



# 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 August 14-28, 2020)

*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 Hoftender observed a car speeding at Mississippi Palisades State Park Campground and stopped the vehicle. The driver was doing 32-mph in a 10-mph zone. The Chicago woman was cited for no valid driver’s license and speeding in the state park.

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri patrolled State Parks and stopped vehicles for speeding or other violations. **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Reduce your speed in parks. Most are posted 20 mph limit and 10 mph in campground areas.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

CPO Hoftender checked an Iowa commercial fisherman at Blanding’s Landing. The fisherman did not have a wearable life jacket, his fire extinguisher was not serviceable and his lanyard on his motor was too short to wear. CPO Hoftender issued the man a citation for the lifejacket violation and warnings for his fire extinguisher and lanyard.

CPO Hoftender cited a Winfield man for taking sport fish with a cast net.

#### **LEE COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

#### **MERCER COUNTY**

CPO McKune conducted wildlife, boat and sport fish enforcement for the reporting period. CPO McKune issued 1 citation and 6 written warnings.

CPO McKune also assisted District Wildlife Biologists in assessing duck blinds and river conditions on Pool 17 of the Mississippi River.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Hoftender checked a fisherman at Castle Rock Boat Launch. The fisherman had a few catfish in a bucket along with two Rusty Cray Fish. CPO Hoftender seized the cray fish and disposed of them issuing the man a written warning for possession of an injurious species.

CPO Beltran assisted Ogle County Sheriff's deputy on a call of trespassing. 5 Kayakers from Polo and the surrounding area were parked next to a no trespassing sign and entered into Pine Creek. The land owner confronted the subjects and called the police to have the boaters charged with trespassing. They were arrested and released on a Notice to Appear with a mandatory court appearance for criminal trespass.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO K Williams and CPO McKune performed a safety detail on the Mississippi River Pool 15 for the Floatzilla event.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Hoftender and CPO Peecher cited a Fulton man for taking sport fish with a cast net at Cattail Slough. He was issued a written warning for no fishing license.

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Randy Leannah #593 was conducting sport fishing checks at the Belvidere Dam when he encountered two fishermen without fishing licenses. A citation and warning were issued.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner while conducting patrol near Lock 17 of the Hennepin Canal noticed a car parked near the roadway with a woman sitting inside. As the officer stepped out of his squad the woman turned away and was clearly trying to hide something. After short conversation officer observed an open container in the vehicle and found the woman to have a small cooler containing two empty Bud light cans and three full Bud Light cans. Woman was cited for illegal possession of alcohol motor vehicle (driver).

CPO Wagner while checking fisherman along the north and south shores of the Illinois river east of RTE 89 bridge in Spring Valley found three individuals to be fishing w/out fishing licenses. Two individuals claimed not to be fishing but were observed from across the river. Citations were issued for the violations.

CPO Wagner while on patrol in rural Bureau County cited individual for speeding 80 MPH posted 55 MPH zone.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was working in the early morning hours of August 22<sup>nd</sup> at Shabbona Lake State Park in response to complaints of individuals entering the park before opening hours. While working the detail, CPO Murry issued multiple citations and warnings. Park visitors are reminded the park does not open until 6am, and anyone caught entering early is subject to citation and a fine of \$195.00.

CPO Murry cited two individuals for speeding at Shabbona Lake State Park.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Kiprono and Sgt Wire patrolled Starved Rock State Park and encountered five individuals in a posted restricted area. One was smoking cannabis and was a juvenile sex offender. He was evicted from the park.

CPO Kiprono observed two individuals from Chicago unlawfully snagging for Asian Carp on the Fox River in Ottawa. The violations were addressed.

