



# Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Monthly Report



*Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.*

**DATE: February 26, 2020**  
(Weeks of Feb 1-15, 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 Peecher responded to a call for a suicidal subject, possibly armed, at Mississippi Palisade State Park. The subject was taken into custody by Carroll County Sheriff’s office and transported to Morrison Community hospital for evaluation. Any questions should be directed to Carroll County Sheriff’s Office.

A 70-year-old man from Rockton Illinois was sitting alone in his vehicle at Miller’s Landing along the Mississippi River. CPO Beltran observed him motionless for a short period and then could see him circling his bare upper left chest with his finger. CPO Beltran approached and observed the man, dressed in black nylon pants and shirt, performing an independent sex act. The man’s eyes were closed and his genitals were poking out of the center hole of the black nylons. When questioned he stated he was overcome with desire. CPO Beltran asked the man to secure his genitals and cover his body with clothing. When he exited the vehicle, he was placed under arrest for Public indecency. Savanna PD and Carroll County assisted with the transport and routine assistance

#### **HENRY COUNTY**

CPO Posateri patrolled Henry County for snowmobile violations and attended Ice Rescue Training in Peoria, IL.

#### **JODAVIESS COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

#### **LEE COUNTY**

A man and his juvenile son were riding snowmobiles along Bloody Gulch Rd. west of Hwy. 26 near Dixon IL. CPO Francisko conducted snowmobile safety checks on the subjects. Numerous violations were detected. Neither snowmobile had proof of mandatory liability insurance as required by law. Neither snowmobile was registered. The adult father didn’t have his driver’s license with him and the juvenile son had not taken a snowmobile safety class. The father was issued a citation and several written warnings. They were educated on snowmobile laws and given a snowmobile brochure explaining all IL snowmobiling laws.

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran continues the search for a missing boater on the Rock River.

CPO Beltran arrested a man from Rochelle for having a loaded uncased gun in his truck while coyote hunting.

CPO Beltran investigated a Polo Man for unlawfully taking a white tail deer. The man failed to purchase a license. Habitat stamp or deer permits and shot a deer in his back yard. Citations were issued

CPO Beltran investigated a Davis Junction man for hunting without a license and deer permit. Citations were issued.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Francisko was conducting follow up wildlife investigations from deer season. It was determined a Moline man went archery deer hunting without a valid archery deer permit in his possession. The man harvested a doe and was of course unable to tag the deer immediately upon kill before transporting, field dressing etc. A citation and WW were issued for the violations.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Peecher is currently investigating reports of a houseboat with occupant stranded on an island just underneath the Route 30 bridge in Clinton Iowa. Ownership of the land is yet to be determine and investigation is multi-agency and has attracted social media attention due to visibility from the shoreline of the Mississippi River.

CPO Beltran investigated a Davis Junction man for hunting deer illegally in Whiteside County. Citations were issued.

**District 6 – Sgt. Phil Wire**

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Wagner conducted investigation into individual reported to have harvested small buck during archery season and not reporting the harvest. Investigation led to citations for unlawful possession of whitetail deer, failure to tag immediately upon kill and failure to register.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry wrote a ticket to a coyote hunter in DeKalb County for hunting without permission.

CPO Murry wrote a warning to a deer hunter from an investigation from deer season in which the hunter did not have his permits in his possession at the time of hunting.

CPO Murry wrote a warning to a deer hunter from an investigation from deer season in which the hunter did not immediately tag his deer upon retrieve.

## LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak and CPOT Leanah patrolled LaSalle County, Dekalb County, Boone County, and Winnebago county in attempts to introduce the area to the new officer. Multiple ice fisherman were checked and relationships made.

CPOs Kaufman, Murry, Stanbary, and SGT Wire are investigating a case of a missing person at Starved Rock State Park. The person was last seen walking out onto the trails. After a search of the park conducted officers believe the person had entered the Illinois River. Current search efforts are concentrated on the Illinois River.

