



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 April 1-15)

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 Peecher issued 2 WW for unlawful access to restricted area during CV-19 park shutdown

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri recovered a dead bald eagle at an interstate rest area. The eagle was turned over to the USFWS where it will then be shipped to the Eagle Repository as required by law.

JODAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Peecher issued 5 WW for unlawful access to restricted area during CV-19 park shutdown

LEE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MERCER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

OGLE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri responded to a complaint of someone trespassing on private property. CPO responded to the area and located a couple on an ATV. The Aledo, IL man was cited for shed hunting without permission and his fiancé was issued a written warning.

CPO Francisko, is assigned to IDNR Site security patrols due to the mandated closure of all IDNR State Parks, Fish and Wildlife area's and Historic Sites during the Coronavirus Covid-19 world-wide pandemic. Appropriate enforcement

action has been taken as needed with people violating the Governor's "Stay at Home" order and entering closed DNR sites.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Peecher made 1 warrant arrest while performing a pre-season trout fishing patrol at Krape Park in Freeport. 1 WW issued for unlawful access to restricted area during CV-19 park shutdown

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Posateri completed an investigation from the 2019 deer season. A Morrison, IL man was cited for no valid deer permit and failure tag deer immediately upon kill. A 10-point deer head was seized.

CPO Peecher and CPO Beltran conducted a 4-day detail on the Hennepin Feeder Canal in Rock Falls activity includes 10 WW, 1 warrant arrest referred to ISP, 3 drug arrests, 2 juvenile runaway warrant arrests. 80 to 100 miles logged on Department UTV along the feeder canal.

District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino issued a citation to a subject with no fishing license at Candlewick lake.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner while checking the Hennepin Canal to ensure compliance with Governors executive order found three individuals fishing at Lock 2, Hennepin Canal. One of the fishermen had no fishing license and was cited for the offense. All individuals were given a warning about entering restricted area and told to leave.

CPO Wagner while patrolling Marquette Road near Spring Valley noticed a vehicle parked on the roadway with two occupants. Upon checking to make sure everything was Ok; CPO Wagner noticed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. Appropriate enforcement was taken.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry arrested a driver in Bureau County for felony DUI and felony Revoked driving charges in 2018. He was sentenced to 9 years in Illinois Dept of Corrections, and fined \$10,000.

In another case CPO Murry arrested 8 snowmobilers who fled from him during a check. After a lengthy investigation, more than 40 violations were discovered. After the conclusion of the court case each operator was either found guilty or pled guilty to various charges relating to the incident. A total of 400 hours of community service were ordered to be completed, one operator was sentenced to 30 days in jail, and a total of \$5197.50 in fines were ordered paid

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kiprono patrolled LaSalle county enforcing the COVID-19 order regarding the closure of State Parks and properties. Several individuals, mostly those who live in the Chicago area, have been found in posted areas closed to the public like Starved Rock State Park and Matthiessen State Park, resulting in a citation for entering a restricted area.

While on patrol in Lasalle County, CPO Stanbary located a fisherman on the I&M Canal who was fishing while it was closed during the COVID-19 shutdown. When the CPO approached the fisherman, he observed the man smoking a cannabis cigarette. When the fisherman noticed the approaching CPO, he threw the cannabis into the canal. The CPO recovered the cannabis from the water and discovered 2 additional baggies' in his possession. During a fishing

compliance check the CPO found that the fisherman had 2 rainbow trout in his fish basket, and he did not have an inland trout stamp. The fisherman also had an undersized smallmouth bass in his possession. The fisherman was issued a citation for no inland trout stamp and a civil cannabis violation for smoking cannabis in a public place. He was also issued several written warnings for entering a restricted area, pollution of a waterway and having a dog off leash and failing to immediately release a short fish. His illegal fish were returned to the waters of the canal and he was released with a May court date.

SGT. Wire and CPO Workman patrolled Pecumsaugan Nature Preserve and discovered 4 subjects in a closed Nature Preserve. Upon investigation they discovered illegal possession of cannabis, unlawful consumption of alcohol by minor, and possession of alcohol by minor. All subjects were fingerprinted and released on scene.

CPO Wagner while checking fisherman along Illinois river found individual fishing off water street. When asked, individual claimed to have license but not with him. Upon further checking it was found the individual had not purchased a license. Citation was issued for the offense.

