



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Monthly Report



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

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(Weeks of January 16-31)

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 took place in a detail to enforce the annual NWTF Coyote hunt.

CPO Peecher made one arrest for Shining deer in Lake Carroll (case is currently pending prosecution with Assistant State’s Attorney’s Office); 1 written warning for feeding wildlife.

HENRY COUNTY

JODAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MERCER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

OGLE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Peecher attended the Conservation Show at the QCCA Expo Center.

CPO Posateri attended the Bald Eagle Days at the QCCA Expo Center.

CPO Palumbo attended Bald Eagle Days at the QCCA Expo Center with the Conservation Police Lodge Trailer. CPO Palumbo provided information to the inquiring show guests, while promoting the Illinois Conservation Police and the wise use of Illinois' natural resources.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

CPO Peecher wrote 1 written warning at Lake Le-Aqua-Na for patrol walking his dog in the park while it is closed for construction.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo took appropriate enforcement action on a Rock Falls man responsible for removing snowmobile trail signs along the Hennepin Feeder Canal property.

CPO Francisko conducted a snowmobile safety detail in Whiteside County. Three snowmobiles were inspected at Rt. 30 / Galt Rd. near Rock Falls IL. None of the three snowmobiles had current registration or mandatory liability insurance on them. One of the men had a revoked driver's license and had not taken a required snowmobile safety course. Sgt. Petreikis assisted with the inspections getting the VIN's off the snowmobiles and checking to make sure they were not stolen. A citation was issued to each operation for the insurance violation (requiring a mandatory court appearance). Written warnings were issued to each operator for the registration violation. A written warning was also issued to the subject needing a snowmobile safety class. A total of 7 violations were detected.

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

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry attempted to stop a vehicle for traveling 83mph in a 55mph zone. When CPO Murry turned around to stop the car, it tuned into a residential area. The vehicle made two turns and pulled over next to a house. The owner of that house was exiting her driveway and the suspect vehicle continued to drive. The vehicle pulled over a short distance later. While speaking to the 17-year-old driver, she informed CPO Murry she was wanting to act like she lived at the house she pulled in front of. She also admitted to trying to hide from him. The driver was cited for speeding and possible other charges pending with DeKalb County State's attorney office.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Stanbary along with other District 6 Officers assisted Ottawa Police Investigators by conducting a ground search of Starved Rock State Park in support of a search for a missing person from Ottawa IL. In addition to the ground search, CPO's are conducting sonar operations in the Illinois River to locate the missing person.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 7 – Sgt. Scott Avery

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

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HENDERSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KNOX COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MARSHALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MCDONOUGH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

CPO Lazzell cited two Peoria County hunters for unlawfully hunting geese after legal shooting hours.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO Finn Region 1 District 7 interviewed a deer hunter who harvested more deer than he claimed as well as purchased his hunting license after hunting and harvesting deer. The hunter has received one citation and three warnings to date; however, an investigation is still pending on unlawful use of others permits.

WARREN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WOODFORD COUNTY

CPO Gerard and CPO McCarter cited 5 individuals for unlawfully hunting waterfowl over a baited field.

Northeast Zone – Captain Jed Whitchurch

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley responded to a single car accident at IBSP. A Zion resident hit a snow bank while attempting to drive in the main parking lot. No injuries were reported.

CPO VanWiltenburg cited a lake county resident for unlawful take of a white-tailed deer without a valid permit while conducting an administrative deer investigation.

MCHENRY COUNTY

CPO Winters and CPO Davis conducted snowmobile enforcement around McHenry County after the latest snow. A total of 3 citations and 11 written warnings were issued for various snowmobile violations over the course of the day.

CPOT McClenning and CPO Semenik worked snowmobile enforcement from sleds on the McHenry county trail systems. They issued 3 citations and 2 written warnings.

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

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Prasun checked two archery deer hunters at a public hunting area on federal property in Will County. It was determined they both had uncased compound bows as they were transporting them on the roadway. Enforcement action was taken and the hunters were educated on the laws in reference to the transportation of hunting devices.