CPO Kaufman conducted several fish and boat compliance checks of walleye/sauger fishermen on the Illinois River. No fishing violations were found. The following written warnings were issued for boating violations; no Type 4 PFD and battery terminals not covered.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Kiprono completed a hunting investigation on a Streator man for unlawful take of whitetail deer with a shotgun. Two citations were issued for unlawful take of whitetail deer and hunting without valid firearm deer permits. One written warning was issued for failure to tag whitetail deer immediately upon kill.

## PUTNAM COUNTY

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Kiprono conducted a stop on a Grandville man for operation of an ATV in roadway. Two citations were issued for operation of an ATV while license revoked and operating ATV on roadway with no insurance. Two written warnings were issued for unlawful operation on roadway and unlawful operation of ATV on roadway with no valid Illinois DL.

CPO Stanbary and CPOT Kiprono visited the kids at Marquis Kids Care and talked with them about being a Conservation Police Officer.

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Kaufman and CPOT Leannah responded to a suicidal individual at Rock Cut State Park. The individual had taken several pills and called 911. CPO Kaufman and CPOT Leannah found the individual in a restricted area of the park in an altered state of mind. While transporting the individual to an ambulance she became unresponsive. The individual was transported to the hospital and involuntarily admitted for psychological treatment.

CPO Wagner conducted admin investigation. Investigation led to find individual harvested 7-point buck with firearm during archery season. Citations were issued for hunting during closed season and permit violations. Several written warnings were also issued.

### **District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery**

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

## FULTON COUNTY

CPO Thompson and CPOT Z. Williams taught a boating safety class at the Donaldson Community Center in Canton. CPO Thompson and CPOT Williams explained the importance of safe watercraft operation and the necessity for boaters to ensure the proper safety equipment is on board prior to getting underway.

CPO Thompson and CPOT Z. Williams conducted surveillance of snow goose hunters in rural Fulton County. CPOs made a check on the hunters at the conclusion of the hunt and identified the hunter's firearms were loaded well after legal shooting hours. In addition, the young hunters admitted to having hunted without permission and trespassed during a

prior hunt. CPOs explained the importance and intent of the law pertaining to these violations and no enforcement action was taken.

**HENDERSON COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**KNOX COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**MARSHALL COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell and CPOT Kiprono completed an investigation of an archery deer hunter for unlawful take of a white-tailed deer without a valid permit. 2 citations and 1 written warning were issued.

**MCDONOUGH COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**PEORIA COUNTY**

CPO Lazzell is investigating a complaint from a Peoria County property owner regarding the unlawful disposal of Geese on private property without permission of the landowner.

**STARK COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**TAZEWELL COUNTY**

CPOT Iaffaldano and CPO Finn completed 2 investigations on unlawfully taken deer during archery deer season resulting in 3 citations and 5 written warnings.

**WARREN COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**WOODFORD COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch**

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

**KANE COUNTY**

CPO Siedsma secured a search warrant on a residence in Aurora for processed game. This case was developed from an ongoing investigation that originated with the Kane County Forest Preserve Police and complaints for the unlawful taking of wildlife from District lands dating back as far as 2014. CPO's Kelley, VanWiltburg, and Winters assisted in the search. Four squirrels, a large plastic bag containing over 15 native frogs, 4 plastic blood stained bags containing deer meat/parts, 6 bullfrogs, 6 plastic bags containing parts of a common snapping turtle (3 whole snapping turtles), 3 whole carp, and a 22 caliber rifle were recovered from the residence. The offender was charged with the unlawful possession of deer, the unlawful possession/take of wildlife illegally from another state, failure to provide proof of legality of all species taken, the unlawful taking of protected species (squirrels) plus civil penalties, unlawful possession/over possession limit of non-listed native herpa, and no valid fishing license for possession of native aquatic life.

## LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley and Sgt Schreiber investigated a fatal snowmobile accident that occurred on Loon Lake after the Super Bowl. The snowmobile was recovered and several citations were written to an individual who was riding with the deceased.