CPO Wagner patrolled Starved Rock SP where a vehicle was discovered near Hennepin Canyon. A short time later, individuals were found and cited for entering a restricted area (closed park).

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Alvarez- Gerbino and CPO Leannah investigated a snowmobile complaint in Pecatonica. The complaint was initially handled by Pecatonica PD.

CPO Leannah issued a nuisance animal permit to a landowner in Pecatonica, Il.

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson rescued a sick/injured bald eagle located in southern Henderson County. The eagle was transported to a rehabilitation center in Decatur IL, for evaluation.

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson investigated vandalism taking place at Big River State Forest sites. Investigation is pending and any information regarding this would be much appreciated.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Elliott assisted ISP, McDonough County, and Warren County Sheriffs Depts, with the search and location of a missing person. The subject was found deceased with a gunshot wound to the head and a pistol resting between their legs.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell conducted patrols of Department Lands in Peoria County and responded to citizen questions regarding the closure of all IDNR properties.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn patrolled the state parks and ensured no one was unlawfully entering the closed areas. He assisted in putting up and maintaining signage at the park as well as informing visitors of the closure. No enforcement was taken however many citizens were educated on the park's status.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Elliott and CPO Thompson completed an investigation involving unlawful trespassing and hunting without permission. The subject admitted to knowingly entering the property without permission from the owner. A citation and written warning were issued.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

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

KANE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LAKE COUNTY

CPO's Reid and Semenik arrested 4 individuals for unlawfully snagging walleye in Sequoit Creek, Antioch. The walleye come up this little creek to spawn and individuals have been in there snagging the huge spawning females.

MCHENRY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber received a fishing without permission complaint from a landowner outside Bourbonnais, IL. CPO Farber located three fishermen who had snuck onto the property to fish. The violators were educated and enforcement action was taken.

CPO 's Farber and Elliott patrolled the Kankakee and Iroquois River by boat. Several fish related violations were discovered and written warnings were issued.

While checking fishermen near a Kankakee County state park, CPO Prasun located a fisherman inside the state park which was closed to visitors due to the COVID19 pandemic. The fisherman was in possession of two trout which had been taken illegally. The fisherman was issued a citation and educated on the laws pertaining to being present in a restricted area of a state park. The trout were given to a properly licensed fisherman in the area.

While conducting sport fish enforcement near a Kankakee County state park, CPO Prasun observed a vehicle driving recklessly on the highway near several individuals who were fishing on a bridge. CPO Prasun was able to get the vehicle to stop at which point the driver was issued a citation for speeding.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Prasun responded to a state park near southern Will and western Kankakee Counties to assist the local fire department with a brush fire. The cause of the fire is yet to be determined.

While checking fishermen in central Will County, CPO Prasun located two subjects fishing without valid Illinois fishing licenses. One of the fishermen was also trespassing and fishing without permission. Enforcement action was taken and the two were educated on the laws pertaining to the fishing license requirements. The second fisherman was educated on the law in reference to having permission to fish on private property.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO McClenning patrolled Chicago, Cook County Forest Preserve and Cook County for sport fishing enforcement, resulting in a total of 11 written warnings being issued.

CPO McClenning discovered criminal damage to state property that occurred at William powers state park, there are no suspects at this time.

During this period CPO Swindle issued two warnings. The first was for a 17 year old who had no fishing license at Busse Woods Lake. The second warning was issued for fishing with more than two poles at the Tampier Lake.

CPO Z. Williams and CPO Roundcount worked a COVID-19 detail at William Powers State Park. He encountered two individuals in one of the public duck blinds drinking beer. Both individuals were issued citations for possessing alcohol in a state park where prohibited and written warnings for being in a closed state park.

CPO Z. Williams and CPO Roundcount encountered two individuals smoking marijuana in William Powers State Park. Both individuals were issued citations for being in a closed state park and issued civil citations for possession of cannabis under 10 grams.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park enforcing the parks closure due to COVID-19.

CPO Roesch checked fisherman at Skokie Lagoon issuing written warnings for fishing with too many devices and fishing without a valid license.

CPO Roesch performed several boat and kayak safety inspections at Busse Woods Cook County Forest Preserve.