CPO Prasun checked an archery deer hunter at a public hunting area on federal property in Will County during the CWD firearm season. The hunter had a cocked crossbow with a bolt in place after legal hunting hours. The hunter was also not wearing blaze orange as required. The hunter was cited for failure to wear blaze orange during the firearm season. Enforcement action was also taken and the hunter was educated on the laws in reference to the legal hunting hours.

CPO Prasun observed a suspicious vehicle at night near a public hunting area in Will County. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was found to be in possession of an open alcoholic container. Enforcement action was taken and the driver was educated on the laws in reference to failing to signal a turn and illegal transportation of alcohol.

CPO Prasun responded to a complaint of a deer that had been dumped off of a frontage road in Plainfield, IL. The incident is under investigation.

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

COOK COUNTY

CPO Klemme attended a seminar on Fair and Impartial Policing Through Cultural Competency at Darien Police Department.

CPO Kusta attended two days of Chicagoland Fishing, Travel & Outdoor Expo at the Schaumburg Convention Center. CPO Kusta answered several questions covering many topics related to the IDNR.

CPO Kusta conducted sport fish enforcement in a southwest Cook County Forest Preserve. CPO Kusta checked several brave ice fishermen that ventured on the thin ice. All fishermen were in compliance with state law.

CPO Kusta investigated a complainant regarding squirrel trapping in Cook County. CPO Kusta observed live traps on the roof of a building. CPO Kusta was unable to contact the property owner, the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Kusta traveled to southeast Cook County and issued a salvage deer tag to an Illinois resident. The buck had a missing antler that was consistent with a possible road-kill deer. The remaining antler on the deer had 4-points. CPO Kusta issued the salvage tag.

CPO Kusta responded to a complainant regarding coyotes in southern Cook County. CPO Kusta met with the complainant and walked the area of the coyote sightings. CPO Kusta advise the complainant to keep his distance, do not feed the coyotes or other wildlife in the area, and to keep his dog on a leash. I referred him to the Cook County wildlife biologist and advised him to go on Wildlifeillinois.org for additional information.

During a Commercial Permit Inspection at a college in Cook County, CPO Prasun determined the college was not keeping the required records for their issued Aquaculture permit. Enforcement action was taken and the head of the department was educated on the laws pertaining to the records requirements.

While conducting an inspection for a boat registration, CPO Prasun determined the person attempting to acquire the new Illinois registration had provided a forged document. The case is under investigation.

CPO Prasun, CPO Reid and CPOT Roesch worked an Illinois Department of Natural Resources informational booth while attending the Greater Chicago Boat Show at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. Officers answered questions from the public ranging from wildlife and fishing regulations to boating laws. Literature was also handed out educating the public about various topics.

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

CPO Blazinic testified in front of the Grand Jury reference an Unlawful Use of Weapons by a Felon Case.

CPO Blazinic wrote up an award recommendation for (2) two good Samaritans for a departmental Certificate of Appreciation and The Carnegie Medal for saving (5) five individuals lives during a boat accident in August 2019.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

GREENE COUNTY

CPO Michael Goetten stopped a suspicious vehicle. The driver had a suspended driver's license and had been smoking cannabis inside the vehicle with his two infant children. He was arrested and transported to the Greene County jail.

CPO Olroyd continues to investigate wildlife complaints within Greene County as well as non-resident poaching incidents.

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley has been collecting evidence and conducting interviews regarding a Hunter Interference Case that occurred around Warsaw. CPO Wheatley will be wrapping up the investigation shortly and possibly charging the accused with the crime. There may be potential charges related to bag limits and wanton waste as well. More to come in the coming weeks.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPOT Jordan Roundcount and CPO Michael Goetten investigated two Missouri residents for falsely claiming residency in Illinois to obtain free landowner permits. Both were charged.

CPOT Jordan Roundcount and CPO Michael Goetten responded to a poaching complaint in Macoupin County. Three suspects were located and had harvested two deer illegally from the vehicle. 8 citations were issued. Both deer and a 12-gauge shotgun were seized.