CPOT McClenning and FTO Semenik cited a subject ice fishing on Lake Minear for too many devices. The subject had a total of 13 fishing devices when 3 are allowed.

CPOT's McClenning and Roesch, along with FTO's Semenik and Reid, arrested two subjects at Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful transportation of cannabis. Cannabis, a digital scale, 1 joint, 2 vape cartridges containing THC, 2 vape pens, and grinder were seized.

CPOT Roesch and FTO Reid arrested a subject at Illinois Beach State Park for unlawful transportation of cannabis. The driver had 22 grams of cannabis, pipes, and a grinder.

CPOT McClenning and FTO Semenik completed a snowmobile accident investigation that occurred on Long Lake and involved a young child that was hospitalized. A total of three citations and two written warnings were issued for; operation of snowmobile too fast for conditions (C), operation of uninsured snowmobile (C), operation of unnumbered snowmobile (C), operation of snowmobile on roadway (WW), and failure to transfer certificate of number (WW).

## MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Winters cited an individual with a licensed nuisance animal removal company for failure to check traps at least once during a calendar day. Several animals were trapped but not checked for several days.

CPOT McClenning and CPO Semenik completed an investigation of Unlawful Take of a Opossum. An individual called complaining that a neighbor of theirs had fired off a shotgun the night before and now there was a dead opossum in her yard, with a blood trail leading directly to the neighbor's house. The subject was issued two citations and two written warnings for; unlawful take of opossum (C), unlawfully hunting within 100 yards of inhabited dwelling (C), no hunting license (WW), and no habitat stamp (WW).

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

## GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Anderson gave three presentations to law enforcement students at the Grundy Area Vocational Center on natural resource protection and the rolls a Conservation Police Officer has in it. Many of the students were really engaged and stayed after class to discuss the topic more with him.

CPO Anderson conducted an investigation into an elderly hunter who shot a buck and realized he forgot to buy a deer permit when he went to tag the deer. The man had been going through medical issues prior to getting to hunt the one day and apologized for the mistake. CPO Anderson had a good conversation with the lifelong hunter who had always been legal otherwise. No enforcement or education was necessary as the man rectified the situation and hopefully will be able to continue to hunt in the future.

CPOs Anderson and Prasun and Sgt. Wollgast worked a furbearer hunting detail during the full moon and snow cover. Despite great furbearer hunting conditions no hunters were located.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber and CPOT Roundcount received a hunting without permission complaint from a property owner. After conducting an investigation the identity of the quail hunters was discovered. During the interview, it was determined the hunters had lost track of the property line and unwittingly crossed over onto the complainant’s property. The quail hunters were given written warnings to document the encounter.

CPO Farber and CPOT Roundcount patrolled Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area North and South unit. Encountered several ice fishermen enjoying a warm, sunny day with friends on the state property.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

While observing a couple of goose hunters in southern Will County, CPO Prasun watched one of them shoot at a group of geese flying overhead after the legal shooting time. Enforcement action was taken and the hunter was educated on the laws pertaining to the legal shooting hours for geese.

CPO Farber and CPOT Roundcount interviewed a deer hunter who had harvested an 8pt buck last Fall. During the interview, it was discovered the deer hunter had harvested the deer prior to obtaining a deer permit. The hunter was issued a citation and educated on the required licenses, stamps and permits needed prior to deer hunting.

CPO Prasun attended a hunter’s safety course in Will County and presented information to students in reference to common hunting violations, Illinois hunting laws, hunting safety tips etc. CPO Prasun answered many questions during the class from inquisitive students and parents alike.

