, Natural Heritage and other experts in the conservation field. The students were able to collect leaves for a project they are required to complete for their class. The students were also able to gain a better understanding of opportunities in the field and responsibilities of the individual speakers.

The Monroe County CPO assisted a Sheriff's Department with executing a search warrant. In addition to a large amount of drugs seized, there was also additional contraband seized in the form of illegally dug ginseng, an illegally possessed raptor talon and an illegal otter hide. In addition, the subject had over the legal possession limit of squirrels. Charges are pending.

REGION V

A CPO discovered several watercraft violations while on the Ohio River. The operator was cited for no life jackets and given written warnings for the other violations.

In Saline County a CPO conducted a random commercial inspection of a taxidermist business.

While checking teal hunters in the Casey Fork sub-impoundment of Rend Lake a CPO found two hunters waterfowl hunting with lead shot and both in possession of unplugged shotguns. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

A permit investigation was initiated in District 14 on non resident deer hunters using antlerless permits and harvesting antlered deer.

A CPO attended NIMS training and upgraded his capabilities within the Incident Command System. He completed ICS 200, 800 and 300 level courses.

A Wayne county CPO issued one citation for early shooting, one citation for unlawful take of a wood duck, and wanton waste, and two citations for using unplugged shotguns.

A Fayette County CPO cited three subjects for unlawfully shooting shovelers.