CPO Liebl learned of a hunter who had hunted with possible license and permit violations. After interviewing the subject, it was found that he had hunted without a habitat stamp and had killed an antlered deer while only possessing an antlerless only permit. Citations and warnings were issued for hunting without a valid habitat stamp, failure to immediately tag deer upon kill and for unlawful harvest of antlered deer without proper permit.

CPO Olroyd conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with a defective front windshield. The driver was wanted for FTA-Theft out of Madison CO. CPO Olroyd took the individual into custody and transported them to the Macoupin County Sheriff's Dept. There the individual was placed in the custody of jail staff and issued a citation for the defective windshield.

PIKE COUNTY

CPO's Jansen investigated several coyote hunting complaints where dogs were running on property without permission. CPO Jansen spoke with the hunters and landowners in an attempt to eliminate future complaints.

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 and Sgt. Gilmer attended the Plan of Works meeting for Jim Edgar Panther Creek (JEPC) SFWA. Multiple ideas and improvements were discussed including the development of a new shooting range and allowing larger caliber rifles to be used at JEPC for coyote hunting.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Wright completed an investigation of a Morrisonville woman for taking two deer unlawfully. She had killed two bucks without having either sex permits at the time she shot them.

CPO Snodgrass, Thornley and CPO Wright are investigating a case where one deer shot with a .22 rifle out of season and 5 Canada geese were taken illegally. Four guns and the animals were seized. Charges are pending.

CPO Wright is investigating a hunter who took a deer permit from a person and used it to harvest a doe. The hunter is unable to hunt legally because he owes child support. The investigation is on-going.

CPO Wright, Thornley and Snodgrass received information of the unlawful take of several Canada Geese in a restricted area of Lake Sangchris in Christian Co. CPO's responded to the area where they were unable to locate the offenders. Witnesses provided CPO's with a vehicle make, model, and license plate number of the offending subjects. CPO's relocated to the area of the registered owner where they located the vehicle pulling into a residence. Upon approaching the vehicle CPO's observed several geese, a whitetail deer, and a gun case in the bed of the vehicle. Three subjects were located in the vehicle along with 3 shotguns, 2 rifles, and a handgun. Several of the firearms, the geese and the whitetail deer were seized and the case is pending investigation.

CPO Wichern cited (1) Christian county archery hunter for transporting untagged deer.

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink checked multiple goose hunters on the Sangamon River. A hunting compliance check and watercraft safety inspection yielded one violation from the group of hunters. The operator of the watercraft was issued a written warning for not displaying navigation lights between sunset and sunrise. In another incident, a written warning was issued to a goose hunter for failing to sign his federal waterfowl stamp.

CPO Wright and Thornley worked a coyote tournament out of Mason County. No violations were observed.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Thornley conducted a deer investigation. It was determined the hunter unlawfully harvested a deer without a valid permit. The hunter was issued a citation for the violation and another citation was issued for unlawful transport of harvested deer. Two written warnings were issued for minor violations.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPO Wahlbrink and CPO Wichern investigated a complaint of a pet mute swan that had been shot near Franklin. Interviews have begun and the investigation is ongoing.

SANGAMON COUNTY

Sgt. Gilmer and CPO Wahlbrink performed a hunting compliance check and a watercraft safety inspection on a goose hunter on the Sangamon River. The hunter had all of his required safety equipment and documents. However, his fire extinguisher was not in working condition. He was informed of this and the violation was documented in the form of a written warning.

CPO Wichern cited a Sangamon county archery turkey hunter for transporting an untagged turkey.

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 spoke with a Cumberland County subject in reference to multiple FOID and hunting questions.

CPO Wellum completed an administrative investigation on Clark County Resident. He was issued a written warning for failure to immediately tag whitetail deer.

CPO Wellum completed an administrative investigation on Crawford County resident who harvested a deer in Clark County. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting without a deer permit and written warnings for failure to immediately tag a whitetail deer and transportation of untagged deer.

CPO Wellum assisted Clark County with motor vehicle accident. CPO Wellum arrived at the location of the accident shortly after the deputy was informed of the accident. CPO Wellum checked for injuries (No Injuries), collected the appropriate paperwork from both drivers and provided traffic control until deputy arrived to handle the accident.