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

COOK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DUPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**Central Zone – Captain Laura Petreikis and Captain Jed Whitchurch**

**District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers  
(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)**

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Jansen discovered 3 subjects who had been hunting rabbits using a dog. A loaded and unplugged shotgun was discovered in the vehicle. Two subjects did not have a hunting license or habitat stamp. A short time later, CPO Goetten arrived to assist and interviewed the parolee who was driving the vehicle and owned the dog. CPO Goetten and Jansen interviewed the subject regarding illegal deer hunting. The subject admitted to several wildlife violations. 6 citations and 2 Written Warnings were issued between the 3 subjects.

CPO Olroyd assisted Greene County law enforcement agencies in the search for a distraught individual who had disappeared with a handgun. The individual was later found deceased from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was on patrol in Hamilton on February 1<sup>st</sup> and noted some fishermen taking advantage of the unseasonably warm day. CPO Wheatley saw the fishermen were in a boat near the low side of lock and dam 19 on the Mississippi River. The sign posted on the wall directly above the men said "Stay Out." This signage is mainly due to a nearby log chute used to keep debris out of the turbine area. CPO Wheatley waited for the men to return to bank and once they did, he addressed the issue. Of the 3 men, only 1 had a valid fishing license on him, the other 2 had to be verified via computer. The boat operator looked at the map near the launch showing the restricted area and thought he was in a safe place because he was confused by the map. CPO Wheatley understood how he could have gone wrong, so he received a written warning for being in a restricted area and another for not having a fishing license in possession. The 2<sup>nd</sup> man received a written warning for not having his fishing license in his possession as well. The 3<sup>rd</sup> man received nothing.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Olroyd issued 2 citations and 3 written warnings to, as well as seized a buck skull from an individual in regard to hunting and permit violations which occurred in November of 2019.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 10 – Sgt. William Gilmer  
(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)**

CASS COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink saw two coyote hunters walking across a field carrying rifles. Compliance checks revealed one hunter had forgotten his wallet at his home which contained his hunting credentials. CPO Wahlbrink utilized the online databases to verify the man had all of his required documents and issued the man a written warning.

CPOs Wahlbrink and Snodgrass responded to a report of a person with a gun at AC-Central High School. The CPOs assisted Illinois State Police and the Cass County Sheriff's Office in securing the scene and safely clearing the building. The suspect was apprehended and no one was harmed.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Wright finished an investigation of a person killing a deer with no hunting license, habitat stamp or deer permits at the time of taking an 8pt buck. The Nokomis man admitted to what he had done and was written one citation and multiple warnings.

CPO Wright is investigating a Christian County subject for the unlawful use of another's permits in the unlawful take of 2 deer.

CPO Wright worked several snow goose hunters during opening weekend. Many hunters were checked but no violations were observed.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink taught a Hunter Education Class at Athens High School.

While on patrol, CPO Wahlbrink noticed a flock of snow geese take flight from a cornfield. He drove closer and also noticed a man with a rifle standing by a barn. CPO Wahlbrink inquired as to whether the man shot at the geese. The man replied he had shot at a coyote and missed. CPO Wahlbrink used his binoculars to scan the field at which time he spotted a white wing flapping about 200 yards away. Upon further questioning, the man admitted to shooting a snow goose with the rifle. CPO Wahlbrink seized the snow goose and issued the man a citation for snow goose hunting without a hunting license and another for unlawfully taking a snow goose with a rifle. Seven written warnings for other offenses were also issued.

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

**District 11 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

**CLARK COUNTY**

CPO Wellum received a call-in reference to an injured Trumpeter Swan on the Lake at Lincoln Trail State Park. CPO Wellum launched his boat and located the injured swan the following day. It was reported the swan was tangled in fishing line. CPO Wellum did not see fishing line on the swan, it was swimming but was unable to fly. CPO Wellum contacted the local biologist and informed him of the situation. It was decided to leave the swan alone for a week to see if the injury corrected itself. CPO Wellum will go back out on the water with the biologist next week to reevaluate the health of the swan.

CPO Wellum mailed an Eagle to the Eagle Repository in Colorado. The Eagle had been hit by a vehicle on I-70. CPO Wellum contacted the Fish and Wildlife Service; a container was shipped to CPO Wellum. CPO Wellum packaged the Eagle in the container and shipped it to its destination in Colorado.