CPO Kusta was conducting sport fish enforcement at a closed Cook County Forest Preserve inland trout lake. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman in the distance actively fishing the closed lake. As CPO Kusta began to drive towards the fisherman; the fisherman began to duck and dodge, grabbing his fishing gear and bucket. He ran swiftly into the wooded area. CPO Kusta, being very familiar with the area, knew the fisherman was cornered. CPO Kusta tracked the fisherman down, locating him near a stream with his gear in the woods. CPO Kusta inquired as to why the fisherman ran and he stated, "you freaked me out". CPO Kusta checked the fisherman's valid sport fishing license and requested his identification. CPO Kusta walked the fisherman back to the parking lot and educated him on the lake closure. The fisherman's violation was documented, and he was released on scene.

CPO Gates performed surveillance at Grove Lake after discovering posts of people fishing this closed lake that has been stocked for the Spring trout.

CPO Gates issued 4 written warnings to four different people fishing on expired fishing licenses.

CPO Gates issued 2 written warnings to two people for fishing on an expired fishing license

CPO Gates issued 2 written warnings to a woman trapping squirrels and releasing them into the forest preserve without a nuisance permit. The elderly lady was advised of the laws and I provided her the contact information to our Biologist to obtain a nuisance permit.

CPO Gates issued 4 written warnings for not having the necessary equipment while operating a boat.

CPO Roundcount and CPO Williams encountered two individuals at William Powers State Park (Closed). The two individuals were in a duck blind drinking alcohol in a no alcohol posted area. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Roundcount and CPO Williams encountered two individuals at William Powers State Park (Closed). Both individuals were smoking marijuana while under the age of 18. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gates patrolled James Phillip state Park. He issued numerous verbal warnings to people out running or biking on the trails.

During this period CPO Swindle issued a citation at William Powers State Park. The citation was to a for unlawfully entering a closed state park. The subject entered the back side of the state park and was fishing on the railroad tracks that ran through.

CPO Swindle also issued a written warning for fishing without a fishing license in the same area of the closed state park.

On his route home CPO Swindle observed a car parked on the side of the road and a person who appeared to be attending to another lying on the ground. CPO Swindle activated his emergency lights and approached the scene. As I made contact CPO Swindle as informed that the subject had been hit by a passing car while riding his bicycle. He then immediately notified dispatch of the situation and requested EMS to his location. After a few moments the individual gained conciseness. He seemed unclear on what had happened. Local PD arrived on scene as well as EMS and fire. Once PD was able to take over, CPO Swindle resumed his duties.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park enforcing the parks closure due to COVID-19. CPO Roesch issued citations and warnings to individuals fishing in the park without fishing licenses.

CPO Roesch assisted Chicago Fire Department, Chicago PD, and Cook Co. Forest Preserves with a fire that was burning several acers north of William Powers State Park.

CPO Roesch, CPO McClenning, and Sgt. Mooi stopped 6 individuals riding ATVs in William Powers State Park. Citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Roesch checked fisherman at Skokie Lagoon issuing written warnings for fishing with too many devices and fishing without a valid license.

CPO Roesch performed several boat and kayak safety inspections at Busse Woods Cook County Forest Preserve.

DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates issued 2 citations to two separate fisherman for fishing a closed trout stocked lake in Dupage County

Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

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

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic is on reactive patrol due to the COVID – 19 pandemic.

CPO Blazinic is monitoring river levels in / around Quincy as the Mississippi River levels begin to rise during spring flooding.

BROWN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink cited an individual for harvesting a whitetail deer without first obtaining a hunting license, habitat stamp, or valid deer permit.

CPO Olroyd continues to check fishermen and turkey hunters for compliance as well as investigating turkey permit violations.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley continues patrolling state properties during the shutdown, as well as the Mississippi River, and checking random properties for turkey bait. CPO Wheatley has also assisted Hancock County Sheriff's offices on calls for service, including a suicidal subject call and a disorderly subject brandishing a firearm.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Olroyd issued several citations to individuals who unlawfully entered and remained in Pere Marquette State Park during closure.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PIKE COUNTY

CPO Jansen investigated a hunting w/o permission complaint in Pike County. Further investigation pending.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer

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

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink discovered an elevated deer feeder in a timber near a creek bed with a trail camera pointing towards it. CPO Wahlbrink talked to the property owner about the feeder. The owner stated he did not know it was illegal to feed deer. CPO Wahlbrink educated him on the impact CWD can have on the deer herd and issued him a written warning.