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Coles County resident in Clark County. CPO Wellum issued the driver a written warning for speeding.

CPO Wellum made a traffic stop on a Champaign County resident in Clark County. CPO Wellum issued the driver a citation for speeding.

CPO Wellum received a complaint of the Darwin Ferry sinking South of the Darwin Boat Ramp on the Wabash River. The Darwin Ferry had been sold to a private individual out of Indiana in October of 2019. The Ferry had been tied off South of the boat ramp until the new owner could remove the ferry. During this time the ferry began sinking which was a common occurrence for the ferry. CPO Wellum had been attempting to contact the new owner without success since December due to the ferry beginning to sink. The Wabash River was rising due to heavy rain, the ferry broke free from where it had been tied off. The ferry floated down river and became stuck on a sandbar because it was already sinking. CPO Wellum was contacted by multiple individuals about the floating down river. CPO Wellum made contact with the

owner of the ferry and informed him he had to secure the ferry to prevent it from moving further down the river and move it to a secure location as soon as possible. The ferry was secured to the Indiana side of the river.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure and CPOT Workman issued a Charleston man one citation for driving his vehicle on the horse trails at Fox Ridge State Park.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Wellum and CPOT Workman walked timbered area in Cumberland County in reference to a complaint of bait. CPO Wellum and CPOT Workman located an empty feeder strapped to a tree and a bucket with corn and salt hanging from a tree. Holes had been cut in the bottom of the bucket to allow the salt/corn solution to drip from the bucket.

CPO Wellum met with the Chief of the Greenup Police Department and City Board members. CPO Wellum answered several questions about legal hunting near residences.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Hyatt responded to a call at the Paris Christian Church to remove a bat from inside the premises.

CPO Hyatt issued a salvage tag to the owner of the Bloomfield Barn. He found a dead 11 pt. buck in the courtyard behind the pond.

CPO Hyatt issued a nuisance permit to a resident of Brocton to trap and release a fox that has been seen around the community.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Moody attended in-service training in Bloomington

CPO Moody assisted the SIUC research team with their predator research in and around the Lake Shelbyville Project.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Greuel attended in-service training in Bloomington.

CPO Greuel issued a written warning to a Herrick man for a deer tagging violation in Shelby county.

CPO Greuel cited a Mode man for a deer tagging violation in Shelby county.

CPO Barnes cited a Herrick subject for deer hunting without a valid deer permit.

CPO Barnes attended in-service training in Bloomington.

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 recovered an abandoned watercraft on Clinton Lake, Parnell Basin. CPO Ausmus noticed the row boat freely floating in the middle of the lake, he checked all accessible launches and could not locate a tow vehicle or trailer for the boat. CPO Ausmus was able to launch a patrol boat and tow the wayward vessel to shore. With the help of a citizen they were able to right the boat and drag it onto shore. The owner has been identified and the investigation is ongoing.

CPO Ausmus investigated a hunter that harvested a deer in Adams County without a hunting license, deer permit, or habitat stamp. The hunter claims he unknowingly tagged the deer with his 2018 permit and realized once he arrived at the processor that he used the wrong tag. The hunter purchased his required tags, stamps, and permits and then tagged and reported his harvest. The Clinton man was issued a citation and several written warnings.

CPO G. Anderson issued a fisherman a written warning for fishing in a restricted area.

CPO Viverito, attended annual in-service Conservation Police Officer training in Bloomington. The training consisted in 1st aid training, sexual harassment training, and Officer survival training.

FORD COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson issued a deer hunter 1 citation and 1 written warning for violations that occurred during the archery season.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CPO G. Anderson and CPOT Workman conducted a traffic stop on Route 47. The driver of the vehicle was issued a written warning for speeding 70 mph in a 55-mph zone.

MACON COUNTY

CPO Reeves and CPOT Roesch completed multiple investigations in Macon County regarding the harvest of deer without a valid permit. During the investigations violations were confirmed through interviews with suspects. Both citations and warnings were issued for the several violations that were discovered.

MCLEAN COUNTY

CPO Mieure and CPOT Workman attended state wide in-service training in Bloomington, IL.