CPO Wellum inspected a houseboat at Mill Creek Lake. CPO found the houseboat had expired registration and an open marine head. The registration and never been transferred to the current owner. The houseboat was removed from the water by Mill Creek personnel. The owner of the houseboat is currently in a nursing home, no citations issued at this time.

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a vehicle in Clark County. The driver was issued a written warning for speeding.

CPO Wellum assisted the Marshall Police Department with a domestic dispute. The dispute turned into a property exchange after half of the dispute agreed to move out of the residence.

CPO Wellum assisted the Clark County Sheriff's Department with traffic control at a vehicle which had caught fire and burned on Route 40.

CPO Wellum assisted the Illinois State Police during inclement weather on I-70. CPO Wellum responded to a car versus Semi accident, ensured there were no injuries and provided traffic control until vehicles and people were removed from the interstate.

CPO Hyatt received a call from a landowner who had trail cameras and tree stands taken from his property. During the investigation all property was returned to landowner.

**COLES COUNTY**

CPO Wellum patrolled and walked several timbered areas in Coles and Douglas Counties. CPO Wellum located a baited stand which will be used for next hunting season.

CPO Mieure attended an MTU 13 course in Mattoon, IL. CPO Mieure issued a Florida man one written warning for speeding along Rte. 16 east of Charleston, IL. Inventory for District 11 was completed.

CPO Hyatt assisted CPO Mieure with a single vehicle accident just south of Lake Charleston.

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

No activity reported for this county

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

CPO Hyatt was performing timber permit checks at Walnut Point State Park and issued written warnings to a group that was collecting firewood without a permit from the park.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt responded to a complaint about a deer carcass in a homeowner's yard. CPO Hyatt investigated to find it was a legally harvested buck. The buck head was being boiled in the yard; no enforcement action was taken.

CPO Hyatt assisted ISP with traffic control for a single vehicle crash on IL RT 16 just west of Paris.

CPO Hyatt received a call regarding an injured hawk that was stuck in a barb-wire fence. CPO Hyatt was able to release the hawk without injury.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel assisted Shelby County Sheriff's Office with a serious traffic crash in rural Shelby co.

CPO Moody spoke to a large group of Rangers at the Corps of Engineers Shelbyville headquarters for their annual ranger convention.

CPO Barnes is working on the completion of a deer investigation.

**District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson**

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

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

CPO Ausmus was conducting fish enforcement on Clinton Lake when he observed a boat operating after sunset without navigation lights and operating above no wake speed. CPO Ausmus contacted the occupants and discovered they were in possession of over their limit of crappie. The Oreana men were issued citations for over the possession limit of crappie and for the wake violation, a written warning was issued for the navigation light violation.

CPO Ausmus checked several boats on Clinton Lake. One citation was issued for failure to transfer registration, and several written warnings issued for no type IV throwable, unnumbered watercraft, and failure to transfer registration.

CPO Ausmus patrolled Clinton Lake SRA checking hunters and anglers. A Champaign man was issued a warning for too many sportfishing devices. A Lincoln man was issued a written warning for speeding in a state park. A Clinton man was issued a warning for wading where prohibited. CPO Ausmus also checked two sets of goose hunters adjacent to Clinton Lake, all hunters were found to be compliance.

CPO Viverito, received a complaint on 2 unlawfully killed whitetail deer in Ford County IL. CPO Ausmus and Anderson assisted in the investigation. An investigation ensued which led to the arrest of two Ford County individuals for numerous wildlife violations. The investigation is ongoing and more violations are being discovered.

CPO G. Anderson issued 2 fishermen written warnings for fishing in a restricted area at Clinton Lake.