CPO Kiprono observed a vehicle parked in an area marked as no trespassing with signs posted as such and two individuals near an SUV. CPO Kiprono discovered another individual with the group fishing nearby at the Illinois River. After checking the male for a fishing license, CPO Kiprono noticed the two females quickly close the hatch to the SUV concealing two American softshell turtles. The fishermen admitted to unlawfully catching the turtles by hook and line when they are supposed to be caught by hand. The violations were addressed and the turtles were released back into the river.

CPO Wagner and CPO Kiprono while conducting sport fish enforcement near the Fox river bridge in Ottawa observed two individuals snagging. After observing for a short time, the individuals were contacted and confronted about the snagging. When asked to see in the back of their van two Big head carp were found in a cooler with hook marks in the side. Fishing poles were found with large treble hooks indicative of snagging. Neither had a fishing license. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While patrolling the Illinois river east of the 178 bridge in Utica CPO Wagner found multiple individuals fishing in an area closed to fishing. After making the individuals aware of the trespassing violation and explaining they couldn't fish in that area three of the individuals were found to be fishing w/out licenses. Citations were issued for the violations.

CPO Wagner had received complaints about fisherman at Lasalle Lake keeping short fish and others consuming alcohol. CPO Wagner conducted a patrol of the lake. CPO Wagner discovered a man who had six small mouth bass in his cooler all of which were less than 5 inches long. Appropriate enforcement action was taken.

While at Lasalle lake CPO Wagner also found individuals consuming alcohol along the south dike at the lake. While addressing the alcohol violation another fisherman was found to have no fishing license. Citations were issued for the alcohol violation and fishing license violation.

While doing fishing compliance checks at the Peru Sportsman's Club CPO Wagner found three individuals to be fishing w/out fishing licenses. When asked about the licenses all three denied fishing until I informed them, I had observed them from across the river with binoculars. All three were cited for fishing w/out fishing licenses.

During various foot patrols of Starved Rock after closure due to storm damage CPO Wagner cited six individuals for entering a restricted area.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO MURRY was enforcing fishing regulations in Rockford, when he arrested an individual on a warrant.

CPO Leannah #593 was conducting sport fishing checks at Four Lakes Forrest Preserve when he discovered a fisherman in possession of short largemouth bass as well as an over limit. A citation and written warnings were issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks at Rock Cut State Park when he discovered two fishermen without fishing licenses. Citations were issued.

CPO Leannah #593 was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he discovered a fisherman with a short small mouth bass and one without a fishing license. Citations were issued.

CPO Alvarez-Gerbino was conducting sport fishing checks on the Rock River when he discovered two fishermen with several fishing devices that were untagged when required. Warnings were issued.

CPO Leannah #593 was conducting boat safety inspections at the Rockton boat launch when he discovered an unregistered watercraft missing several pieces of required safety equipment. A citation and written warnings were issued.

**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

Nothing to report for this county

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell arrested a Pekin man on the Illinois River for operation of a watercraft with a BAC of .135. Additional citations and written warnings were issued for violation of a no wake zone, failure to transfer boat certificate of number and boat safety equipment violations.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn Region 1 District 7 found and removed stands unlawfully left at the Mackinaw State Fish and Wildlife area. 7 stands were removed the first day and 9 were removed the second day. A Field report was written and seizure tags were left for hunters to contact CPO Finn if they want their stands back.

CPO Gerard cited an individual for operating his vehicle off the roadway at Mackinaw Fish and Wildlife area. The subject's vehicle had to be removed by a tow truck after he drove into an area that had been washed out by recent rains.

WARREN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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 Semenik made 3 Class A drug arrests while working the Chain O' Lakes state park for unlawful possession of cannabis in motor vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated for a vehicle being driven with only one headlight. The driver of the vehicle was issued citations for unlawful possession of cannabis in motor vehicle, illegal transportation of alcohol, improper lighting, no insurance and a written warning for possession of fireworks. The passenger was cited for unlawful possession of cannabis in motor vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. Both the driver and passenger was issued eviction notices due to the amount of alcohol, cannabis, and drug paraphernalia recovered from the vehicle.