While patrolling Jim Edgar Panther Creek (JEPC) SFWA, CPO Wahlbrink discovered a vehicle parked in the grass on the back side of Gridley Lake. It was dark outside and CPO Wahlbrink believed someone had snuck in to fish the closed lake. CPO Wahlbrink walked to the lake and found an individual fishing from the bank. The individual admitted to knowing JEPC was closed. He also admitted he parked in the grass to prevent being seen. Further investigation revealed the man did not have a valid fishing license. The man was issued a citation for fishing without a valid license and a written warning for being in a restricted area.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Thornley conducted recreational boat enforcement along the Salt Creek. CPO Thornley checked several boats. Three citations were issued for no lifejackets when required. CPO Thornley also arrested a boater for OUI.

CPO Thornley checked hunters during the youth turkey season. CPO Thornley checked a hunter who did not have a tag on a harvested turkey, when presented with the tag, CPO Thornley noticed it was for Menard county and not Logan County where the bird was harvested. A citation and several warnings were issued to the parent.

MASON COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink issued two kayakers written warnings for not having their personal flotation devices on board while on Salt Creek.

MENARD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink issued an individual written warning after a watercraft inspection revealed the operator did not have an approved fire extinguisher or functional safety lanyard on board. The identification number was also not displayed on the watercraft.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson
(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)**

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Lincoln Trail State Park and its surrounding county roads in search for trespassers.

CPO Wellum handled a motorist assist in Clark County.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with three domestic disputes which resulted in two arrests.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with a civil dispute.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with traffic control at an accident involving a semi which had driven off the roadway and broke a utility pole.

CPO Wellum checked the Casey City Pond on multiple occasions attempting to locate fishermen taking trout before season. CPO Wellum did check one person fishing for trout who did not realize the season had not started yet, the fisherman had not caught a trout yet.

CPO Wellum investigated three dead deer in a ditch in Clark County. One of the deer had been field dressed and butchered, the other two deer had not been touched. The deer appeared to have been shot, there was no evidence around or on the deer and no witnesses to the incident.

CPO Wellum issued a Clark County resident a written warning for speeding.

CPO Wellum checked multiple fishermen in Clark County.

CPO Wellum assisted a Clark County Deputy with a warrant arrest in Martinsville

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CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Coles County resident in Clark County. The driver was issued written warnings for speeding and no proof of insurance.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt performed security checks at Fox Ridge State Park and its various hunters parking lots.

CPO Hyatt assisted with Coles County regarding a domestic in the city of Oakland.

CPO Mieure issued two citations to Charleston men who were in possession of trout during the closed season. One Charleston woman received a citation for fishing without a license. Seven written warnings were issued in Coles county

for people fishing without a license. One written warning was issued for no sounding device on a watercraft. Patrolled Fox Ridge State park during COVID-19 closure.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Two written warnings were issued to a boat operator for batteries not covered and no fire extinguisher on Lake Mattoon.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted with the closure of Walnut Point State Park and the Observatory that is on state property. Several Patrols have been conducted around the park via county roads where people have been parking and entering the hiking trails and timber.

CPO Miller conducted security Patrol at the Walnut Point State Park due to COVID-19 state park closures.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt assisted the Kansas Fire Department with traffic control for a house fire in the city of Kansas.

CPO Wellum issued two Edgar County residents warnings for no fishing licenses while fishing at Twin Lakes in Paris

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody patrolled state sites which have been closed

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Hyatt patrolled Wolf Creek and Eagle Creek State parks during COVID-19 closure.

CPO Barnes continues to monitor closed state sites.

CPO Barnes transferred an injured Great Horned Owl to the Decatur Raptor Center for treatment.

CPO Barnes assisted Moweaqua P.D. with a squirrel trapping complaint.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Miller issued a St. Joseph resident a warning for trapping and killing squirrels without obtaining a nuisance wildlife permit.

DEWITT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson received a complaint about possible harassment of a bald eagle nest. The incident is still under investigation.

MACON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued 5 fishermen written warnings for fishing in a restricted area at Dawson Lake.

Due to recent closures of state parks, as a result of COVID-19, CPO Graden has been conducting site-security patrols on DNR Lands.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Hyatt issued a salvage tag to a Georgetown resident who found a dead buck on his property in Edgar County.

CPO Miller escorted multiple people out of the Kickapoo State Park and the Middle Fork SFWA due to COVID-19 state parks closures.