FORD COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson, CPO Viverito, CPO Ausmus, and CPOT Alvarez-Gerbino contacted 2 individuals who were suspected to have poached deer during the archery season. After conducting interviews, both individuals admitted to being involved in killing the deer from a vehicle. 1 of the individuals was arrested for possessing a firearm while having a revoked FOID Card. A total of 9 citations were issued and other charges are pending via the State’s Attorney.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MCLEAN COUNTY

On February 05, 2020, severe weather caused several vehicle accidents and weather-related emergencies. CPO Graden assisted Illinois State Police and the McLean County Sheriff’s Department with winter storm patrols.

On February 08, 2020, CPO Graden completed an investigation into an alleged unlawful take of a whitetail deer. The complaint was largely unfounded. One written warning was issued to the hunter for a tagging violation.

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued a written warning to a goose hunter for failure to display registration on a motorized watercraft. The hunter had just recently moved to Illinois and was educated on the boating registration laws.

CPO Sanford investigated a complaint regarding the unlawful possession of a fur-bearing mammal in Vermilion County. CPO Sanford made contact with the individual in question, who was found to be in possession of a valid fur-bearing mammal breeder's permit. However, the individual had not maintained the records required by the stipulations of the permit. The individual was advised to sort out the record-keeping discrepancies and issued a citation for failure to maintain required records.

**South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker**

**District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias is assisting CPO French with a possible case of illegal deer permit transfer and illegal harvest of several deer during the 2019 -2020 deer season.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Ray and CPO French arrested a subject for possession of marijuana in a vehicle and transported to Glen Carbon P.D. for an active warrant.

MONROE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

4 Subjects were issued citations for hunting with coyote hunting dogs within 300 yards of an inhabited dwelling without permission.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

While patrolling the Kaskaskia State Fish and Wildlife Area near New Athens, CPO Gerdes, noticed a passenger car parked along the railway leading over the Kaskaskia River. Further investigation revealed four teenage subjects walking on the train trestle bridge taking photographs. CPO Gerdes got the individuals off the bridge and explained the law regarding trespassing on railroad property. Each of the subjects were given a written warning for the violation and agreed to stay off of railroad property for their own safety in the future.

CPO Ray spoke at a Hunter Safety Class in Caseyville with 20 students in attendance. CPO Ray spoke to the Criminal Justice classes at Collinsville High School pertaining to the exciting career as an Illinois Conservation Police Officer.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CPO Schachner spoke for 3.5 hours at a Question and Answer session at the Washington County Farm Bureau.

**District 14 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOT Workman and CPO Williams are conducting follow up investigations from the 2019-2020 Deer Season.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson performed an inspection on a timber cut to determine if the cut was lawful. The timber buyers license was provided and proof of ownership. It was also noted that 2% fees were being paid. No violations were discovered.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Jourdan and CPOT Swindle issued multiple citations to a Tennessee resident deer violation. The man killed a 20-point buck in November of 2019 without a license or permit. The buck's head was seized from a taxidermist. Two other Jefferson County residents were cited for unlawful use of someone else's deer permits.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Knop assisted CPO Wilkinson with deer investigations.

While traveling back to Pope County from the district meeting, a vehicle crossed the center line into CPO Wilkinson's lane causing him to slow down. A traffic stop was conducted and a written warning was issued to the operator.

While traveling in the area of Lake Glendale, CPO Wilkinson observed a vehicle with no registration. A traffic stop was conducted and it was determined that the vehicle was recently purchased and the new owner had not placed the new registration on the vehicle. Proper paperwork was displayed for proof of purchase and a written warning was issued. Additionally, while CPO Wilkinson was at Lake Glendale, assistance was requested by two fishermen in a boat. They stated the trailer was broken and they could not load the boat. CPO Wilkinson performed a safety inspection and helped the individuals tie the boat up for the night.

CPO Wilkinson is wrapping up an investigation in regard to a non-resident who illegally harvested four deer by hunting without hunting licenses, permits, and utilizing someone else's permits. One of the bucks has been seized thus far and enforcement action is pending consultation with the State's Attorney.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty is investigating the report of stolen hunting equipment, and hunting without permission.