CPO Reid and CPO Davis were patrolling on Nippersink lake and observed a boat fail to slow down prior to entering the Grass Lake Road no wake area. A stop was initiated and the operator appeared under the influence and of alcohol. He failed field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest for OUI. He provided a breath sample showing a concentration of .215%.

CPO Kelley, along with park staff, enforced the beach closure at Illinois Beach State Park. Most people were understanding of the Covid-related measures to reduce overcrowding of beach-goers.

CPO Semenik and CPO Reid patrolled Lake Michigan from Northpoint Marina to Waukegan Harbor. Multiple boat registration and safety inspections were conducted.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject at Illinois Beach State Park. The North Chicago man was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis in motor vehicle, no valid drivers license, disobeying a stop sign, and unlawful front side window tint.

CPO Semenik cited a subject at Illinois Beach State Park for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams.

CPO Semenik arrested a subject at Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle, no valid driver's license, tinted windows, and disobeying a stop sign.

CPO Kelley responded to a call of a branch falling on a car at the COLSP campground. A large limb had fallen on a van. Luckily, the campers were away from their site at the time, so no one sustained injuries.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Semenik cited a subject traveling through unincorporated McHenry county for speeding 83 mph in 55 mph speed zone. The subject was also cited for unlawful possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle.

CPO Kelley responded to a call of a boat going through the floodgate at Stratton Lock and Dam. Apparently, a boat pulled anchor above the floodgate and was swept through. Luckily, the boat did not capsize and no injuries were reported.

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

**GRUNDY COUNTY**

Nothing to report for this county

**KANKAKEE COUNTY**

CPO Elliot responded to a single vehicle/ property damage only accident at the Kankakee River State Park main entrance off of Rt 102 in Bourbonnais. Upon arrival, CPO Elliot located a Gray van that had struck and damaged one of the opened gates near the park office. The CPO spoke with the driver and made sure that he and his (3) young grandchildren had no injuries. The vehicle owner admitted that while driving into the park, he was looking to see if the park was a pay site when he drove off the roadway and struck the gate that was locked open. Although the vehicle sustained heavy damage, the family was still able to enjoy the park while they waited for a tow to arrive because all passengers were wearing seat belts. Park visitors are reminded to obey all traffic laws and pay attention because of the high number of site visitors the park is experiencing this year.

**KENDALL COUNTY**

CPO Bergland was contacted by the Yorkville Police Department Investigators about a missing person from their town who had not been located in several days. CPO Bergland and the investigators unsuccessfully searched the Fox River from an airboat.

**WILL COUNTY**

CPO Prasun responded to and is investigating a boat accident on the Kankakee River in rural Wilmington. The boat was parked along the shore and when attempting to start the engine compartment suddenly caught fire. A family of 3 was onboard and attempted to put out the flames with their fire extinguisher. Unable to contain the fire the family, including young girl, were forced to leave their vessel. Nearby boats and the local fire department were able to assist and put out the fire, but not before it completely destroyed the engine compartment. The boat was towed back to the public launch, but sank once pulled up to shore and had to be removed by a tow truck with a crane. Luckily no one was injured in the incident. This accident is reminder to always make sure your required safety equipment is good and know where it is at.

CPO Honiotes received a call from ISP dispatch concerning a family who was lost at Kankakee River State Park in Will County. Dispatched advised the family could “see the road” but could not get to it because there was a “body of water” in the way. CPO Honiotes made contact with a member of the party and by asking a series of questions to determine the group’s location, was able to direct them back to their vehicle.