CPO Sanford investigated a stolen trail camera complaint in Vermilion County. Using GPS data and still images the camera was transmitting, CPO Sanford was able to locate the camera and the individual in possession of the camera. After a brief investigation, CPO Sanford discovered the individual had obtained the camera from a different individual who was responsible for the original theft. CPO Sanford made contact with the individual responsible, who was issued two citation for theft and criminal trespass.

South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias patrolled Eldon Hazlet State Park and Washington County Recreation Area during the COVID-19 lockdown. Nothing to report

MADISON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Sievers patrolled the 7 department lands that have been shut down due to COVID-19. No significant reports.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Gerdes responded to a complaint of an injured barred owl which had been hit by a car on I-64 near Mascoutah. The owl had suffered some head trauma, and CPO Gerdes was able to bring the injured bird to the Treehouse Wildlife Center for treatment and rehabilitation. The owl's condition is unknown, but a recovery is hopeful.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline & White)**

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Haggerty patrolled closed areas of Wayne Fitzgerald State Park for individuals obtaining access to restricted areas.

CPO Folden and CPO Williams located 2 horseback riders who unlawfully entered Wayne Fitzgerald State Park during a period when it was clearly marked as closed due to COVID 19. The horseback riders not only rode past 4 clearly marked barricades, they also rode on the bike trail near the campground which is not near the area where horseback riding is allowed. Citations were issued.

CPO Williams encountered a vehicle on the bike path at Wayne Fitzgerald State Park, which was closed to public access due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The vehicle was driven by a subject whose driver's license was suspended and the registration on the vehicle was also suspended. The subject was issued notices to appear in Franklin County Court for entering a closed area, driving on the bike path, driving while license suspended, driving with suspended registration, and their vehicle towed from the park.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Haggerty patrolled closed areas of Ten Mile Creek and Hamilton County Fish and Wildlife Area.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden located 2 separate individuals who unlawfully entered onto IDNR property during the posted closed period due to COVID 19. No enforcement activity taken.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Knop and CPO Wilkinson assisted USDA and USFW with the elimination of feral hogs in the Lusk creek wilderness area

CPO Wilkinson patrolled Pope, Hardin, and Gallatin counties for the youth turkey season. While on patrol CPO Wilkinson also made sure no individuals were within closed state parks and conducted several fishing compliance checks. Two written warnings were issued to individuals fishing without a license.

CPO Wilkinson investigated a complaint of a baited turkey hunting location. Wheat was discovered scattered around a hunting blind. The location was documented for enforcement action during the upcoming season. CPO Wilkinson also contacted a subject who was under investigation for taking deer by use of bait. The subject was found to not be hunting over the mineral but was providing mineral for the deer. The subject was educated on the purpose of the no mineral law and a written warning was issued.

CPO Wilkinson observed two vehicles parked at Millstone Lake. After further observations, two kayakers were discovered fishing on the lake. CPO Wilkinson dropped a kayak and contacted the subjects on the lake. Neither fisherman had a license. Enforcement action was taken.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Folden located 6 individuals in violation of unlawfully entering onto IDNR Sahara Woods State Fish and Wildlife Area during a period when it was clearly posted closed due to COVID 19. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

CPO Knop responded to a complaint of an individual shooting within city limits at what appeared to be vultures. While walking up to the area of the complaint CPO Knop observed an individual with a shotgun shooting at black vultures from his driveway. When CPO Knop made contact, the shooter stated he was shooting clay birds and pointed to an unopened box of clay birds at his feet. CPO Knop recovered a dead black vulture and enforcement action was taken.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith received a complaint from a landowner regarding trespassers at one of his ponds. CPO Smith arrived and spoke with the landowner who wanted all three individuals cited for fishing without permission from landowner. CPO Smith cited the individuals as per request of landowner. CPO Smith also issued a written warning to each individual for fishing without a valid sport fish license.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith was patrolling the area of Cox's Bridge and Eckert's Woods S.F.A.W. and caught four individuals fishing on CWMA property. CPO Smith cited the individuals with written warnings and advised them the area is closed due to COVID-19.

CPO Roper observed two individuals fishing at Vandalia Lake. CPO Roper Conducted a fishing compliance check on the individuals. CPO Roper discovered neither individuals had valid fishing licenses. One of the individuals has a revoked fishing license status. CPO Roper issued both individuals citations for fishing with no valid licenses.