From late-December through mid-January, CPO Graden served as FTO for CPOT Gates as he completed the field training program. While on patrol, they issued multiple written warnings for assorted state park and aquatic life violations. CPO Graden is actively working (3) whitetail deer cases involving potential unlawful take, permit violations, and illegal tagging.

PIATT COUNTY

CPO Ausmus investigated a hunter that harvested a buck with his archery device and did not possess an either sex tag. After he harvested the deer, the hunter then purchased a tag and reported his harvest. The Monticello man was cited for unlawful take of a whitetail deer and issued a warning for failure to immediately tag upon kill.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Ausmus responded to a complaint of damage to state property and unlawful parking on the grass at Kickapoo State Park. The vehicle owner claimed he took a wrong turn in his motorhome with jeep in tow and was unable to make the turn. The owner disconnected the jeep and was able to get the motorhome out of the mud and grass without getting stuck; however, during towing, his jeep had become inoperable and he was unable to remove it from the grass. The operator contacted park staff the next morning to self-report. CPO Ausmus investigated the damage and contacted the operator who was issued a citation and a written warning.

CPO Sanford received numerous calls regarding an injured Barred Owl in Vermilion County. CPO Sanford responded to the area and located the owl. However, the owl still maintained some flight capacity making it very difficult to recover. After a multi-day effort, CPO Sanford was able to successfully capture the injured owl. The owl was then transported to a licensed wildlife clinic for treatment and rehabilitation.

South Zone – Acting Captain Eric Manker

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

BOND COUNTY

CPO Lentz cited two subjects for smoking cannabis in a vehicle at Patriot Park in Greenville.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Macias was contacted by the Eldon Hazlet State Park personnel concerning four duck hunters that left behind lots of trash in a parking lot. Along with many spent shot shells, candy bar wrappers, a cigarette pack, cigarette butts, and a bloody tissue was left behind. CPO Macias followed the track of the sled the hunters used to haul their gear and found a plastic decoy in the area they were hunting. The decoy had a name and a phone number on the underside. CPO Macias called the number and assumed the owner was one of the hunters. The number produced a person who told the CPO that he had sold several duck decoys to someone. A name was given and CPO Macias found himself at the decoy buyer's home. After a conversation, the hunter admitted to hunting the area at the time the complaint was launched and also to littering the trash in the parking lot. CPO Macias settled the investigation with several written warnings to all the hunters involved and a promise to cleaning the area in question up within 24 hours. The next day CPO Macias went to the area and all the litter was picked up.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Jordan Roundcount and CPO Michael Goetten stopped a vehicle for a traffic offense near the river. The driver had a suspended license and was cited.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner completed the disposition on a residency falsification related to fishing licenses. The violator paid fines and court costs totaling \$500. and his fishing privileges were suspended for 13 months.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Lentz wrote multiple citations. A subject cited for use of an unplugged shotgun. Subject cited for use of landowners tag off of his property. Subject cited for Failure to tag deer immediately upon kill. Subject cited for Hunting without permission. Five Subjects cited for hunting in Montgomery County with Macoupin County Tags. Subject cited for Hunting without a valid hunting license. Subject cited for trapping from a roadway. Missouri resident cited for hunting in Montgomery County with Macoupin County tag, hunting with resident deer tags, for possession of loaded un-cased gun on a UTV, and for falsification of residency to obtain tags. Subject cited for failure to wear blaze orange. Subject cited for possession of another’s deer tag while in the field hunting.

CPO Olroyd issued an individual a citation for failure to report the harvest of a whitetail deer.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers received a complaint from the Randolph County Recreational Site Superintendent that a person who had been camping on site had left without paying. CPO Sievers located the subject in Madison County. The subject paid the owed camping fees and was issued a citation.

CPO Ralph Sievers attended the State wide in-service training in Bloomington.

CPO Ralph Sievers presented at the Red Bud Elementary School’s STEM night.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray assisted local and county law enforcement search for suicidal juvenile runaway. CPO located subject in timber and escorted juvenile to EMS personal. Juvenile was taken to St. Louis Hospital for further evaluation.