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

**COOK COUNTY**

CPO Kusta was contacted by an Indiana Conservation officer to assist with contacting an owner of an abandon boat. CPO Kusta was able to locate the owner of the boat and advised him to contact the Indiana Conservation Officer who had a few questions for him.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement a long a Chicago river. CPO Kusta observed 3 subjects, two of which were fishing while the other appeared to be smoking cannabis. CPO Kusta contacted the subjects and requested the blunt that was in the one subject’s hand. After a lengthy conversation, the subject finally admitted he had it in his hand

and gave it to CPO Kusta. CPO Kusta requested the other 2 fishermen's sportfishing license, they were unable to provide them. CPO Kusta took enforcement action on all 3 subjects and educated them on fishing license and cannabis laws.

CPO Kusta was conducting sportfish enforcement along a Chicago river. CPO Kusta observed a fisherman and requested his sportfishing license. The fisherman was unable to produce a valid sportfishing license. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and educated the subject on fishing license laws.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement on department owned lands. CPO Kusta observed a small boat with 4 occupants ready to start their voyage. CPO Kusta contacted them as they were about to push off from the dock. CPO Kusta advised the occupants he will be conducting a boat safety inspection. During the inspection it was discovered there were not enough personal flotation devices for everyone on board, no battery covers, no sounding device, and they did not have proof they applied for registration. CPO Kusta educated them on boating laws and advised them they will not be taking the boat out until they get the required equipment.

CPO Kusta was conducting recreational boat enforcement on a Chicago river. CPO Kusta observed a boat causing a large wake in a "No Wake" zone, and passenger location violations. CPO Kusta stopped the boat and it was also discovered they were over the max capacity for that boat by one. CPO Kusta took enforcement action and educated the owner/operator on Illinois boating law.

CPO Williams was patrolling William Powers State Park during the weekend when he encountered ATVs off the roadway. Two ATVs stopped due to not being able to start and the third got away. Both drivers were issued citations.

CPO Williams was patrolling William Powers State Park again when he encountered two ATVs on the railroad tracks leading to the Cook County Forest Preserve. Both drivers were issued citations.

CPO Williams was on boat patrol on the Chicago River. He stopped and inspected numerous boats. Citations were issued for children not wearing PFDs when required and not enough PFDs onboard per passenger. Warnings were issued for other violations such as, no wake, overcapacity, no safety education certificate when required and other equipment violations.

CPO Gates patrolled Skokie Lagoons after receiving a complaint regarding two men having a possible over limit. The 2 men were not found but during patrol, CPO Gates issued a warning to a fisherman who had a short bass in his possession. The bass was still alive and released back to the water. The fisherman was given a warning for having a short bass. The bass was 4.5", the minimum is 14". CPO Gates issued a citation to a man who was fishing without a fishing license due to being revoked for child support.

This week CPO Swindle issued 5 citations and three written warnings. CPO Swindle issued a citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft in a no wake zone, three citations for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft, and one citation for unlawful operation of a watercraft after dark w/o a stern light. Written warnings were issued for unlawful operation of a watercraft in a no wake zone, no navigation lights after dark and no visual distress signal aboard a watercraft while on Lake Michigan.

CPO Roesch followed up with an individual who was illegally trapping cardinals. Citation and warnings were issued. The cardinals were released and the traps were seized as evidence.

CPO Roesch patrolled William Powers State Park. CPO Roesch conducted a vessel inspection at the state park. Two individuals were found to be consuming alcohol at the park. Citation and warning was issued and the alcohol was seized.

CPO Roesch and CPO Williams encountered 3 individuals riding ATVs in the state park. Citations were issued.

CPO Roesch conducted a boat patrol in Lake Michigan with Sgt. Mooi and CPO Swindle performing multiple vessel inspections. CPO Roesch observed two individuals riding personal watercrafts after sunset without any navigation lights. Enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gates met with a code enforcement officer from the village of Bartlett regarding possible poisoning of racoons. CPO Gates spoke with the complainant who provided pictures of dead skunks. CPO Gates walked the property to see if any traps or poison could be located in their neighbors yard, none was found. CPO Gates informed the complainant if they see any thing put out, to call CPO so I could address the issue. The investigation is on going.