**District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker**

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

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Skelton Worked waterfowl hunters along the Little Wabash River

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Smith was conducting an administrative deer permit investigation that originated in Fayette County. CPO Smith contacted the person responsible for calling in a deer harvest. CPO Smith briefly spoke with the person via telephone and was immediately met with non-cooperation. CPO Smith asked the person to meet. The person said to meet him at a state park in Fayette County. CPO Smith met with the person and asked him to have a seat with him in his squad to discuss the deer permit/harvest in question. The person remained uncooperative and told CPO Smith he couldn't remember any details about the hunt on that specific day when he purchased the deer permit at the state park. CPO Smith asked the person how he could remember buying the permit and where; but couldn't recall hunting that day. CPO Smith asked him what time he generally deer hunts. The person said he goes out at daylight. CPO Smith noted the time

of purchase of the archery deer permit, hunting license and habitat stamp were just prior to 11 AM. CPO Smith issued 3 citations to the individual for various wildlife violations.

CPO Roper received information of a deer that had potentially been killed unlawfully in Fayette County. Upon investigating the complaint, it was determined the individual named in the complaint had taken a deer with no valid hunting license, habitat stamp, or deer permit. Upon speaking with the individual, it was determined information stated in the complaint was accurate. CPO Roper issued the subject one citation and two written warnings.

CPO Roper received information of a deer that had potentially been killed unlawfully in Fayette County. Upon investigating the complaint, it was determined the individual named in the complaint had taken a deer prior to first obtaining a valid deer permit. Upon speaking with the individual, it was determined information stated in the complaint was accurate. The individual stated they realized they had forgot to purchase an additional deer permit after having filled a tag earlier in the hunting season. CPO Roper issued the individual one citation and two written warnings, and seized a 10-point buck rack.

CPO Roper observed a vehicle traveling on US Rt 51 at a high rate of speed. Vehicle was determined through radar to be traveling 20 MPH over the posted 55 MPH limit. CPO Initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was issued a citation for speeding.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor investigated a hunter from Alabama for not having a deer permit while hunting deer. CPO Taylor contacted an Alabama Conservation Officer and he contacted the subject. CPO Taylor interviewed the subject over the phone with the Alabama Conservation officer at the subject residence. The subject admitted to being out in the woods hunting deer without a deer permit. Subject was issued a citation for unlawful hunting deer without a valid deer permit.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WABASH COUNTY

CPO Skelton Worked waterfowl hunters along the Wabash River

WAYNE COUNTY

CPOs Taylor and Hyatt assisted CPO Buhnerkempe with a search Warrant in Wayne Co.

CPO Skelton Worked waterfowl hunters along the Little Wabash River.

**District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor**

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Spinka checked multiple commercial fisherman on the Mississippi and Ohio river and did not observe any violations.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued a subject a citation for a deer hunting violation that occurred in November.

CPO Tapley continued a timber theft investigation.

CPO Somers conducted surveillance of unlawfully set commercial fishing gear.

JOHNSON COUNTY

CPO Teas completed an investigation in Johnson County of a subject who killed three does and only had one either sex permit. The subject was cited for failure to tag and unlawful take.

CPO Teas completed an investigation of a complaint received in Johnson County after the second firearm season. The subject was discovered to have been hunting too close to a residence and killed a buck in Johnson County using a Union County permit. The subject received four citations and the deer antlers were seized.

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Wolf cited an individual at Mermet Lake for operating a watercraft with a motor greater than 10 horsepower over idle speed.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Spinka is currently investigating multiple deer hunting related cases that took place during the firearm deer season and during archery season.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPOT Gates investigated 3 separate unlawful takes of white-tailed deer cases in Union County. 2 sets of white-tailed buck antlers were seized and 6 citations were issued

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson checked fishermen on Lake of Egypt.

CPO Johnson is working with other Defensive tactics instructors to update the curriculum for the defensive tactics program.