CPO Gerdes received a complaint from a Metro East grain terminal regarding a goose hunter hunting on their property and chasing geese along the railroad track at the facility. CPO Gerdes was able to locate the subject and conduct an interview. The hunter stated he was chasing two cripple geese via boat, one of which ran along the railway. The hunter was issued a citation for hunting without permission after admitting to shooting the geese on the grain terminal’s property, and given written warnings for trespassing on railroad property and a watercraft violation.

CPO’s Gerdes and Schachner received a complaint of a group of waterfowl hunters using an electronic caller near St. Libory. CPO’s Gerdes and Schachner were able to locate the group and identify the call being used as an electronic snow goose call, which is prohibited during the normal waterfowl season. The hunters were contacted, and after an interview admitted to using the caller. Two of the hunters were issued citations for Unlawfully Hunting Waterfowl by Aid of an Electronic Caller, and a third hunter was issued a written warning. The illegal call was seized as evidence.

CPO Schachner is investigating a dumping case involving a large amount of household and construction debris.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

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

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Jourdan and CPOT Swindle cited a Mt. Vernon, IL man for killing an 11-point buck in Franklin County without a deer permit.

GALLATIN COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson and CPO Knop patrolled waterfowl hunting locations on the Ohio and Saline River. Several hunting compliance checks and two watercraft safety inspections were completed. CPO Wilkinson issued one hunter a written warning for hunting license not in possession.

HAMILTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Skelton investigated a subject who had harvested a deer without a deer permit. One Citation was issued.

CPO Jourdan and CPOT Swindle cited a Woodlawn, IL man for killing a 9-point buck in November of 2019 without a permit. The man said he did not think he would see a deer on his hunt so he did not purchase a permit. The man said the nice buck approached his stand and he shot it. The man purchased a permit after the fact to tag the deer.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Wilkinson conducted multiple waterfowl hunting compliance checks and boat safety inspections. During one of the watercraft safety inspections, some violations were discovered. CPO Wilkinson issued a written warning for the violations.

CPO Wilkinson was notified by a Pope County Deputy that a bobcat had been struck by a vehicle. The bobcat was collected by CPO Wilkinson and delivered to a wildlife biologist for scientific studies.

CPO Wilkinson conducted two timber truck inspections. Inspection forms were completed and no violations were documented.

CPO Wilkinson attended a department in-service in Bloomington.

CPO Wilkinson is also working on several deer hunting investigations.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for operating a watercraft with expired registration.

SALINE COUNTY

CPO Knop finished an investigation which lead to charging a Georgia hunter with the following offences: Unlawful take of 11pt buck, Unlawful take of 10pt buck, Unlawful take of 10pt buck, 2 counts of Falsification of permits, No hunting license/habitat stamp, No valid permits, No blaze orange during firearm season.

WHITE COUNTY

CPO Haggerty is investigating the report of an unlawful hunting without a valid deer permit. The investigation is pending.

District 15 – Sgt. Eric Manker

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

CLAY COUNTY

CPO Smith was supervising CPOT Z Williams as an FTO. CPOT Williams issued several WW for deer hunting violations.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

CPO Skelton issued a warning to an individual for unlawfully allowing a minor to hunt without a Hunting license.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith was supervising CPOT Z Williams as an FTO. CPOT Williams issued several WW for deer hunting violations. CPOT Williams issued 1 citation for hunting deer without a valid permit, and several WW for deer hunting violations. CPOT Williams seized an 8-pt. buck as well.

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Roper and CPO AJ Hyatt were patrolling Fayette County looking for waterfowl hunters. They located a field with six hunters near Vandalia. While inspecting the hunters they told CPO Hyatt they had killed their limit of white fronted geese. However, CPO Roper had seen them shoot another goose they did not retrieve. CPO Roper located the goose and walked it back to their truck to meet with CPO Hyatt. All six individuals were cited for killing an over limit of geese.