CPO Gates investigated a suspicious vehicle parked in the field belonging to a local church. The vehicle was backed into the field. CPO searched the area and creek and did not locate the driver. CPO Gates noticed an unemployment application in the passenger seat, mud boots, and various other tools in the back of the minivan. As CPO was utilizing CLEAR to obtain a phone number for the registered owner of the vehicle, a male appeared from an adjacent corn field. The man said it was his car and he was a pastor for the church. He came out to work the corn field. The man provided identification that verified his information.

CPO Gates patrolled the jeans road and worth boat launches. 4 vessel inspections were performed and no enforcement action was taken.

CPO Gates discovered a possible fishing tournament scheduled for Saturday at an area near Jackson harbor. CPO's Gates, Swindle, and Roesch surveilled the tournament and observed numerous participants fishing. After several hours watching, we made contact. All active participates had valid fishing licenses with salmon stamps.

CPO Gates patrolled William powers state park. 3 warnings were issued to new fisherman who were unaware that they needed a fishing license. CPO Gates performed a vessel inspection on Wolf lake.

CPO Swindle is currently investigating an unlawful boat rental operation on Lake Michigan. The Investigation is ongoing, and enforcement action is pending.

CPO Swindle is currently assisting in a fatal boat accident.

## DUPAGE COUNTY

CPO Gates received a call for a residence of Wayne that there were 3 younger males catching frogs out of a marsh area near his home. CPO Gates responded to the area and found the three males with nets. The boys were all 16. Neither one had a fishing license and did not know they needed a fishing license to catch frogs. CPO Gates educated the young men and let them go with a verbal warning. The stated they were going to catch the frogs to feed to their snake at home because they couldn't get to a pet store to buy any mice.

CPO Gates observed several fishing boats out on Silver lake. One boat did not have any registration displayed. CPO Gates hailed the fisherman to the shore and performed a vessel inspection. The owner did supply a temporary registration showing he did register his vessel. CPO continued to perform several more vessel inspections on the other boats, and all were compliant and had the necessary equipment on board. They all had fishing licenses as well.

CPO Gates worked with CPO Iaffaldano regarding a man selling antlered deer mounts through an app. After speaking with the man, it was discovered that he purchased them at an estate sale. Some tags were on the mounts that showed harvest years in the late 90's. The rest of the mounts appeared old with drywall screws still attached. Nothing further to investigate.

CPO Gates received a complaint about a Naperville resident who has a opossum as a pet. The investigation is on going.

## Central Zone – Acting Captain John Williamson

### **District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers**

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

#### ADAMS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### BROWN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### CALHOUN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### GREENE COUNTY

CPO Olroyd continues to patrol Greene County addressing violations of the boat, wildlife, and fish codes.

#### HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley assisted in scenario based training with the newest CPO Recruit class. CPO Wheatley assisted the recruits in understanding and dealing with day to day job duties, and what to do when life throws a curve ball into what should be a simple fishing license check. CPO Wheatley enjoyed his time with the recruits and hopes he helped to make them better than they already are.

#### JERSEY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### PIKE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### SCHUYLER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

### **District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer**

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

#### CASS COUNTY

While on a boat patrol on Prairie Lake, CPOs Wahlbrink and McClenning discovered a fisherman had two undersized bass in his live well. The individual did not measure the fish before taking possession of them. He was cited for failing to immediately release the fish and was issued multiple written warnings for other violations.

CPO Wahlbrink arrested a registered sexual predator for being at Prairie Lake Campground. The individual was camping in a fifth wheel across from the playground at the campground.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPOs Wahlbrink and Wichern were conducting a boat patrol on Lake Sangchris during a Tuesday night bass fishing tournament. Multiple written warnings and citations were issued for failing to immediately release a short bass, using a cast net to take sport fish, and multiple boating violations.