CPO Roper observed a vehicle parked in a closed area at Eckerts Woods in Fayette County. CPO Roper found two individuals associated with the vehicle. Both individuals were issued citations for being in a closed area.

CPO Roper received a TIPS complaint in Fayette County of individuals shooting at a turkey off the road. Complaint gave vehicle description and location of the incident. CPO Roper was able to locate the vehicle matching the description in the complaint. CPO Roper spoke with the registered owner of the vehicle and learned the individual had taken a youth hunting the day of the complaint as it was youth turkey season. The owner of the vehicle admitted to the road hunting of the turkey. He stated the youth got out of the passenger side of the truck and shot at a bird off the road. CPO Roper issued six citations between the two individuals, and issued both a mandatory court date in Fayette County Court.

CPO Roper received a complaint of a vehicle stuck off the road way and abandoned at Cox's Bridge Access. CPO Roper found a vehicle stuck along the river off the road way. CPO Roper had a tow service pull the vehicle out, and tow the vehicle. Upon inventorying the vehicle for tow, CPO Roper found controlled substances inside the vehicle. CPO Roper was able to locate the registered owner of the vehicle and inform them of what had happened to the vehicle. Owner of the vehicle stated they got the vehicle stuck the night before and left it hoping to get it pulled out the next day. CPO Roper issued the owner of the vehicle three citations and a mandatory court date in Fayette County Court.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Hyatt received a call about a vehicle sitting on the Newton Lake Dam. The park is closed and no one should be there. Upon arriving and running the vehicle through LEADS it was discovered this subject was a sexual predator. The subject was located on the south side of the dam looking for mushrooms. The subject was issued one citation for entering a restricted area and one warning for being a sexual predator in the park. He was warned if he ever returned to the park he would be arrested and go to jail. With the pandemic going on the county jail would not take him at this time.

CPO Skelton patrolled State owned and managed property to ensure no trespassing or vandalism has taken place during the closure due to COVID-19

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor has been patrolling Closed state sites in Lawrence County.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WABASH COUNTY

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WAYNE COUNTY

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District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka patrolled state areas per COVID 19 procedures.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers is conducting surveillance of commercial fisherman on the Mississippi and Ohio River.

CPO Wolf assisted CPO Lewis with a trespassing complaint at Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife area. The man was asked to leave by park personnel and refused. He was issued multiple citations and warnings.

CPO Tapley found five subjects fishing at Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area while it was closed due to Covid 19. One subject was found to be wanted on two Jackson County warrants. The jail would not accept him as an inmate due to Covid 19, so he was issued new court dates. Written warnings were issued to all five subjects.

CPOs Lewis, Teas and Wolf responded to a complaint by Site Superintendent Cha Hill about a subject on Burning Star SFWA property during the COVID-19 emergency closure. Cha advised he came across the individual who was walking down the main road of the site. When Hill advised him the site was closed, the subject became belligerent, refused to leave and ran away. The CPOs were able to locate the subject on the property, and he was charged with criminal trespass to state supported property.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson responded to a complaint of a subject shooting a rifle over the water at Lake of Egypt in the direction of people on kayaks. CPO Wilkinson arrived to the location when he was met by CPO Wolf and CPO Johnson. After a short conversation with people in the area, the subject was discovered and questioned. The subject admitted to shooting an air rifle at turtles on the lake. Enforcement action was taken and CPO Wilkinson explained the legality of shooting turtles and the dangers of shooting over the water.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf patrolled department lands to prevent trespassing and vandalism.

CPO Wolf cited a man trespassing in Ft. Massac State Park for fishing with no valid license. The man was issued a warning for trespassing on state property.

PERRY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek contacted a commercial fisherman on the Big Muddy River. Vasicek discovered multiple violations which included possession of unlawful fish (seized), equipment violations (nets), and licensing/ permit infractions. Multiple citations issued.

CPO Vasicek assisted the Union County Sheriff's Department with the apprehension/ arrest of a subject who pointed a sawed-off shotgun at 2 people.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson investigated a boat accident. Two male subjects, in a boat, entered the restricted area to the spillway at Cedar Lake. They got caught in the current, which took them over the spillway and pushed the boat 100 yards downstream. Both of the subjects were uninjured. The operator was issued a citation for entering a restricted area.