While on patrol in Fayette County CPO Roper and CPO Hyatt observed hunters in the field targeting White Fronted Geese. The CPO's watched the hunters through the morning and observed the entire group continue to hunt and shoot at white fronted geese after several members had their daily limit. The CPO's also observed the group shoot one White Fronted Goose over the group's total daily limit. The CPO's issued five individuals in the hunting party citations for shooting an over limit of White Front Geese.

CPO Roper received an anonymous complaint about a trapper who had unlawfully placed land set foothold traps directly over exposed bait. CPO Roper and CPO Hyatt investigated the complaint and found four deer carcasses attached to a tree next to where the traps were located. The traps were also found to not have required attached tags. The CPO's located the trapper running the traps and initiated a trapping compliance check. The CPO's interviewed the trapper and discovered the individual had recorded the harvest of a bobcat as a firearm harvest. It was determined the trapper had in fact trapped the bobcat with no valid trapping license at the time of harvest, and had falsified his harvest record. The CPO's issued the trapper three citations, two written warnings and confiscated the bobcat.

JASPER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor interviewed a subject in regard to him not tagging a deer. The subject admitted to not tagging the deer and was issued a citation Failure to tag upon kill.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Taylor was contacted by Onley Police dept in regard to a field dressed deer at a residence where they served an eviction notice. Subject was interviewed and it was found that he had hit the deer with his truck the night before. The subject admitted to dumping some of the deer parts in a nearby river. Subject was issued citation for pollution of waterways.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

CPO Knop and CPOT Leannah were watching duck hunters when they observed a hunter returning to his group on an ATV with an uncased, loaded shotgun. The CPO's revealed themselves from their spot of concealment, identified themselves, and conducted a hunter compliance check. The check resulted in finding two of the hunters using lead #4 shot for waterfowl. Citations were issued for using lead shot while waterfowl hunting, and a written warning was issued for failure to have the firearm cased and unloaded on the ATV.

CPO Skelton checked a group of duck hunters returning from their hunt by boat. The 4 hunters were issued citations for no lifejackets, No Navigation lights, unplugged shotgun, and issued several warnings as well.

CPO Skelton checked a group of waterfowl hunters finding the hunter to have an over limit of Mallard Ducks. All 5 hunters were issued citations for having an over limit of mallards, and written warnings for failure to maintain separate bags.

CPOs Buhnerkempe, Folden, Jourdan, Roper, Knop, Skelton, and Smith served a search warrant in the Fairfield area. A total of 36 deer heads, 4 firearms, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and drugs were seized from the residence. The subject was charged with 7 felony wildlife and criminal offenses and multiple wildlife misdemeanors.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

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

ALEXANDER COUNTY

CPO Vasicek and CPOT Gates arrested a subject based on a 911 call of reported domestic violence. CPOs were first on scene to subject who reportedly was armed with a machete or large knife. CPOs took the unruly non-compliant male into custody without incident. Custody was transferred to ISP and Alexander County for charges once they arrived.

CPO Spinka found a duck hunter at Horseshoe Lake State park that was in possession of lead shot (#4 Buckshot) while waterfowl hunting the subject was cited for the violation. I conducted a wide scale check on the Horseshoe Lake State Park walk in hunter area and issued multiple written warnings for minor boat safety and hunting related offenses.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Somers cited an individual for hunting without permission, unlawful use of a firearm during archery only season, hunting without a valid deer permit, no hunting license and no habitat stamp.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson, CPO Wolf and CPO Wilkinson took out an airboat to check waterfowl hunters in flooded water.

CPO Wolf cited an individual for hunting with no valid deer archery permits and failing to immediately attach tag.

PERRY COUNTY

The Perry County Sheriff's Office requested CPO Lewis assistance with a subject who was harassing the telecommunicators at the sheriff's office. Deputies and local officers warned the subject he was not allowed on the county property. Despite the warnings, the subject went to the sheriff's office on Jan 25 to deliver a Christmas card for jail staff. CPO Lewis arrested the subject for criminal trespass to state-funded property and allowed him to deliver the card in person.

PULASKI COUNTY

CPO Teas and CPOT Williams cited a waterfowl hunter for failure to transfer watercraft registration in Pulaski County.

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

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson is currently working a case of a subject who was hunting without permission and caught on trail camera.