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MASON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MENARD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 11 – Sgt. Dan Greuel**

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

CLARK COUNTY

CPO's Mieure and Hyatt assisted Indiana officers, Clark Co Sheriff's Dept and ISP on a manhunt following a pursuit originating in Indiana that ended in a vehicle crash in rural Clark county with an occupant of the vehicle fleeing on foot. A female passenger and her 4 month old baby were checked by paramedics and found to have no injuries. The female passenger was taken into custody by Indiana authorities for questioning while the male suspect that fled on foot was unable to be located.

CPO Mieure issued a written warning to a Clark county man for unlawful possession and sale of striped skunks. The subject was arrested on warrant.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Hyatt relayed an injured owl to U of I vet clinic.

CPO Moody received a complaint of a group of people trespassing in rural Coles County on a UTV. CPO Moody located the group who had buried the UTV in a creek on the property. The operator of the UTV received a citation and multiple warnings for various other offenses.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Hyatt was relaying equipment from District 15 when he overheard a call in Jasper County of lost kayakers. CPO Hyatt assisted Jasper County and was able to locate to 2 lost kayakers.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Hyatt has made several late-night patrols by the observatory to help prohibit trespassing and vandalism.

CPO Hyatt dispatched a fox with mange that had been roaming in the town of Oakland at night.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt relayed an owl and babies to the U of I vet clinic.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes began an investigation of a subject for the illegal sale of striped skunks in Clark county. The subject was issued a WW for the violation. The subject had a valid warrant from Clark county and was arrested and taken to the Clark county jail.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

In Dewitt County, CPO Ausmus conducted traffic enforcement at Mascoutin Access at Clinton Lake. CPO Ausmus issued several warnings for disobey a stop sign and speeding. A Champaign man was cited for unlawful operation off the roadway, driving with no driver's license, and driving with no insurance. The subject's car was towed and he has a mandatory court appearance.

CPO G. Anderson and CPO Miller conducted boat patrols on Clinton Lake. Several vessels were contacted for on-view violations, as well as boat safety inspections. A total of 4 citations and 14 written warnings were issued.

CPO G. Anderson responded to a call at the Mascoutin Boat Launch at Clinton Lake for an accident in the parking lot. CPO Anderson arrived at the scene where 2 trucks with boat trailers had collided with noticeable damage. A traffic crash report was completed, and the vehicles were able to drive away safely.

CPO G. Anderson and CPO Sanford patrolled Clinton Lake while on a boat and noticed 2 kayakers on the water. A check for life jackets was conducted and the kayakers advised they did not have any. A citation and a written warning were issued.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

MACON COUNTY

CPO Reeves made an arrest of a Decatur man at Spitler Woods State Natural Area for driving under the influence of alcohol as well as driving while revoked. The man was taken to the Macon County Jail and held in lieu of bond.

MCLEAN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**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 responded to a downed bald eagle on private property owned by a large plant nursery. Upon arrival CPO Macias noticed a dead bald eagle (juvenile) on the ground exactly underneath a power pole. Further inspection showed no blood or shooting injuries, the bald eagle had a bit of burning near the talons. It was determined the bald eagle attempted to land and received electric shock causing its death. The appropriate steps were taken to take the carcass and dispose of it via lawful methods.

MADISON COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Horseshoe Lake State Park, CPO Gerdes issued two people citations for fishing without a valid fishing license, and another man a citation for using 3 poles where only 2 poles per person are allowed.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a court disposition on a subject charged with shooting songbirds and killing an opossum out of season. The subject was found guilty of taking protected species and fined \$622.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers and CPO Zach French were patrolling the Kaskaskia River by boat. They observed a boat operating after dark without navigation lights. They stopped the boat and conducted boat safety equipment check. The driver was cited for unlawfully driving under the influence of alcohol and operating a boat without navigation lights. The driver was also issued multiple written warnings for boat safety equipment and registration violations.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray worked sport fishing and enforced boating laws along the Kaskaskia River, Peabody River King and Baldwin Fish and Wildlife Area.

While patrolling Baldwin Lake, CPO Gerdes observed a fisherman walking back to his vehicle from the fishing pier area. Upon speaking with the man and checking his equipment, CPO Gerdes discovered the man was using five poles where only two poles area allowed. The man was cited for the violation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 14 – Sgt. Marc Folden**

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a complaint of hunting without permission on the Washington/Perry County Line. The two turkey hunters were issued citations for hunting without permission

CPO Schachner received a court disposition on a subject charged with unlawful possession of a bobcat hide and whitetail deer. The subject pled guilty to the bobcat charge and was fined \$322. The unlawful possession of whitetail deer was dismissed.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Skelton Performed a Commercial fishing Detail with CPO Haggerty ensuring all Commercial Fishing regulations were being followed.

**District 15 – Sgt. Timothy Buhnerkempe**

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

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

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 Roper received a complaint of a child sexual predator in Ramsey Lake State Park. CPO Roper took a signed written statement for the individual who identified the predator. CPO Roper located the individual named in the complaint. CPO Roper spoke with the individual about the incident. CPO Roper issued the individual a citation for Violent Child Sexual Predator in a State Park, and a citation for Unlawful Transportation of an Alcoholic Beverage in a Motor Vehicle.

JASPER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor found two vehicles that had driven off the roadway at Red Hill State Park and parked in a no parking area, appropriate enforcement action was taken.

MARION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton Patrolled the Wabash River enforcing boater safety, as well as Commercial fishing regulations.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Tapley charged two subjects with Criminal Trespass after they had been found trespassing on property to fish. Both subjects had already been charged with fishing without permission earlier in the year on the same property.

CPO Tapley charged two subjects with fishing without permission on private property.

CPO Somers is investigating a ginseng digger taking ginseng out of season on property they do not have permission to dig.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas cited a subject in Johnson County for not wearing a PFD while operating a jet ski on Lake of Egypt.

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Teas conducted a boat patrol on Lake of Egypt. 11 boat safety inspections were completed.

CPO Wilkinson issued a citation to an individual for a PFD violation and written warnings were issued to two other operators. The violations included operation of watercraft with expired registration and other PFD violations.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for operating a watercraft with no wearable life jacket.

CPO Wolf also issued two written warnings to the group for fishing without a license.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for operating a watercraft with 5 children under 13 not wearing life jackets.

#### MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf assisted Massac County Sheriff's Office search for a wanted man who had fled on foot from a deputy.

CPO Wolf also assisted the Sheriff's Office with a 4 vehicle wreck on US 45.

#### POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson conducted three traffic stops near the area of Dixon Springs State Park on vehicles traveling 75 MPH or faster in a 55 MPH zone. Enforcement action was taken on all stops.

CPO Wilkinson received a complaint of a poached deer that was shot at night with a rifle. After gathering information regarding the complaint, CPO Johnson and Wolf assisted Wilkinson with the investigation. An interview was conducted, and the subject was arrested for felon in possession of a firearm, unlawfully deer hunting out of season, with a rifle, at night, and unlawfully taking a buck. The individual was also charged with unlawful possession of freshly killed species out of season. Additionally, the subject had warrants for his arrest.

#### PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Spinka was contacted about a subject operating dangerously close to the Olmsted dam by the Army Corp of Engineers. CPO Spinka made contact with the individual and issued him a citation for the violation and explained the unseen dangers of where he was fishing.

#### UNION COUNTY

Nothing to report for this county

#### WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited 2 individuals for operating watercraft without wearable life jackets.

CPO Wolf issued multiple written warnings for boat equipment violations on Lake of Egypt.

CPO Johnson trained academy recruits on the wildlife code and force on force training. The recruits are also mentored on developing strong relationships with the public.

CPO Johnson arrested a subject for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol on the Lake of Egypt.

